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- Bay Ridge Jewish Center
- Bramson-ORT College
- Brooklyn Heights Synagogue
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- Temple Shalom
- Union Temple of Brooklyn



The Institute for Living Judaism in Brooklyn, established in 2004, aims at promoting a modern approach to our ancient faith, so that individuals

whose spiritual values include tolerance, moderation and pluralism can realize these goals through the study and practice of our tradition. We seek to foster these objectives in order to expand and strengthen the Jewish Community of Brooklyn.

The Institute offers a series of ongoing classes on topics of interest to this Jewish Community and sponsors five or six major conferences each year, focusing on such topics as: Our Relationship With Israel, War and Peace, Biomedical and Business Ethics, Family and Sexual Mores, etc., all from a serious and scholarly Jewish perspective.

Another component of our programming is support groups for families and individuals encountering "life-cycle events", such as births, b'nai mitzvah, marriage, empty-nest, mid-life, illness, and death.

This programming is offered to Brooklyn's Jewish population regardless of affiliation or denomination, in the hope that by informing and affirming our sense of yiddishkeit through shared learning, we will feel a greater sense of pride and closeness to our tradition and our fellow Jews. We are also interested in reaching unaffiliated Jews, who may not feel comfortable in a synagogue setting at this time.

Our mission is to further energize a dynamic, vital, progressive Jewish Community in the borough of Brooklyn. Please join us in this venture.

Howard Honigman, PhD, founder of the ILJB

## PROGRAMMING:

### ■ Topics for Classes and Lectures

Modern Day Prophets (Buber, Heschel, the Baal Shem Tov, etc.)

Praying when you feel and feeling when you pray.

People of the Book in the Digital Age

Can we talk (& Listen) about Israel?

Unjust suffering-The issue is Job's!

Zionism: defined, defiled, & defended

Ethical dilemmas for the modern Jew: gay marriage, preemptive war, racial profiling, censorship of media, why be kosher? immigration reform: why should we care?

Insider views of the Middle East: current and ancient

Superstition and religious ritual, where do we draw the line?

The non-rhetorical **Questions Series:**

What's so great about monotheism?

What's the matter with fundamentalism?

So what's wrong with being CHOSEN?

So how SHOULD I feel about Israel?

Why the Jews?

Does Father Know Best? On Patrilineal Descent

### ■ Workshops and Support Groups for Life Cycle Transitions:

Special Babies and Children

Meeting and Parting

Rebuilding the Nest

There but for a few years...Caring for Loved Ones

Making Relationships Work

Saying Goodbye

## PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AT ILJB:

(partial list)

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Rabbi Saul Berman  
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