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**Six - Lecture Series \$180**

#### One Lecture \$35

If choosing individual lectures, please check box of lecture attending.

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## The Los Angeles Headquarters of The American Jewish Committee

9911 West Pico Blvd.  
Room 1602  
Los Angeles, CA 90035

**Time:** 9:00 am to 11:00 am  
**Continental breakfast will be served.**

**One Lecture: \$35**  
**Six - Lecture Series: \$180**



**Rabbi Prof. David Golinkin** is President of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and a professor of Jewish Law. He served 20 years as Chair of the Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly which writes responsa and gives halakhic guidance to the Masorti Movement in Israel. He is the founder and Director of the Institute of Applied Halakhah and the Director of the Center for Women in Jewish Law. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he also received a Ph.D. in Talmud. He is the author or editor of 39 books and published more than 190 articles, responsa and sermons.



**Rabbi Dr. Einat Ramon** was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York in 1989, becoming the first Israeli-born woman rabbi. She served as the Dean of the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem for 4 years and is now teaching modern Jewish thought, literature and Jewish feminism at the Schechter Institute. Dr. Ramon holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University and has published articles and books on modern Jewish thought, Jewish feminism and Zionist history.



**Rabbi Dr. Paul Shrell-Fox** is a lecturer and the academic head of both the Women's Studies and the Family and Community MA programs at Schechter. He is a licensed psychologist in private practice and manages the special education program at Efrata College in Jerusalem.



**Dr. Ari Ackerman** teaches Jewish philosophy and education and serves as the Educational Advisor for the Educational Leadership program of the TALM School Network. Dr. Ackerman received his Ph.D. in Jewish Thought from the Hebrew University and has published numerous articles on the topic.



**Dr. Tamar Kadari** is a Lecturer in Midrash and serves as Academic Advisor of the Judaism and the Arts MA program. She received her Ph.D. in Midrash at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and was a fellow at the Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.



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# LA GOES the Distance

**A Series of Lectures on  
Contemporary Issues  
in Jewish Life**

**Live from Israel via video conference**



All lectures will be held at the Los Angeles headquarters of The American Jewish Committee on the Sundays noted from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. A continental breakfast will be served.

## Judaism and Ecology

Rabbi Prof. David Golinkin

Sunday, January 10, 2010  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Rabbi Joel Rembaum  
Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Am  
LA Host/Moderator

*Judaism and Ecology* will explore some general principles related to the Jewish attitude towards ecology and mankind's relationship to nature and the environment. In addition, the talk will focus specifically on a halakhic study of air pollution in the Israeli desert town of Arad.

## The Saving of the Jewish Soul According to A.J. Heschel

Rabbi Dr. Einat Ramon

Sunday, February 7, 2010  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Rabbi Joshua Levine Graeter  
Spiritual Leader of Pasadena Jewish Temple  
LA Host/Moderator

Abraham Joshua Heschel was both a passionate critic of modernity and lover of Jewish life and the Jewish people. We will look at a text written by Heschel and published recently by his daughter, Susannah Heschel, *Pikuach Neshama: the Saving of the Jewish Soul*. In it we will see how he begs for Jewish solidarity and simplicity at a time when Judaism projected a much lower profile than it does today.

## Jewish Renewal: What is the Place of Jewish Law?

Dr. Ari Ackerman

Sunday, March 21, 2010  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Rabbi Naomi Levy  
Spiritual Leader of Nashuva  
LA Host/Moderator

One of the most important contemporary cultural-religious phenomena in non-Orthodox Judaism is the Jewish renewal of the last few decades. This renaissance began with an interest in studying Jewish texts, but expanded to the desirability and feasibility of contemporary and relevant halakhah (Jewish law). In Israel, the foremost thinker who has examined the notion of a non-Orthodox form of Jewish law is Prof. Eliezer Schweid. Though the immediate context of his thought is the secular/religious divide in Israel, his teachings also have profound ramifications for liberal Judaism in the Diaspora.

## Psychological Aspects of Rites of Passage in Judaism

Rabbi Dr. Paul Shrell-Fox

Sunday, April 25, 2010  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Rabbi Stewart Vogel  
Senior Rabbi of Temple Aliyah  
LA Host/Moderator

Long before Freud, Erickson or Bandura, Judaism was a thriving civilization. As in all cultures, it met the emotional, spiritual and communal needs of its members. Judaism has survived for more than 5000 years. Those who study the nature of the human condition agree that those needs are met well. We will examine basic psychological needs and explore how these needs are met by Judaism's system of rites and practices.

## Defining Beauty: Aesthetics and Rabbinic Literature

Dr. Tamar Kadari

Sunday, May 23, 2010  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Rabbi Susan Leider  
Associate Rabbi of Temple Beth Am  
LA Host/Moderator

The lecture will attempt to define a concept of aesthetics and beauty as seen through the eyes of our Sages. Though Adam's beauty is not stated in the *Bible*, the rabbis saw him as a symbol of the "Ideal Man." We will examine midrashic texts on the creation of Adam and ask what part of us reflects the image of God? How did the Rabbis answer this question? How were they influenced by Hellenistic concepts? How do we define "beauty" and what is its significance in our lives today?

## Business Ethics

Rabbi Prof. David Golinkin

Sunday, June 13, 2010  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff, Ph.D.  
Rector of the American Jewish University  
LA Host/Moderator

Ethics and business may not always seem compatible. Our Sages emphasized the importance of business ethics. This lecture will examine the basic principles of Jewish business ethics through a comprehensive overview of the subject using an array of Jewish texts.



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