



# Mekor Habracha Center City Synagogue

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Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch

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**RABBI GIL PERL** FEBRUARY 19-20, 2016

**“TOWARD A PASSIONATE MODERN ORTHODOXY”** FEBRUARY 19

**“MORALITY AND THE MITZVOT: WHEN ETHICS AND TORAH COLLIDE”** FEBRUARY 20

Rabbi Dr. Gil Perl is the Head of School at the Kohelet Yeshiva High School in Merion Station, and the Chief Academic Officer of the Kohelet Foundation, where he designed and launched Yeshiva Lab School, a pedagogically progressive Modern Orthodox Day School aimed at advancing the field of Jewish education. He previously served for seven years as Dean of the Margolin Hebrew Academy/Feinstone Yeshiva of the South, a Modern Orthodox day school. As a teaching Fellow at Harvard University, Rabbi Perl was twice awarded Harvard's prestigious Certificate of Distinction in Teaching. He is the author of *The Pillar of Volozhin: Rabbi Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin and the World of Nineteenth-Century Lithuanian Torah Scholarship*, (Academic Studies Press).

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**DR. MICHELLE LEVINE** APRIL 8-9, 2016

**“FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, FROM SLAVERY TO REDEMPTION”** APRIL 8

**“DEVORAH IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES: A WOMAN AHEAD OF HER TIMES”** APRIL 9

Dr. Michelle Levine is a tenured associate professor of Bible at Stern College for Women, and is the author of *Nahamanides on Genesis: The Art of Biblical Portraiture* (Brown University Press). In 2011, Dr. Levine was awarded the Senior Class Jewish Studies Professor of the Year Award. For twelve years, she served as Jewish Studies curriculum coordinator on the Board of Education for Yeshiva of Central Queens, NY. Dr. Levine lectures widely across the tri-state area on topics on Tanakh and biblical exegesis, including at Yeshiva University's Midreshet Yom Rishon.

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**RABBI SAUL BERMAN** MAY 20-21, 2016

**“ETHICAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH SHABBAT”** MAY 20

**“DECEPTION IN BUSINESS AND INTERPERSONAL ETHICS—GENEVAT DAAT”** MAY 21

Rabbi Saul J. Berman is Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University, and an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University School of Law. From 1997 until 2007 he founded and served as Director of Edah, a Modern Orthodox think tank, and in 2009-2010 he was an Inaugural Fellow of the Tikvah Center for Law and Jewish Civilization at NYU Law School. He has served as Rabbi in Berkeley CA (1963-1969), Brookline, MA (1969-1971) and at Lincoln Square Synagogue in Manhattan (1984-1990.)

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## **ABOUT MEKOR HABRACHA**

**Mekor Habracha** is a vibrant congregation with Modern Orthodox services, located in Rittenhouse Square. Our membership spans all age groups and religious backgrounds, and includes students, young professionals, newlyweds, families, and empty nesters. Visitors are warmly welcomed to all of our services, and will appreciate our wonderful Shabbat services in particular. We encourage you to experience that which makes Mekor an exciting community for Jews from all walks of life!

**Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch** is Mekor Habracha's founding rabbi. Since 2006, he has led the rapid growth of the Mekor community and its significant contributions to Jewish life in Center City. In his sermons and classes, he strives to connect the lessons of the Torah with insights for everyday life, emphasizing the Torah's eternal relevance for Jews of all backgrounds.



# MEKOR HABRACHA SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SERIES

## **Spirited Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat Services**

*February 19 at 5:30 pm, followed by class  
with delicious Shabbat dinner & Oneg at 7:00 pm*

*April 8 & May 20 at 7 pm, followed by class  
with delicious Shabbat dinner & Oneg at 8:15 pm*

## **Shabbat Shacharit at 9:15 am; D'var Torah at 10:45 am**

*February 20, followed by a hot Kiddush, Mincha, and class  
with delicious Shabbat lunch at 1 pm*

*April 9 & May 21, followed by a hot Kiddush and class  
with delicious Shabbat lunch at 12:30 pm*



**DINNER TICKET** (payable in advance by Monday Feb. 15):  
member \$3.50; nonmember \$5.50 (\$6.00 if using PayPal)

**LUNCH TICKET** (payable in advance by Monday Feb. 15):  
member \$3.00; nonmember \$5.00 (\$5.50 if using PayPal)

**BOTH DINNER & LUNCH** (payable in advance by Monday Feb. 15):  
member \$5; nonmember \$8 (\$8.50 if using PayPal)



To RSVP email [MekorHabracha@gmail.com](mailto:MekorHabracha@gmail.com);  
to pay for meal tickets, use Venmo, PayPal, or  
send a check to Mekor Habracha,  
c/o Ellen B. Geller, 768 N. Croskey St, Philadelphia, PA 19130

*Childcare available by reservation.*

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