

**TISHA B'AV 5779 AT PARDES**  
**August 11, 2019**

**10:00-11:15 a.m.**

***The Temple & Jerusalem: Destruction & Dreams of Rebuilding through Art***

Dr. Susan Nashman Fraiman

**3<sup>rd</sup> floor-Beit Midrash**

The longing for Jerusalem and the Temple is expressed in both Jewish and Christian art. This class will take a look at this artistic expression through the lens of destruction and hope for a better future.

**Dr. Susan Nashman Fraiman** is a lecturer and researcher in the field of Jewish and Israeli art at the Rothberg International School of Hebrew University and received her Ph.D. from Hebrew University in 2013. She has been living in Israel for over 40 years. She is a Pardes alumna and she and her husband met at Pardes!

***In Conversation: Spiritual Exile & Redemption-Within oneself & the World at Large***

Rabbanit Nechama Goldman Barash & Yiscah Smith

**3<sup>rd</sup> floor-Dining Room**

An exploration and conversation on what many consider to be the most well-known one verse declaration of one's Jewish identity, belief and trust in the Almighty --- the Shema Yisrael. How does the Shema restore the Divine unity to a fragmented world, exile followed by redemption --- both to the outer world and to one's inner world? What is the power of the Shema that Jews throughout the past 3500 years continuously recite this verse: whenever and wherever they have lived, regardless of degree of commitment to traditional or non-traditional Jewish Law and tradition, regardless of one's environment both in Israel and in the Diaspora, during times of health and joy and during times of suffering and pain, regardless of just about any other aspect of a person's life that defines a person's identity? And why is the Shema always read from the Torah on the Shabbat following Tisha B'Av?

**Rabbanit Nechama Goldman Barash** studied for three years in Matan's Advanced Talmud Institute and finished a master's degree in Talmud at Bar-Ilan University. She is a graduate of Nishmat's Yoetzet Halacha program and has been certified to teach brides before their weddings, as well as qualifying as a sex educator through Yahel and the Eden Center. She also studied for three years in Matan's advanced halakha program, Hilkhata. Nechama teaches contemporary halakha and Talmud at Matan and Pardes, as well as Talmud and women and halakha in Torah V'Avodah (TVA), a Bnei Akiva gap year program based in Matan. She is an active member of Beit Hillel and participates in interfaith dialogue through Roots, based in Gush Etzion, close to where she lives with her family. She is currently working on a book dealing with matters of gender and halakha.

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**Yiscah Smith** is an adjunct faculty member at Pardes. She is a Jewish educator, spiritual activist and published author who addresses the spiritual dimension of authentic living. Yiscah employs her own story of the joys and struggles with her own spirituality, gender identity and commitment to authentic living. As one who transitioned from a Chabad man to an observant woman, she presents topics in an accessible and vivid style, from both a personal and a text-based perspective. In addition to teaching at Pardes, Yiscah produces a series of podcasts online on Jewish spirituality. In her private practice Yiscah provides spiritual guidance for authentic living. She is also a guest speaker both in Israel and abroad. Yiscah lives in Jerusalem

***Tisha B'Av as a Day of Hope & Celebration? From the Prophet Zechariah to David Einhorn***

Rabbi Leon Morris

**Entry level-Room C**

The prophet Zechariah envisions a time when the fasts commemorating Jerusalem's destruction are turned into occasions of joy and gladness. The Talmud explains that when there is peace, these days are festive, and when there is persecution, they are fasts. So, what happens in a time in which there is neither peace nor persecution? Are we living today at such a time? Explore these questions in two very different historical and geographical contexts. First, David Einhorn, a 19th century German (and later, American) Reform rabbi wrote a new liturgy for Tisha B'Av that sees the fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy in the changed nature of Jewish life after Emancipation. Second, now that the State of Israel is established and flourishing, examine the Gemara, its commentaries and rabbinic responsa to delineate what the relationship to Tisha B'Av might be now that we live in the Third Jewish Commonwealth.

**Rabbi Leon Morris** is the President of Pardes and is the first alumnus to head the institution (Year Program alumnus '94-'95; Summer Program alumnus '93 and '94). Leon made Aliyah with his wife Dasee Berkowitz (Pardes Year Program alumna '94-'95) and their three children in June 2014, after serving as the rabbi of Temple Adas Israel in Sag Harbor, NY. He was the founding director of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El (now the Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center) in Manhattan. Before coming to Pardes, Leon served as a Vice President for Israel Programs at the Shalom Hartman Institute and was a faculty member at Hebrew Union College.

