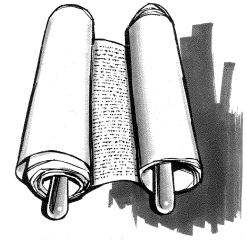


# Jewish Ethics

*Jewish Studies Series*



Seven **Tuesday Evenings** in March and April, 2010, at 7:30-9:00pm.

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| <b>March</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>Part I – Pages 1-65</b><br><i>Ethical Essence, Human Nature, Free Will, Goodness</i>    |
|              | <b>9</b>  | <b>Part IIa – Pages 70-147</b><br><i>Judging Fairly, Gratitude, Civility, Common Sense</i> |
|              | <b>16</b> | <b>Part IIb – Pages 150-245</b><br><i>Repentance, Forgiveness, Humility, Self-Esteem</i>   |
|              | <b>23</b> | <b>Part IIc – Pages 248-327</b><br><i>Anger, Humiliation, Envy, Hatred and Revenge</i>     |

Passover – No class meetings on March 30 and April 6.

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| <b>April</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>Part III – Pages 332-451</b><br><i>Fair Speech, Lashon Hara, Criticism, Truth and Lies</i>  |
|              | <b>20</b> | <b>Part IV – Pages 456-475</b><br><i>Holy Life, Kiddush haShem, Martyrdom</i>                  |
|              | <b>27</b> | <b>Part V – Pages 480-520</b><br><i>Basis of Morality, Loving and Fearing G-d, Torah Study</i> |

“God’s central demand of human beings is to act ethically. Although what I have just said is clearly and repeatedly reflected in Jewish sources, over the past centuries the role of ethics in Judaism has been deemphasized. Most significantly, the word ‘religious’ has come to be associated exclusively with ritual observance.” – *Rabbi Telsuhkin*

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**Location:** Henry Hood Center for Health Research, Intermediate Conference Room #4

**Instructors:** Rabbi Shaul Rappeport  
Ohev Sholom Synagogue, 1501 Cherry St., Williamsport, PA 17701  
Chaplain Karl A. Pölm-Faudré, PhD  
Director of Education, Research and Outreach, Division of Spiritual Care,  
Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA 17822

**Text:** Telushkin, Joseph (2006). *A code of Jewish ethics, You shall be holy*, Volume 1  
NY: Bell Tower, Crown Publishing Group. ISBN-13: 978-1-4000-4835-9  
Participants are responsible for purchasing their own text in advance.

**Registration:** General open registration – come when and as you can. No fee.  
Those participating for clergy continuing education hours will register the first  
night and their attendance will be recorded for a certificate upon completion.

# The Autobiography of God

*Jewish Studies Series*  
*Spirituality in Fiction Series*

Two **Tuesday Evenings** in May, 2010 at 7:00-9:00pm.

**May 4**, pages 1-155, and then on **May 11**, pages 156-245.



I am the Lord, and there is none else,  
I form the light, and create darkness:  
I make peace and create evil;  
I, the Lord, do all these things.      Isaiah 45.7

Was God at Auschwitz? Whose side is God on? The child of Holocaust survivors, Rebecca is both rabbi and therapist, and she knows that God is not all powerful, all good, or always right. When her congregation at a Vermont college acquires a Torah salvaged from a Polish community that was liquidated by the Nazis, the dead Jews talk to her, and a black Jewish angel brings her God's autobiography.

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**Location:** Henry Hood Center for Health Research, Intermediate Conference Room #4

**Instructors:** Rabbi Michael Michlin, MHL  
Temple Beth Israel, 98 N. Church Street, Hazelton, PA 18201  
Chaplain Karl A. Pölm-Faudré, PhD  
Director of Education, Research and Outreach, Division of Spiritual Care,  
Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA 17822

**Text:** Lester, Julius (2004). *The autobiography of God*.  
NY: St. Martin's Press. ISBN 0-312-28820-4  
Participants are responsible for purchasing their own text in advance.

**Registration:** General open registration – come when and as you can. No fee.  
Those participating for clergy continuing education hours will register the first night and their attendance will be recorded for a certificate upon completion.

# God Then and Now

*Jewish Studies Series*  
*A Media Presentation and Discussion*

**Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at 7:30-9:00pm**



“Sometimes there are stories that are true that are unimportant. And sometimes there are stories that are false that are truer than you can possibly imagine.”

“The god that you come to name and describe is an idol. God – to be truly God – is always out of reach, a far destination, ripening in us, ripening through our deeds and our words.”

– *Rabbi Kula*

Irwin Kula is an eighth-generation rabbi who in this moving monologue along the beaches, wharves, hotdog stands and roller coasters of Coney Island spins a web of wisdom in a time when nothing is simply the same. What kind of God do we need?

