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To our members and friends,

I hope you have been enjoying a wonderful Pesah. Here are some upcoming highlights for our Institute's classes and programs:

We are excited to present our next major highlight: On Sunday May 15, 10:00am-1:00pm: We will be having our next Symposium co-sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals and Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun: "Bringing Peace Through Torah: Among the Orthodox, Among Jews, and to the World." This symposium will feature three talks:

What Happens When Peace is Impossible?

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

Waiting for the Messiah: Utopias and the Jewish Vision of a 'Perfect' World

Mrs. Miriam Berger, Tanakh Department Chair, Ramaz Upper School

'The Disciples of the Wise Increase Peace in the World':

The Use of Scholarship to Build Bridges and Mend Rifts

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For more information, go to:

<https://www.jewishideas.org/bringing-peace-through-torah-symposium>

In addition to the symposium, here are some upcoming classes I will be giving in April and May:

On Wednesdays May 11, 18, 25, and June 1, 7:15-8:15pm, I will be continuing my series, "Navigating Through Nach: A Survey of the Prophets," co-sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals and Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. It is located at 125 East 85th Street in Manhattan (between Park and Lexington Avenue). In this session we will survey the books of Ezekiel and Jonah. Free and open to the public.

All of the earlier lectures in this series can be found on our Institute Website Online Learning section, <https://www.jewishideas.org//online-learning>. Newcomers always welcome!

On Sundays May 8, 15, 22, 7:30-8:30pm, I will teach a three-part series on Ezra-Nehemiah at The Young Israel of Jamaica Estates, 83-10 188th St, Jamaica, NY 11423. Free and open to the public.

Week one: Ezra chapters 1-6: Shivat tzion- what went wrong and what went right.

Week two: Ezra chapters 7-10: Ezra as Halakhic Authority

Week three: Nehemiah: A very different kind of leader

On Shabbat May 20-21, I will be a scholar-in-residence at Congregation Agudath Sholom in Stamford, Connecticut. 301 Strawberry Hill Ave, Stamford, CT 06902. Free and open to the public.

I thank all of our members and friends for their ongoing support and participation as we spread our vision to thousands of people throughout the country and beyond. I look forward to learning together with you and growing the reach of our Institute with your help and involvement.

Have a great rest of Pesah,

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