***Jerusalem & Yavneh: Refusing to be Enemies***

***ירושלים ויבנה מסרבות להיות אויבות: התמודדות הפוכות עם החורבן*** (*Easy Hebrew*)

Rabbi Dr. Dalia Marx

**Entry level-Room A**

חורבן בית המקדש השני נתפס כאסון כואב. האם הכאבים האלה הם (גם) כאבי צמיחה?  
האם רבן יוחנן בן זכאי שברח מירושלים ערב החורבן היה מנהיג דגול שהציל את עמו?  
פוליטיקאי קר דעת? פחדן?  
נתמודד עם תגובות שונות לחורבן המקדש בספרות חז"ל.  
נבדוק כיצד משחקות גישות אלה תפקיד בשיח היהודי-הישראלי בימינו

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**Rabbi Dr. Dalia Marx** is the Rabbi Aaron D. Panken Professor of Liturgy and Midrash at the Taube Family Campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem, and teaches in various academic institutions in Israel and Europe. Marx, tenth generation in Jerusalem, earned her doctorate at the Hebrew University and her rabbinic ordination at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem and Cincinnati. She is involved in various research projects and is active in promoting liberal Judaism in Israel. Marx writes for academic and popular journals and publications. She is the author of *When I Sleep and When I Wake: On Prayers between Dusk and Dawn* (Yediot Sfarim, 2010, in Hebrew), *A Feminist Commentary of the Babylonian Talmud* (Mohr Siebeck, 2013, in English), *About Time: Journeys in the Jewish-Israeli Calendar* (Yediot Sfarim, 2018, in Hebrew) and the co-editor of a few books.

**11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**

***Messages from Sinai: Learning from Auschwitz***

Dr. Rachel Korazim

**3<sup>rd</sup> floor-Beit Midrash**

**Israeli poetry was always and still is, a major source for shaping personal as well as national conduct. This session will focus on two major sources of inspiration for modern Israel: TANA"CH and the Holocaust. Our quest will start with the very early pre- state days immediately following the Holocaust when the lessons seemed clear and unequivocal all the way to more nuanced options of recent years. In Biblical lore we will learn from exemplary figures but will also listen to Amalek. It will be an emotional as well as a lyrical rollercoaster; facing some challenging, even disturbing readings of well-known ancient texts.**

**Dr. Rachel Korazim** is an adjunct faculty member at Pardes. She is a freelance Jewish education consultant specializing in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. Born in Israel, she had served in the I.D.F. as an officer in the central training base for women and was later, a member of the I.D.F. delegation to Niger (West Africa). She is a graduate of Haifa University with a Ph.D. in Jewish education. Rachel has

vast experience in Jewish education both in Israel and the Diaspora. As one of the founders and directors of a special program for soldiers from a disadvantaged background, she was responsible for creating the educational framework and training teachers for the implementation of the program.

***Insidious Mother, Irresistible Murderess: The Righteous Temptress of the Bible***

Gila Fine

**3<sup>rd</sup> floor-Dining Room**

**Why does the Bible always effect redemption through sexual transgression? Who are the women who seduce and save? And how do they tempt their prey? Exploring the stories of the six righteous temptresses through the Bible and Midrash, Bavli and Yerushalmi, Victor Turner and Simone de Beauvoir, Rabbi Soloveitchik and *Game of Thrones*.**

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**Gila Fine** is an adjunct faculty member at Pardes. She is the editor-in-chief of Maggid Books (Koren Publishers Jerusalem). Gila is a teacher of Talmudic narrative, and has taught at the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Pardes Institute and the Shalom Hartman Institute. She is the former editor of the quarterly journal *Azure: Ideas for the Jewish Nation*, and the ghost writer behind several well-known books.

***Fight for the Spirit: Four Jewish Spiritual Holocaust Leaders & Their Paths***

Sara Jo Ben Zvi

**Entry level-Room C**

**For many of us, Tisha B'Av is a time to remember not just the diaspora's beginning with the destruction of the Temple, but its end, in Europe at least, in the Shoah. How did faith survive the Holocaust? Four Jewish leaders and the different paths they offered their followers for spiritual survival in the depths of Hell.**

**Sara Jo Ben Zvi** is editor of *Segula*, a Jewish history magazine produced in Jerusalem and serves on the educational board of the WBM. She holds a B.A. in literature and philosophy from the University of Cambridge and a teachers' diploma from Machon Kerem, and studied at Midreshet Lindenbaum's Institute of Women Rabbinic Court Advocates.