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**Media:** “Time For A New God: I will be what I will be”  
A Giraffe Partners Production directed by David Holbrooke and edited by Meg Reticker, 2004.

**Registration:** General open registration – come when and as you can. No fee.  
Those participating for clergy continuing education hours will register for their certificate on-site on that evening.

# **BUDDHIST STUDIES SERIES**

**Wednesday Evenings from 7:00-9:00pm**

Henry Hood Center for Health Research  
Intermediate Conference Room #4  
Geisinger Medical Center

*Pass the Main Entrance and Foss Clinic,  
on Center across from the Nursing Dorm.*

Chaplain Karl A. Pölm-Faudré, PhD

Participants obtain their own texts  
prior to beginning a class.



## **NO SELF, NO PROBLEM**

**Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 and 14, 2010**

Anam Thubten, a young Nyingma lama from Golok (Eastern Tibet), is the spiritual advisor and Dharma teacher for the Dharmata Foundation in the United States. His teachings show one how to realize the ultimate meaning of life in each moment by dissolving all notions of ego identity. He asks spiritual seekers to wake up to their true nature, which is already enlightened, to live a life full of love, satisfaction and happiness.

**Text:** Anam Thubten (2009). *No self, no problem.*

Ithica, NY: Snow Lion Publications ISBN-13: 978-1-55939-326-3

## **EMPTINESS**

**Wednesdays, April 21, 28, May 5 and 12, 2010**

Participants will study a summary of the classic Tibetan exposition on 'emptiness' by Je Tsongkhapa from his *Great Treatise on the Stages of the Path*. During these sessions the central concept of Mahayana Buddhism – the teaching that ultimate reality is emptiness – will be explained in clear and attainable language in order to become a workable principle in daily practice.

**No Text:** Handouts will be provided in class.

## **FOUR MARKS OF A BUDDHIST PRACTICE**

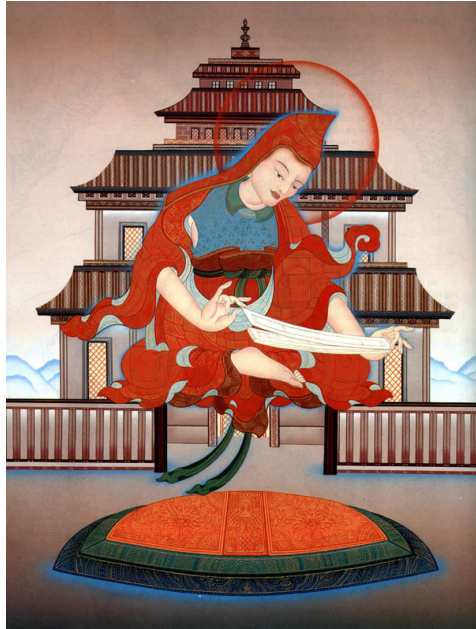
**Wednesdays, May 19, 26, June 2, 9 and 16, 2010**

In this fresh and provocative book, Tibetan Buddhist master Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse throws down the gauntlet to the Buddhist world, challenging common misconceptions, stereotypes and fantasies. With unusual candor and originality, he expresses the essence of Buddhism in four simple points, which he presents as a set of challenges.

**Text:** Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse (2007). *What makes you not a Buddhist.*

Boston: Shambhala. ISBN 978-1-59030-406-8

# Shantideva Bodhisattva Forum



## First Tuesday of Every Month

Location: Pine Barn Inn, Academy Drive, Danville, PA 17821

Time: 11:30-1:30pm

This forum is designed as an advanced session of study, reflection and discussion for the life and work of both aspirational and ordained Buddhist Bodhisattvas. Organized initially for students of the teacher, Gonpo Dorje, a Chaplain at Geisinger Medical Center (570-214-5091), bodhisattvas from any Buddhist lineage/tradition who are visiting or living within the hub of our communities are most welcome to participate.

Text for this series: B. Alan Wallace (1996,2003). **CHOOSING REALITY:  
A Buddhist View of Physics and the Mind.**  
Ithica, NY: Snow Lion Publications. ISBN:1-55939-  
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JAN 5, 2010 – Chapters 1-3  
FEB – No Meeting  
MAR 2, 2010 – Chapters 4-6  
APR 6, 2010 – Chapters 7-10  
MAY 4, 2010 – Chapters 11-13

JUN 1, 2010 – Chapters 14-16  
JULY 6, 2010 – Chapters 17-19  
AUG 3, 2010 – Chapters 20-23  
SEP 7, 2010 – Chapters 24-25

