

ORANGE COUNTY JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOLAR PROGRAM

DAVID SOLOMON

13th Annual CSP One Month Scholar



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David Solomon is an internationally renowned scholar and speaker across many and varied disciplines. He is acknowledged as one of the most dynamic Jewish educators in the world today, presenting lectures and courses around the globe on topics including Modern and Biblical Hebrew, Tanakh, Kabbalah, Jewish History, Anthropology of Religion and Conceptual Art.

David holds University degrees in Anthropology, English Literature, Jewish Studies and Media Broadcasting. Before attending University, David spent five years learning in yeshivot in both Israel and Australia, and studied with several influential teachers, particularly in the realm of Kabbalah.

In 1996, following a varied academic and artistic career, David moved from Australia to University College in London as a researcher and tutor. He later coordinated and conducted courses in Hebrew and Jewish culture for diplomats and translators attached to the British Government.

On his return to Australia in 2004, David co-founded the College of Jewish Studies, which aimed to develop invigorating talks on key Jewish topics and on adult education. This initiative lead to the establishment in 2006 of the hugely successful "In one hour" lecture series, each of which serves as an introduction to a major topic of Jewish studies. David inspires and enthuses his audiences to research and explore these topics through his innovative teaching style of combining traditional sources with original visual mapping techniques, and then presenting them in an engaging style.

David continues to work as a scholar, at the forefront of research in Jewish Studies. In 2012, David was commissioned by Neshama Life to undertake the first-ever translation of the fundamental Kabbalistic text, Tiqqunei HaZohar. David is based in Sydney, Australia.

Major Events, Figures & Ideas in Jewish History

A Comprehensive Overview of the Jewish World

February 4-March 2

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

OPENING PRESENTATION Reception 7:00 p.m. Presentation 7:30 p.m.

The Whole of Jewish History In One Hour

Tarbut V'Torah (Lower School MPR), 5200 Bonita Canyon Dr., Irvine 92603 (Parking lot, South East Corner Bonita Canyon and Turtle Ridge Drive)

Free with RSVP to maryann@occsp.org or (949) 682-4040 by January 31.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Presentation 11:30 a.m.

Women Who Have Changed the Jewish World

Hosted by Jewish Federation & Family Services

Women's Philanthropy-Trendsetters

Shady Canyon Country Club, 100 Shady Canyon Dr., Irvine 92603 Contact: Eileen Garbut (949) 435-3484, eileen@iffs.org

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

THURSDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES – PART 1 OF 3 Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Presentation 12:15–1:15 p.m.

Chazal In the Age of Empires: An Overview of the Talmudic Period

Co-sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education
Samueli Jewish Campus, 1 Federation Way, Irvine 92603

Cost: \$36 for series, \$18 per presentation. Free for CSP Sustainers. Contact: maryann@occsp.org or (949) 682-4040

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. (by reservation) Presentation 8:15 p.m.

Elijah the Prophet: Past, Present and Future

Congregation B'nai Israel, 2111 Bryan Avenue, Tustin 92782 Contact: (714) 730-9693

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Services 9:30 a.m. Presentation 1:00 p.m.

When Being Righteous Is Not Enough: A Study of the Book of Eyov (Job)

Congregation B'nai Israel, 2111 Bryan Avenue, Tustin 92782 Contact: (714) 730-9693

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

PATRON BRUNCH 10:00 a.m.

How to Build a Jewish Library

Located in Private Home

Patron Brunch Presentation free for CSP Patrons. Contact: maryann@occsp.org or (949) 682-4040

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES – PART 1 OF 3 Lunch 12:00 p.m. Presentation 12:15–1:15 p.m.

Major Prophets-Isaiah

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Presentation 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Philosophy In One Hour

Congregation B'nai Tzedek, 9559 Talbert Ave., Fountain Valley 92708 \$10 at door. Free with reservation, call (714) 963-4611 by February 7.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

WEDNESDAY LUNCH SERIES Presentation 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Kabbalah In One Hour

Temple Judea, 24512 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills 92637 Cost: \$36 for series or \$18 per lecture. Free for CSP Sustainers. Contact: (949) 830-0470

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES – PART 1 OF 3 Presentation 7:30 p.m.

