

Three Part Series

with Rabbi Mike Lotker



Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
in the library

Part 1 - Children of Abraham: Comparing Judaism, Christianity and Islam

October 17, 24, November 7

About half the people of the world worship the God of Abraham as members of faith traditions that trace themselves back 4000 years to this inspired individual. These three classes will provide an introduction to these three faiths with special emphasis on where they are similar and where they differ. We will read texts from the Hebrew Bible, the Christian Scripture, and the Koran relating to the Garden of Eden, Abraham, Moses and others to help understand the fascinating history and theology that shape our worlds to this day.

Part 2 - What Happens After I Die? – Jewish Views of the Afterlife

January 9, 16, 23

Many Jews are surprised to learn that Judaism has always held that there is something beyond the grave – a life in the “world to come.” In this class, we will explore the wide range of authentic Jewish beliefs about the afterlife and how these beliefs have affected Jewish traditions of burial and mourning. In our sessions we will examine what the Bible has to say, the Rabbinic and Talmudic thoughts and commentaries, the amazing world of medieval commentary, mystical and kabbalistic insights as well as what modern thinkers contribute.

Part 3 - Mamzers and Mashiach: Illicit Sexual Encounters in the Bible

March 6, 13

We will be carefully reading some of the most interesting and unusual stories in the Hebrew Bible – ones that you never, ever studied in Hebrew School. These classes will offer a thorough review of the lineage of King David and the Messiah and what it teaches us about your family and mine and the ultimate task of redemption.



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