

SEVEN DAYS OF CREATION. SEVEN CHALLENGING, INTRIGUING AND UNEXPECTED PROGRAMS.

THE GENESIS PROJECT: SCIENCE MEETS JEWISH THOUGHT

An exciting new series. Leading Canadian scientists and Jewish thinkers will join us in exploring a modern interpretation of the Seven Days of Creation. No science background required—just bring your curiosity! Four programs in 5777 (2016-2017), three more in 5778 (2017-2018).

Thursday, October 20, 2016

from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

at Beth Tzedec Congregation

Day One—בראשית and the Big Bang: Is God a Particle Physicist?

In the beginning, there was Heaven and Earth—and the Higgs boson. Does Torah contemplate the Big Bang? Does The Eternal One work through physics?

Saturday, December 3, 2016

from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

at Temple Emanu-El

Day Two—The Blessing of Difference: Havdalah, Science and the Senses

An interactive Havdalah service with hands-on science experiments for everyone. Young families particularly welcome. Pizza and snacks.

Thursday, February 9, 2017

from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

at Beth Tzedec Congregation

Day Three—A-Life: Worth Living?

Life begins on the Third Day of בראשית. Soon it will be possible to create artificial life, "A-Life": designer cells and tissue, and, eventually, entire organisms. What ethical challenges does this pose?

Thursday, April 20, 2017

from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

at Temple Emanu-El

Day Four—The God of Other Planets

On the Fourth Day of בראשית, God creates sun, moon and stars. There are over 3,000 known planets in the universe, many of which might support life. What happens to our notion of ourselves when we discover life elsewhere? How will Judaism respond to another planetary Creation story?

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