# 5784

## FRIENDS AND ALLIES



7/7:30pm - Erev Shavuot Services 7:00pm - Progressive Prayer Service (L.S.)\* 7:30pm - Masorti Prayer Śervice



8pm - Ninner

with friends from Liberal, Masorti & Reform Communities: Allies in creating a Judaism for the 21st Century. Sit wherever you would like or join a 'chatty table' where there will be some questions to chew over!



9pm

Midrash Boxes: Biblical POVs (Craft)

Rabbi Debbie

Panel: Whose Ally, What Allyship and Who is Us (L.S.)\*

Rabbis Anna, Gershon & Mark & Joseph Finlay

The Story of Joseph in the Torah and the Quran (Text Study)

Humera Khan & Rabbi Michael



10:15pm

Naomi & Ruth: Allies to the Jewish People

Jonathan Bergwerk

I Don't Want to be Your Friend

Rabbis Anna & David-Yehuda

Singing Songs of Allyship

Cantor Tamara, Rabbi Paul & Rabbi Cantor Gershon



11:30pm

[Do You Know] What It Means to Be a Friend(?)

Rabbis David-Yehuda, Naomi & Kathleen & Niki Jackson



12:45am

**Encountering the Oneness: Gentle** Movement, Breathing and Meditation

Rabbis Naomi & Mark

\*(L.S.) = Also available via Live Stream

The Soundtrack of the Book of Ruth Rabbi Tanya



1:45am

Ruth: Friend and Ally

Rabbi Naomi



Songs Poetry & Stories for When You're Down and Troubled

Rabbis Anna, David-Yehuda, Naomi & Mark

3:45am



Dawn Shacharit













### **SESSION DESCRIPTIONS**

#### Midrash Boxes

Together we explore a creative way to delve into the characters and midrashic viewpoints of Biblical characters - you will hopefully leave with your own crafted Midrash Box!

#### \*Panel: Whose Ally, What Allyship and Who is Us\*

In the Torah a Moabite prophet calls the Israelites 'a people who dwell alone' Numbers 23:9. Are we on our own in today's world - who can we rely on? Join our Rabbis and Educators for a lively discussion.

#### \*The Story of Joseph in the Torah and the Quran (Text Study)\*

Joseph and his brothers - were they reconciled?
An exploration of Genesis 45:1-8 and 23-28, and Quran 12:88-98.

#### \*Naomi and Ruth: Allies to the Jewish people\*

The most powerful Biblical role models of female fidelity and lovingkindness. But is there something more subversive in their story? How could a foreign women become the founding figure of the Davidic dynasty? What is their relationship really all about?

#### \*I Don't Want to be Your Friend\*

An exploration of some of the complexities of allyship touching upon culture wars, personal bias and allying oneself with people or groups with whom, on many fundamental points, we disagree.

#### Singing Songs of Allyship

Together, as friends and allies, we'll sing songs of friendship and allyship.

#### \*[Do You Know] What It Means to Be a Friend[?]\*

Explore the changing meaning of friendship over millennia of Jewish texts.

#### \*Encountering the Oneness: Gentle Movement, Breathing & Meditation\*

Be kind to yourself with a late night session of meditation, and yoga-inspired stretching to nurture body and soul.

#### The Soundtrack of the Book of Ruth

Using a blend of Talmudic sources, modern commentaries and secular lyrics to explore the themes of the Book of Ruth.

#### \*Ruth: Friend and Ally\*

What can we learn from the Book of Ruth about being a friend and ally? We'll study the text in chavruta (pairs) and in groups to find out who is an ally to whom and what their motivations might be.

#### Songs, Poetry & Stories for When You're Down and Troubled...

Exploring themes of friendship and support asking, "What Might Ruth Sing to You?"