

The Dead Sea Scrolls in Historical & Literary Perspective

Explore one of the most important discoveries of the 20th century and their impact on the understanding of early Judaism and Christianity.

7-Week Course Mondays at 7:00 PM
January 22 - March 5
with Rabbi Jonathan Seidel, PhD
at Temple Beth Israel 1175 East 29th Avenue, Eugene
\$70 (no one turned away)

A knowledge of Hebrew is not required, although the original documents will be accessed and referenced

Scientific techniques in many fields have strongly enhanced and deepened our appreciation of the Dead Sea Scrolls over the last 40 years. Join Rabbi Seidel in looking at key themes in these sectarian documents:

- The Organization and Gender Roles of the Community
- Priestly and Scribal Aspects of the Essenes
- Apocalyptic, End of the World Discourse
- Angelic Liturgy, Psalmic Prayer and Exorcistic Healing
- New Archeological Discoveries at Qumran
- Mystical and “Sapiential” Texts
- Some Important Scholarly Controversies since 1947



Presented by Rabbi Jonathan Seidel, PhD, who first studied the Dead Sea Scrolls under the famed Israeli archeologist and general Yigal (Suknik) Yadin, and then with Harry Thomas Frank, and finally with Jacob Milgrom (all of blessed memory). He has taught several Hebrew text classes in the Scrolls over the last 35 years and returns with new insight and materials in this iteration.

Dr. Seidel holds a PhD in Judaic and Near Eastern Studies from UC Berkeley and Rabbinic Ordination from ALEPH, the Alliance for Jewish Renewal. He has taught Religion and Judaic Studies for over 35 years at the University, College and Adult level. He is the spiritual leader of Or haGan Jewish Community.

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