

## Shabbat Weekend with Rabbi Margalit

Rabbi Natan Margalit returns to Adas Yeshurun to lead us in a weekend of learning, prayer, discussion, and song.

**Friday, November 9, 6:00 p.m.** We'll have a short, musical Kabbalat Shabbat and evening service, followed by a soup and bread Shabbat dinner (please RSVP to the office for dinner). After dinner, there will be a discussion: Celebrating Difference, Finding Unity how the organic principles of the Torah teach us to reject us versus them and stand up for ourselves while staying connected to others. We find these principles in our most familiar words, the *Shema*. We will also talk about current events, with a focus on Where does our security come from?

**Saturday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.:** There will be a creative renewal service followed by an exploration of Rabbi Margalit's Organic Torah, which strives to connect core Jewish ideas to the cutting edge of modern science, social justice, and environmental flourishing. We'll explore the magic of emergence and how it helps us in everything from agriculture to Jewish community to artistic creativity.

Kiddush lunch on Saturday will be sponsored by Shelley Kushner. RSVPs are appreciated.

Following lunch, Rabbi Margalit will facilitate a conversation on Stringing Pearls: Discovering New Meanings in Ancient Words. We'll look at how an ancient book can keep emerging with new meanings, and find out how we can discover new meanings for ourselves. Come enjoy this creative, participatory session.

Rabbi Natan Margalit is the founder and president of Organic Torah. Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, Rabbi Margalit received rabbinic ordination at the Jerusalem Seminary in 1990 and earned a Ph.D. in Talmud from U.C. Berkeley in 2001. He has taught at Bard College, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College. He is rabbi of The Greater Washington Coalition for Jewish Life, in Connecticut. Rabbi Margalit is a member of the Vaad (Core Faculty and Steering Committee) of the ALEPH Ordination Program, where he is Director of Rabbinic Texts. He lives in Newton, Mass. with his wife Ilana and their two sons.

We hope you can join us for all or part of the weekend as we warmly welcome Rabbi Margalit back to Rockland. To learn more about his Organic Torah initiative, go to <http://www.organictorah.org>.