

Getting to God: A Kallah for Jewish Seekers

March 12-14, 2010

"Because the group was small, we quickly became close-knit, willing to open up . . . which allowed individuals to be themselves, in turn letting conversations flow from the heart." SF, Arlington Hts

Dear fellow seeker,

Do you wonder about God's existence? Do you struggle with your faith in God? Does doubt seem to accompany you wherever you go? Do you long for more certainty about God? Do the stresses of the current economic situation challenge your spirituality? If any of these questions describe you, then *Getting to God* is designed with you in mind. Developed by Rabbi Marc J. Belgrad, *Getting to God* provides a focused series of discussions, exercises and explorations, designed to enable you to work through issues of faith and emerge, at the end of the weekend, with a stronger and better thought-out faith.

In a safe, respectful, open yet intimate environment, Rabbi Belgrad and Rabbi Greenberg carefully will lead you through an exploration of Jewish texts and rituals designed to open both heart and mind to the possibilities of Jewish faith and the reality of God's existence. Time will be spent identifying obstacles and stumbling blocks to faith, as well as positive experiences and ideas of God. Sharing between participants will open new doors.

There are no prerequisites to full participation on this weekend, other than an open mind and an open heart. No knowledge of Hebrew or Jewish tradition is assumed. This *kallah* welcomes both singles and couples, but is designed specifically to examine issues from a personal perspective. Couple are welcome, but should recognize that the work is intensely individual.

The *kallah* begins on Friday at 3:00, *promptly*, and will end on Sunday before lunch. For the program to be successful, we ask that participants commit to full participation, including arriving on time, remaining through the course of the entire program, and participating in all programs.

Registration is limited. If you would like to participate, please print and fill out the accompanying application and submit it, with your check, as soon as possible. Scholarships are available through Temple Jeremiah. Please be in touch with Rabbi Greenberg directly. The deadline for registration is Friday, February 19, 2010; after that, registration will be accepted according to space availability, and a surcharge will be added. Questions? Please contact Rabbi Belgrad at 847-951-7557 (cell) or by email, or Rabbi Greenberg at 847-441-5760 or rabbigreenberg@templejeremiah.org.

Rabbi Marc J. Belgrad is a Reform rabbi with thirty years' experience in leading successful learning programs and retreats, whose lifelong passion has been the exploration of the possibilities, meanings and realities of Jewish faith. In a rare combination, he brings both intellectual knowledge of Jewish theology and a passionate, faithful commitment to the Jewish tradition as a path towards finding the God of Israel. Rabbi Belgrad holds a B.A. from Washington University in Philosophy and Judaic Studies - *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa - and received his M.A.H.L. and ordination from the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. He has served congregations in New York, Memphis and Buffalo Grove, IL.

Rabbi C. Michelle Greenberg earned her B.A. in European History at the University of California, Santa Cruz with honors for her thesis, "The Metamorphosis of Morality: Medical Ethics of Jewish Doctors and Nurses during the Holocaust." She earned her M.A. in Hebrew Letters at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's Los Angeles campus. Her sermon, "Is It Comical?" is published in a textbook on critical thinking. She is deeply committed to education, youth and social justice. Rabbi Greenberg is the Associate Rabbi at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield, Illinois and serves on the executive committees of the Chicago Board of Rabbis and the Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League.

The *kallah* will be held on the beautiful grounds of O.S.R.U.I. in Oconomowoc, WI. All participants will be assigned a roommate, unless choosing to purchase the single supplement, which might be available on a limited basis.

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| Name | |
| Street Address | |
| City, State, Zip | |
| Home phone | |
| Cell phone | |
| Email address | |
| Congregation | Temple Jeremiah |
| Gender & age | |
| Marital Status | Single _____ Married _____ Partner _____ |
| I prefer: | To room with someone else _____ To have my own room _____ (see note below) |
| Any special dietary requirements? | Vegetarian _____ No dairy _____ Other: |
| How did you learn about the <i>kallah</i> ? | |
| What is your primary reason for attending? | |

Registration:

- Is on a first-come, first-served basis
- Is limited to a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 15 participants. If fewer than 6 register, the program will be canceled and you will receive a full refund. ***No other refunds will be available unless someone assumes your place.***
- Requires payment, in full, of the weekend fee: \$350.00. Some single supplements are available for an additional \$50.00 apiece; these are on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, February 24.
- **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: REGISTRATION IS \$300.00 PER PERSON BY FEBRUARY 12!!!**

Please mail this form, along with your check for the full amount, to:

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