

Please join us for Congregation Anshei Israel's

Scholar-in-Residence November 8 - 9, 2013



RABBI ETHAN TUCKER

presenting

“Judaism and Ethics”:
An Intensive Exploration

Rabbi Ethan Tucker is co-founder and rosh yeshiva at Mechon Hadar and chair in Jewish Law. Ethan was a faculty member at the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, where he taught Talmud and Halakhah in the Scholars Circle. Ethan was ordained by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and earned a PhD in Talmud and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a B.A. from Harvard College. A Wexner Graduate Fellow, he was a co-founder of Kehilat Hadar and a winner of the first Grinspoon Foundation Social Entrepreneur Fellowship. He was named one of America's Top 50 Rabbis by *Newsweek* in 2011 and 2012.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:45pm A very special Minyan & Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Tucker in the spirit of everything that has made MECHON HADAR the presence that it is ... in New York and around the world

6:45pm Shabbat Dinner *

7:45pm Rabbi Tucker presents, “*Ethical Norms as the Foundation of the Torah*”

Delve into a bold essay by R. Moshe Shmuel Glasner (19th- to 20th-century Hungary), who spells out a theory of how Judaism ought to relate to modern values that stem from deep ethical impulses outside Judaism.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00am Shabbat Service - Rabbi Tucker delivers the D'var Torah, “*Was Abraham Asked to Sacrifice His Ethics?*”

Explore the classic conflict between ethical commitments and religious duty in the narrative about the Akedah (Binding of Isaac). This biblical narrative, read on Rosh Hashanah, plays a central role in Jewish prayer and has inspired countless Jews throughout the generations. In the modern period, the Akedah has been used for more dramatic effect, making true devotion to G-d dependent on transcending one's own ethical instincts.

3:30pm Torah Study: Rabbi Tucker presents, “*Can Jewish Texts Be Unethical? Grappling with Difficult Sources*”

Consider texts that seem to say something offensive and contrary to our ethical sense. How can we engage such texts? Is it possible to be true to our values while embracing these texts as holding a place in our tradition as well?

4:30pm Mincha, followed at 5:00pm by Seudah Shlesheet (Third Meal), Ma'ariv and Havdallah

***RSVP needed by Nov. 5
for Shabbat dinner only.**

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