

2015

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

FEATURING

RABBI IRWIN KULA

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - SATURDAY, MARCH 28

RE-IMAGINING AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE

FEES TO ATTEND

SHABBAT BUNDLE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

\$45 PER ADULT
(13 & OVER)

\$25 PER CHILD
(AGES 4-12)

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\$35 PER ADULT
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SATURDAY ONLY (EVENING)

\$20 PER ADULT
(13 & OVER)

\$15 PER CHILD
(AGES 4-12)

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Please note that the Kiddush Luncheon on Saturday afternoon is complimentary, though RSVPs are requested. Shabbat Bundle includes: Friday evening dinner, Saturday evening Seudah Shlishit, and all lectures and programming in between.

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GET TO KNOW RABBI IRWIN KULA



An internationally sought-after speaker, Rabbi Irwin Kula inspires people worldwide by using Jewish wisdom to speak to all aspects of modern life and relationships. An engaged and thoughtful trader in the global marketplace of ideas, he led a Passover Seder in Bhutan, consulted with government officials in Rwanda, helped build cultural and interfaith bridges in Qatar, and met with leaders as diverse as the Dalai

Lama and Queen Noor to work on the challenge of compassionate leadership in the 21st century. Across the U.S., he works constantly with religious, business and community leaders, corporate and family foundations, and religious and philanthropic institutions to promote leadership development and institutional change.

For all this and more, Rabbi Kula received the 2008 Walter Cronkite Faith and Freedom Award for his work “toward equality, liberty and a truly inter-religious community.” *Fast Company* magazine and Religion and Ethics Newsweekly (PBS) both named him one of the leaders shaping the American spiritual landscape, and he has been listed in *Newsweek* for many years as one of America’s “Most Influential Rabbis.” He is the Co-founder and Executive Editor of The Wisdom Daily, found at www.thewisdomdaily.com.

Rabbi Kula is in constant demand for his distinctive perspective on both spiritual and secular matters by the media. A regular on FoxNews.com’s *Spirited Debate*, he’s appeared frequently on NBC’s *Today Show*, was a repeat guest on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, and has appeared on *The O’Reilly Factor* (Fox), *Frontline* (PBS), and *PoliticsDaily.com*, among many others. A blogger for The Huffington Post and the Washington Post’s “On Faith,” he co-hosted the weekly radio show, *Hirschfield and Kula*.

Rabbi Kula has written many influential texts on religion and spirituality. His most recent book, *Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life* (2006) won a “Books for a Better Life” award and was named one of the “Best Spiritual Books of 2006” by *Spirituality & Health*. He also wrote and was featured in *Time for a New G-d* (2004), an acclaimed documentary in which he muses on religion as a “giant tool box” for personal and social transformation.

In 2003, Rabbi Kula hosted a 13-part Public TV special, *Simple Wisdom with Irwin Kula*, which used Jewish wisdom to explore such life issues as relationships, money, work, and sex. He explored similar themes in another special, *The Hidden Wisdom of Our Yearnings*. A popular speaker, he has appeared in such places as the Aspen Institute, the Chautauqua Institution, the Mountain Film Festival in Telluride, Colo. (as a judge), and was an invitee to Anna Deavere Smith’s “Bodies on the Line” Artist Residency in NYC (2010).

Rabbi Irwin Kula is the President of Clal – The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, a leadership-training institute, think tank and resource center in New York City. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University, his B.H.L. from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTSA) in NY, and his M.A. in Rabbinics and Rabbinic Ordination from JTSA. An eighth-generation rabbi, he has headed congregations in St. Louis, MO; Queens, NY; and Jerusalem, Israel and co-founded the Aitz Hayim Center for Jewish Living in Chicago.

OUR THEME FOR THE WEEKEND: RE-IMAGINING AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE

What’s changing in American Jewish life today and how should we respond? How can we shift our way of thinking so that our anxieties are transformed into new opportunities that better meet our reality?

Scholar in Residence will provide opportunities to experience Shabbat, learn and bond together as a community. Join us for a provocative weekend with this exciting and original Jewish thinker!

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMITTEE

Chair: Florence Katz Burstein

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TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 27

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| 6:00 PM | Services with D'var Torah from Rabbi Kula on What is Shabbat's Job? |
| 7:00 PM | Dinner (including B'Yachad & Simchat Shabbat) |
| 8:00 PM | Rabbi Kula teaching Beyond The Tribe: Judaism as a Path of Human Flourishing . Children's games downstairs for K-5th grade |

Saturday, March 28

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| 10:00 AM* | Services with Rabbi Kula teaching Disruptive Spiritual Innovation: What Religions Can Learn from Microsoft |
| <i>— FRS: 10:00 AM Shabbat School for ALL grades in regular classrooms —</i> | |
| 12:15 PM | Kiddush Luncheon |
| 1:00 PM | Rabbi Kula teaching Re-imagining Jewish Practice: Mitzvot for the 21st Century Jew . Children's games downstairs for K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, and 6th-8th grade |
| 2:00 PM | Chofesh/Down Time! Relax at home, take a Shabbat nap, and come back refreshed for... |
| 5:00 PM | Rabbi Kula teaching Time For a New G-d |
| 6:00 PM | Seudah Shlishit/Third Meal and final session on What A Liberal Rabbi Has Learned from His Friendship with Glenn Beck and Q & A |

*Please note that there is no Parasha Study and services begin at 10:00 AM

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Friday Evening (registration required)

What is Shabbat's Job?

