

# Fall Programs 2005



**TORAH in MOTION**

Confronting the Challenges  
of Modernity

Today, Jews throughout the community are searching for a place where they can engage with the challenges and opportunities of the modern world in an intelligent and inspiring way. A place where learning is deep and pervasive, rooted in the wisdom and curiosity of our tradition, yet relevant for the world we live in. A place to connect with others who share a desire for meaningful practice and spiritual growth, with the most gifted teachers and scholars to help us navigate our way.

Torah in Motion explores the intellectual richness and great diversity of traditional Judaism; and inspires people to think honestly and with passion about the issues and spiritual challenges that we face in today's evolving world.

### **Torah in Motion is committed to:**

- The study of Torah
- Jewish law and tradition
- Cultivating spirituality
- Encouraging intellectual openness and critical thinking
- Love and respect for all Jews
- The centrality of the land and State of Israel
- Living our personal and public lives by the highest ethical standards

## Dear Torah in Motion Friend,

We hope you and your loved ones are well and are refreshed after the beautiful summer we were blessed with. As we prepare for the *Yamim Noraim* and beyond, Torah in Motion is looking forward to providing you with many opportunities for learning, debate and discussion on the most relevant issues we face as Jews in the modern world. Please join us in our continuing quest for intellectual, spiritual and emotional growth.

We encourage you to buy a TiM Pass allowing free entry to all of our programs. They are valid through 5766, represent a saving of over 60% and are tax receiptable.

TiMPasses and admission fees cover only a small part of our costs and your donation to Torah in Motion will ensure that our vision of a dynamic engaging learning environment anchored in the world of Torah tradition will be maintained and expanded.

As always your comments and suggestions are most welcome.

May we all be inscribed for a *Ketiva v'Chatima Tova* and a year of religious growth.

Rabbi Jay Kelman

Ilana Kelman

Dr. Elliott Malamet

## Fall 2005

Join us for an exciting and uplifting season of debate, discussion and dialogue with the world's best in contemporary Jewish thought and vision.

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## Biblical Approaches to Teshuva

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Wednesdays, September 14, 21, 28 8:00pm - 9:15pm  
Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave \$25

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Ilana Sober

The month of Elul is an opportune time to focus on Teshuva (repentance). We will use the in-depth study of Biblical passages on Teshuva (each of which is read in the synagogue during the High Holiday season) to help clarify our own goals as we prepare for Rosh Hashana.

September 14 - Hoshea: Return O Israel

September 21 - Yona: The Repentance of Nineveh

September 28 - Yishayahu: Seek G-d Where He Can be Found

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## All In The Family: Negotiating Religious Conflicts Between Parents and Children

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Sunday, September 18 8:00pm  
Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave \$10

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Dr. Norman Blumenthal,

Clinical Psychologist specializing in adolescent and group therapy

Rabbi Shmuel Veffter,

Senior Lecturer for Aish HaTorah, Toronto

With the increasing phenomenon of differences in the religious outlook and practice of parents and children, how should parents interact with children who have chosen a religious outlook and lifestyle that diverges from their own practices and values? When are family arguments over Judaism really just a symptom of a deeper emotional divide between parents and children? What are some practical solutions to this crucial and sensitive dilemma?

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## Rosh Hashana Yom Iyun - Morning of Study

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Sunday, September 25 9:30am - 12:30pm

Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave

\$10

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Rabbi Elliot Diamond

Esther Friedman

Rabbi Yaakov Kerzner

Join us and hear perspectives of this time in the Jewish calendar from three dynamic individuals.

## Physical, Emotional, Intellectual and Spiritual Teshuvah: A Workshop

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Monday, October 10 (Thanksgiving) 9:30am - 12:30pm

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St

\$10

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Rabbi Dr. Gidon Rothstein,

Rosh Kollel, HAFTR Community Kollel, New York City

Appropriately taking place in the days of repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, this seminar is intended to provide avenues of thought and models of change to allow us to enter Yom Kippur in a focused and inspired state of mind.

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Visit [www.torahinmotion.org](http://www.torahinmotion.org) for updates and further information on all programming. Join our weekly email list for a *Dvar Torah* and program updates.

“Torah in Motion’s high-quality speakers have taught me much Torah from an open and critical perspective. They are a model of serious and tolerant attitudes to Torah in this city.”

Noam Lockshin, university student

Save on this years programs with a TIM PASS!

## Renewing Our Spirit: Fourth Annual Conference

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Sunday, November 6 9:30am - 5:00pm

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave

\$40 in advance \$55 at the door Lunch Included

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### In memory of Nathan Noteh Krauss z"l

Highlights this year: Current challenges and opportunities for women in Judaism; Issues of openness and tolerance within Orthodox Judaism; The status of contemporary Jewish religious leadership; Our obsession with the body in Western culture and the appropriate Jewish response.

### Speakers include:

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Dr. Lisa Aiken,

Author of *"To Be a Jewish Woman"* and *"Beyond Bashert"*

Dr. Danny Brom,

Director of the Israel Center for treatment of Psychotrauma

Rabbi Saul Berman,

Founder of Edah

Rabbi Mark Dratch,

Director JSafe: The Jewish Institute Supporting An Abuse-Free Environment

Jonathan Rosenblum,

Columnist, *"The Jerusalem Post"*

Wendy Shalit,

Author of *"A Return to Modesty"*

Dr. Marc Shapiro,

Author of *"The Limits of Orthodox Theology"*

Henna White,

Assistant to the District Attorney; Brooklyn, New York



## At the Matrix of Chassidut & Mussar

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Tuesdays, November 8, 15, 22, 29 8:00pm

Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave

\$25

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Rabbi Michael Skobac,

Jews for Judaism

The late Slonimer Rebbe's "*Nesivos Shalom*" (Path of Peace), has become an immensely popular guide to spiritual growth. This class will explore selected passages from this wonderful book that explore our relationship with Hashem, Teshuvah, prayer and the perfection of our personality traits. A reading knowledge of Hebrew is helpful, but not required.

