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# PARENTS AND CHILDREN IN THE JEWISH TRADITION



**4 SUNDAYS 9AM at KM**

Light Breakfast Followed by an Interactive Lecture

**11/18**

### **TAKING CARE OF PARENTS WITH ALZHEIMER'S: WHAT DO THE SOURCES SAY?**

**Rabbi Prof. David Golinkin - Professor of Jewish Law, President, The Schechter Institutes, Inc.**

In recent years, many families are struggling with the dilemmas of aging parents: should we keep them at home? Should we hire a caregiver? Should we arrange for assisted living or a nursing home? These are not new problems. They are mentioned in the book of Ben Sira ca. 200BCE and discussed in the Talmud and in all the major codes of Jewish law. In this lecture, we shall study these sources and see how they can help us today.

**12/16**

### **THE SANDWICH GENERATION: TAKING CARE OF AGING PARENTS**

**Dr. Einat Ramon - Founding Director of Marpeh, Israel's first academic CPE Program, Senior Lecturer in Women's Studies and Jewish Thought**

In this session with Dr. Ramon, founding Director of Marpeh, the only Israeli academic training program for spiritual caregivers, we will explore perceptions of "old age" and family life rooted in rabbinic and modern Israeli sources. The texts, taken from the newly published anthology, Truth and Lovingkindness, compiled and annotated by Dr. Einat Ramon and edited by Professor David Golinkin, will help us grapple with the various ways to approach life's health and other challenges, especially when facing the aging of our loved ones, providing new insights and guidance for dealing with these challenges.

**1/27**

### **FATHER'S CHILD: FATHERHOOD IN RABBINIC PARABLES**

**Dr. Tamar Kadari - Dean of the Schechter Graduate School; Senior Lecturer, Midrash, Aesthetics and Agaddah**

In this lecture, we will focus on the relationship between father and child that appears in a set of midrashic parables. The parables shed light on how our Sages perceived the norms and social mores of Jewish life during the first centuries in the land of Israel. We will consider the connection between father and child as seen in the various life stages: from youth through adolescence through the marriage of the grown child. We will then illustrate the tension between the interpretive nature of the parables and the educational role they play with regard to family dynamics. In closing, we will discuss the religious significance of the parables and how they serve to illuminate the relationship between God and his nation.

**2/24**

### **INTERGENERATIONAL DYNAMICS: THE JEWISH FAMILY SEEN THROUGH THE LENS**

**Rabbi Dr. Paul Shrell-Fox - Clinical Psychologist and Lecturer in Family and Community Studies**

In his opening lines to Anna Karenina, Leo Tolstoy wrote: All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. Biblical stories tell a similar tale. Our forebears in the book of Genesis (Bereshit) did not live the happiest of lives. Indeed, jealousy that leads to attempted and successful fratricide seems to be the norm in much of the Bible. Moses, Aaron and Miriam are more the exception than the rule. Can we paraphrase Tolstoy's words to say the same about Jewish families? We will look at the issues of Jewish family values, using at times, both animated and live-action films to explore the supposition that Jewish family values have a certain uniqueness to them. Or not.



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**Rabbi Prof. David Golinkin** is President Emeritus and Professor of Jewish Law at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies. For twenty years he served as Chair of the Va'ad Halakhah (Law Committee) of the Rabbinical Assembly which writes responsa and gives halakhic guidance to the Masorti Movement in Israel. He is the founding director of Schechter's Institute of Applied Jewish Law and is the author or editor of 40 books and over 190 articles.



**Dr. Einat Ramon** is a senior lecturer in Jewish Thought and Jewish Women's Studies at the Schechter Institute with a specialty in early Zionist thought. She earned an MA and PhD in Religious Studies from Stanford University and rabbinic ordination from JTS. A pioneer in health chaplaincy in Israel, Ramon founded the Marpeh academic spiritual care training program at the Schechter Institute. Dr. Ramon is a popular public lecturer, and is she frequently interviewed in the Israeli media on a variety of social, cultural and women's issues.



**Dr. Tamar Kadari**, new Dean of the Schechter Graduate School, is a senior lecturer in Midrash at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies. She received her PhD in Midrashic literature from Hebrew University and was a fellow at the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at The University of Pennsylvania. Her research and teaching touch on biblical women in the eyes of the rabbis, aesthetics and beauty in rabbinic literature and literary readings of midrash. In addition to her academic talents, Dr. Kadari is a sculptor whose work has been exhibited in galleries in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.



**Rabbi Dr. Paul Shrell-Fox** is a lecturer in Family and Community Studies at the Schechter Institute, where he also received his rabbinical ordination. A clinical psychologist, Dr. Shrell-Fox's teaching and research present a psychologist's view of Jewish traditions, with a focus on brain science and evolutionary psychology.

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**Includes 4 lectures, breakfast and learning materials.**

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