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TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

JEWISH PARENTING

Dayenu for Parents: When Is “Good Enough” Good Enough as Parents and as Jews?

Rachel Brodie - Senior Educator, Jewish Studio Project

The Joys and Challenges of Raising Jewish Children in Interfaith Families

Dawn Kepler - Director, Building Jewish Bridges, Lehrhaus Judaica

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Parenting and Family: A Jewish Wisdom-Based Approach

Rabbi Darren Kleinberg - Head of School, Kehillah Jewish High School, Palo Alto

Sacred Choices: Thinking Through Teen Sexuality

Rabbi Laura Novak-Winer - Reform Jewish Educator

Talking to Your Children About the Holocaust

Ilona Schechter - Teacher Fellow, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Using the “G-Word”: Talking About God With Your Kids (and Yourself!)

Ellen Stromberg - Jewish spirituality workshops facilitator

Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self-Reliant Children

Nechama Tamler - MFCC, educational consultant

HISTORY

Towers of Gold: Isaias Hellman and the Early History of California’s Jewish Communities

Frances Dinkelspiel - Author

How Different Can Jews Be? The Fascinating Lives of Jews from Afghanistan to Yemen

Ken Blady, MA - Lecturer and author

The World of Sephardic Jewry

Alma Heckman, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz

Hollywood Spies: Jewish infiltration of Nazi and pro-Nazi groups in Los Angeles during the 30s and 40s

Laura Rosenzweig, Ph.D. - Professor of History, San Francisco State University

Where Did Judaism Come From? And Why Do We Ask That Question? Relating Jewish Civilization to its Historical Context

Deena Aranoff, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of Medieval Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

Blood and Money: The Historical Origins of Antisemitism

Rowan Dorin, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of History, Stanford University

SPIRITUALITY

Jewish Philosophy: An Introduction to Maimonides (the Rambam)

OR - An Introduction to the Kabbalah and Its Primary Text, the Zohar

Deena Aranoff, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of Medieval Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

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Where Do We Go After We Die? Jewish Views on the Afterlife

Rabbi Chaya Gusfield - Chaplain, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center and Kaiser, Oakland

Looking for God at Google: How to Search for Religious Wisdom Online

Ari Y. Kelman, Ph.D. - Jim Joseph Professor in Education and Jewish Studies, Stanford University

Seeking the Divine Encounter

Rabbi Darren Kleinberg - Head of School, Kehillah Jewish High School, Palo Alto

JEWISH ETHICS

The Values and Vision Underlying Biblical Law -

OR - “I Object!” What Happens When You are Troubled by Judaism?

Deena Aranoff, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of Medieval Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

Feeding Yourself and Your Children in the 21st Century

Adam Berman - President and founder, Urban Adamah

Jews, Money and Ethics: A Historical Approach to Stereotypes and Reality

OR - Social Justice, Ethics and the Hebrew Prophets

OR - Musar: How to Close the Gap Between Where You Are and Where You Want to Be

Rabbi Henry Schreibman, Ph.D. - Professor of Religion, Ethics and Philosophy, Dominican University and Sonoma State

ISRAEL

The Arab-Israeli Conflict 101. Understanding the History, Issues, and Attitudes Behind Today’s Headlines

OR - How Israel Became a State: The British Mandate and the Decades Leading to Statehood

OR - Israel Rising from the Desert: What Israel Can Teach Us About Living with Drought

OR - Understanding the Israeli Settlements: Past History, Present Status, and Future Perspectives

Eran Kaplan, Ph.D. - Richard and Rhoda Goldman Chair in Israeli Studies, San Francisco State University

The American Jewish Relationship to Israel

Rabbi Laura Novak-Winer - Reform Jewish Educator

CONTEMPORARY JUDAISM

The Worlds of Contemporary Judaism from Ultra-Orthodox to Jewish Renewal

Nathaniel Deutsch, Ph.D. - Professor of Literature and History and Co-director, Center for Jewish Studies, University of California Santa Cruz

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The Future of Jewish Education - OR - What Do B'nai Mitzvah Teach?

Ari Y. Kelman, Ph.D. - Jim Joseph Professor in Education and Jewish Studies, Stanford University

U-U-Ufuratzta: Inside the World of Chabad-Lubavitch

Ken Blady - Lecturer and author