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March, 2013: Ancient Tales Reveal Answers to the Greatest Mysteries of Life!

The Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) will present *Curious Tales of the Talmud: Finding Yourself in the Legends of Our Sages*, the institute's new six-session Spring 2013 course.

Rabbi Shmuly Altein of Chabad-Lubavitch will conduct the six course sessions on Tuesday evenings, beginning April 23, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Jewish Learning Centre. The course fee is \$79.00 and includes a student textbook.

"We'll explore the mystical dimension of the Talmud called the Aggadah, to uncover profound wisdom from some of the zaniest and most epic legends you'll ever encounter," said Rabbi Zalman Abraham of JLI's headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. "This is a chance for the public to unravel layers of personal meaning from texts not usually available to non-scholars."

In *Curious Tales of the Talmud*, participants will encounter legends of gargantuan sea monsters, impossible feats, anthropomorphisms, and riddles that challenge the foundations of the Jewish faith. In deciphering the meaning behind these strange episodes, students will discover secrets containing profound insights into the meaning of life.

"Whether you are fascinated by the Talmud and Jewish mysticism, or whether you are seeking a fun and meaningful experience, you won't want to miss this course," said Rabbi Shmuly Altein, the local JLI instructor in Winnipeg. "The material is as relevant as ever, promising to deepen the way we understand ourselves, our universe, and our relationships with the people we love."



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Like all JLI programs, *Curious Tales of the Talmud* is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship.

Interested students may call 204-339-8737 or visit www.ChabadWinnipeg.org for registration and other course-related information.



Motivated by a profound love for every Jew and spurred by a boundless optimism, Chabad-Lubavitch touches and enriches the lives of young and old, professionals and laypeople, the affiliated and the non-affiliated, immigrants and long-time citizens, regardless of background, affiliation, or level of commitment.

The Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), the adult education arm of Chabad-Lubavitch and a partner agency of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, was created in 2008 to address the growing need for in-depth Jewish knowledge. JLI aims at changing the way people feel about being Jewish through learning and discovery.

As the pre-eminent provider of adult Jewish learning in Winnipeg, JLI's mission is to make the wisdom of Jewish learning accessible to everyone. "The Jewish Learning Institute allows you to explore basic Jewish ideas, to share critical analysis and interactive discussion with exciting instructors and classmates," said Mr. David Chochinov, chairman of the local JLI committee.



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