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YOM KIPPUR STUDY SESSIONS

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 – 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

We invite you to learn, study and reflect in one of the sessions led by scholars of the temple. Participation is open to all congregants and their guests.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE 6th FLOOR OF 10 EAST 66th STREET

THE FAITH OF A HERETIC

Rabbi Bruce Block

Milton Steinberg wrote about the conflict between faith and reason in his novel, *As a Driven Leaf*, focusing on the life of the Talmudic Sage, Elisha ben Abuya, who was declared a heretic by his colleagues. Did the choice of theme and protagonist reflect Steinberg's own intellectual struggle with Jewish thought? Why would he have written on this for a mid-20th century audience? How does this novel continue to resonate with readers today? What can we learn about our own spiritual struggles from Rabbi Steinberg's novel, his life and career, and the life of Elisha ben Abuya?

WHAT IS YOM KIPPUR ANYWAY?

Tarlan Rabizadeh, Rabbinic Intern

What does the Bible command us to do on Yom Kippur? And what does it all symbolize? Do we even believe in sin? We will draw from traditional commentators, as well as modern experts, in an effort to explore these questions and more.

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WOMEN, SCRIPTURE AND SOCIETY

Rabbi Philip Hiat

Throughout the ages, women have changed the course of history. Women are both devoted and deified in our tradition! Join me to explore their remarkable contributions and to revel in the enduring changes that still shape society today.

MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

Warren Klein, Curator, Bernard Museum of Judaica

Join us for a hands-on experience as we look at some of the rare books and documents in our museum and archival collections. We will specifically look at the evolution of the mid-19th century prayer book as well as some never before seen treasures.

SOUND MATTERS: MAIMONIDES' READINGS ON THE SHOFAR

Rabbi Richard Davis

Following Maimonides' approach to horn blowing on the Holy Days, we will examine selections from his two masterworks, the legal *Mishneh Torah* and the philosophical *The Guide of the Perplexed*. Participants will gain a fuller understanding of the essential role "sound" plays in Jewish observance.