

## **ZOOM CLASSES WITH RABBI GORDON**

### **Good & Evil - Mondays @ 9:00 AM**

Jewish thought is different from philosophy. Both employ systematic thinking, but the foundation of philosophy is open inquiry by reason; the foundation of Jewish thought is the Torah.

We will begin historically -- first the Torah itself, then the rest of the TaNaCH, then Rabbinic thinking, then Medieval Jewish thinking, including Kabbalah, then Modern thinking, some of which is not Torah based.

We will explore:

1. What is good and what is evil?
2. Suffering, especially good people, and the prosperity of the wicked.
3. Where does suffering and evil come from?
4. Theodicy -- Defending God despite suffering and evil.
5. What is the human role in suffering and evil?

Register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtfuyprDliH9OhX5yEmBfjyzAT5uwE3Vbh>

### **The Amazing Story of Modern Israel - Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM**

This class studies the history of modern Israel, beginning with the 19th century settlers and Herzl, through the 21st century and Gaza. In addition to history, we explore the international and domestic political, social, economic, and religious challenges that Israel faced and still faces today.

<https://bit.ly/3sCQhHI> - registration

### **Parashat HaShavua - Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM**

Each week we will look at the weekly Parashah from both the traditional rabbinic and often midrashic points of view as well as from the point of view of modern historians. Although we would love you to join us for all classes, as classes are formed through sharing, you can join the lesson for that week's reading. Recommended: the New JPS translation, but feel free to use any translation. The differences in translations at times reveal important distinctions.

Register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsceyggDssGdQ-95Nf4Cyy3Q2T-bcc4Ehy>

## **Mitzvah 613 - Thursdays @ 11:30 AM**

More than a "good deed," as it is popularly known, *mitzvah* in a deeper and truer sense means, literally, command. I will provide the teachings from Sefer ha-Chinuch (likely 13th C; Barcelona; anonymous). This work numbers the *mitzvot* as they appear in the Torah, adding rabbinic teachings and the author's own insights. Recommended: Have a translation of the Torah with you.

Register:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsc-usqDssEtFJi9fF5vvDzY\\_bgldPuDkq](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsc-usqDssEtFJi9fF5vvDzY_bgldPuDkq)