

Sacred Time

In scheduling this series, we were faced with both personal and traditional constraints on time: reserving the Sabbath as a time apart from secular endeavors, and the realistic limits of availability in the private lives of each of the leaders.

We chose this time - Saturday afternoons - knowing that we were both abiding by the spirit of and encroaching upon the law of the Jewish Sabbath. We trust that those who feel they cannot attend will appreciate our careful decision, and will join us in the future when we hope to repeat the series at a time which will be more accommodating.

Wisdom House

The Nancy Simmons Wisdom House is a Spiritual Outreach Ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church. Our intention is to provide a place of hospitality and welcome to seekers of all faith traditions. Wisdom House is designed to be a place where we might honor one another through respectful dialogue and inquiry.

Supporting the Wisdom House programming and inquiry is the sense that all life is unified. And although we acknowledge the diversity of different faith traditions and we are appreciative of their distinctiveness, we are coming to discover that they are at the same time different and one.

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**From
Dialogue to
Engagement:**

**Inner
Judaism and
Inner
Christianity**

*Six Saturdays
beginning
April 17
at 4:00 pm*

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From Dialogue to Engagement

Every religion has its outer forms: the practices, rituals, laws and customs that help distinguish it from other religions.

And, at its inmost point, each religion shares a common center: the One unnamed Eternal Source of Life.

Between this shared center and the diversity of outer forms is the “inner” religion: that mysterious realm of spirituality in which one encounters the shape of the One, still colored by the outer form, but drawn to the inner singularity.

In isolation, this inner realm can be difficult to describe. It is only when we allow ourselves to encounter and engage with another religion that we can distinguish the shape, the strengths and weaknesses, of the traditions we have held as our own.

It is our shared belief that in order to truly deepen our spiritual practice we must release ourselves from the certainty of knowing there is an answer and embrace the rich ambiguity of multiplicity.

Come join us in the shared intimacy of our quest to engage the deeply spiritual in Judaism and Christianity.

The Series

Father Bill Redfield and Maggid Jim Brulé will engage each other - and the participants in this series - in a six-week program designed to wrestle ourselves into a deeper spiritual encounter with God.

Drawing from their own interpretations of their individual religious traditions, they will engage each other in key topics, encouraging attendees to embrace the spiritual of their own traditions, whatever they may be, through a genuine encounter with “the other.” We will explore these topics:

- God
- Scripture
- Prayer
- Personhood / Soul
- Forgiveness
- Love and Compassion

Structure & Schedule

We will meet on **six consecutive Saturdays beginning April 17, 2010**. Sessions will begin promptly at 4:00 pm and last for two hours. All sessions will begin and end with a simple spiritual practice to invite our minds to relax and our hearts to open.

Registration

The fee for the series is \$50; however, no one will be turned away for an inability to pay. Fees collected will be used to help fund a future residential retreat on the same topic. Please register for the series by emailing trinityc@twcny.rr.com or calling 315-637-9872.

Father Bill Redfield

Father Bill Redfield is the Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fayetteville, NY. He has been immersed in interfaith dialogue for many years, and sees it as central to his personal Christian development.



It was Father Bill’s vision of a center for interfaith dialogue that gave rise to Wisdom House. A member of the Board of Trustees of InterFaith Works, he chairs their Roundtable of Faith Leaders.

Maggid Jim Brulé

Maggid Jim Brulé is one of a small number of ordained *maggidim* - Jewish spiritual storytellers and teachers.



He can be found at synagogues, churches, and secular settings around Central New York, New York State, and across the country.

Jim has led a number of interfaith dialogues and study groups for many years, and finds his own spiritual growth is significantly deepened through these encounters.