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Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School in partnership with Sefaria, is proud to invite as all lovers of serious Tanakh and Mahshavah study to the 19th annual Yemei Iyun on Bible and Jewish Thought. We are also proud to be joined by the Center for Modern Torah Leadership, the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals, National Bible Contest, Torah in Motion, Yeshivat Maale Gilboa, Yeshivat Maharat, 929 Tanakh program and Ohr Torah Stone who are co-sponsors of the event. Leading scholars and educators in the fields of Bible, Exegesis, and Jewish Thought from the United States and Israel will be participating in this conference. This year as we are holding the Yemei Iyun in the month of Elul, classes will focus on themes related to the *Yamim Noraim*. Participants will be able to choose classes from three tracks: Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and general themes of repentance and prayer.

This year in light of the health and economic challenges the entire program will be held on line in a virtual format. In addition there will be no fee for registration and everyone is encouraged to donate what they would like to give. **The annual Yemei Iyun are generously sponsored in memory of Riva Koschitzky z"l by Tamar and Eric Goldstein.** On behalf of Rabbi Dov Linzer, President and Rosh HaYeshiva of YCT Rabbinical, and Rabbi Avi Weiss, Founding President, I extend to you a personal invitation to join us on August 30 – 31, 2020 for this unique opportunity to learn and study with some of the most fascinating teachers and scholars in the world.

With best wishes,

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

ROSH HASHANA

TESHUVA AND TEFILA

YOM KIPPUR

9:15 – 9:30 AM • INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

▶ 9:30 – 10:30 AM

The “Expulsion” of Yishmael or the “Sending” of Yishmael?” (Hebrew)
Yonatan Grossman

Free Will and Repentance in the Thought of Rav Zadok and Rav Hutner
Yitzchak Blau

The Turbulent Waters of Noah and Jonah: How Similar Stories Say Opposite Things About Human Transformation
Judy Klitsner

▶ 10:40 – 11:40 AM

How the Biblical law of *Rosh Hodesh* Explains the Rabbinic Understanding of Rosh Hashana
Menachem Leibtag

The Place of *Yirat Shamayim* in Our Lives: Rambam, Rav Hutner and Rav Shagar (Hebrew)
Yehuda Gilad

Face to Face with God: Yom Kippur and the High Priest in the Holy of Holies
Yael Ziegler

▶ 11:50 AM – 12:50 PM

Akeidat Yitzchak: What Was God Thinking?
Dov Linzer

Who is Sitting on the Throne? R. Nahman of Bratslav’s Homilies on Rosh Hashana
Biti Roi

The Dove that Did Not Take Flight: *Peshat* and Symbolism in the Book of Jonah (Hebrew)
Orit Avnery

7:15 – 7:30 PM • INTRODUCTION

▶ 7:30 – 8:30 PM

The Binding of Isaac: Extremely Religious Without Religious Extremism
Hayyim Angel

Time to Tear and A Time to Mend: Reimagining *Teshuva* in Light of Rabbinic Narratives
Tammy Jacobowitz

U-Netaneh Tokef As A Framework for Coping With Life’s Challenges
Avi Weiss

▶ 8:40 – 9:40 PM

God’s Coronation: Unpacking Psalm 47: The Psalm Recited Before Shofar Blowing
Yitzchak Etshalom

Praying with Sinners: What is the Place of People Who Haven’t Done Teshuva
Haggai Resnikoff

Have A Meaningful Fast? Re-Examining the Biblical Meaning of Fasting on Yom Kippur
Dovi Nadel

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020

ROSH HASHANA

TESHUVA AND TEFILA

YOM KIPPUR

9:15 – 9:30 AM • INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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| ▶ 9:30 – 10:30 AM | Sacrificing Yishmael and Yitzchak: Two <i>Akedot</i> and A Covid Moment on the Days of Awe
Judy Klitsner | <i>Parashat Ha-Teshuva</i> : Deut. Ch. 30 and Its Location in the Book
David Bigman | Yom Kippur: The Repentance of Ninveh and the Purpose of the Book of Jonah (Hebrew)
Yonatan Grossman |
| ▶ 10:40 – 11:40 AM | Hanna and the Revolutionary Power of Prayer
Yael Ziegler | Unexpected Models of <i>Teshuva</i> in Tanakh
Nechama Price | <i>Korbanot</i> in <i>Sefer Bamidbar</i> : Reimagining the Relationship with God and Yom Kippur
Zvi Grumet |
| ▶ 11:50 AM – 12:50 PM | “Ephraim is My Precious Child”: Jeremiah 31-Haftora and History
Shalom Holtz | <i>Teshuva</i> and <i>Yishuv Ha-Da’at</i> : Transformation for Our Times
Erin Leib Smokler | Working Through the “Avodah”: Analyzing Lev. 16
Nathaniel Helfgot |

7:15 – 7:30 PM • INTRODUCTION

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| ▶ 7:30 – 8:30 PM | Hannah and the Vision of Kingship
David Silber | “Where <i>Baalei Teshuva</i> Stand, the Utterly Righteous Cannot Stand”: An Aggadic Reflection on Perfection and Patience
Aryeh Klapper | Why is it So Hard to Forgive?
Michelle Friedman |
| ▶ 8:40 – 9:40 PM | <i>Yom (Zikhron) Teruah</i> : A Lexical and Theological Investigation
Jon Kelsen | <i>Teshuva</i> and Theories of Change
Sara Wolkenfeld | The Value of Truth: Jonah the son of Amittai, <i>Les Miserables</i> , and Kafka
Shira Hecht-Koller |

REGISTER BY

▶ **AUGUST 25, 2020**

Once you register you will receive the information to view the shiurim when they are presented. This year in recognition of the health and economic challenges, we are not requiring any registration fee.

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