

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
THE SCHECHTER INSTITUTE
MASORTI MOVEMENT
present the**

14th National Masorti Women's Study Day-Jerusalem

Tamar put ashes on her head, ripped her royal dress, and walked in public (Samuel 2:19)

**Friday, June 21, 2013, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Schechter Institute, 4 Avraham Grannot Street, Jerusalem
To register or for more information email wleague@masorti.org**

8:30 Registration
9:10 Shacharit Services
9:50 Presentation by Dr. Alice Shalvi

CLASSES (taught in Hebrew, English, Spanish, or Russian)

The Story of Two Tamars: They Broke the Silence Prof. Alice Shalvi

**Connecting to Our Inner Strength to Overcome Obstacles & to Achieve a More Meaningful Life
Kabalistic text and meditation** Rabbi Shira Israel

Homa: a Woman Demands Her Rights 1,000 years ago Rabbi Ariella Graetz Bar Tuv

Women Demand Changes: Does This Force the Rabbis to Seek Answers? Rabbi Diana Villa

Hannah Arendt's Challenge Facing the Holocaust and the State of Israel Dr. Sara Strassberg-
Dayan

**"And a woman will only desire her mate and he will have dominion over her" (Genesis) A
Punishment for Women Forever?** Rabbi Hagit Dotan

Women in the Bible and in the Talmud: Against All Expectations Rabina Sandra Kochmann

Biblical Portrait of Tamar: Is the responsibility for our destiny in our own hands? Olya
Weinstein

A Little Known Story Women Rabbis 1890-1972 Rabbi David Golinkin

Defying Age and Gender: Adult Bat Mitzvah Workshop Rabbi Judith Edelman-Green

A Rabbi's Daughter: A Rebel With or Without a Cause by Author Avigail Graetz

"Beautiful ...Bruria" Women Scholars Study Torah Rabbi Liron Levy

Jewish Women's Poetry: Women Defy Expectations Bible to Today Esther Yerushalem

Women Who Defied Expectations: Dolce of Worms & Other Women in the Middle Ages Dr. Tali
Berner

Az Die Bube Singe: Our grandmothers Sang to Defy Hard Times Cantor Shula Resnick

Women of the Wall Defying the Status Quo- Is it Just about the Color of Your Tallit? Rabbi Diana Villa

The Personal Is Political: Shulamit Firestone to Judith Plaskow Naomi Graetz

Academic Women's Struggles Then and Now Alla Kochemko

ABOUT THE TEACHERS

Rabbi David Golinkin, president of the Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies, is one of the leading Halachic scholar in the Masorti/Conservative movement worldwide. His books include *The Status of Women in Jewish Law*.

Prof. Alice Shalvi, the mentor of The Masorti Women's Study Day who is known for her groundbreaking work in women's rights and education for girls, is the founder of the Israel Women's Network. Prof. Shalvi is past president and chair of the executive board of the Schechter Institute, of which she currently serves as a member. She is the 2007 recipient of the Israel Prize.

Dr. Tali Berner teaches in the program for childhood and adolescence studies at Tel Aviv University. She holds a PhD in Jewish history from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, specializes in Childhood Studies and Early Modern Ashkenazic culture.

Rabbi Judith Edelman-Green was ordained in 2009 at HUC in Jerusalem. She is building a community for adults with special needs, called Rimon Community, to provide a home for life, work with meaning, recreation and a spiritual life for those who are often excluded. Judith founded the Masorti Bar/Bat Mitzvah program for special children which she directed for 10 years. She received the Liebhaber Award for Religious Tolerance and Pluralism in 2003, and an award to Distinction in Contribution to Israel Society in 2008 from HUC. She is a founding member of the Women's Study Days.

Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum, founder of the Makhilim program, served as rabbi of Congregation Magen Avraham in Omer, and was assistant rabbi in Temple Israel Center, White Plains, New York. She has served on the boards of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel, Masorti movement, Menucha Nechona Jerusalem, and more. A graduate of the Schechter Institute, she writes about contemporary Jewish Israeli thought and poetry.

Rabbi Hagit Dotan received an M.A. in Talmud, Law and Jewish Thought and ordination from the Schechter Institute. She is also a graduate of the Jewish Leadership Institute.

Rabbi Ariella Graetz Bar Tuv has a B.A. from the Hebrew University and an M.A. from the Schechter Institute. She was ordained at Hebrew Union College. She and her family joined a group that is reviving Kibbutz Hanaton in the Lower Galilee, which is a liberal-pluralistic *kehilla* which includes all religious streams. Ariella is its community director.

