

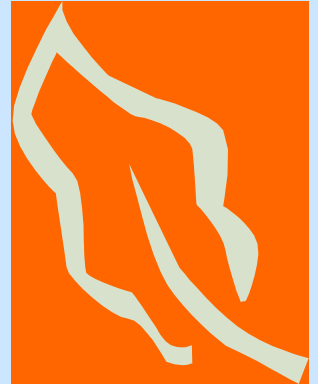
## TORAH STUDY FOR YOUR SOUL: Hassidic Torah Study Program

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*Mei HaShilo-ach*



You are invited to join hundreds of leading rabbis, cantors and educators in weekly Torah study through the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. For years, the IJS has provided access to classical Hasidic teachings on the weekly Torah portion to its alumni. Now, this opportunity is offered to the broader Jewish community.



This year we will be studying the *Mei HaShilo-ach*, the Torah commentary of R. Mordecai Yosef Lainer, the rebbe of Izbica in Poland (1800-1854; these teachings inspired, in part, the engaging lessons of the late R. Shlomo Carlebach). While this material originates in the Hasidic world of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, it offers a startlingly modern perspective. Week after week, we are invited to examine our own lives, to investigate our truest intentions and reset our course in life.



The IJS Hasidic Torah Study program offers selections of those teachings in translation. Each week you will receive two selections based on the weekly reading in translation. They will be accompanied by commentary to help unpack the teaching and by guiding questions to prompt study, reflection and application to your life today. These texts ideally are studied in hevruta with a study partner, but can be beneficially used for solo study. Participants will be eligible to join in an online conversation about the texts. In addition, they may be used for congregational or communal teaching purposes.

Many Jews today are looking for ways that Judaism and Jewish living can speak to their deepest, true selves. The IJS is a nationally recognized leader in integrating classical Jewish spiritual teachings into mainstream Jewish life. Many of these teachings – and practices associated with them – are drawn from the revolutionary teachings of the Hasidic tradition, bringing them forward into

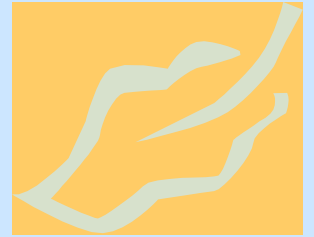




a contemporary idiom. When studied in partnership with a colleague, or offered as inspirational texts in Torah study groups, the IJS Hasidic Torah Study program helps Torah to open our eyes to the wonders of life, even as it deepens our commitment and energizes us to respond with wisdom to our modern dilemmas.

Rabbi Jonathan Slater has been on the staff of the IJS since 2002, and has been offering the IJS Hasidic text study program since that time. He is the director of the Cantorial Leadership Program of the IJS and author of "Mindful Jewish Living: Compassionate Practice" (Aviv Press, 2004).

You can be part of the process and contribute to the conversation. Sign up now to participate in the IJS Hasidic Torah Study program, filling in the application form below and sending it with your check for \$200 to Institute for Jewish Spirituality, POB 230 South Deerfield MA 01373.



If you have questions about the program, please contact Rabbi Jonathan Slater at [jonathan@ijs-online.org](mailto:jonathan@ijs-online.org) or 914/478-7326.

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 Cost: \$200 for the year

Please sign me up to participate in the IJS Online Study Program. I look forward to receiving at least two texts weekly selected from the classical Hasidic text *Mei HaShilo-ach* with commentary and references for my personal study, and ready for me to download for ease of study. I am happy to know that Rabbi Jonathan Slater will be available to me by phone or email to offer whatever help I may need in the program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/ \_\_\_\_\_  
 organizational affiliation (if any)

I will be studying with: \_\_\_\_\_

Or check here if you would like to be paired with someone for your *havruta* study