

Resources for Evolving Your Own Jewish Renewal Theology

Syllabus

Jewish Theology ----Afternoon Class. On completion of course and it's requirements **one** unit of credit in Jewish Philosophy will be granted

Reading List: Please bring these books to smicha week.

Martin Buber, On Judaism

A.J. Heschel, Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity

Arthur Green, Radical Judaism: Rethinking God & Tradition

Marcia Prager, The Path of Blessing

Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, A Heart Afire

Shefa Gold, Torah Journeys

Nature of Class: Class will consist of chevruta conversations with authors, class discussion, and evening Beit Midrash study of readings.

Requirement for class credit: A paper which includes the readings and class discussions that reflects your emerging Jewish renewal theology.

Regarding the readings: Those sections marked with an asterisk (*) will be the focus of the class. The other material serves as formative material for the work in class.

Day 1 Monday.: Sources for Renewal: **Buber & Heschel**

Buber, On Judaism

Forward & Introduction

Preface to 1923 Edition

*Judaism & the Jews

*Renewal of Judaism

Heschel, Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity

The Moment at Sinai

*Hasidism as a New Approach to Torah

A Time For Renewal

Yom Kippur

*The Mystical Element in Judaism

*On Prayer

Day 2 Tues and part of Wed **Art Green**

Day 3 :Wed and part of Thurs **Reb Zalman**

*Chapter 2

*Chapter 4

*Chapter 5

*Chapter 6 pp. 180-192

Chapter 7

*Chapter 9: pp 229-232; 282-289; 292-304

Day 5: Friday: Marcia Prager & Shefa Gold

Prager,

*Spiritual Practice of B'rachot

*Language and God

*Naming God

*Ha'Olam

*Concluding a Brakha

Shefa Gold, Torah Journeys

*Intro

*1st Parsha of each book of Torah

*Parsha of week: Pinchas

Birth Parsha

Appendices