Avigail Graetz's novel *Bat shel rav* (A Rabbi's Daughter) has just been published by Even Hoshen Press and her play *Ona'at Devarim* (Verbal Wrongs) was featured at the Acco Festival in 2006. From 2009-2011 she wrote a column for the internet edition of Ma'ariv. She has been teaching Israeli society through film at Ben Gurion University and creative playwriting for *haredi* women in B'nai Brak. She has an M.F.A. in Creative Writing and a B.A. in Film, Television and Scriptwriting.

Naomi Graetz recently retired after teaching for 35 years at Ben Gurion University. She is the author of *Unlocking the Garden: A Feminist Jewish Look at the Bible, Midrash and God* (2005), *The Rabbi's Wife Plays at Murder* (2004), *S/He Created Them: Feminist Retellings of Biblical Stories* (1993), and *Silence is*

Deadly: Judaism Confronts Wifebeating (1998). She volunteers as a teacher of *parshat ha-shavua*. Her article, "Trauma and Recovery: Abraham's Journey to the Akedah," will appear in the spring issue of *CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly*.

Rabbi Shira Israel, born in Iran, has been involved in teaching of Jewish meditation and spirituality for the past 18 years. After receiving her ordination from the Schechter Institute in 2000, she served as rabbi of Kehilat Shalva in Zfat. She is currently working at the Center of Jewish Spirituality for Women.

Rabbi Sandra Kochmann, born in Paraguay and the first woman to hold a rabbinical post in Brazil, was ordained at Masorti's Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano Marshall T. Meyer, in Buenos Aires. She holds a BA in Nonprofit Organization and Administration and is studying for her masters at the Schechter Institute. Rabbi Kochmann is the coordinator of the Kehilla Masortit Mishpachtit and teaches conversion classes for both Masorti and the government's Joint Institute for Jewish Studies.

Alla Kucherenko has a B.A. in Hebrew Language and a teaching diploma from Jewish University in Moscow and Moscow Open Pedagogic University. She edited Agnon's stories in Russian for the Jewish School of Education and taught Hebrew prose for Russian-speakers and led a creative beit-midrash. Now working the Yad Vashem Museum, participating in ecological movement, she completed the program of Mishna and Gemora studies at the Bet Morasha.

Rabbi Liron Levy is the founder and rabbi of Neot Shoshanim, in Holon. She is also rabbi of Neve Hana, a home and school for children who have been taken out of their homes. She is the representative for the Masorti Movement on The Coalition for Right of Agunot. She was ordained at the Schechter Institute and has an M.A. in Talmud and Bible.

Cantor Shula Reznick made aliyah from Latvia in 1995. She received ordination from the Maalot Seminary and graduated from the Si'im Israeli Folk Dance Instructor program. She has extensive experience in the performing arts and Jewish communal work in Israel, the former USSR and the United States. Shulamit was director of the Eilat Folkdance Ensemble (Riga), spiritual leader of the Beit-Chaverim Congregation (Calvert County, Maryland) and director of the Shirat Hasharon immigrant outreach program (Raanana and surroundings).

Cantor Mikhal Shiff Matter graduated from Hebrew Union College in New York and taught at its Jerusalem campus. Mikhal is an impassioned performer of Jewish music.

Dr. Sara Strassberg-Dayan, born in Uruguay and a graduate of the National University of Buenos Aires, she received a Ph.D. in Jewish Thought from the Hebrew University. She teaches at the Schechter Institute and has published books and plays in Hebrew and Spanish.

Rabbi Diana Villa, born in Argentina, is a graduate of the Schechter Institute. At the Center for Women in Jewish Law, she is the co-author of *Za'akat Dalot"-Halakchic Solutions for the Agunot of Our Time* and *Ask the Rabbi-Women Rabbis Respond to modern Halakchic Questions*. Rabbi Villa is a lecturer in Talmud and Jewish Law at the Schechter Rabbinical School where she coordinates the Mishlei program. She represents Schechter at the International Coalition for Agunah Rights.

Olya Weinstein made aliyah from Russia where she headed the Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency. She has a degree in English Linguistics and is in her fourth year at the rabbinical school of the Schechter Institute. For the Masorti movement she was in charge of Marom and the Kehillot Department and is currently the director of Information and Advocacy in the Jewish life circle.

Esther Yerushalem, a Hebrew poet, has studied Israeli literature, and the origins of the Jewish people. She is a principal at the elementary school at Kibbutz Palmachim and has taught in the ORT School systems and at Hebrew Union College.