

**April 1-3, 2016, Jewish Mysticism for the 21st Century
with Rabbi Arthur Green**

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I reserve my place at the Shabbaton?

Your place will be reserved at the Shabbaton once your registration and fee are received.

Where can I find a registration form? Registration forms are available online to download at www.havurahshirhadash.org. If you are not able to obtain a registration form from the website, call the Havurah office at (541) 488-7716 and we will mail you one or send it to you via e-mail or fax.

Can I register over the phone?

We're sorry, but we are not able to register you over the phone. You can register by mail, e-mail or FAX but your space will only be guaranteed once we have your payment. If you require assistance in registration, you may contact our office Manager at 541-488-7716.

Will I be able to register at the door? No registration will be done at the door. Advanced registration only.

Will you be sending me tickets after I register?

We will be sending you an e-mail confirming your registration status. Any tickets, final schedule, name-tags, and other information will be supplied at the door when you arrive.

Are there any discounts available after February 1?

The price after February 1 through March 1 is \$185. After March 1 the price is \$200.

Are there any scholarships available?

Work trades are available. We don't want finances to be a reason to keep anyone away, so we do have a limited number of work trade opportunities available. If you are in financial need and are willing to work 3 hours over the weekend please e-mail requests to ayala@ashlandhavurah.org and write "work trade" in the subject line to arrange for a \$50 work trade discount. You will be notified closer to the time of the Shabbaton in regards to what exactly your work trade is. We will send you a form where you can indicate your preferences and abilities, and we will do our best to honor that when possible.

Can I go to the Saturday night event only? In the event that the Shabbaton does not sell out, we will open up the Saturday night event to the public for \$75 per person.

Does registration for the Shabbaton include Saturday night?

Yes. Registration includes tickets to the Saturday night event.

Can I just come to part of the Shabbaton such as Friday evening or Saturday morning?

If the Shabbaton does not sell out, we will open registration for individual segments. The ticket price per segment will be \$60 each for: Friday night, Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday.

Are Friday night services open to the public?

Due to space limitations and the expectation that the Shabbaton will sell out, we cannot accommodate non-registered persons for Shabbat services.

What is your policy on kids?

Due to space limitations, all children must be registered. Children up to 2 years of age are free. Children ages 3-6 are welcome to sit on their parents laps or on the floor in the front of the sanctuary. The cost is \$60 per child (not including child care).

Will there be Childcare?

Childcare will only be provided during the Friday evening and Saturday morning services for an additional \$20, but not during the Saturday afternoon workshops since we need the rooms. Childcare registrations must be received no later than March 1. If we do not receive reservations by March 1 childcare will not be provided.

Childcare will only be provided if children are registered and paid for childcare by March 1.

What will the Saturday workshops be? We will list them on the website as soon as we have all the titles and descriptions ready.

What if I have to cancel after I've registered and paid?

\$25 cancellation fee if you cancel before February 1; \$50 cancellation fee if you cancel before March 1; \$75 cancellation fee if you cancel between March 1 and April 1.

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Please act quickly if you would like to reserve a hotel room. *Be sure to read to the bottom to see info about Ashland Commons – a good option for those on a tight budget. We will be updating this information as we get confirmation for additional hotel rooms.*

When making a reservation, mention the Havurah to receive our group rate. All reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

1. **Plaza Inn and Suites**, 541-488-8900 (Deluxe – the most expensive in our listing) 98 Central is 1.07 miles away from the Havurah.

BOOKING: Reservations must be made March 4, 2016.

- Rates:** \$149 for Deluxe Queen or King rooms (including Executive King rooms with sofa bed) for 1-2 occupants. Rates do not include 10% Ashland city hotel tax. Rates are for up to 2 guests - \$10 will be added for each additional guest. Rates include complimentary European Continental Breakfast, late afternoon refreshment/snack and evening cookies and milk and PB&J fixings.
2. **Ashland Springs Hotel**, 541-488-1700 or toll-free line 888-795-4545. (Good value, downtown location. Historic landmark hotel) *212 East Main is .9 miles away from the Havurah.*
BOOKING: Reservations must be made by March 1, 2016.
- Rates:** Queen - \$139 per night - not including 10% Ashland city hotel tax. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Rates do include expanded continental breakfast, discount to Waterstone Spa & Salon, wireless internet access & parking.
3. **Stratford Inn**, 541-488-2151
555 Siskiyou Blvd, 0.7 mi. from the *Havurah*. Reservations will be guaranteed with a credit card.
- BOOKING: Reservations must be made by March 1, 2016.**
- Rates:** \$115 Queen per night. Rates do not include 10% Ashland hotel tax. Includes continental breakfast. Amenities include indoor pool and hottub, café, wifi and internet access, parking and a Shakespearean library.
4. **Ashland Commons: LOW COST OPTION** For reservation information call: 541-482-6753 or 541-292-4484 (cell) or email at: ashlandcommons@mind.net. *437 Williamson Way is .6 miles from the Havurah.* Ashland Commons provides a kitchen in each unit, there is off-street parking, and a laundry on the premises, free wifi. www.ashlandcommons.com

