

EXPLORING JEWISH VIEWS OF THE AFTERLIFE: TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES

An exploration of Jewish afterlife texts spanning three millennia of history. As travelers through time, we shall enter the worlds of Torah, Talmud, Midrash, Zohar and Hasidic tales investigating diverse ways Jews have understood the enigmatic mystery of death and the world beyond.

Searching for spiritual renewal of traditional teachings, we shall use these texts for reflection and discussion discovering practical guidelines for responding to the human encounter with death - personally, and in our families and communities.

CLASS 10:00-11:30 AM on following dates

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Afterlife in Biblical Tradition:

Jacob's Deathbed and the Cave at Machpelah

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Afterlife in Rabbinic Tradition:

Olam HaBa and the Angel of Death

MARCH 12, 2019

Afterlife in Kabbalistic Tradition:

Postmortem Journey of the Soul

MARCH 26, 2019

Afterlife and Renewal of Jewish Death

Rituals: Practical Wisdom for Today



SUGGESTED READING

Simcha Raphael, *Jewish Views of the Afterlife*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2009.

Simcha Raphael, *Living and Dying in Ancient Times - Death, Burial and Mourning in Biblical Tradition*, Albion-Andalus Books, 2015

Simcha Raphael, *The Grief Journey and the Afterlife - Jewish Pastoral Care for Bereavement*, Albion-Andalus Books, 2014

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