



42nd Annual Zwerin-Alexander Memorial

Remote Retreat June 26-28, 2020

Friday evening June 26 through Sunday morning June 28

Featuring

Dr. Robert Alter

Professor Emeritus, U.C. Berkeley

The man who rendered the Hebrew Bible readable
as a page-turner for this generation

Also Featuring

Torah Study with Rabbi Danny Gottlieb

Haftarah Study with Rabbi Pam Frydman

Worship led by Rabbi Pam, Rabbi Danny & Cantor Ricki

Sing Along led by Cantor Ricki and Rabbi Danny



Congregation
B'nai Emunah



Congregation
Beth Israel Judea



Learn with our scholar in the comfort of your own home

Prepare a couple of dinners and lunches to heat and serve or enjoy at room temperature, and join us for worship, learning, schmoozing and more!

About Our Scholar

Robert Alter is the “Class of 1937” Professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature at the University of California at Berkeley, where he has taught since 1967. He is an award-winning author. His translations render the Bible understandable in plain English, and his commentaries and analysis are rich with interesting information and perspective.

Robert has been honored in Jewish, Christian and secular settings. He earned a National Jewish Book Award; a Scholarship Award for Social and Cultural Studies from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture; and a Koret Jewish Book Award. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Conference on Christianity and Literature where he was honored for rendering the Old Testament readable and “giving his readers credit for literacy.” He also received the Joel H. Cavior Award for religious thought and a Bay Area Book Reviewers’ Association Award.

Robert serves on the Council of Scholars of the Library of Congress; the Association of Literary Scholars and Critics, the American Comparative Literature Association, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (fellow), and the Association for Jewish Studies and the National Association of Professors of Hebrew.

Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

Dr. Robert Alter is a warm, kind, and thoughtful scholar, outstanding in his field, and committed to scholarship that propels future generations into thinking for themselves as they make their way through his landmark translation and commentary of the entire Hebrew Bible. Robert’s other books are memorable as well.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bask in the presence of a prominent Biblical scholar of our generation. Robert’s commitment to accessibility and excellence is so meticulous that it took him 24 years to complete his Biblical translation and commentary.

Join us for Shabbat and Sunday morning as we visit on Zoom and learn and share with our scholar Dr. Robert Alter and Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and Rabbi Pam Frydman; attend services (both Hebrew and transliteration is available at all services) and sing together with Cantor Ricki and Rabbi Danny!



Dr. Ken Zwerin was a rabbi, teacher and businessman who infused his teachings with Torah wisdom, humor and common sense. In 1955, thirty-two families gathered in Hillsborough, California to found a new synagogue that became known as Peninsula Temple Sholom, which is now located in Burlingame. They turned to Dr. Zwerin to help launch their effort and he served as Rabbi and Liturgical Director until the congregation was able to hire a fulltime rabbi and Dr. Zwerin was able to continue his business career. Dr. Zwerin was a Rabbi's Rabbi to whom colleagues turned for friendship and guidance.

Rabbi Ted Alexander and Dr. Zwerin became very close over the years. Their friendship led to the founding of the annual Zwerin Retreat, which is in its 42nd year.



Rabbi Ted Alexander served as spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Emunah from 1968 to 2006 and Rabbi Emeritus from 2006 until he passed away on October 4, 2016. After Rabbi Ted passed away, the Zwerin Memorial Retreat program, which he helped to found, was renamed the Zwerin-Alexander Memorial Retreat.

May their memories be for a blessing.

Schedule

Friday Evening, Erev Shabbat

- 6:30 pm Shabbat Service
- 7:30 pm Free Time
- 7:45 pm Torah and Haftarah Study with Rabbi Danny & Rabbi Pam
- 9:00 pm Schmoozing on Zoom, available until 10 pm

Shabbat Day

- 10:00 am Shabbat Service
- 12:00 pm Kiddush and Motzi
- 12:10 pm Free Time (Schmoozing on Zoom, available until 1 pm)
- 3:00 pm **How to Read Biblical Narrative** led by **Robert Alter**
- 4:30 pm Free Time
- 5:30 pm Dinner and Learn:
The Challenge of Translating the Bible led by **Robert Alter**
(eat or snack in the comfort of your home as we listen and learn together)
- 7:00 pm Free Time (Schmoozing on Zoom available)
- 7:30 pm Kumsitz with Israeli, country and Rock 'n Roll Music and Havdalah led by Rabbi Danny and Cantor Ricki



Sunday

- 10:00 am Morning Worship
- 11:00 am Free Time (Schmoozing on Zoom available)
- 11:30 am Brunch and Learn: **The Essential Role of Dialogue in the Bible** led by **Robert Alter** "(enjoy some food and drink while we listen learn and discuss).
- 12:45 pm Closing Circle
- 1:00 pm Schmoozing on Zoom available until 2:00 pm

Registration

For security, you must be registered to participate. Everyone who registers will receive access to download the handouts of prayers and teachings in advance of the retreat.

Due to these extraordinary times, if anyone wishes us to waive the fee(s), please let us know and we will waive it, no questions asked. Please direct your request for fee waivers to B'nai Emunah President Ken Mitchell at caribmorpho@gmail.com or 415-664-7373, or Rabbi Pam Frydman at rabbipam.be@gmail.com or 415-261-3404.

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