

# Cliff's Notes: An Excursion into Our Bible and Rabbinic Judaism

With Rabbi Cliff Librach

The weekly sedra, the Haftarah, upcoming holidays, the Hebrew Bible and the breadth of our inherited tradition all are fair game, as are your questions – never unwelcome! Rabbi Librach will have a topic (see below) but will always begin by soliciting your queries, with nothing out of bounds. Come and explore; and leave enriched, enlightened and energized.



There are Two: God and the Covenants with Abraham

**October 7, 14, 21, 28**

**During Shabbat *Minhah*/Maariv; please refer to Shofar for times**

Our Child, Our Sibling, or Our Corruption: Basic Christianity for American Jews

**Shabbat *Minhah*/Maariv in November and December except December 16**

**During Shabbat *Minhah*/Maariv; please refer to Shofar for times**

Do We Need a Strong Central Government or Not? The Provocative Answer of the Prophet Samuel

**February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018**

**During Shabbat *Minhah*/Maariv; please refer to Shofar for times**

The Strange Biblical Ordeal (B'midbar/Numbers 5) of the Suspected Adulteress

**April 7, 14, 21, 28**

**During Shabbat Kiddush from 12:30 to 1:30pm**



**Rabbi Cliff Librach** (now retired and a member of Temple Emunah) is a widely published and respected rabbinic scholar who served as a pulpit rabbi for over three decades. In 1998, Rabbi Librach was honored by **The Forward**, the national Jewish weekly, which named him one of America's fifty most influential and dynamic leaders and thinkers. He was the only Reform pulpit rabbi to be so honored.

Born and raised in St. Louis, he holds a Bachelor's degree (cum laude) in Philosophy and American Studies from Georgetown University and a Juris Doctor degree from NYU. His rabbinic ordination is from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. His rabbinic thesis was entitled "Judaism Beyond Autonomy: A Philosophy of Halakha for Liberal Jews." While in Cincinnati, he taught Professional Ethics at the University of Cincinnati School of Law. Before his rabbinic career, he served as Law Clerk to Chief Justice Robert E. Seiler of the Supreme Court of Missouri and was a litigator with two distinguished law firms. Rabbi Librach and his wife, Miriam, are the parents of two children and have two grandchildren, all now living in the Boston area.