## Torah and Science: Conflict or Convergence?

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Sunday, December 4 9:30am - 4:00pm

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St

\$20 in advance \$35 at the door Lunch Included

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Explore how Judaism grapples with new forms of scientific knowledge and discovery. Is science an enemy or an ally of religion, or neither? How can we understand the Creation story in light of contemporary cosmology and evolutionary biology? How does one reconcile scientific assertions that conflict with Talmudic statements?

### Speakers include:

Rabbi Natan Slifkin,

Author of "*Mysterious Creatures and the Science of Torah*"

Rabbi Michael Broyde,

Professor of Law and Academic Director, Law and Religion Program, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta

Prof. Natan Aviezer,

Professor of Physics, Bar-Ilan University

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## Mind Over Matter: Physical and Spiritual Healing

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Thursday, December 8 8:00pm

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St \$10

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Dr. Yakir Kaufman,

Director of Neurological Services at Herzog Hospital

## Jews, Christians and the Struggle for Truth 3rd Annual Conference

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Sunday, December 25 9:30am - 3:30pm

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St  
\$25 in advance \$40 at the door Lunch Included

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“Torah in Motion consistently and reliably brings to Toronto the highest-quality and most creative thinkers in the Jewish world today. ”

Professor Paul Socken, founder Jewish Studies Program, University of Waterloo

**Purchase a TiM PASS for \$180**  
**Free Admission to programs**  
**through 5766!**

(Except Bat Mitzva Program)

A Tax Receipt to the maximum  
allowed by law.

## Healing and Hope - Judaism and Psychology

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Sunday January 15, 2006 9:30am-3:30pm  
Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St  
\$30 in advance \$45 at the door Lunch Included

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Examine the role of psychology and psychotherapy in the life of a modern Jew. Highlights include: How to choose a therapist; Traditional Judaism vs. psychology as a worldview; The relationship between the rabbi and the therapist; Confidentiality in therapy; The “psychology” of the Torah; Therapy and the shidduch problem.

### Speakers include:

Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Blanchard,  
Director of Organizational Development at CLAL, New York.

Dr. Allan Kaplan,  
Director of the Eating Disorders Program at  
Toronto General Hospital

Dr. Marshall Korenblum,  
Psychiatrist in Chief at the Hincks-Dellcrest Centre for Children,  
Toronto

Ms. Leah Malamet,  
Psychotherapist, Early Pathways, Toronto

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Psychotherapist in private practice in Manhattan

Dr. Isaac Schechter,  
Research Scientist at the Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric  
Research, New York City

Rabbi Dr. Nosson Westreich,  
Adolescent psychiatrist,  
Assistant Professor at University of Toronto Medical School

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Pre-register for classes and programs at  
[www.torahinmotion.org](http://www.torahinmotion.org)

## Mother & Daughter Bat Mitzva Program

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Fall program begins Wednesday November 9, 2005

**\*CLASS FULL\***

Spring program begins Wednesday February 8, 2006

**\*REGISTER NOW\***

Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave

\$300

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Sponsored by Marsha and Michael Lax in honour of their daughter Amanda's Bat Mitzva.

A 10 week mother-daughter learning program in conjunction with MaTaN centred around the theme, The Jewish Women Throughout The Ages, the program presents Jewish heroines, through textual sources, who are role models that embody positive attributes young women can emulate. Mothers and daughters learn together as well as participate in creative activities each week. Limited space available.

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TiMPass not accepted.

“The bat-mitzva program which I completed with my daughter, Nirelle was a wonderful opportunity to pursue Jewish learning in a format designed especially for Bat-Mitzva girls. We discussed serious issues, did art together and laughed together. It brought us closer and gave us a meaningful, unforgettable experience. Thank you, Torah in Motion.”

Avigayil Blumenfeld

Torah in Motion regularly draws versatile scholars and masterful teachers who approach old themes in original ways or who speak freshly to challenging contemporary issues out of the depths of Jewish tradition. More importantly, TIM regularly attracts diverse audiences of questioning Jews who, by every indication, greatly appreciate the mix of traditionalism, open-mindedness, and sophistication that TIM brings to all it does.

Dr. Eric Lawee,  
York University

Torah in Motion is an oasis in the intellectual Jewish world in which orthodox religious thinkers are able to say what they have on their mind, what they struggle with, without having to apologize and without having to walk the party line. A bit of fresh air in a world which gets more and more stagnated but is also deeply committed to traditional Judaism and Yirath Shamayim.

Rabbi Nathan Lopes Cardozo,  
Dean of the David Cardozo Academy for Jewish Studies and Human Dignity, Jerusalem.

“I know of no organization in the world that provides, on a continuing basis, such high level and sophisticated lectures and workshops on themes across the traditional Jewish spectrum.”

Dr. Marc Shapiro,  
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Chair in Judaic Studies at the University of Scranton.

“The day was great. The program was illuminating and interesting. The Jewish community is grateful to have Torah in Motion. You should go from strength to strength.”

Drs. Esther & Bob Libman

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