



LUNCH & LEARN

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012

Wednesdays Noon ~ 1:30 PM

You bring your lunch - coffee, tea & desert is on us!

FEBRUARY 1 ~ *LEGENDARY VOICES: CANTORS OF YESTERYEAR* with Cantor Groper

Cantor Jack Mendelson takes us on a journey to a time when cantors were like movie stars in their communities. Jews would go to synagogue to hear the great cantors, just as others would go to the opera or movie-houses just to see the giants of the day. With the advent of sound motion pictures, Jewish audiences of the Thirties demanded to see and hear the great cantors of their day. In this unique compilation of cantorial greats, with Jack Mendelson's introductions, we are treated to memorable film recordings of outstanding voices of Hershman, Roitman, Katchko, Malavsky, Shlisky, Waldman, Oysher and Rosenblatt.

FEBRUARY 8 ~ LOGICAL LITURGY with Cantor Groper

Join Cantor Groper for an exploration of traditional Jewish liturgical texts. Translations will be provided -- no Hebrew skills necessary!

FEBRUARY 15 & 29; MARCH 7 & 14: FINDING THE FAITH TO COPE WITH LIFE with Rabbi Shpeen Insights from *Pirke Avot*, the *Ethics of Our Sages*

MARCH 21 - "PROPHETS" with speaker, FATHER ROMAEUS COONEY, OCARM

Join Father Cooney as he explores the Prophets through sculptures that he has created. Father Cooney is from St. Joseph's Church in Troy. This Lunch and Learn is co-sponsored by the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue Committee.

MARCH 28 - 92ND ST Y BROADCAST: UNPROTECTED TEXTS: CONTROVERSIAL ELEMENTS IN THE BIBLE with Bart Ehrman & Jennifer Wright Knust with David Gibson

The Bible is arguably the most important book in history, influencing centuries of church doctrine, politics and culture, and it also remains a constant source of debate & controversy. Examine the Bible's many mixed messages on sex & sexuality, & its lasting influence on hot-button issues from the priesthood to gay marriage, with the two leading Biblical scholars whose recent books touched a nerve with readers and set off fierce public debates. Bart Ehrman is the author of more than 20 books, including *The New York Times* best sellers *Forged and Misquoting Jesus*. He is the James A Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Jennifer Wright Knust is an assistant professor of religion at Boston University. An ordained American Baptist pastor, she is the author of *Unprotected Texts: The Bible's Surprising Contradictions About Sex and Desire*. David Gibson is an award-winning religion writer. His latest book is a biography of Pope Benedict XVI. **This program is free for Beth Emeth members/\$10 for Non-Members**

***Lunch will be available for purchase for this Lunch & Learn - order by March 26 (see below)

Lunch & Learn - MARCH 28 - 92Y & LUNCH ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

To order lunch (wraps & salads) - \$10.00/pp - _____

92Y REGISTRATION (non-members only) - \$10.00 _____

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