



Mobile Christian-Jewish Dialogue

1537 Deerwood Drive East
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October 8, 1998

Dear Friends:

What a fantastic beginning we have in store for you! On October 29, 1998, as we begin the 24th year of The Mobile Dialogue, you are invited to join us at the Springhill Avenue Temple at 7:30 PM. Our distinguished speaker is Amy-Jill Levine, who is the Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies and Director of the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender and Sexuality at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Professor Levine's self-description is as follows: "I'm a Jewish, feminist, Yankee, liberal raised in a predominantly Roman Catholic area, who teaches Christian Origins in a Protestant Divinity School located in the buckle of the Bible belt. And you think you got problems?" Her topic for this opening session of the Dialogue year is "**Jews and Christians Self-Definition: The Limits of Tolerance.**"

Professor Levine received her B. A. in English and Religion from Smith College, and her M. A. and Ph.D. in Religion from Duke University. She came to Vanderbilt in 1994 from Swarthmore College where she was the Sarah Lawrence Lightfoot Associate Professor and the chair of the Department of Religion. Professor Levine is active in the Society of Biblical Literature, a member of the Catholic Biblical Society and co-chairs the SBL's Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession. We are indeed proud to have her as our first speaker this year.

Please mark your calendars now so that you will not miss this exciting evening. Christus at Spring Hill College was kind enough to send the notice in their most recent mailing so we will hopefully have a large crowd for this event.

We are genuinely grateful to all of you who have responded so graciously to our Newsletter. For those who have generously sent contributions, we thank you very much. There are yet many issues in the world arena that continue to demand our attention: a few Catholic extremists erecting crosses at Auschwitz; the Beatification of Edith Stein, Jewish born and a convert to Catholicism who died in the Holocaust; and some who presume a "conspiracy at the Vatican to Christianize the Holocaust." The far reaches of extremism from Jews and Christians seems to have no limits. Hopefully, we can discuss some of these and other issues as we continue to define our differences in caring and calm dialogue.

Please plan to join us for the opening of the 24th year; and bring some friends along too.

Professor Amy-Jill Levine
Vanderbilt University
Topic: Jews and Christians: Self Definition
The Limits of Tolerance
Springhill Avenue Temple
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Shalom,

Mary & Paul Filben