

Mini-Shabbaton at Beth El: America's Judaism, 2010

Saturday, January 9, 2010
9:00 am to 2:30 pm



9:00 am Group Torah Study with Rabbi Jeffrey S. Fox
(Note: Rabbi Fox will also be with us on Friday evening, January 8th)

Rabbi Jeffrey S. Fox is an exciting young Orthodox rabbi whose vision is to create a modern, vibrant, egalitarian orthodoxy in America. He teaches Torah and Rashi at Yeshivat Hadar as well as overseeing the Berrie Innovation Grant for Mechon Hadar. Rabbi Fox was the first graduate of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. After ordination he served as the spiritual leader of Kehilat Keshet: The Community Synagogue of Tenafly and Englewood. In addition to teaching at the Drisha Institute and directing the Florence Melton Adult Mini School in Westchester County, he is a Rabbinic Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jerusalem, along with our own Rabbi Thomas. He lives in Riverdale with his wife Beth and their four children.

10:30 Three Shabbat morning services:

- Traditional with Rabbi Fox and Rabbi Thomas
- Contemplative with Cantor Zar-Kessler
- Reform with Wendy Siegel, Hebrew College Cantorial Student

Tot Shabbat for ages 0 – 5 and Kehillat Noar for ages 6 - 12

12:30 pm Potluck Kiddush Lunch

1:15 Anita Diamant leads us in a discussion of her important teaching and writing, "Visions for Reform Judaism"

Activity for All Kids: Children and Youth will create life size body drawings and express what it means to be Jewish in America

2:15 Community Gathering in Sanctuary

For the past two years we have hosted a full, varied and well-attended 25-hour community Shabbaton, each filled with celebration, learning, and communitybuilding. This year, we have expanded to THREE mini-Shabbatons, using similar approaches but scheduling them during a different portion of Shabbat throughout the year. Our theme this year is "There's No Place Like Home." On Friday evening, November 6, we celebrated our relationship with Israel, our Jewish homeland. Please Save the Date for:

SHABBATON PART 3: Saturday Afternoon, April 3 – Judaism Around Our World



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