The Past 1000 Years of Jewish Philosophy

Contact: Kathryn at (949) 362-3999 ext. 103

Temple Beth El, 2A Liberty, Aliso Viejo 92656 Cost: \$36 for series or \$18 per lecture. Free for CSP Sustainers.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

THURSDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES – PART 2 OF 3 Lunch 12:00 p.m. Presentation 12:15–1:15 p.m.

Chazal In the Age of Empires: An Overview of the Talmudic Period

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Dinner 6:00 p.m. (by reservation) Services 7:00 p.m. Presentation 8:15 p.m.

Women Who Have Changed the Jewish World University Synagogue, 3400 Michelson, Irvine 92612 Contact: (949) 553-3535

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Shacharit 9:00 a.m. Presentation 11:30 a.m. Kiddush 12:15 p.m.

When Being Righteous Is Not Enough: A Study of the Book of Eyov (Job)

Congregation Beth Jacob, 3900 Michelson Drive, Irvine 92612 Contact: (949) 786-5230

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Presentation 7 p.m.

The Whole of Creation In One Hour

Temple Bat Yahm, 1011 Camelback St., Newport Beach 92660 Contact: (949) 644-1999

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES - PART 2 OF 3 Lunch 12:00 p.m. Presentation 12:15-1:15 p.m. Major Prophets-Jeremiah

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

WEDNESDAY LUNCH SERIES Presentation 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Whole of Creation in One Hour: the Kabbalistic **Doctrine of Tzimtzum and Its Evolution**

Temple Judea. 24512 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills 92637 Cost: \$36 for series or \$18 per lecture. Free for CSP Sustainers. Contact: (949) 830-0470

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES – PART 2 OF 3 Presentation 7:30 p.m.

The Past 1000 Years of Jewish Philosophy

Temple Beth El, 2A Liberty, Aliso Viejo 92656 Cost: \$36 for series or \$18 per lecture. Free for CSP Sustainers. Contact: (949) 362-3999

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

THURSDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES - PART 3 OF 3 Lunch 12:00 p.m. Presentation 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Chazal In the Age of Empires: An Overview of the Talmudic Period

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Presentation 7:30 p.m.

Women Who Have Changed the Jewish World

Co-sponsored by the CSULB Jewish Studies Program

Alpert Jewish Community Center, 2801 East Willow St., Long Beach 90815 Contact: (562) 985-2196

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Dinner 6:15 p.m. (by reservation) Service 8:00 p.m. Presentation 8:30 p.m.

Ignore, Argue Or Teach: What To Say To Christians At Your Front Door

Temple Beth Emet, 1770 W. Cerritos Avenue, Anaheim 92804 Contact: (714) 772-4720

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Services 9:00 a.m. Kiddush 11:30 a.m. Presentation 12:30 p.m.

Great Daughters of Zion-Extraordinary Women of the Bible

Temple Beth Emet, 1770 W. Cerritos Avenue, Anaheim 92804 Contact: (714) 772-4720

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Presentation 1:00 p.m.

The Jewish Nation & the Rise of the Modern Worldthe Last 500 Years of Jewish History

Temple Beth Ohr, 15721 Rosecrans Avenue, La Mirada 92638

Contact: (714) 521-6765

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Continued)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Presentation 7 p.m. Jewish Women Impacting Our World From Biblical To Current Time

Hosted by Atid Hadassah Group Cost: \$18. Free to CSP Patrons.

Private Home

Contact: Program Co-chairs: Marcia Labowitz, labow@sbcglobal.net, (949) 870-5779 or Shelly Komer, skomer43@aol.com, (949) 701-3688

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES – PART 3 OF 3 Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Presentation 12:15–1:15 p.m.

