

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SECULAR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM
Evolving Rhythms and Celebrations of Jewish Life
February 20 – 22, 2008



Hosted by the Sarasota Congregation for Humanistic Judaism
at
Unity Hall – 3023 Proctor Road
Sarasota, Florida 34231

Why do we mark transitions from birth through dying? Discover what science, psychology and the study of religion reveal about humanity's need to mark these changes, and what history and anthropology tell us about the fascinating origins and evolution of Jewish life cycle rites. Learn why irrational rites continue to have a strong hold on 'reasonable' people, and how Humanistic Jews choose to mark the cycles of our lives.

Friday, February 20

7:30 pm **Shabbat Celebration "Rituals of Jewish Life: from Superstition to Science"**

Saturday, February 21

9:00 - 10:20 am **Jewish "Life Insurance" from Conception through Birth and Naming**

10:30 - 11:50 am **When You Count as a Jew I: Education & Bar and Bat Mitzvah / Coming of Age**

12:00 - 1:00 pm **When You Count as a Jew II: Conversion or Adoption to Judaism**

2:00 - 5:00 pm (note: Session for IISHJ Leadership students only) **Creating & Sharing Ceremonies**

Sunday, February 22

1:00 - 2:20 pm **From Property to Love Subjects: Jewish Courtship & Marriage**

2:35 - 3:55 pm **Escaping Gods & Demons: Jewish Rites of Dying, Death & Memorialization**



Rabbi Eva Goldfinger – Seminar Faculty member Rabbi Goldfinger brings intense Jewish scholarship, the passion from her Chasidic upbringing, her sensitivity as a psychotherapist, and her love of people to all her work. In 1989, Eva was ordained as Madrikha by the IISHJ. After achieving a BA and MA in Jewish Studies at Hebrew College, Boston, and completing a Masters in Secular Humanistic Judaism and the Rabbinic program at the IISHJ, she was ordained in 2005 as the first Canadian Humanistic Rabbi. For 23 years she has led Oraynu Congregation, Toronto, and traveled North America to teach and lead Movement communities and promote Humanistic Judaism.

Tuition: Option A: \$50 for both Saturday and Sunday Option B: \$35 Saturday Option C: \$35 Sunday
Option D: Matriculated Students in IISHJ Leadership Program (JC 110/210) tuition \$145

Register by February 10th

Seminar Questions? Please contact Sandy Cadman at the Congregation for Humanistic Judaism (941) 379-9894
Leadership Program or IISHJ Questions? Visit www.iishj.org email info@iishj.org or call Linda Glass at (248) 476 9532



Seminar Registration Form - Evolving Rhythms and Celebration of Jewish Life

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