



Join us *Thursdays* in February at *Temple Emunah* for
Shared Stories: The Afterlife of Biblical Heroes and Heroines in the New Testament and Quran
With **Rabbi Leonard Gordon**
February 14 – May 9, 2019 (New dates and location!)

What Rabbi Gordon's students have said about his Me'ah classes:



"One of the finest teachers I have ever studied with!"

"The readings, the lectures and the discussions opened up new worlds to me, which I will continue to explore."

"Please have Rabbi Gordon teach another class that I can join!"

From Abraham, Sarah and Hagar to Joseph, Moses, Miriam, King David and the Queen of Sheba, biblical figures loom large in the classic stories of Christians and Muslims. Do these shared stories connect us, divide us, or both?

Our class will offer a basic introduction to Christianity and Islam as we read these fascinating stories. In seeking answers, we will address several larger issues:

- The nature of the Bible as a literary work of art;
- The shifting political and religious roles of prophet, judge, priest, and king over Books of Samuel;
- The meanings projected onto the Bible by later poets, artists, and novelists.

Rabbi Leonard Gordon is Interim Rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom in Framingham, and the co-Director of Interfaith Partners for Peace. With rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary, he has a BA and M Phil from Columbia University, and an MA in Religious Studies from Brown University. Gordon has taught comparative religion and Humanities at Columbia University, Kenyon College, and the Ohio State University; and rabbinic literature, history, philosophy, and liturgy at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Hebrew College Rabbinical School, and the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

- **Class meets:** Thursdays (**note new day**), 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., beginning February 14 (**note new date**), 2019 at **Temple Emunah** (Sponsored by the Lexington Collaborative; **note new location**)
- **Full class schedule:** February 14, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11; May 2, 9 (No class February 21, April 18, or April 25. Final class and snow/sick days TBD with class, once class begins.)
- **Cost:** \$350. Financial aid is available; please contact meah@hebrewcollege.edu for details.
- **Register:** chaverweb.net (Please note: when registering via chaverweb, Temple Emunah members may use their login; all others may create a guest account. Then go to "events sign-up" and look for "Me'ah Select Winter/Spring.")