

LEARNING WITH RABBI GEDALIAH FLEER

- A Feast of Learning -

CHOOSE FROM THIS YEAR'S MENU OF TOPICS

- ◆ The 10 Commandments
- ◆ The Mystical Meaning of Clothing
 - ◆ *Likutei Moharan:*
The Teachings of Rebbe Nachman
 - ◆ **Transition:**
Embracing Change
 - ◆ *Zohar:*
The Bible of Jewish Mysticism
 - ◆ **Being in the Moment:**
Intuition and Halacha
- ◆ Food and Jewish Spirituality
- ◆ Storytelling Tradition of Rebbe Nachman
 - ◆ **Teshuvah:**
A Continual Process

PLUS:

Melave Malka
(post-Shabbat celebration)

PRIVATE COUNSELING BY APPOINTMENT



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November 9 – December 14, 2008

JOIN RABBI GEDALIAH FLEER, visiting scholar from Jerusalem, during his 23rd annual teaching tour in the Boston area. Rabbi Fleer combines his extensive Jewish knowledge with penetrating insight and an energetic teaching style to create an inspirational experience for his students. He has a rare gift for making complex ideas clear and accessible, and is a master storyteller. Rabbi Fleer's illuminating and provocative classes help students of all levels access their own spirituality by bringing mystical concepts down to earth.

"Rabbi Fleer touches the soul of healing and helps [students] to connect to their inner authenticity"

— TED KAPTCHUK, OMD, ASST. PROF. OF MEDICINE,
HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL, **Author of "The Web That Has No Weaver:
Understanding Chinese Medicine"**

"Rabbi Gedaliah Fleer is a master teacher of the Kabbalah and Chassidism ...and an engaging storyteller... His presentations are highly recommended for anyone interested in Judaism as a spiritual path."

— RABBI NECHEMIA POLEN, PROFESSOR
DIRECTOR OF THE CHASSIDIC TEXT INSTITUTE, HEBREW COLLEGE

DESCRIPTIONS

The Ten Commandments

Sunday 1-4 pm (with breaks), Nov 9

While everyone knows that the Ten Commandments are important in Judaism, and that they have inspired Western Civilization as a whole, how many of us have had an opportunity to learn about them in depth based on the teachings of our Sages? This seminar is a thorough exploration of the 10 Commandments: What are the various ways of understanding the commandments? What is the reason for their order? How are they interconnected? What are the primary ethical, moral and religious principles they deal with? Why these and no others? Why are these principles considered a synopsis of the whole Torah? Concepts from the Zohar about the hidden meanings of some of the commandments.

Location: Congregation Kadimah
Toras Moshe, Brighton
Cost: \$25/person;
\$18/student or KTM member

The Mystical Meaning of Clothing (5-part series)

Monday evenings, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Nov 10, 17, 24, Dec 1, 8

This fascinating series provides an in-depth exploration of clothing in the Bible, Kabbalah and Jewish Law. The following are just some of the many themes that will be explored: What is the deeper meaning of clothing in Biblical stories like Adam and Eve making clothes of leaves to hide their shame, Jacob dressing up like Esav to fool his father, Joseph's "clothes of many colors" evoking jealousy from his brothers, Tamar deceiving her father-in-law, and many others? Why did the Kohen Gadol (High Priest) wear eight special garments while ordinary priests wore four? Each morning a Jew blesses G-d "who clothes the naked" and goes on to bless Him for "supplying me with my every want," which the sages understood as referring to owning a pair of shoes. Why did Moshe remove his shoes at the burning bush, while Joshua, when in the presence of the Angel, was told to remove only one shoe? Clothes insulate or reveal, making or breaking self-image or how we are seen in the eyes of others. What is the secret of clothing from a Kabbalistic perspective? What spiritual energy is imparted through clothes? What are the spiritual and psychological advantages that come to a person who understands the true meaning of clothing?

Location: Congregation Kadimah
Toras Moshe, Brighton
Cost: \$100/person for 5-part series if paid in full by first session;
\$85/student or KTM member; \$25/class

Likutei Moharan:

The Teachings of Rebbe Nachman

(5 individual classes)

Tuesday evenings, 8:00-9:30 pm

Nov 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 9

After 200 years, appreciation of the great Chassidic Master, Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, continues to grow. Likutei Moharan, the main collection of Rebbe Nachman's teachings, contains profound lessons which weave concepts and images from the Bible, Talmud and Kabbalah, engaging our minds and hearts and showing us how to grow spiritually. Studying Likutei Moharan is never the same - each dip into the text yields new treasures. Rabbi Fleer is one of the world's experts in Likutei Moharan, with a unique way of bringing Rebbe Nachman's inspiring teachings to life. Not to be missed.

Location: Kadimah Toras Moshe, Brighton
Cost: \$15/class

Transition: Embracing Change

(4-part workshop)

Wednesday evenings, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Nov 12, 19, Dec 3, 10

We all experience transitions, both from circumstances out of our control (such as illness and loss) and conscious choices to change our lives (such as a starting a new career, marriage, and personal growth work). The point between being and becoming is a place of transition. There is who I am now and my inner vision of the person I would like to become. Embracing change requires confidence, trust in G-d and a willingness to take the difficult step of letting go of the past while reaching for an uncertain future. This four part interactive workshop will include Hassidic insights, discussion, and psychological visualizations to develop new tools for dealing with transition. Learn to identify obstacles that get in the way of reaching our potential, discover what most stimulates and motivates us to action, put the past into useful perspective, and attain Joy and expanded awareness.

