

November is here, and we have some interesting Shabbat opportunities for you this month. With a variety of services, venues, and leaders, there really is something for everyone. Please read on to see what's scheduled and join us for any Shabbat observance that appeals to you. Any...or all!

Friday, November 6, 7 p.m.: Shabbat Services, Potluck Dessert Oneg, and a Talk about Holy Places with Rabbi Margalit

In this weeks parshah (Torah reading), *Chayei Sarah*, the Jewish patriarch and matriarch, Abraham and Sarah, are buried in the cave of Machpelah. Over the centuries this has become one of the holiest places in Judaism. Along with the Temple Mount, which has been so prevalent in the news recently, these are examples of sites that are considered holy to both Jews and Muslims. How does Judaism view the holiness of place? Do we emphasize holiness in time over holiness of place? What is the place of holy places in Judaism? Come join us over a cup of tea and some treats. Please bring a dessert to share.

Saturday, November 7, 10 a.m.: Shabbat Services with Rabbi Margalit, followed by Lunch Oneg and discussion

Shabbat services will be followed by lunch and discussion of Meditating in the Field. This weeks parshah includes what is probably the earliest reference to Jewish meditation. The Torah describes Isaac going out to the field *lasuach*. The Hebrew word has several possible translations. Come discuss the possibilities and also the ancient and nearly forgotten traditions of Jewish meditation. Join the discussion.

Friday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.: Community Shabbat Potluck at the home of Barbara and Joel Fishman in Rockland. RSVP by contacting Barbara at 593-2638 barbarafishman48@gmail.com. Casual evening with candle lighting and Kiddush, and a shared meal.

Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m. Shabbat Services with Meyer Drapkin, followed by potluck lunch oneg.

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