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A SPIRITUAL  
STIMULUS PACKAGE:  
MODERN INSIGHTS  
FROM AN ANCIENT TRADITION

*TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT*  
*5769*

PLEASE RSVP TO 818-346-3545  
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BY MAY 20, 2009.

*THIS EVENT IS FREE*  
*AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY.*

QUESTIONS?

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JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF LEARNING  
AS WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE  
TORAH ANEW.

*THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009*

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# A SPIRITUAL STIMULUS PACKAGE:

MINYAN:

7:00—7:30pm

## MODERN INSIGHTS FROM AN ANCIENT TRADITION

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SESSION 1:

**If I Am Not For Myself?** - Rabbi Rachel Bovitz

7:30—8:25pm

Our tradition instructs us of both the obligation of taking care of ourselves and reaching out to others. Join in an exploration of the rabbis' challenge for us to strike a balance between our own needs and the needs of others.

**Would You Know the Face of an Angel?** - Rabbi Gary Oren

In moments of dis-ease or struggle, our ancestors encountered “divine” beings who offered direction. Is this still possible today? Are messengers sent with the holy task of providing aide in a moment of uncertainty? And if so, would you recognize your angel?

SESSION 2:

**“Where is God During the Economic Crisis?”** - Rabbi Adam Schaffer

8:30—9:25pm

When we recite *Birkat Hamazon*, we say, “O Merciful One, may we be supported with an honorable living,” even while we watch thousands of people lose their jobs, unable to find work. Is God hearing our prayers? Does God care about our pain and our suffering? Through Biblical and Rabbinic text, we will delve into these deep and complex questions.

**Examining the Downturn of 5769: How Centuries of Jewish Wisdom Can Guide Us** - Rabbi David Vorspan

Today's issues are among the many countless challenges humanity has faced across the ages. Discover how the Book of Proverbs can provide direction as we struggle to make sense of these times.

SESSION 3:

**Faith: Lost and Found** - Rabbi Stewart Vogel

9:30—10:25pm

When we need it most, where do we find the source of our faith, or the strength to hold on? Through Biblical sources and Rabbinic texts, Rabbi Vogel will explore the challenge of faith in difficult times.

**A Helping Hand: Emotional Support in Trying Times** - Rabbi Jan Offel

Traverse a wide variety of Jewish texts, from Talmud to modernity, as we reflect and discuss the value of seeking, accepting, and offering support.

BLINTZ BREAK:

10:30—10:55pm



CLOSING SESSION:

**Mensch Making: Jewish Literature as the Source of our Spiritual and Moral Identity**

11:00—11:55pm

with Dr. Joel Gereboff



LATE NIGHT:

**Making Holy Community**

12:00—12:55am

with Rabbi Gary Oren