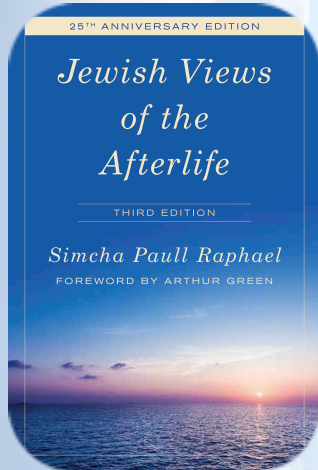




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## EXPLORING JEWISH VIEWS OF THE AFTERLIFE

**A Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton with  
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*An exploration of views of the afterlife in traditional and mystical Judaism. Through textual study and conversation, we shall enter the worlds of Torah, Talmud, Midrash, Zohar as well as otherworldly tales from Hasidism and Yiddish folk literature investigating little-known Jewish teachings on afterlife and the world beyond. We shall also reflect on how ideas of life after death impact our contemporary experiences wrestling with the reality of death and loss in our times.*

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• **FRIDAY JUNE 9, 2023 6:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICES**  
• **7:00 PM STUDY SESSION**  
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• ***Afterlife in Biblical and Rabbinic Tradition: Sheol & Olam Haba***  
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• **SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2023 10:00 AM SHABBAT SERVICES, Kiddush Lunch**  
• **1:00 PM STUDY SESSION**  
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• ***Afterlife in Kabbalistic Tradition: Postmortem Journey of the Soul***  
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• **SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2023 7:30 PM, Story-Telling followed by Havdalah**  
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• ***Jewish Ghost Stories:***  
• ***Ancient Ancestors, Wandering Spirits and Reincarnating Souls***  
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• **EREV SHABBAT**

• *Jacob's Deathbed Finale:*

• *Guidelines from Genesis for Living & Dying*

• **SHABBAT MORNING DVAR TORAH:**

• *From Machpelah to Joseph's Bones:*

• *Judaism's Commitment to Sacred Burial*

• **SHABBAT AFTERNOON LUNCH & LEARN**

• *Afterlife Journey of the Soul in Kabbalah:*

• *Contemporary Implications*

• **HAVDALAH & STORY TELLING**

• *Jewish Ghost Stories:*

• *Ancient Ancestors, Wandering Spirits and Reincarnating Souls*

• **SUNDAY MORNING FAMILY PROGRAM**

• *Saul and the Witch of Endor -*

• *Do Jews Really Believe in Life After Death?*  
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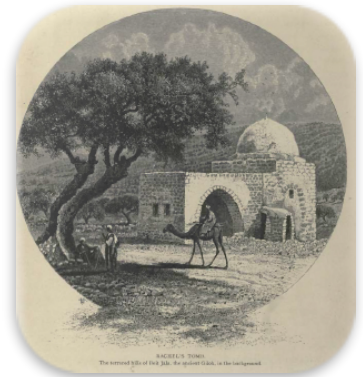
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## **ANCESTRAL JOURNEYS: END-OF-LIFE WISDOM IN TORAH AND MIDRASH**

*A Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton with  
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November 10-12, 2023*

*This Shabbat we shall explore the unique tales of our Biblical Ancestors found in the sacred writings of Torah and Midrash, Jewish legend. Through study and reflection we shall investigate those stories telling how they dealt with love and loss, grief and bereavement, and discover for ourselves guidelines for responding to end-of-life transitions and encounters with the unknown in this post-Covid age of uncertainty.*

- 1) **ABRAHAM'S Calling:**  
*From Bereaved Refugee to Man of Destiny*
- 2) **ISAAC'S Midlife Transition:**  
*The Akedah as a Near-Death Experience*
- 3) **JACOB'S Deathbed Finale:**  
*Family Drama and Trauma at the End-of-Life*
- 4) **Carrying JOSEPH'S Bones:**  
*Sinai Procession as a Funeral Ritual*
- 5) **"Do Not Go Gentle into the Night:"**  
*MOSES and the Sacred Stages of Dying*



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