

Lux Center News



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The Dignity of Gratitude – Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Last week's Thanksgiving holiday celebration may have lacked many things for many people, but it hopefully still held fast to the value of gratitude. One can be grateful for many small things or even for those things that are beyond one's reach.

It is possible to look upon the world with awe and wonder and appreciate certain people who rise above the average, using their intellect and their care for humanity to make the world a much better place for all. You may or may not be aware of one such person, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks. Unfortunately, Rabbi Sacks died of cancer early in November at the age of 72.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks was someone who was admired far beyond the Jewish world. He lent his voice to discussions on faith, reason, religious liberty and interfaith dialogue. He was an internationally known philosopher, a prolific speaker and author. Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster stated, "Chief Rabbi Sacks was a most eloquent proponent of some of the greatest truths of humanity, so often forgotten."

The vision of the Lux Center is "To strengthen the living relationship between the Jewish and the Catholic people." To do this, first we must invest ourselves in Rabbi Jonathan Sack's own words, "The test of faith is whether I can make space for difference. Can I recognize God's image in someone who is not in my image, whose language, faith, ideal, are different from mine? If I cannot, then I have made God in my image instead of allowing him to remake me in his."

I urge you to look up the writings and the books of Jonathan Sacks. You will not regret the time you spend doing this.

Fall 2020 Jewish Studies Seminar for Christians—Session # 3 Wednesday, December 2, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Hanukah is NOT the Jewish Christmas and Other Jewish Holidays

Presenter: Rabbi Rachel Kaplan Marks

It is not too late to register,

click here **REGISTER**

or go to www.shsst.edu/luxcenter-eventsandnews/

Important Learning Opportunities

At no charge to you!

Thursday, December 3, 12:30pm CT—CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN

[The Holiday Season During a Pandemic: A Conversation with H.E. Timothy Cardinal](#)

[Dolan](#). His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, leader of Catholic-Jewish relations, and recipient of AJC's Isaiah Award for Exemplary Interreligious Leadership, joins AJC's Director

of Interreligious and Intergroup Relations, Rabbi Noam Marans, for a wide-ranging conversation on the holiday season during a pandemic, the role of religion in healing a divided America, and the threat of rising antisemitism and other forms of hate.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KwA5tYIpSsip8r3F36c4nw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

AFTER THE ELECTION

The role of listening with an open heart

SPEAKERS

**VIRTUAL
SUNDAY, DEC. 6 | 2 PM**

Join us as our guest specialists lead this healthy conversation about how to openly discuss topics with kindness and heal wounds after disagreements.

RSVP for Zoom link:

MilwaukeeJewish.org/JCRC AllisonH@MilwaukeeJewish.org (414) 390-5781

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The Rev. Winton Boyd

has been a Courage & Renewal® Facilitator prepared by the Center for Courage & Renewal, since 2007. He is also an authorized Healthy Congregations facilitator and Conflict Mediator with the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center.

VIDEO LEARNING SESSIONS

“The Bible With and Without Jesus:

How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently”

Presenters Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler

Hosted by Boston College’s Center for Christian-Jewish Learning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7dSmy39EeY&t=26s>

[Challenging Racism, Antisemitism, and Other Assaults on Human Dignity.](#)

You may access a video conversation with Dr. Beverly Mitchell on the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University by clicking on the link above. Dr. Mitchell is the author of the book “Plantations and Death Camp: Religion, Ideology and Human Dignity”.

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