Location: Kadimah Toras Moshe, Brighton
Cost: \$80/person for 4-part series if paid in full by first session;
\$70/student or KTM member; \$25/session

Zohar: The Bible of Jewish Mysticism

(4 individual classes)

Thursday evenings, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Nov 13, 20, Dec 4, 11

The Zohar is one of the most important works in Kabbalah. This text-based class is a rare opportunity to study the Zohar with one of today's leading authorities on Jewish Mysticism. For those who attended in previous years, new themes will be explored this year.

Location: Cong. Shaarei Tefillah, Newton
Cost: \$15/class

The Storytelling Tradition of Rebbe Nachman

(full day seminar)

Sunday 10 am-4 pm (with breaks) Nov 23

When the soul wants to bypass the pitfalls of the intellect and reveal itself to the mind, it conceals itself in the raiment of well told stories. Stories expand consciousness, stimulate wellbeing, and free us from negative influences of past experiences. Rebbe Nachman was one of the greatest Chassidic teachers and a master storyteller whose tales are among the great classics of Jewish literature. In this course, Rabbi Fleer will read and explicate a lesson taught by Rebbe Nachman dealing with the Kabbalistic and psychological aspects of storytelling. We will listen closely to one of Rebbe Nachman's tales in an attempt to capture the essence of his teaching and then discuss the difference between storytelling as entertainment and storytelling as a means of changing consciousness. Finally, we will touch on the idea of storytelling and prophecy. Hosted by the C. G. Jung Institute of Boston. For exact location and registration information, contact the C.G. Jung Institute: cgjungbos1@aol.com, phone 617-332-0383, or www.cgjungboston.com. Location: Private home in Newton
Cost: \$50/person

Melave Malka with Rabbi Fleer and Friends

Saturday night 8:00-10:00 p.m., Dec 6

We celebrate the conclusion of this year's program with a Melave Malka (traditional after-shabbat celebration) with Divrei Torah (torah teachings), Chassidic music and light refreshments. Join us as we thank Rabbi Fleer for the opportunity to learn with him again this year. Location: Adams Street Shul, Newton
Cost: \$10/person

Being in the Moment: Intuition and Halacha

Sunday 1:00-4:00 p.m. (with breaks), Dec 7

What is the relationship of the Infinite to the Finite? At the core of every experience there is something God-like and holy that can be imparted to us - if only we have the courage to look, the sensitivity to see, and the openness to discover. So how do the Mitzvot (Commandments) fit in with this process of spiritual discovery? The Mitzvot are intended to guide each Jew through life, to help us be aligned with G-d in every situation. What if the spiritual opportunity of a particular moment seems to conflict with one's religious obligation? Learn about the radical views of Rabbi Mordecai Yosef of Ishibitz on this topic, and the response of other Jewish authorities. Location: Tremont Street Shul (Temple Beth Shalom), Cambridge
Cost: \$25/person; \$18/student or TBS member

Teshuvah: A Continual Process

Sunday 1:00-4:00 pm (with breaks) Dec 14

The sages taught that Teshuvah (the potential for "return") was created before the universe was brought into existence (T.B. Pesachim 54a). Teshuvah allows us to draw constantly closer to our source in the Divine and provides us with a means for achieving forgiveness and ultimate atonement. Rabbi Fleer will discuss the various levels of Teshuvah, many of which do not involve the concept of sin. He will elaborate on Rebbe Nachman's fascinating notion of "Teshuvah on Teshuvah". He will also attempt to explain how and why Teshuvah absolves people from types of wrongdoing such as murder, where restoration, compensation or seeking forgiveness from the injured party is virtually impossible. We will learn about the Jewish idea of grace, examine the Talmudic legend of Jeroboam son of Nebat who refused God's offer of return, and much more.

Location: Kadimah Toras Moshe, Brighton
 Cost: \$25/person; \$18/student or KTM member



PRIVATE CONSULTATION

Rabbi Fleer is available for private counseling. His unique approach, sometimes including guided imagery, helps people get in touch with deep truths about themselves, release old pain, and open to new possibilities. Rabbi Fleer creates a safe space for emotional honesty and subtly brings awareness of G-d to the healing process.

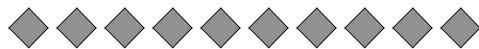
To schedule a private consultation, call 617-359-2225.

DISCOUNTS

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 LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

All Rabbi Fleer's classes are FREE to donors of \$500 or more tax-deductible gift to Breslov Research Institute Breslov.org, the leading English language publisher of Rabbi Nachman's teachings and of Rabbi Fleer's book 'Against All Odds' (2005).

LOCATIONS



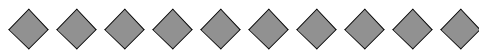
Adams St. Shul, Newton: 168 Adams St. in Nonantum, between Washington St. and R. 16 (Watertown St.)
www.adamsstreet.org

Congregation Shaarei Tefillah
 35 Morseland Avenue, Newton
 617 527 7637
www.shaarei.org

Congregation Kadimah Toras Moshe, Brighton: 113 Washington Street: half a block from the Washington Street stop on the Commonwealth Ave (Boston College) B-line trolley.
www.ktmshul.org

Tremont Street Shul (Temple Beth Shalom), Cambridge: 8 Tremont Street, Cambridge: off Broadway, near Central Square.
www.tremontstreetshul.org

QUESTIONS?



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Space is Limited - Register Early

see R. Fleer's website:
www.GedaliahFleer.org/boston/2008/

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION CHECKS TO:

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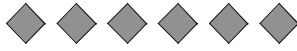
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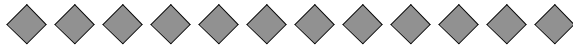
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