

CONGREGATION SHAAREI SHAMAYIM INVITES YOU TO A
SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH
RECONSTRUCTIONIST TORAH SCRIBE

RABBI KEVIN HALE

*A weekend of learning and
exploration together in community...*

January 27-29, 2012

Friday, January 27

6:00 PM: Dinner and Discussion

***The 613th Commandment and the Scribal State
of the Jewish People***

We will enjoy a vegetarian potluck dinner followed by a talk by Rabbi Kevin Hale. The 613th commandment is to write a Torah scroll. Rabbi Hale will discuss the tradition of this mitzvah and contextualize it within the contemporary Jewish community. We will also have an opportunity to examine our Torah with Rabbi Hale.

Location: First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive. *Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.*

Saturday, January 28

9:30 AM: Shabbat Morning Services and Lunch
The Torah Inside the Box

At Shabbat morning services Rabbi Hale will give a d'var Torah, "The Torah Inside the Box" based on the Torah portion, Parshat Bo. He will also explore Judaism's tradition of scribal arts and the holy work of writing sacred texts by hand. Location: First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive. A light Kiddush lunch will be provided.

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Saturday, January 28 (continued)

5:00 PM: Havdalah and Shabbat Meal

***What is a Nice Jewish Rabbi Like You Doing in
a Profession Like This? The Journeys of a
Reconstructionist Torah Scribe***

Rabbi Hale will lead an informal discussion as we bring Shabbat to an end. Location: The home of Karen Shevet Dinah, 351 W. Wilson Street, #1. Food and drink provided. *Please RSVP to office@shamayim.org by January 25 at noon.*

Sunday, January 29

9:30 AM: Workshops for Kids and Adults

***A Hands-On Visit to the World of Torah:
Its Materials, Tools, Methods, and Rituals***

Learn how Jewish ritual scribes write Torah scrolls by hand. See, touch and smell the tools of a scribe! Rabbi Hale will do workshops for kids and adults. Kids' workshops will be held from 9:30-11:30 AM. There will also be an adult discussion about Shaarei Shamayim's Torah from 10:00-11:30 AM. Rabbi Hale will then lead a one-hour adult workshop and conclude by 12:30 PM. Location: Center for Families, 2120 Fordem Avenue.