

Institute for Judaic Studies

Presents

A Weekend In Quest
on the beautiful Oregon Coast

Jews and Popular Culture in

the Ancient World

Scholar-in-Residence:

Professor Loren Spielman

Portland State University



Friday evening through

Sunday noon

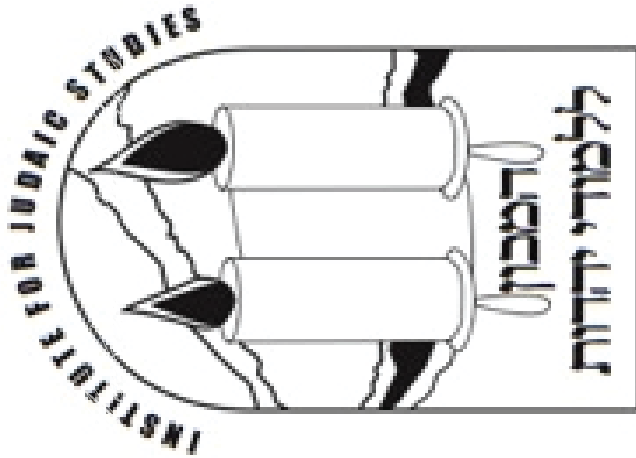
March 11, 12 and 13, 2011

Location:

Holiday Inn Express

Hotel & Suites

Astoria, OR



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Weekend in Quest with Professor Loren Spielman

Deadline to register by Monday, February 28, 2011

Name(s) of attendees _____

Address _____
street city state zip Phone _____

Email address _____

Enclosed is:

\$240 per person, based on double occupancy hotel room, including lectures and 5 meals. Number of people ___

\$340 per person, based on single occupancy hotel room, including lectures and 5 meals. Number of people ___

\$130 per person, including lectures and 3 meals (does not include breakfast). Number of people ___

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Space is limited- we encourage you to register early.

Your place will be secured only with payment in full (cash or check) received by our office.

Jews and Popular Culture in the Ancient World

Professor Spielman will lecture and lead discussions on the following topics:

Playing Roman in Jerusalem:

An introduction to the history of Jews and popular culture in antiquity

Ezekiel the Tragedian and the Exagoge:

Retelling the Exodus story on the ancient Greek stage

The Jewish Novel in Antiquity:

Greek Esther, Susanna, Bel and the Dragon and other early Jewish tales

Sitting with Scorners:

Early Rabbinic attitudes towards Roman sport and spectacle

In addition to the study sessions, we'll gather for:

- Three meals together: Friday and Saturday dinners, Saturday lunch and for those staying overnight at the hotel, Saturday and Sunday breakfasts
- Participatory Shabbat services Friday evening and Saturday morning with Rabbi Elizabeth Dunsker of Congregation Kol Ami of Vancouver, Washington
- Special Saturday evening program



Loren Spielman was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and completed his doctoral work in Ancient Jewish History at the Graduate School of the Jewish Theological Seminary. In 2009-10, he taught as a visiting professor in the religion department at Wesleyan University. In the fall of 2010, he joined the faculty of Portland State University as a Schusterman Teaching Fellow in Jewish Studies and Assistant Professor of Classical Judaism. Professor Spielman's scholarly interests center on the political, social and cultural history of Jews living under Persian, Greek and Roman rule. His dissertation, supported by a grant from the Foundation for Jewish Culture, examines the pivotal role that Jewish attitudes towards Greek and Roman theater, athletic competition, gladiators and other popular entertainments played in the formation of Jewish identity in Roman Palestine.



Overnight guests will stay at the Holiday Inn Express, opened in 2004. The hotel provides dramatic riverfront lodging, offering a magnificent view of the mighty Columbia. Enjoy walks, relaxation, exploration of revitalized Astoria or use the indoor swimming pool and whirlpool. For more information, visit www.astoriahie.com.

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