Major Prophets-Ezekiel

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Samueli Jewish Campus, 1 Federation Way, Irvine 92603

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Contact: maryann@occsp.org or (949) 682-4040

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Presentation 6:30 p.m.

Ignore, Argue Or Teach: What To Say To Christians

At Your Front Door

Temple Beth David, 6100 Hefley Street, Westminster 92683

Contact: (714) 892-6623

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

WEDNESDAY LUNCH SERIES
Presentation 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES – PART 3 OF 3 Presentation 7:30 p.m.

The Past 1000 Years of Jewish Philosophy

Temple Beth El, 2A Liberty, Aliso Viejo 92656 Cost: \$36 for series or \$18 per lecture. Free for CSP Sustainers.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Presentation 7:00 p.m.

The Whole of Jewish History In One Hour

Contact: Kathryn at (949) 362-3999 ext. 103

Temple Beth Shalom of Whittier, 14579 Mulberry Drive, Whittier 90604

Contact: (562) 941-8744

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Presentation 8:30 a.m.

When Being Righteous Is Not Enough: A Study of the Book of Eyov (Job)

Congregation Shir Ha Ma'a lot, 3652 Michelson Drive, Irvine 92612 Contact: (949) 857-2226

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

CLOSING PRESENTATION Reception 7:00 p.m. Presentation 7:30 p.m.

The Jewish Future In One Hour

Tarbut V'Torah (Lower School MPR), 5200 Bonita Canyon Dr., Irvine 92603 (Parking lot, South East Corner Bonita Canyon and Turtle Ridge Drive)

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PRESENTATION SYNOPSES

Chazal In the Age of Empires: An Overview of the Talmudic Period

When we think of the first five hundred years of the Common Era (0-500 BCE) in Jewish History, we are often focused on the destruction of the Temple and the clash between the Jewish People and Rome. But this period was also one of tremendous activity for the great sages of Israel who were shaping the Jewish world, learning to adjust to its new reality of exile. This three part series examines the extraordinary figures and events of First Century Palestine while placing them in the broader

context of the revolution which was taking place in Jewish life, and the work to preserve the continuity of the Jewish people.

Elijah the Prophet: Past, Present and Future

The mysterious and enigmatic figure of Elijah features greatly in Jewish tradition, although the descriptions of his career in the Bible do not always sit comfortably with other legends or the role of Elijah in the coming Redemption. David Solomon will explore and reconcile the various perceptions of Elijah, and may even point the

way towards his revelation (the haphtarah of this Shabbat concerns Elijah).

Great Daughters of Zion-

Extraordinary Women of the Bible

While most of the leading figures in the Bible are men, there are, scattered throughout Tanach, examples of remarkable women whose characters and actions were of great importance. David draws on sources in the Aggadah and the Mishnah to shed light on some of these amazing women and their incredible stories.

Has the Mashiach Already Come? Famous Historical Disputations Between Jews and Christians—and Their Outcomes

Throughout the Middle Ages and beyond, Jewish communities were often forced to participate in debates with Christians. Often, these "disputations" were a matter of life and death for the communities involved. These events were not merely arguments over ideas, but clashes of amazing personalities. David explores the real story behind famous disputations, the characters involved and the impact these debates had on the Jewish world, right up to today.

How to Build a Jewish Library

David literally constructs an essential Jewish library for an audience. In doing so, he shows the relationship of texts to each other, the various categories of books and how an impressive library of important Jewish texts can be built up from basic elements. He even tells you what editions are worth buying and where to get them.

Ignore, Argue Or Teach: What To Say To Christians At Your Front Door

Reaching into the heart of Jewish-Christian polemic, this talk aims to enlighten audiences on the most effective ways to deal with Christian missionaries. In doing so, it also analyses the two scriptural texts most quoted by Christian missionaries.

