



**Kavod  
u'Nichum**



***EXPLORING JEWISH MYSTERIES OF THE AFTERLIFE:  
ANCIENT MYSTICISM AND CONTEMPORARY MEANING***  
***A 4-Part Mini-Course with***  
***Reb Simcha Raphael***

An exploration of little-known teachings on the afterlife journey of the soul in both traditional and mystical Judaism. As travelers through time, we shall explore texts of Torah, Talmud, Midrash, Zohar and Hasidic tales investigating diverse ways Judaism has understood the mystery of death and the world beyond.

**OCTOBER 10 7:30-9:00 PM**

**1) AFTERLIFE IN BIBLICAL AND RABBINIC TRADITION: SHEOL AND OLAM HABA**

*This introductory session shall explore texts of Torah to find often-ignored teachings on life after death. And in Talmud and Midrash we shall study varied images Olam Haba - the world to come - the Angel of Death, resurrection and more..*

**OCTOBER 17 7:30-9:00 PM**

**2) AFTERLIFE IN KABBALISTIC TRADITION: POST-MORTEM JOURNEY OF THE SOUL**

*Medieval Kabbalah and later Hasidism developed very extensive teachings on afterlife and we shall look at the journey of the soul in Zohar and Hasidic stories.*

**OCTOBER 24 7:30-9:00 PM**

**3) AFTERLIFE & CONTEMPORARY DEATH RITUALS: SPIRITUAL WISDOM FOR TODAY**

*If we start with the assumption that consciousness survives bodily death, how does that affect the way we think about the traditional death rituals of funeral, shiva, Kaddish, etc. We shall look at practical applications of Jewish afterlife teachings.*

**OCTOBER 31 7:30-9:00 PM**

**4) HALLOWE'EN SPECIAL – PROPHET SAMUEL, KING SAUL AND THE WITCH OF ENDOR:  
SPIRITUALISM & POST-MORTEM COMMUNICATION IN JEWISH TRADITION**

*We shall end our series by looking at little-known Jewish texts on direct communication with spirits in the world beyond.*

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## **ANCESTRAL JOURNEYS: END-OF-LIFE WISDOM IN TORAH AND MIDRASH**

***A Mini-Course with  
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*A mini-course exploring 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.*

*All Classes at held 3 PM EDT/12:00 PM PDT*

*Wednesday October 11*

***ABRAHAM'S Calling:***

*From Bereaved Refugee to Man of Destiny*

*Wednesday October 18*

***ISAAC'S Midlife Transition:***

*The Akedah as a Near-Death Experience*

*Wednesday October 25*

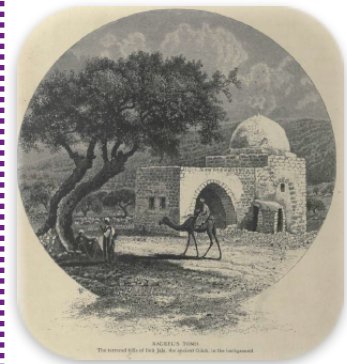
***JACOB'S Deathbed Finale:***

*Family Drama and Trauma at the End-of-Life*

*Wednesday November 1*

***Carrying JOSEPH'S Bones:***

*Sinai Procession as a Funeral Ritual*



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