



41st Annual Zwerin-Alexander Memorial Retreat

From Kabbalah to the Big Bang: Ancient Wisdom and Contemporary Spirituality

Featuring

Daniel Matt

Renowned Scholar of Judaism, Jewish Mysticism, and Kabbalah

May 24-26, 2019

At the Ralston White Retreat Center in Mill Valley, www.ralstonwhiteretreat.org

Co-sponsored by Congregations B'nai Emunah and Beth Israel Judea

Welcoming Daniel Matt



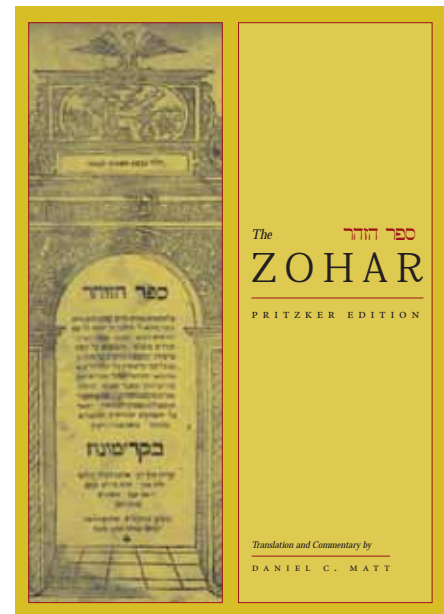
Daniel Matt is a teacher of Jewish spirituality and one of the world's leading authorities on Kabbalah and the Zohar (a mystical commentary on the Torah and the masterpiece of Kabbalah). He has been featured in Time and Newsweek, and has appeared on National Public Radio and the History Channel. He has published over a dozen books, including The Essential Kabbalah (translated into eight languages), Zohar: Annotated and Explained, and God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality (revised edition, 2016).

Several years ago, Daniel completed an 18-year project of translating and annotating the Zohar. His nine-volume work, published between 2004 and 2016 by Stanford University Press earned him a National Jewish Book Award and a Koret Jewish Book Award. The Koret award called Daniel's translation "a monumental contribution to the history of Jewish thought."

Daniel received his Ph.D. from Brandeis University. For twenty years, he served as a professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. He has also taught at Stanford University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Daniel lives in Berkeley with his wife Hana. He teaches Zohar online and is also writing a biography of Elijah the Prophet for the Yale Jewish Lives series.

We are thrilled that Daniel will join us at our Annual B'nai Emunah Zwerin-Alexander Retreat honoring the memories of Rabbi Dr. Ken Zwerin z"l and Rabbi Ted Alexander z"l.



Schedule

Friday, Erev Shabbat

3:00-6:00 Check In

6:30-7:30 Dinner

7:30-8:30 Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Danny, Rabbi Pam, Cantor Ricki,
and Lay Leaders

9:00-10:00

Shekhinah: The Feminine Half of God, with Daniel Matt

Shabbat

8:30-9:45 Breakfast

10:00-12:30 Shabbat service

Led by Rabbi Pam, Rabbi Danny, Cantor Ricki, and Lay Leaders

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:45-3:15

The Mystical Meaning of Torah, with Daniel Matt

3:15-6:00 Free Time

6:00-7:00 Dinner

7:15 - 8:30 Two Simultaneous Programs

For Adults and Teens

Raising the Sparks: Finding God in the Material World, with Daniel Matt

For families with children:

Lag B'Omer Hootenanny with singing and Israeli Dancing.

8:45-9:00 - Havdalah

9:15-12:00 – Lag B'Omer Hootenanny and other activities

Sunday

8:30-9:45 Breakfast

10:00-11:00 Morning service and meditation, Led by the Clergy and Frank Kurtz

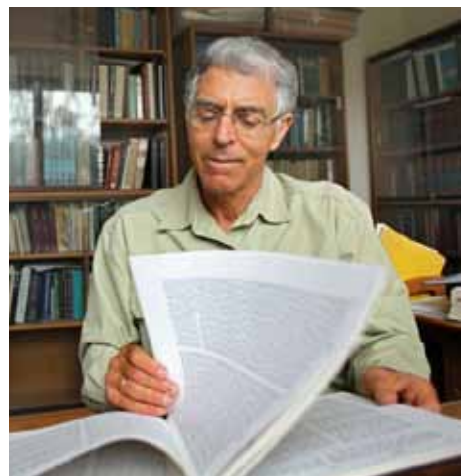
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God and the Big Bang:

Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality, with Daniel Matt

12:45 Lunch and Closing Circle

3:00 Departure



Event Summary

Dates: May 24-26, 2019

Location: At the Ralston White Retreat Center
www.ralstonwhiteretreat.org

Childcare: Available during Shabbat services
and during sessions with Daniel Matt

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Registration

Registration is due to the Congregation B'nai Emunah office no later than May 8, 2019.

Adult/teen name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name and age of any children _____

Special childcare needs _____

Special room requirements _____

Food allergies/restrictions _____

Please send this form digitally (office@bnaiemunahsf.org) or by mail, along with a check, to 3595 Taraval Street, San Francisco, CA 94116 or call the CBE office at (415) 664-7373 with credit card information to secure your reservation. If the office phone is not answered, please leave a message with your name and call-back number.

If you would like to sponsor an attendee or if you need financial assistance to attend, please reach out to CBE President Ken Mitchell at caribmorpho@gmail.com.

Pricing

Financial aid is available to everyone who registers with first priority to members of BE and BIJ.

Day trippers must provide their own picnic lunch/dinner; catered meals are reserved for overnight guests.

		No. attending	Subtotal (\$)
Adults and teens	\$325/person		
Children, age 2-10	\$210/person		
Children, under 2	No charge		
Day trippers (per day)	\$36 per day/person		
		Total (\$)	