***"Oh Lord You've got to Win": Chris de Burgh's "Spanish Train" as a Midrash on the Book of Job***

Rabbi David Levin-Kruss

**Entry level-Room A**

**This 1975 hit song is about the Devil challenging G-d to a game of poker. At stake, the souls of the dead. A careful reading of this work provides a new way of understanding Iyov's troubles and how they are dealt with.**

**Rabbi David Levin Kruss** David is an adjunct faculty member at Pardes. He is the Director of Education, Europe for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. David holds a B.A. and Teachers' Certification in English Literature and Jewish Thought from the [Hebrew University of Jerusalem](http://www.hebrewuniversity.edu). He himself attended Pardes as a student. Following that he spent a number of years in yeshiva and received rabbinic ordination from the Joseph and Gwendolyn Straus Rabbinical Seminary. David founded and directs "My Open Book Life Coaching" which uses general and Jewish texts as well as life coaching techniques to achieve personal breakthroughs. He is married and the proud father of three boys.



1:15-2:30p.m.

**“This Pardes Life”, LIVE!** [www.facebook.com/pardesinstitute](http://www.facebook.com/pardesinstitute)  
**Refusing to Despair and Continuing to Dream: Israel and Global Jewry**  
**Panel with Melanie Phillips, Rabbi Daniel Schiff, and Prof Gil Troy**  
Moderated by **Rabbi Leon Morris**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> floor-Beit Midrash**

**Melanie Phillips**, journalist, broadcaster and author, is Britain’s best known and most controversial champion of traditional values in the culture war. Her weekly column, which currently appears in *The Times* of London, has been published over the years in the *Guardian*, *Observer*, *Sunday Times* and *Daily Mail*. She also writes for the *Jewish News Syndicate*, is a regular panelist on BBC Radio's *The Moral Maze* and speaks on public platforms throughout the English-speaking world. Her first novel, *The Legacy*, which deals with conflicted Jewish identity, antisemitism and the power of history, was published in 2018 along with her personal and political memoir, *Guardian Angel*. Her previous books include her 2006 best-seller *Londonistan*, about the British establishment's capitulation to Islamist aggression, and *The World Turned Upside Down: the Global Battle over God, Truth and Power*, published in 2010. You can follow Melanie’s work at her website, [www.melaniephillips.com](http://www.melaniephillips.com).

**Rabbi Daniel Schiff** is the Foundation Scholar at the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and the founder and president of MOJI, the Museum of Jewish Ideas. He is a noted teacher and researcher in Jewish ethics. He graduated with a B.A. from the University of Melbourne. He received ordination, as well as his Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters degree, from the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (H.U.C. - J.I.R.). He also received his Doctor of Hebrew Letters degree, as well as an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree, from H.U.C. - J.I.R. Additionally, Rabbi Dr. Schiff earned an M.A. in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Rabbi Dr. Schiff previously served as the Community Scholar for the Agency for Jewish Learning in Pittsburgh, as rabbi of B’nai Israel in White Oak, Pennsylvania, and as rabbi at Temple Beth Israel in Melbourne, Australia. He is the author of *Abortion in Judaism*, published by Cambridge University Press. He has written a substantial number of articles, particularly in the field of Jewish law and ethics. Additionally, he is a former Board member of the City of Pittsburgh Ethics Board and of the Society of Jewish Ethics.

**Prof. Gil Troy** is a professor of North American History at McGill University. He has also taught at the Ruderman Program on Relations between Israel and American Jewry at Haifa University, at the Interdisciplinary Center at Herzliya, and at the Rothberg Program for Overseas Students at Hebrew University. He writes a weekly column for the *Daily Beast* and the *Jerusalem Post* as well as being published in numerous of other publications. He is the author of numerous books including *The Age of Clinton: America in the 1990s*, *The Zionist Ideas: Visions for the Jewish Homeland – Then, Now, Tomorrow* and *Moynihan’s Moment: America’s Fight against Zionism as Racism looking at the fall of the UN*

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and the Rise of Reagan. He updated the multi-volume History of American Presidential Campaigns, originally edited by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. and Fred Israel

**2:45-4:15 p.m.**

*Special documentary film about an eyewitness account of the destruction of a community during the Holocaust- followed by a discussion with co-producer*

**Michael Kagan**

**3<sup>rd</sup> floor-Beit Midrash**

Michael Kagan is an entrepreneur and film producer. Pardes had the privilege of screening the film he co-produced-Tunnel of Hope

**4:30 p.m.**

*Memorial Service followed by Mincha - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor-Beit Midrash*

**In memory of our students Marla Bennett, Ben Blutstein, Sara Duker and Matt Eisenfeld z"l, murdered in terrorist attacks**

*Mehitza Minyan - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor-Beit Midrash*

*Egalitarian Minyan - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor-Dining Room*