

Kallah Reservation Tear Off Card

*There is no charge for the Oneg Shabbat, the Shabbat Luncheon or Sunday Breakfast; however, **reservations are required for the luncheon**, and we would appreciate your reservation for the Oneg Shabbat and Sunday Breakfast.*

Name: _____

	Number of	
	Adults	Children
Oneg Shabbat		
Shabbat Luncheon		
Sunday Breakfast		

A donation to our Kallah provides Temple Reyim with the resources to support this and other cultural and educational activities. A contribution in any amount is welcome.

Patron Level: \$ 360
Donor Level: \$ 250
Sponsor Level: \$ 136

I/We would like to support the Kallah with a contribution of: \$ _____

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD BEFORE
MARCH 9, 2018, TO:**

Mr. Joel Bloom
c/o Temple Reyim
1860 Washington Street
Newton, MA 02466

49th Annual Kallah Program

Friday, March 16th

- 7:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
- Lecture 1: A Jewish Indiana Jones: The Rabbi of Timbuktu
- 9:00 PM Oneg Shabbat
- Question and Answer Session

Saturday, March 17th

- 9:00 AM Shabbat Service
- Lecture 2: From Sinai to Sahara: What Jews and Muslims Share
- 12:30 PM Shabbat Luncheon
(Reservations required)
- Question and Answer Session

Sunday, March 18th

- 9:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- Lecture 3: New Jewish Communities in Africa: A Multimedia Presentation
- Question and Answer Session
- Concluding Remarks:
Rabbi Daniel Berman

African-Jewish Communities and Encounters

Most American Jews are familiar with the history of the Jews of Ethiopia, or those of Egypt, Uganda and Morocco. However, the story of Judaism in Africa is far deeper and complex. It is both ancient and modern.

On the one hand are communities (like the nomadic Muslim Fulani people) which claim their pre-Islamic ancestral tribe traveled west during the Exodus rather than east. On the other hand, there are the growing community of "Internet Jews" in Nigeria, members of the Igbo people who over the last two decades have embraced rabbinic Judaism.

In this Kallah weekend, Professor Miles will give us a glimpse into these and other unique stories.

Lecture 1: A Jewish Indiana Jones: The Rabbi of Timbuktu

Rabbi Mardochée Aby Serour was a North African caravan leader, undercover explorer, merchant extraordinaire, and Hebrew teacher. After the destruction of the largest Jewish community of the Sahara, he was the first Jew to return to establish residence in the fabled city of Timbuktu.

Professor Miles will relate the extraordinary life story of Rabbi Serour, which he came upon by sheer chance. He will also share his own experience tracking down the rabbi's home-cum-synagogue in today's West African nation of Mali.

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Lecture 2: From Sinai to Sahara: What Jews and Muslims Share

As a National Bible Contest winner in high school on Long Island, Bill Miles well knew the Torah's account of our ancestors' lives as they crossed the Sinai Desert. But it was only after graduating from college and living for two years on the edge of the Sahara that he began to realize how much Jews have in common with followers of Islam beside that other desert.

In the intervening decades, Professor Miles has had many exchanges about Judaism with Black African Muslim friends curious to learn about a people they know only from the Qur'an.

Lecture 3: New Jewish Communities in Africa: A Multimedia Presentation

Over the last three decades, new Jewish communities have been springing up throughout sub-Saharan Africa. Theirs is a story completely separate from that of the Jews of Ethiopia.

With original pictures and video clips taken during his fieldwork, Professor Miles will introduce you to the Igbo Jews of Nigeria, the Malagasy Jews of Madagascar, and the Beti Jews of Cameroon.

An Invitation for Sponsorship

For over 49 years, the Temple Reyim Kallah has brought us speakers who have inspired us and challenged us. We invite you to help us continue this tradition by donating to us as a Patron, Donor, or Sponsor.

All donations will be used to support this Kallah; if donations exceed our costs, the balance will be dedicated to other educational activities at Temple Reyim.

To become a sponsor, complete and mail the attached card, or contact Joel Bloom, Kallah Chair, at jbloomesq@verizon.net.

The Temple Reyim Kallah

In 1968 Saul and Harriet Goldweitz approached Rabbi Philip Kieval with a request for an annual program in memory of Saul's mother, Gussie Goldweitz. Rabbi Kieval suggested the Kallah weekend as a vehicle for this memorial; a program at which Temple members and their guests share in Shabbat services, lectures, and discussions, and the "breaking of bread" with fellow congregants.

In 1988, just prior to Rabbi Kieval taking emeritus status, we proudly named the series in his honor.

The Kallah Committee

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The Speaker



Professor William (Bill) Miles has been teaching political science at Northeastern University since 1984. He is also former Stotsky Professor of Jewish Historical and Cultural Studies there.

His numerous other academic affiliations include Visiting Distinguished Fellow at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Visiting scholar in Africa Studies at Hebrew University; and guest scholar the University of the Antilles-Guyane, Research Center for Local Powers in the Caribbean.

Professor Miles has published twelve books; two have been National Jewish Book Award finalists: *Zion in the Desert: American Jews in Israel's Reform Kibbutzim* and *Jews of Nigeria: An Afro-Judaic Odyssey*.

A former Peace Corps Volunteer in West Africa, Prof. Miles is also past winner of the National Bible Contest for North America.

He and his wife Loïza and daughter Arielle are members of Temple Emanu-El, the Conservative synagogue of Providence, Rhode Island.

Temple Reyim Rabbi Philip Kieval 49th Annual Kallah

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Professor William (Bill) Miles,
Scholar-in-Residence

A Weekend of Prayer, Study and
Fellowship

March 16-18, 2018
29 Adar ~ 2 Nisan, 5778

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