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*Join us as we study, worship and celebrate Shavuot together!*

## ***Beth El University: Shavuot Workshops***

Led by Rabbi Jesse Olitzky

### **Sunday, May 17**

#### **9:30am: Shavuot 101**

*Receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai: Coming to Terms with Our Own Ideas of Revelation*

We will explore the challenges and beauty of seeing the Torah as both a divine text and the work of humanity, and grapple with what that means for each of us.

#### **10:45am: Shavuot 201**

*"The Torah is Not in the Heavens"*

We'll examine rabbinic literature on the Torah as the root of *halachah*, Jewish law, and as a stepping stone to other teachings, developed to offer guidance, meaning and direction for living.

## ***Tikkun Layl Shavuot "Torah Hop"***

On the first night of Shavuot, it is customary to have a *Tikkun Layl Shavuot*, a late night study session. This year, Beth El will do a "**Torah Hop**," (think Sukkah Hop, only with Torah) spending an hour at a different home, with a different topic, drinks and dessert at each. We welcome back Rabbi Kerry Olitzky to join our Rabbi O in exploring three teachings on the theme of community. Come for all or any part of the evening!

### **9:00 - 10:15pm: Havdalah; "Playlist Judaism: Jewish Community Trends which Point to an Optimistic Future"**

led by Rabbi Kerry Olitzky

at the home of Donna Ritter and Barry Levinson, 265 Forest Rd., South Orange

### **10:30 - 11:45pm: "The Holiness of Community: The Meaning of *Kedushah* in Building a Sacred Community"**

led by Rabbi Jesse Olitzky

at the home of Joani and David Ascher, 300 Highland Rd., South Orange

### **12:00 - 1:15am: "Welcoming the Stranger: The Book of Ruth as a Guidebook for Building an Inclusive Community"**

led by Rabbis Kerry and Jesse Olitzky

at the home Nomi and Harold Colton-Max, 228 Highland Rd., South Orange

## ***Shavuot Services***

### **Sunday, May 24, 10:00am**

Note later starting time; followed by congregational Kiddush

### **Monday, May 25, 9:30am**

Yizkor at approximately 11:00am; followed by congregational Kiddush