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**Weekend in Quest 2018:
Jewish Masculinity and Femininity
in the Premodern World**

an Exhilarating Study Weekend in Astoria
on the Beautiful Oregon Coast
by the Mighty Columbia River

Friday Evening through Sunday noon
March 2-3-4, 2018

<http://weekendinquest.org>



Scholars-in-Residence:

Drs. Rena Lauer and
Yiftakh (Kevin) Osterloh
Assistant Professors of History
and Religious Studies
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon

Service Leader:

Rabbi Joshua Rose
Congregation Shaarie Torah
Portland, Oregon

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Name(s) of attendee(s) _____
Weekend in Quest 2018 with Profs. Yiftakh Osterloh and Rena Lauer

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Double occupancy (program, 5 meals) _____ IJS member (\$265) _____ non-member (\$300) _____ Total attending
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Weekend in Quest 2018 Program Jewish Masculinity and Feminity in the Premodern World

Session 1: (Yiftakh) Masculine Mythologies and Diplomatic Realities: Jewish Foreign Policy in the Days of the Hasmoneans (Maccabees)

Session 2: (Yiftakh) Jewish Manliness and the 'Effeminate' Greek: How Ancient Jews Imagined Self and Other

Session 3: (Rena) How Medieval Jewish Women Fought (and Used) the Patriarchy

Session 4: (Rena) Converts, Lovers and Litigants: Finding the Women in Medieval Jewish-Christian Relations



Not Just Study

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

- Three catered meals: Friday and Saturday dinners and Saturday lunch. For those staying overnight at the hotel, Saturday/Sunday breakfasts are included.
- Participatory Shabbat and Havdalah services Friday evening and Saturday, led by Joshua Rose, Rabbi, Congregation Shaarie Torah (Portland).
- Optional Saturday afternoon round table discussion.
- Saturday evening program.



Our Scholars-in-Residence

Rena Lauer and Kevin (Yiftakh) Osterloh are assistant professors of history and religious studies at Oregon State University. Prof. Lauer earned her PhD and MA in Harvard's history department. Prof. Osterloh earned his PhD from Princeton's religion department, and his MA in Jewish Studies from NYU. Profs. Lauer and Osterloh are also married, having met while working together on a medieval Hebrew text, *Sefer Hasidim*, at Princeton University.

Prof. Lauer specializes in the medieval Mediterranean, with a focus on Jewish-Christian relations and Jewish identity on Venetian Crete. She is finishing a book tentatively titled *The Jews of Medieval Crete: Religious Encounter and Legal Culture in the Venetian Mediterranean*.

Prof. Osterloh specializes in the ancient Mediterranean, with a focus on aspects of Jewish identity resulting from the interactions of Jews with Greeks and Romans. He works in eight languages across Jewish and ancient history from the First Temple period through the Rabbinic period.



Our Shabbat Service Leader

Rabbi Joshua Rose became rabbi at Shaarie Torah in July 2014. He is a native Portlander who previously served as the Senior Rabbi at Congregation Har HaShem in Boulder, Colorado. Before becoming a rabbi he worked for a Jewish justice advocacy group in Washington DC and studied at Harvard Divinity School, where he earned a Master of Theological Studies. Rabbi Rose was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (New York) in 2007. He is passionate teacher of Jewish spirituality and seeks to connect and re-connect people with the beauty and insight of Jewish practice in surprising and challenging ways. Rabbi Rose and his wife Channah, a lawyer, have three sons – Eliav, Akiva and Rafael.



Weekend in Quest 2018 is returning to the Holiday Inn Express Hotel, opened in 2004. The hotel offers magnificent views of the mighty Columbia River. Study sessions, meals, and Shabbat services will take place at the hotel; there will also be time for walking, relaxing, exploring revitalized Astoria, and using the hotel's indoor swimming pool & whirlpool. For more details, visit astoriahie.com.

Weekend in Quest Fees

We are pleased to announce that there is NO fee increase from 2017. You can join IJS now and take advantage of lower fees for members. To do so, please visit judaicstudies.org or use the space provided on the registration form.

- Event (all programming and lectures), five meals, and a river-view room
PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
IJS MEMBER: \$265
NON-MEMBER: \$300
PER PERSON, SINGLE OCCUPANCY
IJS MEMBER: \$370
NON-MEMBER: \$405
- Event, three meals (no lodging/breakfasts)
PER PERSON
IJS MEMBER: \$145
NON-MEMBER: \$180

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