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THE (SECULAR HUMANISTIC) REBBE'S TISCH with Rabbi Jeffrey L. Falick

Traditional Jews gather around their rabbi's table (their "*rebbe's tisch*") to learn words of wisdom from the Torah.

Our Secular Humanistic rabbi, Jeff Falick, begins each week with headlines from the Jewish world, then turns to the Torah, employing the tools of critical-historical study along with an appreciation for traditional ways in which the Torah was studied throughout Jewish history.

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2017

- Dec. 2nd [The Akedah \(The Binding of Isaac\), Continued.](#)
- Nov. 18th [The Akedah \(The Binding of Isaac\).](#)
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- Sep. 9th [Snakes \(Concluded\); The Shema: What Does "God is One" Even Mean?](#)
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- Aug. 5th [Snakes and Flying Serpents \(Continued\).](#)
- Jul. 29th [Snakes and Flying Serpents \(Continued\).](#)
- Jul. 15th ["Snakes! Why'd It Have to Be Snakes?"
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- Jul. 8th [The Curious Case of the *Nazir* \(Continued\).](#)
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- Jun. 3rd [The Curious Case of the *Nazir*.](#)
- May 27th [If Light Was Created on the First Day, Why Were the Sun & Stars Created
on Day 4? \(Conclusion.\)](#)
- May 13th [If Light Was Created on the First Day, Why Were the Sun & Stars Created
on Day 4?](#)
- May 6th ['Hardening Pharaoh's Heart' \(Conclusion\) / If Light Was Created on Day
One, Why Were the Sun and Moon Created on Day Four?](#)
- Apr. 29th ['Hardening Pharaoh's Heart' \(Continued\).](#)
- Apr. 22nd [The Morality of 'Hardening Pharaoh's Heart' in the Exodus Narrative,
Part 2.](#)
- Apr. 15th [The Morality of 'Hardening Pharaoh's Heart' in the Exodus Narrative.](#)
- Apr. 8th [Is the Exodus the Only Biblical Tradition for the Origins of Israel?](#)

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- Mar. 18th [Antisemitism.](#)
- Mar. 11th [What Did Haman Dislike about the Jews?](#)
- Mar. 4th [Purim Primer.](#)
- Feb. 25th [How Does Traditional Judaism Deal with Morally Repugnant Parts of the Torah? \(Continued\)](#)
- Feb. 18th [How Does Traditional Judaism Deal with Morally Repugnant Parts of the Torah? \(Part 2\)](#)
- Feb. 4th [How Does Traditional Judaism Deal with Morally Repugnant Parts of the Torah?](#)
- Jan. 28th [The Oven of Akhnai, Conclusion.](#)
- Jan. 7th [Akhnai's Oven: Continuing Talmud Study.](#)
- 2016**
- Dec. 31st [A Bit of Talmud: The Oven of Akhnai.](#)
- Dec. 24th [The Winter Holidays.](#)
- Dec. 3rd [Ancient Rabbinical Views on Torah.](#)
- Nov. 19th [What Does 'Moses Received Torah from Sinai' Mean in Jewish Tradition?](#)
- Nov. 12th [The Laws of Shabbat as an Example of Oral Law.](#)
- Nov. 5th [Pirkei Avot 1:1.](#)
- Oct. 29th [The End of Genesis Study and Beginning of Pirkei Avot.](#)

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- Oct. 22nd [The Rebbe's Tisch.](#)
- Oct. 15th [Digressions about Israel and the Territories.](#)
- Oct. 8th [Jacob's Farewell, Continued.](#)
- Oct. 1st [Jacob's Death and the Conversation about Jewish 'Unity'.](#)
- Sep. 24th [Jacob's Blessings.](#)
- Sep. 10th [Jacob and Sons on the Way to Egypt.](#)
- Aug. 20th [Jacob Prepares to Enter Egypt \(Featuring a Discussion of Zionism Today\).](#)
- Aug. 13th [Jacob Goes to Egypt.](#)
- Aug. 6th [Joseph, his Brothers and the Elusive Quest for Jewish Peoplehood or Unity.](#)
- July 30th [Joseph's Revelation to His Brothers.](#)
- July 23rd [The Joseph Narrative \(Continued\).](#)
- July 16th [The Joseph Narrative \(Continued\).](#)
- July 9th [The Joseph Narrative \(Continued\).](#)
- June 25th [Joseph, His Brothers, and the Tribes: Why the Story Is an Allegory.](#)
- June 18th [Joseph's Brothers Come Back for More.](#)
- May 21st [Joseph's Brothers Seek Help in Egypt.](#)
- May 14th [Joseph Saves Egypt.](#)

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- May 7th [Joseph and Potiphar's Wife.](#)
- Apr. 16th [Passover!](#)
- Apr. 9th [Judah and Tamar.](#)
- Apr. 2nd [The Custom of Levirate Marriage and the Ritual of Release.](#)
- Mar. 19th [The Joseph Cycle, Part 1.](#)
- Mar. 12th [Benjamin in Born ... But Where?](#)
- Mar. 5th [Genesis Ch. 35: Jacob Gets a New Name...Again???](#)
- Feb. 27th [Rabbi Falick's Thoughts on Zionism.](#)
- Feb., 20th [The End of the Jacob Cycle / Rape of Dinah Story.](#)
- Feb. 6th [Jacob's Wrestling Match \(Continued\).](#)
- Jan. 30th [Jacob's Wrestling Match ...Thoughts on El and Yahweh and How These Deities Were Merged.](#)
- Jan. 23rd [Jacob's Return to Canaan \(Gen: 32-33\).](#)
- Jan. 2nd [Jacob and His Family Begin Their Journey Back to Canaan.](#)

2015

- Dec. 26th [Jacob's Sons and the Tribes of Israel.](#)
- Dec. 19th [The Twelve Tribes Are Born - Jacob's Sons and Daughter.](#)
- Dec. 12th [Discussion of Jacob, Laban, Rachel and Leah.](#)

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- Dec. 5th [Discussion of Jacob's deceit of his father and Esau.](#)
- Nov. 21st [The weekly Torah portion is Va'yeitzi \(Genesis 28:10 - 32:3\).](#)
- Nov. 7th [The weekly Torah portion is Chayei Sarah \(Genesis 23:1 - 25:18\).](#)
- Oct. 31st [The weekly Torah portion is Parsha Va'yeirah \(Gen. 18:1 – 22:24\).](#)
- Oct. 24th [The weekly Torah portion is Parsha Lech Lechah \(Gen. 12:1–17:27\).](#)
- Oct. 17th [The weekly Torah portion is Parsha Noah \(Gen. 6:9–11:32\).](#)
- Oct. 10th [The weekly Torah portion is Parsha Bereishit \(Gen. 1:1–6:8\).](#)
Guest presenter: Natan Fuchs.