

2013 Scholar-in-Residence

PROF. DANIEL C. MATT

**“From Kabbalah to the Big Bang:
Ancient Wisdom and Contemporary Spirituality”**

November 1-3, 2013

NO CHARGE TO ATTEND

Daniel Matt is one of the world's leading authorities on Kabbalah. He has published over ten books, including *The Essential Kabbalah* (translated into seven languages), *Zohar: Annotated and Explained*, and *God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality*. Daniel is currently



engaged in an immense project of translating and annotating the *Zohar*, the masterpiece of Kabbalah. So far, he has completed seven volumes of *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition* (Stanford University Press), covering more than two-thirds of the *Zohar's* commentary on the Torah. For this work, Daniel has been honored with a National Jewish Book Award and a Koret Jewish Book Award. The Koret award called his translation “a monumental contribution to the history of Jewish thought.” Dr. Matt has been featured in Time Magazine, and has appeared on National Public Radio and the History Channel. For twenty years, he served as professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, and has also taught at Stanford University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Daniel lives in Berkeley, California with his wife Hana.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Temple Emanuel

7:00 p.m. service

7:45 p.m. Lecture followed by Oneg

Topic: *Shekhinah* - The Feminine Half of God

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Congregation Ahavas Israel

12:00 p.m. Lunch

(RSVP for lunch required - 616-942-5553)

1:00 p.m. Lecture

Topic: The Mystical Meaning of Torah

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Temple Emanuel

10:00 a.m. Bagels & Schmooze

10:30 a.m. Lecture

Topic: *God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality*

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON SUNDAY

The Essential Kabbalah; God and the Big Bang; and Zohar: Annotated and Explained

For additional information contact the Jewish Federation at 616-942-5553 or Sari@ifgr.org

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