Friday, March 27, during Shabbat services (6:00 PM)

Separation from the mundane, reconnection with G-d, and the chance to recharge – Shabbat offers many ‘apps’ designed to get these job done. Does it work? Are our expectations realistic for today’s diverse Jewish communities?

Beyond the Tribe: Judaism as a Path of Human Flourishing

Friday, March 27, after dinner (8:00 PM)

The trends reported in the Pew report show us that we are at the beginning of demographic, sociological, and technological transformations that are dramatically altering the ways people create their identities, form communities, and make meaning. Every domain is being affected - newspapers and music, retail and government, health and education. What are the implications for the resources, insights and teachings of religion? How can Judaism remain relevant and even help us cope with these universal shifts in thinking?

Saturday Morning & Afternoon (complimentary, but RSVP requested)

Disruptive Spiritual Innovation: What Religions Can Learn from Microsoft

Saturday, March 28, during Shabbat services (10:00 AM)

Microsoft has come to realize that a closed system – trying to control people and force them to use your product – cannot succeed these days because people will simply find another product. In a world with increasingly permeable boundaries where people are blending and switching identities, nontraditional resources are becoming more common. Religions will therefore need to make their wisdom, traditions, and practices available across all boundaries. Where will that take us?

Re-imagining Jewish Practice: Mitzvot for the 21st Century Jew

Saturday, March 28, after lunch (1:00 PM)

Using the lens of Positive Psychology, we will explore a new way to understand the purpose of Jewish practice – namely the mitzvot. How does the system of mitzvot really work? Which practices successfully enhance our lives? How do you determine which mitzvot work for you? How can we becoming more active in designing Jewish practices that will help us flourish?

Saturday Evening (registration required)

Time for a New G-d

Saturday, March 28, Pre-Seudah Shlishit (5:00 PM)

Many Jews today no longer experience the G-d of traditional monotheism as vital, real or compelling. Perhaps this is captured in the fastest growing demographic – the millions of Americans who define themselves as spiritual and not religious. So how do we think, feel and connect to G-d in the early 21st century? Who are we talking to when we say “OMG”? Perhaps it is time for a new G-d.

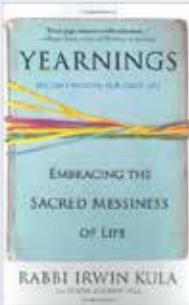
What a Liberal Rabbi Has Learned from His Friendship with Glenn Beck and Q & A

Saturday, March 27, Post-Seudah Shlishit (6:30 PM)

Rabbi Kula, a liberal rabbi, will tell the story of how he struck up a friendship with Glenn Beck, what the relationship has taught him, and what it means for us. Then, we’ll have an opportunity to ask questions that haven’t already been answered about subjects from the entire weekend and beyond.

**YEARNINGS:
EMBRACING THE SACRED MESSINESS OF LIFE**

Want to get some extra background before Scholar in Residence? Read Rabbi Kula’s book: *Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life*



Rabbi Irwin Kula explores desire in spiritual life. Rather than leading us astray, our longings are gateways to self discovery. Our yearnings, once understood, can lead us to discover an expansive vision of G-d or a wider reality. And when we embrace even our most painful or taboo desires, we can love more deeply and live more fully.

The Biblical authors wrote about characters who, rather than leading perfect lives, actually struggled with their longings for success, love, sex, and happiness. Through interpreting those stories and other spiritual traditions, as well as exploring his own desires and those of regular people, Rabbi Kula shows that “The more we allow ourselves to unfold, the less likely we are to unravel. The more we dive into our desires, the more exquisite life becomes.”

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HNT

Sunday, April 26: Day of Service

Spend your morning volunteering for one of the many great causes we support together as a community.

Projects will include:

- Birthday Dreams (Renton)
- Eastside Baby Corner (Issaquah)
- Holy Rollers: Torah Scroll Cleaning (HNT)
- House of Hope (North Bend)
- Gardening (HNT)
- Mitzvah in a Bag (HNT)
- Personal Needs Pouches (HNT)
- Sandwich Making for the Homeless (HNT)

And many more! Look for more info in HaKol and mark your calendar! Sign ups will open at h-nt.org/DoS beginning in mid-March.

Wednesday, May 6: Lag B'Omer

BBQ, Bonfire and Maccabia co-sponsored by SJCC

The BBQ is delicious, the bonfire is legendary, and who doesn't love the chance to see their rabbi get competitive in a three-legged race? Join us for an evening of fun and games!

Saturday, May 9: Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Congregation Ner Tamid

Join us for a special Shabbat service and festive kiddush luncheon.

There are many ways to participate in the 50th Anniversary Shabbat. To add former members to the mailing list, request an honor in the service, volunteer to read Torah (portions are only 3-7 verses!), be a co-sponsor of the Kiddush luncheon, or make a tribute donation in honor of this celebration, please complete the online form at h-nt.org/NerTamid.

Saturday, May 23: Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Look for details in upcoming issues of HaKol.

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