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Amazing things happen when Jewish men gather.



Dear [REDACTED]

We are so excited that you will be joining us for **JMR33: Realizing My Jewish Journey**.

How amazing it is that we will have a whole weekend to do a deep dive into such a profound topic! It's not too late to invite a friend or a family member [to register for JMR33](#) and share the journey of the weekend.

valuable information to enhance your retreat experience.

Thank you again for joining the Jewish Men's Retreat this year. We are genuinely looking forward to seeing each of you and being all together. It's coming soon!

Roger Zimmerman, Josh Millman & Harold Belkowitz, JMR33 Co-Chairs

JMR@menschwork.org

Logistics and Arrival:

1. Pearlstone Center's address is [REDACTED]
2. Hineini (check-in) will begin on Friday afternoon, Nov. 8, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. We request that all men arrive at Pearlstone no later than 4:15 p.m.
3. JMR33 will promptly begin on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at 4:45 p.m.
4. Please let us know in advance (JMR@menschwork.org) if your travel arrangements are such that you will arrive after 4:30 p.m. so that we can make appropriate arrangements for you to receive your room key.

Note: more details about arrival and check-in will be in the third email.

Men Flying Into BWI, Taking Amtrak or Interested in Carpooling:

Are you arriving at Baltimore/Washington International ("BWI") or taking Amtrak (either to BWI or Penn Station) and would like to rideshare to Pearlstone with another JMR attendee? Perhaps you are renting a car at BWI and have space for another man? Or, are you looking to carpool with a JMR attendee from Boston, New York, or Philadelphia? If so, please email David Shaw at [REDACTED] David has offered to be a contact point for men interested in sharing airport ground transportation or are otherwise interested in carpooling.

The preliminary JMR33 schedule is available online by [clicking this link](#).

Torah Readings & Opportunity to Read Torah:

The weekend's Torah parsha is Lech Lecha (Genesis 12:1–17:27). Lech Lecha begins with Avram's father, Terah, journeying from Ur to Canaan. Avram continues his father's journey, during which time he develops his own set of religious practices informed by G-d. Avram journeys to Canaan and Egypt, encountering opportunities and communities. These experiences hone his beliefs and his faith. Abraham (new name) becomes the leader of a prosperous clan and creates both a religious legacy and progeny in subsequent parashot.

[Please click this link](#) to read the parsha.

We wish to offer three men the opportunity/honor to each chant an aliyah during the Shabbat morning service. Each man will chant 3–7 lines of the Torah Parsha. This opportunity is open to all men. If you would like to be considered for this honor, please send a short note to JMR@menschwork.org telling us why you are interested in reading Torah at JMR33 and your skill.

JMR33 Theme & Storytelling:

At JMR33 we will explore Lech Lecha's theme of journeys. Like Avram, our individual Jewish journeys are a continuation of those of our ancestors. These are both physical and spiritual journeys. We may not have the benefit of direct divine guidance in choosing those paths and practices. They are, however, informed by our heritage, our faith, our choices, and external events.

One opportunity to better understand our Jewish journey to date before we consider what's next, is through storytelling. This art predates written communication and is essentially embodied in our Torah.

accounts of their Jewish journey. This will culminate at the Saturday evening bonfire, when all attendees will be invited to tell their Jewish Journey stories.

IMPORTANT: We are asking each of you to bring an object, a touchstone from one of your journeys that has special meaning in the evolution of your Jewish spiritual development. This could be a souvenir, a rock, a book or even a pair of worn hiking boots. This will be used during the retreat as a prompt in telling the story of your Jewish journey. Please attach a label with your name to these.

Informational Meeting for First Time Attendees:

Will this be your first Jewish Men's Retreat? If so, you will receive an email in the next few days inviting you to an informational meeting on October 22 about what to expect, what to bring, etc.

Upcoming Messages:

The next JMR33 informational email will be sent around October 27, 2024. That email will share information about the various offerings available at JMR33 and other helpful information. A third and final email will be sent approximately November 3, 2024.

P.S.: If you have a close friend or relative you'd like to invite to the retreat, please copy and forward the image below and send it to him. Thank you.

Jewish Men's Retreat

NOV. 8-10, PEARLSTONE CENTER, REISTERSTOWN, MD.

Deepen your Jewish journey; enliven your spirit; make new friends; share stories; be inspired; daven with joy; drum your prayers.

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