

This year our scholar in residence is

Dr. Daniel Matt



Daniel Matt is one of the world's leading authorities on Kabbalah and the Zohar. 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 seven languages), Zohar:

Annotated and Explained, and God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality (revised edition, 2016).

Recently Daniel completed an 18-year project of translating and annotating the Zohar. In 2016, Stanford University Press published his ninth volume of The Zohar: Pritzker Edition, concluding the Zohar's main commentary on the Torah. For this work, Daniel has been honored with a National Jewish Book Award and a Koret Jewish Book Award. The Koret award called his translation "a monumental contribution to the history of Jewish thought."

For twenty years, Daniel served as professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, and has also taught at Stanford University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Daniel lives in Berkeley with his wife Hana.



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

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All programs are open to members of Temple Beth Shalom and
Congregation Emanu-El. Not a member? Please call our office.

We would love for you to join us.

*Friday February 1, 2019

- ◆ 6:00 pm Friday Night Services - Dvar Torah will be given by Dr. Daniel Matt
- ◆ 7:00 pm Community Dinner
- ◆ 7:30 pm Dr. Matt presents:

Shekhinah: The Feminine Half of God

One of the boldest contributions of Kabbalah is the idea that God is equally female and male. Tonight Daniel Matt will briefly trace the development of Kabbalah. He will focus on the concept of Shekhinah (the feminine aspect of God) from its rabbinic origins to its full flowering in the Zohar, where Shekhinah is identified with the Sabbath Bride.



*Non-member fee is \$54 for the weekend. Please call our office or register online by Thursday January 31, 2019.

*Saturday February 2, 2019

- ◆ Approx. 12:30 (after Kiddush lunch) Dr. Matt presents:

The Mystical Meaning of Torah

How does the mystical approach to Torah differ from a literal approach? From a midrashic approach? How can a mystical approach enrich our lives today? Daniel Matt will explore these questions with us by teaching several passages from his award-winning translation, The Zohar: Pritzker Edition.

- ◆ 6:00 pm Chocolate Havdalah
Hosted by the TBS Membership Committee
- ◆ 7:00 pm Special Program for our youth
- ◆ 7:00 pm Dr. Matt presents:

Raising the Sparks: Finding God in the Material World

How can God be encountered in our daily life? Dr. Matt will explore this question with us by teaching passages from Kabbalah and Hasidism on the nature of God, the act of Creation, and the challenge of discovering God in the material world.



*Sunday February 3, 2019

- ◆ 9:45 am: Light Breakfast
- ◆ 10:00 am Dr. Matt presents:

God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality

What are the parallels between Kabbalah and contemporary cosmology? How does the mystical understanding of Creation compare with the modern theory of the origin of the universe? Is there a way to harmonize these two approaches - the scientific and the spiritual?