DIRECTIONS TO ASHLAND

From Interstate 5 coming from North: Get off at the first Ashland exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp. Go to the traffic light and turn left on Highway 99. Go through downtown Ashland. After you leave the downtown area turn left on East Main street (by the fire station) Go to the traffic light which is Mountain Avenue. Turn left onto Mountain Avenue. Go past the stop sign and over the railroad tracks. The Havurah is the second driveway on the left past the railroad tracks.

From Interstate 5 coming from the South: Get off at the first Ashland exit. The Freeway dumps you directly on Highway 99. Go straight several miles past Southern Oregon University. Turn right at the traffic light on Mountain Avenue. Continue on Mountain Avenue past the traffic light at East Main Street. Go past the stop sign and over the railroad tracks. The Havurah is the second driveway on the left past the railroad tracks.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON MIKVAH

Please find below important logistical information for all those who would like to experience the Friday afternoon Mikvah before the Shabbaton begins.

The Kosher Mikvah at the Jackson Wellsprings in Ashland

On Friday, April 1 we are offering a kosher Mikvah experience in a natural hot springs (90+ degrees) to all Shabbaton attendees. Our Mikvah is located at the magical Jackson Wellsprings, located on Highway 99 in Ashland. This Mikvah is the only one of its kind in Oregon, maybe in the Northwest. You can read about the Mikvah by following this link: <http://www.jewishreview.org/local/Rogue-Valley-dedicates-Jackson-Wellsprings-Community-Mikveh>

The fee for the Mikvah is a sliding scale fee of \$15-\$18 per person (payable with your registration). Mikvah participants are invited to use the spa facilities for a reduced rate of \$8 per person, payable at the Wellsprings office. We encourage you to take advantage of the healing pools at the Wellsprings. Follow this link to read more: <http://www.jacksonwellsprings.com/>

Directions to the Jackson Wellsprings

The address for your GPS is Jackson Wellsprings is located at 2253 Highway 99 North, in Ashland Oregon. For written directions to Jackson Wellsprings go to <http://www.jacksonwellsprings.com/directions/>

From the Havurah turn left on Mountain Ave., at the bottom of the hill turn right on Hersey. Follow Hersey all the way till it meets the 99 and turn right. Drive till you pass intersection with turn off for I-5, pass that intersection and look for sign on the left.

Important Details for you to know:

The Woman's Mikvah will begin PROMPTLY (not Jewish standard time) at 2:00pm, ending at 3:00 pm. The Men's Mikvah will begin at 3:30pm, ending at 4:30pm. Cyrise Beatty Schachter will lead the Women's Mikvah. Rabbi David will lead the Men's Mikvah. Bathing suits are optional. Bring your own towel (or two).

There is no requirement to shower prior to using the Mikvah as it is a natural pool with spring water constantly flowing. The Mikvah itself is 90+ degrees, yet it may be chilly and muddy outside depending on how our Ashland weather is that day. Please come prepared with a robe or heavy cover up, & good walking shoes.

You may feel free to bring your water bottle, but NO GLASS is allowed on the Wellsprings property.

We encourage you to carpool to the Mikvah from the Havurah parking lot, to join in community and to save gas; you'll be provided with Mapquest directions to the Wellsprings. It is not more than a 10 minute drive from the Havurah. Women who wish to carpool should gather at 1:30 PM, and men should meet at 3 PM in the Havurah parking lot.

Please note: Friday night Shabbat service begins at 7:15pm. Aim at getting seated in our sanctuary by 7:00 PM. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival has begun so if you will be patronizing one of our local restaurants, please allow plenty of time to order and eat dinner after your Mikvah, and before Shabbat service begins.

SHUK

There will be a Shuk (market place) that will be set up on Shabbat after the workshops. There is limited space for venders based on first come, first serve. Each vender will receive ½ of a 6 ft. table to display their offerings in exchange for 20% of their gross income. The Shuk will be open on Saturday night, before, during and after the evening program, as well as on Sunday morning.

In order to reserve your space, please contact ayala@ashlandhavurah.org and write "SHUK" in the subject line.