

Visiting Scholar: *Rabbi Nancy Flam*

About Rabbi Nancy Flam

Rabbi Nancy Flam is a pioneer in the field of Jewish healing and spirituality. She was the Founding Director of The Institute for Jewish Spirituality, a retreat-based learning program for Jewish leaders. She worked as Co-Director of Programs and now directs the highly innovative Prayer Project. She teaches on the faculty of the Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Training program and served as a consultant for Synagogue 2000 and the National Center for Jewish Healing.

Rabbi Flam lectures widely on the topic of Judaism, healing and spirituality, and her writing is published in numerous magazines and books.

Rabbi Flam earned her BA in Religion (Phi Beta Kappa, Summa cum Laude) from Dartmouth College, her MA in Hebrew Literature from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and was ordained in 1989. She was trained in Clinical Pastoral Education at Lenox Hill Hospital and served as volunteer chaplain at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the Long Island College Hospital.

Sunday, March 17th
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
At Congregation Beth El
In Sudbury

Shekhinah, Empathy and The Body of Creation: A Neo-Hasidic Vision



Who is Shekhinah and why is she so important to contemporary Jewish imagination and vocabulary?

Rabbi Nancy Flam, a renowned pioneer and teacher of Jewish Spirituality, will discuss the central, challenging and radical Hasidic idea of “praying for the needs of *Shekhinah*” to discover what it has to teach us about how to live as interconnected, empathic, responsible beings in the 21st century. “*Shekhinah*” comes from the Hebrew root which means “to dwell” and is the name for God’s “in-dwelling,” meaning that aspect of the Divine that we can experience: a felt presence. *Shekhinah* is associated in Jewish mysticism with the feminine side of God, and is depicted as deeply empathic, accompanying us into Exile.

All are welcome to attend this special opportunity to study with Rabbi Flam.

No prior study of Jewish Spirituality required.

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