



ACADEMY
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Sacred Arts Summer Institute

Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016

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| 9:30 AM | Welcome and Warm-up |
| 9:45 - 11:30 AM | Background History and Text Study
with Rabbi Jeff Hoffman |
| 11:45 AM -
1:00 PM | Writing the Inside Story: Telling Tales of <i>Hasidim</i> and <i>Mitnagdim</i>
with Rabbi Jill Hammer
The Gaon and the Rebbe: Making Graphic Midrash out of History
with Rabbi Hanniel Levenson and Rabbi Jeff Hoffman |
| 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:45 - 2:05 PM | <i>Minhah</i> |
| 2:15 - 4:15 PM | Writing the Inside Story
with Rabbi Jill Hammer
The Gaon and the Rebbe
with Rabbi Hanniel Levenson and Rabbi Jeff Hoffman |
| 4:30 - 5:00 PM | Facilitated Discussion Groups and Wrap-up |

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016

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| 9:30 AM | Welcome and Warm-up |
| 9:45 - 11:30 AM | <i>Hasidic & Mitnaged</i> Prayer and Meditation
with Rabbi Alan Brill |
| 11:45 AM -
1:15 PM | Writing the Inside Story
with Rabbi Jill Hammer
The Gaon and the Rebbe
with Rabbi Hanniel Levenson and Rabbi Jeff Hoffman |
| 1:15 PM | Lunch |
| 2:00 - 2:20 PM | <i>Minhah</i> |

TUESDAY Cont'd.

- 2:30 - 4:30 PM **Writing the Inside Story**
with Rabbi Jill Hammer
The Gaon and the Rebbe
with Rabbi Hanniel Levenson and Rabbi Jeff Hoffman
- 4:40 - 5:00 PM **Journaling and Wrap-up**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016

- 9:30 AM **Welcome and Warm-up**
- 9:45 - 11:30 AM **Know God in All Your Ways: *Hasidic* Immanence and *Mitnaged* Self-Scrutiny**
with Rabbi Alan Brill
- 11:45 AM -
1:15 PM **Writing the Inside Story**
with Rabbi Jill Hammer
The Gaon and the Rebbe
with Rabbi Hanniel Levenson and Rabbi Jeff Hoffman
- 1:15 PM **Lunch**
- 2:00 - 2:20 PM *Minhah*
- 2:30 - 4:30 PM **Writing the Inside Story**
with Rabbi Jill Hammer
The Gaon and the Rebbe
with Rabbi Hanniel Levenson and Rabbi Jeff Hoffman
- 4:40 - 5:00 PM **Facilitated Discussion Groups and Wrap-up**

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016

- 9:30 - 9:45 AM **Welcome and Warm-Up**
- 9:45 - 11:00 AM **Text Study** with Rabbi Jill Hammer
- 11:15 AM -
12:45 PM **Writing the Inside Story**
with Rabbi Jill Hammer
The Gaon and the Rebbe
with Rabbi Hanniel Levenson and Rabbi Jeff Hoffman
- 12:45 - 1:30 PM **Lunch**
- 1:30 - 1:50 PM *Minhah*
- 2:00 - 3:15 PM **Writing the Inside Story** with Rabbi Jill Hammer
The Gaon and the Rebbe with Rabbi Hanniel Levenson and Rabbi Jeff Hoffman
- 3:30 - 5:00 PM **Presentations and Conclusion**



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Battle of the Believers

*The Piety of Hasidim and Mitnagdim
Explored Through the Arts*

Workshop Descriptions

Writing the Inside Story: Telling Tales of Hasidim and Mitnagdim

Rabbi Jill Hammer, PhD

This workshop will enter into the perspectives of the *H*asidic and *Mitnaged* movements via creative writing in which participants take on the personas of various real and fictional characters. Using a variety of genres, from *H*asidic and *Mitnaged* tales to letters to poems, participants in the workshop will explore how these conflicting philosophies resonate in their own ideas and Jewish experience.

The Gaon and the Rebbe: Making Graphic Midrash out of History

Rabbi Hanniel Levenson and Rabbi Jeff Hoffman

In this workshop, we'll use the medium of the comic strip or graphic novella to explore the intellectual, spiritual, and emotional conflicts of *H*asidim and *Mitnagdim*. Participants will create their own dramatic rendition of how these philosophies' conflicts unfolded and how they affected and continue to affect Jewish life.