

Come for the Learning and Stay for the Cheese Cake

A Joint Erev Shavuot Service and Tikkun with four area Reconstructionist Congregations

Saturday, June 4th from 8:30 pm - Midnight

Oseh Shalom will host a joint Shavuot Service and Learning with Columbia Jewish Congregation, Mishkan Torah and Kol HaLev. Shavuot celebrates the Israelites arriving at Mt Sinai to receive the Torah. It is tradition on this holiday to stay up all night studying lessons from the Torah. We will not be doing that, but we are planning a night of song, learning and eating traditional Shavuot dishes.

We will begin with a musical introduction by Cantor Caitlin McLaughlin and friends. At 9:00 pm, Rabbi Josh Jacobs-Velde, in partnership with Rabbis from the other congregations, will lead Mariv and Havdallah. At 9:45 pm we will begin our study sessions:

Session I 9:45 - 10:15 pm

Block A: Rabbi Emily Stern, Student Rabbi at Kol HaLev - "Would We All Were Prophets"

Block B. Dr. Brad Sachs, Oseh Shalom - His experience in counting the Omer.

Session II 10:30- 11:00 pm

Block A: Rabbi Michael Hess-Weber, CJC – A Jewish text exploration on the balance between individual freedom and collective responsibility. What is the right balance between the two and what happens in the world, both locally and globally, when that balance shifts?

Block B: Rabbi Steve Silvern, Kol HaLev - Coming face-to-face with the Divine.

Session III 11:15 - 11:45 pm

Block A: Rabbi Josh Jacobs-Velde, Oseh Shalom – The Evolving Meanings of Tikkun Olam: In this session, we'll look at a few of the ancient texts where this term appears, as well as some of its later evolutions.

Block B: Rabbi Marim Charry, Mishkan Torah – A Different Look At The Exodus: Biblical Criticism, Historical Truth and RaMBam.

This will be a Hybrid Service both in person and on Zoom. People who attend in person must be vaccinated if eligible and must wear a mask. Special Zoom sign-on information will be sent soon.

If you are planning to attend in person, please bring a dairy dessert to share as we celebrate the holiday.

For questions, please contact Ray Wacks at rwacks@oseh-shalom.org.