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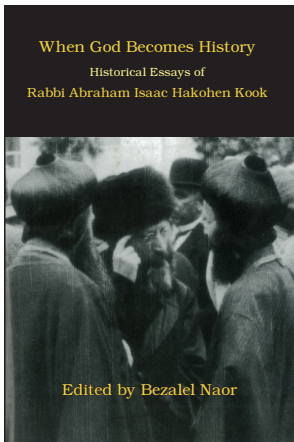
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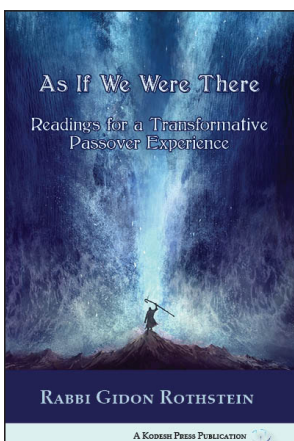
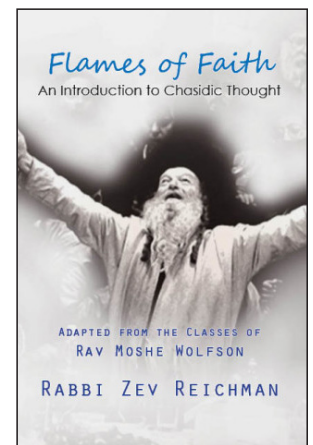
Sunday, January 29 – Rabbi Bezalel Naor: Book Launch: When God Becomes History: Historical Essays of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Hakohen Kook

Bezalel Naor is a lifelong student of the teachings of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Hakohen Kook. *When God Becomes History* brings together Rav Kook's contributions to the field of Jewish history, though perhaps "historiosophy" would be the better word. Whereas most of us are held captive by individual events, Rav Kook has a great gift for the overview of history.



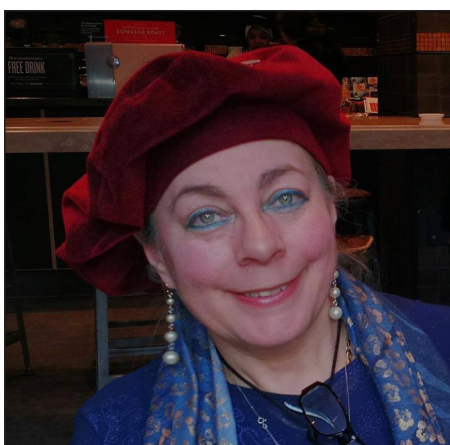
Sunday, February 26 – Rabbi Zev Reichman: Spiritual Messages from Purim and the Megillah

Rabbi Zev Reichman is the director of the Mechina Program at Yeshiva University. He is the author of *Remove Anger from Your Heart*, a Torah guide to patience, tolerance and emotional well being, and *Flames of Faith: An introduction to Chasidic Thought*, based on the *shiurim* of his rebbe, Rav Moshe Wolfson, *shlit"u*. He currently serves as the Rabbi of East Hill Synagogue of Englewood, New Jersey.



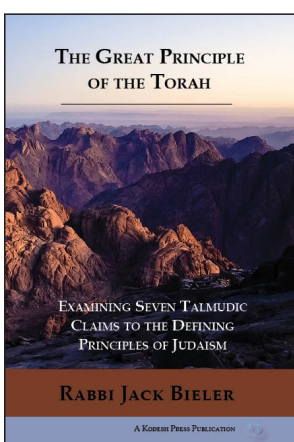
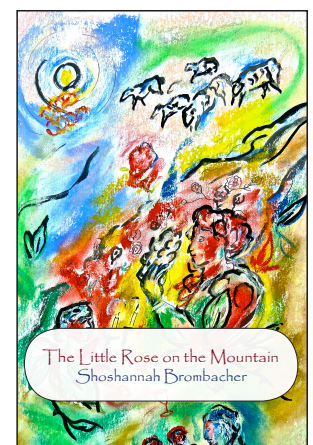
Sunday, March 26 – Rabbi Dr. Gidon Rothstein: Insights for a Meaningful Passover Experience

The Seder is probably the most broadly observed Jewish ritual, yet it is not clear that it achieves its goal, reliving the Exodus from Egypt. Through daily selections from the first of Nissan to the end of Passover, Rabbi Rothstein takes us through a process that will embed memories of the Exodus and its ramifications in Jewish thought and practice more firmly in our minds and hearts. He has previously written *Murderer in the Mikdash* and *We're Missing the Point: What's Wrong with the Orthodox Jewish Community and How to Fix It*.



Sunday, April 30 – Dr. Shoshannah Brombacher: Jewish Art & Spirituality: Why Is This Art Different from all Other Art?

Dr. Shoshannah Brombacher studied ancient Near Eastern studies and codicology in Leyden (Holland), with her Ph.D. specializing in the medieval Hebrew poetry of the Amsterdam Sephardic-Portuguese community. She studied in Jerusalem, and lectured in Berlin and New York, where she devotes all her time to her family and her Chasidic art.



Sunday, May 21 – Rabbi Jack (Yaakov) Bieler: What Are the Defining Principles of the Torah?

Rabbi Jack Bieler founded Kemp Mill Synagogue in Silver Spring, MD, in 1990, where he served as spiritual leader until his retirement in 2015. Rabbi Bieler's new book *The Great Principle of the Torah* explores the "meta-values" of Judaism, as he calls them, which examine statements from the Talmud and Midrash about how Jewish practices and beliefs can cohere into a whole as a unit.

