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2011 MINICOURSE SPIRITUALITY AFTER THE SHOA



The Eternal Presence of Absence
by Carolyn Manosevitz

September 16-21, 2011

(see inside panel for detailed times)

Presenter:

Carolyn Manosevitz, MFA



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In cooperation with and hosted by Congregation
Keneseth Israel, 2227 Chew St., Allentown

Spirituality After the Shoa

The devastating experience of the Shoa (Holocaust) rocked the 20th century Western world to its foundations. Every field of human endeavor has been changed by confronting its abyss of evil in the heart of highly advanced modern civilization. Seventy years on, Jews and Christians continue to be shaped and challenged by the spiritual questions unleashed along with the Nazis' genocidal hatred.

Jews were mostly victims and most of the perpetrators were Christians, yet the issues that emerge from the Shoa do not divide easily. Rather, they set both Jews and Christians on explorations into human existence, the meaning of life, and God, that run parallel, intersect, and can be mutually informative.

Through art, history, personal narrative, reflection, dialogue, and theology, this course will encourage and enable participants to encounter the Shoa meaningfully and to lay the foundations for a conscious sense of spirituality in a world that can never go back. Teachers, parents, grandparents, pastors, counselors, artists, students, deep thinkers, passionate lovers, and clowns can all gain from the riches offered in this week-long adventure.

Recommended reading: *Night*, by Elie Wiesel;
Approaches to Auschwitz, by Richard Rubenstein

Shoa is Hebrew for "catastrophe"

Our Presenter

Carolyn Manosevitz, MFA, is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and the University of Texas. She is a

working artist who has shown in galleries and museums across the United States, conducted workshops and courses at fine arts programs and theological schools, organized symposia, and led conferences and study tours. Her art is part of private and corporate collections in the U.S., Canada and Israel, including The Ghetto Fighters Museum and Yad Vashem. As founder and executive director of The Fund for Interfaith Understanding, she brings into the interfaith arena her own experience of searching for meaning in the aftermath of her family's destruction in the Shoa. In the encounter with Christians, her answers have grown and continue to develop. Her art reflects the interfaith encounter with the Shoa that brings one into contact with the common humanity and deeper questions that can be obscured by a simple dichotomy of Jewish and Christian identities both in the Shoa and in the present. Her teaching seeks to articulate the meaning and spirituality that can emerge from that encounter.

Schedule

Sessions & events will be held at:
Congregation Keneseth Israel
2227 W Chew St, Allentown PA 18104

Opening Session:

Friday, 16 Sept, 6:00 pm
Shabbat dinner and discussion,
with optional attendance at Qabbalat
Shabbat service

Seminar Sessions:

Sunday, 18 Sept, 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Faith and Spirituality, Jewish and Christian

Sunday, 18 Sept, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Survivors and Memory; The Second Generation

Monday, 19 Sept, 7:00-9:00 pm
Artistic Responses to the Shoa; Shoa Denial

Wednesday, 21 Sept, 7:00-9:00 pm
Living a Spiritual Life after the Shoa;
European Responses

Related Events:

“Echo: Resonance of a Reality”
art exhibition by Carolyn Manosevitz, MFA
Gallery talk Saturday, 17 Sept, 11:30 am

Congregation Keneseth Israel
Scholar-Artist in Residence Lecture
by Ms. Manosevitz:

“The Eternal Presence of Absence”
Tuesday, 20 Sept, 7:30 pm
co-sponsored by the IJCU and the Center
for Ethics, “Memory and Forgetting” series

Registration opens:
Tuesday, Aug 30 @ 9:00 am
limited to 30 participants,
on a first-paid, first-placed basis

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