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May 13, 14, & 15, at Keter Torah Synagogue, 5480 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323

Sunday, May 13, from 7:15 to 9:00 PM: Apocalypse Now? The Korach Rebellion - A political rebellion reveals its psychological and theological underpinnings. We will reflect on the prophetic and the apocalyptic modalities, on the problem of genius, and on the transformative possibilities of dialogue.

Monday, May 14, from 9:15 to 11:00 AM: Jonah: a Fantasy of Flight - Jonah's flight from God, his prayer from the belly of the whale, his final speech of suicidal anger - these are some of the enigmas in the portrayal of this most elusive of Biblical heroes. Read through the prism of midrash and of psychoanalytic thought, Jonah emerges as both strange and familiar, his situation peculiarly apt for its poignant role in the Yom Kippur liturgy.

Monday, May 14, from 7:15 to 9:00 PM: 'What if Joseph hates us?': Closing the Book - The saga of Joseph and his brothers ends, apparently, in redemption and closure. Closer attention to Joseph's final speech of reconciliation, however, reveals a history of complex and unresolved relationships, in which Joseph's masterful personality paradoxically thwarts the possibility of catharsis. Psychoanalytic and midrashic material sheds light on the dilemma posed by endings.

Tuesday, May 15, from 9:15 to 11:00 AM: The Pit and the Rope: Joseph and Judah - The narrative of Joseph and his brothers contains contradictions that open up the depths of a history of pain. Read through the prism of midrash and of hassidic masters, as well as of Primo Levi, Paul Celan and Claude Lanzmann, the central question turns out to be: What happened to the light in Joseph's face?

Tuesday, May 15, from 7:15 to 9:00 PM: Like Hearing the Grass Grow: Guilt Atonement, Intimacy - Moses' relation to God takes a poignant turn after the Golden Calf and the building of the Mishkan (Tabernacle). Sin and atonement stand at the centre of the drama of sacrifice that is to take place in the Mishkan. But such atonement is possible only for inadvertent sin: Why is this so? And how does this relate to the Golden Calf, and to the new intimacy that Moses, representing his people, enters in his relation to God?

\$10 per lecture, or \$40 for the full series; seating is very limited and advance reservations are absolutely required. Information and reservations: 248-354-6415, or e-mail <lectures@imjl.com>