The Jewish Future In One Hour

David unveils the opinions of significant Jewish historical figures on what is expected to happen during the Messianic era. Bringing together a broad range of sources, David presents the most commonly accepted ideas of the sages about this long-anticipated period, while allowing some of the more marginal—and often controversial opinions—to join the fray. The talk provides an overview of a complex and sometimes challenging topic—and one which is not for the faint-hearted! David examines what to expect from the dawn to the close of the Messianic period, exploring ideas such as the Garden of Eden, the resurrection of the dead, Gog and Magog, the new Torah and the coming of the Mashiach.

The Jewish Nation & the Rise of the Modern World-the Last 500 Years of Jewish History

The period of the Acharonim (the latter ones) sees the Jewish world as we know it today emerging into focus. Scattered with an array of hugely influential figures and movements, this period reveals the emergence of the modern streams of Jewish existence such as Orthodox and Reform Judaism, Chassidism, and the Jewish Enlightenment (the Haskalah). It also brings us the idea of the emancipated Jew, sees the rise of Zionism, mass migrations of world Jewry, the horrors of the Holocaust, the State if Israel and much, much more...

Jewish Philosophy In One Hour

The past two millennia have been packed with a range of extraordinary thinkers and ideas in the realm of Jewish Philosophy. David outlines, explains and explores the major

developments of the fascinating field of Jewish Philosophy, from Philo to Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, including the works and ideas of Saadya Gaon, the Rambam, Hasdai Crescas, Yosef Albo, Franz Rosenzweig and many others. David not only clarifies these great thinkers, but also puts them in their historical context and assesses their impact on today's Jewish thought.

Jewish Women Impacting Our World from Biblical to Current Time

Throughout Jewish History there have been women who have made significant contributions to the Jewish world. David will draw on sources in the Aggadah, Mishnah and Tanach.

Kabbalah In One Hour

De-mystifing the mystical, David explores the complex and profound field of Kabbalah to provide an overview of its various schools of thought, its texts and ideas, together with their historical background. David also explains exactly where popular Kabbalah comes from and provides the one thing that it is missing: context.

Major Prophets-Isaiah, Jeremiah & Ezekiel

In this exciting three-part series, David explores in clear detail the historical background and thematic concerns of the major prophets of the Jewish People during the First Temple period: Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. The talks will focus on the impact of these spiritual giants on both Jewish History and world religious thinking.

The Past 1000 Years of Jewish Philosophy

The past millennium has been packed with a range of extraordinary thinkers and ideas in the fascinating realm of Jewish Philosophy. In this three-part series David will outline, explain and explores the major developments of Jewish Philosophy, from the Saadya Gaon (900s) to Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, including the works and ideas of the Rambam, Hasdai Crescas, Moses Mendelsohn, Franz Rosenzweig, Martin Buber and many others. David not only clarifies these great thinkers, but also brings them to life by putting them in their historical context and assessing their impact on today's Jewish world.

When Being Righteous Is Not Enough: A Study of the Book of Eyov (Job)

The Book of Eyov is the classic treatment of the problem of random suffering over which even the righteous have no control. In this comprehensive talk, David explores the major themes of one of the Bible's most startling and profound texts.

The Whole of Creation In One Hour

In this talk David Solomon outlines the most influential and original idea about the Creation in the past five hundred years of Jewish thought: Tzimtzum. He also demonstrates how the dynamic development of the revolutionary idea of Tzimtzum is reflected in the teachings of several major figures of kabbalistic thought.

The Whole of Jewish History In One Hour

Come and experience the talk that has been exciting and inspiring audiences around the world. In this extraordinary lecture, David literally maps out the unique scale and amazing contours of Jewish History around the audience—and beyond—in one continuous narrative.

Women Who Have Changed the Jewish World

Throughout Jewish History there have been women who have made significant contributions to the Jewish world, but many of them remain relatively unknown today. David will discuss these remarkable women and their achievements and the impact they have made on our world today.



13 YEARS AND COUNTING



Celebrating our 13th "Bar Mitzvah Year", Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program (CSP) is committed to igniting passion for Judaism in Orange County by hosting a variety of annual events and experiences with the leading Jewish scholars, educators, artists and performers of our generation.

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