



# Jewish Study Center

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The JSC and Adas Israel Present:

## A Pre-Rosh Hashanah Learning Session

Wednesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

At Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St. NW, DC (Metro: Cleveland Park)

### 7:00-8:15 p.m. - The Binding of Isaac in Midrash and Literature

We read the story of the binding of Isaac (Akedat Yitzhak, Genesis 22) on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Although the story can be troubling to modern readers, it is also an inexhaustible source of interpretations and inspirations that make it continually relevant for poets and biblical commentators.

This class will review ancient, medieval, and modern commentaries as surveyed in Shalom Spiegel's book, *The Last Trial: On the Legends and Lore of the Command to offer Isaac as a Sacrifice*. If time permits, we will also review modern Israeli poems that use Akedat Yitzhak as a motif. Participants are invited to bring poems that spring from this story.

Steve Braun is the Director of Econometric Forecasting for the Council of Economic Advisors.

### 8:15-9:25 p.m. - Book Discussion:

#### *This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared* by Rabbi Alan Lew

This class will explore Rabbi Alan Lew's book, a modern work—influenced by Buddhism—about the spiritual practice of Teshuvah (returning or repenting), the spiritual work we do before Rosh Hashanah.

Darius Sivin is a board member of the National Havurah Committee and of MoEd, an after-school Jewish community. He has taught at Fabrangen Cheder and at the NHC Institute.

Each session: JSC and Adas Israel members \$15; non-members \$20. Both sessions: \$20; \$30.

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Join us for apples and honey!

*L'Shana Tova – A Happy and Healthy New Year!*