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Rabbi Adam Chalom

Routes and Roots: The Evolution of Secular Humanistic Judaism

Presented by Rabbi Adam Chalom

April 7-10, 2016

Sponsored by Or Emet, the Minnesota Congregation for Humanistic Judaism

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Or Emet invites the Twin Cities community to join us in a series of dynamic workshops focused on the past, present, and future of secular humanistic Judaism, led by [Rabbi Adam Chalom](#). Rabbi Chalom is Dean of the [International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism](#) for North America, and also leads the [Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation](#) in Chicago. Or Emet is proud to sponsor Rabbi Chalom's visit as part of its ongoing educational and community-building efforts.

Rabbi Chalom will offer a series of workshops that will interest, excite, and

educate anyone—Jewish or not—who is looking to learn more and engage in lively discussion about Judaism and the humanist movement. Several events with Rabbi Chalom will be free of charge and open to all; others require [reservation and/or a fee to attend](#). Below is the schedule for Rabbi Chalom’s visit. Please contact seminars@oremet.org or 612-787-7812 with questions for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you to one (or more!) of these exciting events.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016, 7 p.m.

“Holidays without the Holy: Secular Approaches to Celebrations”

Pillsbury Hall, Room 101, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Rabbi Chalom opens our weekend of workshops with a discussion of humanistic celebration and ritual. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Co-sponsored by Or Emet and CASH, a University humanistic student group.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

“Integrity and Community: Humanistic Judaism and the Jewish Tradition”

[Minneapolis Sabes JCC](#)

Rabbi Chalom will lead Or Emet’s Friday evening Shabbat service and the post-service discussion, which will focus on humanistic Judaism and its role within the larger Jewish tradition. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Sponsored by Or Emet.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

Day One: “Routes and Roots: The Evolution of Secular Humanistic Judaism”

Kay Fredericks Room, Klas Center, Hamline University, 1537 Taylor Avenue, St. Paul

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Hamline sites are accessible by car and mass transit.

Morning workshop: “Judaisms—Enlightenment, Emancipation & Modern Judaisms”

9 a.m.-noon

Pre-modern Judaism was radically transformed by Jewish experiences of emancipation and the Enlightenment in the 19th century. How did Jewish identity change when one could be both Jewish and a free citizen? And what aspects of these choices and challenges still confront us today?

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- *Lunch - Order a delicious D'Amico boxed lunch delivered to the Klas Center*

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Afternoon workshop: "Jewishness: Socialism, Yiddishism, Zionism & Modern Culture"

1-4 p.m.

Can one choose to no longer be Jewish? Must one be observant/religious? Yiddishists, Zionists, Socialists and Cosmopolitans all grappled with these questions, and some of their answers continue to resonate and inspire.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

Day Two: "Routes and Roots: The Evolution of Secular Humanistic Judaism"

Anderson Center, Room 112, Hamline University, 774 Snelling Avenue, St. Paul

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Morning workshop: "Humanism, Secular and Ethnic Judaism, and the American Jewish Future"

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Secular Humanistic Jews find inspiration from both their ethnic and cultural tradition and from the wider world of secular and Humanistic philosophy. What does it mean to be Jewish AND a Humanist? Jewish AND secular? And why be Jewish at all in the 21st Century?

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