

Faith Christian Fellowship
860 Bancroft Road,
Walnut Creek, CA 94592

Starting January 11, 2009
From 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm
Refreshments provided
Childcare provided

JEWES AND CHRISIANES

Living Faith



You Are Invited to Jews and Christians: The Story of Our Values, and the Value of Our Stories

Presented by Rabbi Michael Goldberg, PhD, and hosted by Living Faith

Beneath each of our individual life stories lies a deeper communal story. These "master stories" offer both a template for understanding the world and a guide for acting in it. As such, they help form our most deeply-held convictions about God, humankind, and world. Consequently, many of our more serious disputes with one another, whether religious, moral, or political, may reflect at bottom a clash between rival master stories.

For over two millennia, just such a clash has taken place between the Jewish and Christian master stories, that is, between the narrative of the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt on the one hand and Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection on the other. By exploring Exodus 1-20 along with key chapters from Matthew (the most Jewish of the Gospels), class participants will come to see, over the course of eight sessions, how Jewish and Christian views of God, self, and world run parallel at times while at others critically diverging. Ultimately, the class aims at having participants examine the extent to which their own individual life stories embody or challenge the vision displayed by their particular community's master story.