

Lunchtime Learning at CJP

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Entry into the World of  
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Reflect on early sages and personalities of the Mishnah and Talmud through the lens of their stories. Share in an exploration of texts and traditions as we examine the values, tensions and life lessons that compose ancient rabbinic narratives, leading us to a deeper intellectual and spiritual understanding of contemporary life. Our discussions are participatory and thought provoking. We look forward to welcoming you at the 15th annual Genesis Forum, joining our voices with previous generations of adult learners.

## THE FACULTY

**Rabbi Samuel Chiel** is rabbi emeritus at Temple Emanuel in Newton and scholar-in-residence at CJP.



**Shaye J. D. Cohen** is the Littauer Professor of Hebrew Literature and Philosophy in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations of Harvard University.



**Seth Farber** is the founder and director of ITIM: The Jewish Life Information Center and rabbi of Kehillat Netivot in Raanana, Israel.



**Ari L. Goldman** is a professor of journalism and the director of the Scripps Howard Program in Religion, Journalism and the Spiritual Life, at Columbia University.



**Rabbi Dr. Jane Kanarek** serves on the rabbinics faculty of Hebrew College.



**Deborah Kram** is a senior scholar who has served as CJP's Director of Adult Learning.



**Rabbi Benjamin Samuels** serves as spiritual leader of Congregation Shaarei Tefillah in Newton and is a Genesis scholar for CJP.



**Rabbi Dr. Meir Sendor** serves as spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Sharon, and teaches widely throughout Greater Boston.



For biographies visit [cjp.org/genesis](http://cjp.org/genesis).

## 2010-2011 Calendar

10/6	Panel with Rabbis Chiel, Samuels and Sendor: <i>Talmud and the role of its legends</i>
10/13	Rabbi Samuel Chiel: <i>Hillel</i>
10/20	Rabbi Samuel Chiel: <i>Rabbi Akiva</i>
11/3	Rabbi Benjamin Samuels: <i>Rabban Gamliel and Rabbi Yehoshua</i>
11/17	Rabbi Benjamin Samuels: <i>Rabbi Elazar ben Shimon</i>
12/1	Rabbi Benjamin Samuels: <i>Rabbi Meir</i>
12/15	Professor Shaye J. D. Cohen: <i>Rabbi Judah the Prince</i>
1/5	Deborah Kram: <i>Beruriah</i>
1/19	Professor Ari L. Goldman: <i>Elisha ben Abuya</i>
2/2	Rabbi Dr. Seth Farber: <i>Honi the Circlemaker</i>
2/16	Rabbi Dr. Jane Kanarek: <i>Abaye</i>
3/2	Rabbi Dr. Meir Sendor: <i>Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai</i>
3/16	Rabbi Dr. Meir Sendor: <i>Rabban Yochanan ben Zakkai</i>
5/4	Siyyum/Concluding panel with Rabbis Chiel, Samuels and Sendor: <i>Torah Study in the Lives of the Sages</i>

**Advance registration is required, online at [www.cjp.org/genesis](http://www.cjp.org/genesis), by calling 617-457-8789 or by e-mailing [adultlearning@cjp.org](mailto:adultlearning@cjp.org).**

## **A free Wednesday noontime series of text study**

Learn with eight renowned Jewish educators.

**All sessions held from  
12:00 to 1:15 p.m.,  
ninth floor of CJP  
126 High Street, Boston.**

You are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Photocopies of the texts studied will be provided in English.

Feel free to bring your lunch. Beverages will be available.

This program is open to the community. Invite a friend or colleague to join you.

CJP welcomes and encourages the participation of interfaith families and couples in all its activities.



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