

**TWO NEW CBS U CLASSES BEGINNING:**



**THE SPIRITUALITY of QUESTIONING**

*A semester long Zoom course at Congregation Beth Shalom with Aaron Robbin **beginning Monday, September 14, 5:00 – 6:00 pm***

We interact in the world by assigning meaning and placing judgement to keep us safe and alive. Judaism on the other hand teaches us to question everything. It is through this intersection that we are going to explore how we can bring the questioning of Judaism to our everyday interactions on a series of topics to not stay safe and alive, but help our spirits thrive!

Aaron Robbin grew up in Buffalo Grove and has been actively involved in the Jewish community at each stage of his life. Aaron met his wife, Anne (former Director of Youth Activities at CBS) at a Jewish professional development conference in Chicago. They are combining forces to raise their two kids Madeline (6) & Samuel (8) to have strong Jewish identities. Aaron incorporates his business, education, and Jewish education and experience into an engaging learning environment to offer a unique perspective to help youth evolve their Jewish identity.



**SONGS of OUR CONSCIENCE:  
ROCK AND ROLL PROPHETS -- BOB DYLAN AND LEONARD COHEN**

*A 10-session Zoom course at Congregation Beth Shalom with Dr. Stephen Arnoff **beginning September 16, 12:00 – 1:00 pm***

Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen are prophets of popular culture, Jewish figures with rich legacies as creators, dreamers, contrarians, and entertainers that have shaped the imaginations of millions of listeners and fans. By listening to and talking about their work, we will discover ancient voices of Jewish myth and religion embedded in the "soundtrack" of our world and understand the underlying spiritual power of rock. Join Dylan and Cohen as virtual "study partners" -- in *chevruta* -- as we compare, contrast, and

comment upon their combined catalogue theme by theme in dialogue with each other and all of us.

Special guests will include Franz Kafka, Abraham and Isaac, Anne Frank, King David, the Angel Gabriel and the Angel of Death, a carpenter from Nazareth, and many more. This 10-session Zoom class will feature music and video, selected readings, and lots of lively discussion. Come ready to listen, to learn, to dream, and to rock and roll.

Dr. Stephen Arnoff is the CEO of the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center. A leading writer and thinker at the nexus of religion and rock and a scholar of rabbinic literature trained at JTS and NYU, Stephen has published widely on popular music as well as Jewish text, identity, and community. His new podcast and website can be found at [www.mangodlaw.com](http://www.mangodlaw.com). He is currently writing a book on Bob Dylan to be released (*tfu, tfu, tfu*) on Dylan's 80th birthday.

**Sessions**

Wednesdays beginning September 16 | 12 - 1pm CST (get on at 11:45 to chat with friends!)

9/16	Session I	Creation Myths		10/21	Session VI	Places
9/23	Session II	Masters and Teachers		10/28	Session VII	Sacred Stories
9/30	Session III	Dreams and Visions		11/4	Session VIII	The Law
10/7	Session IV	Gods and Angels		11/11	Session IX	Sex and Love
10/14	Session V	Journeys and Battles		11/18	Session X	A Jewish Legacy