

Alternative Realities: Purim & the Possibility of Transformation

Jewish Mystical Insights for Contemporary Life



SPECIAL STUDY FOR
PURIM IN ENGLISH!

Monday, March 18

8:00-10:30 PM

Location:

Merkaz IAC - 1320 Centre St.
Newton, MA 02459

Sponsors:

Israeli-American Council of Boston &
Hebrew College "Lomdim Torah
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Schedule:

8:00 - 8:25 Schmoozing and
Refreshments for Purim

8:30 - 8:45 Opening Remarks

8:45-10:15 Program

Registration is required.

No walk-ins will be permitted!

**\$10 per person, tickets available
online at: <https://bit.ly/2GadBCp>**

**SPOILER ALERT: A THEORY OF LAUGHTER &
THE MEANING OF THE BOOK OF ESTHER**

An intertextual exploration of the biblical text, hasidic sources, and recent writing on laughter.

Rabbi Dr. Nehemia Polen is a leading expert in Hasidism and Jewish thought. Rabbi Polen is an award-winning writer, who has published widely in academic and popular contexts. Prior to his career in Jewish academia, he served for 23 years as a congregational rabbi.

**TURNING AWAY TO COME TOGETHER: RABBI ISAAC
LURIA'S VISION OF PURIM & SACRED TIME.**

Using this great mystical master's (16th-century) theory of eternal cycles of creation and becoming, we will study his vision of Purim and the spring season.

Rabbi Ebn Leader is a founding faculty member of the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College, where he teaches a range of courses on Jewish thought and practice. Rabbi Leader is an internationally-recognized Jewish spiritual teacher and an authority on Jewish prayer.

**FROM SINAI TO PURIM AND BEYOND:
UNCOVERING THE SACRED.**

Following in the footsteps of Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berditchev (18th-century), we will explore the themes of revelation, concealment, and the ongoing quest for meaning and purpose.

Rabbi Or Rose is the founding director of the Betty Ann Greenbaum Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership of Hebrew College. He publishes widely in the fields of Jewish mysticism and spirituality and interreligious engagement.