**Rav Hanan Lecture Topics:**

1. Hasidic Sources of Passionate Pluralism
	1. This lecture explores some of the traditional textual underpinnings which form the foundation of Rav Hanan’s pluralistic worldview and motivate his efforts to understand and dialogue with those who’s faith traditions, cultures, worldviews and/or narratives differ from his own.
2. Rabbinic Revolutions (Series)
	1. While each class in this series can stand on its own, together they encompass a rich exploration of the subject
	2. The rabbinic Judaism that we practice today draws its lifeblood from our ancient Torah and yet at the same time appears on occasion to be very different from what the Torah describes. The rabbis of yore understood themselves to be called upon to actively interpret and reinterpret the Torah, and in so doing, they brought moral and humanistic values to bear on the legal text, and thus bequeathed us the foundations of the Judaism that we know today. Each of the standalone classes below covers a different example of this rabbinic revolution:
		1. The wayward son.
		2. The deviant wife.
		3. A women’s place.
		4. Eye for an eye.
		5. The condemned city. Please remove this item
		6. The meaning of the holiday of Shavuot.
		7. The destruction of the Seven Canaanite Nations.
		8. Animal Sacrifice.
		9. The Beautiful Female captive.
		10. Divorce and Levirate Marriage.
		11. Flogging.
3. Theological Issues in the Book of Genesis (Series)
	1. While each class in this series can stand on its own, together they encompass a rich exploration of critical issues in Jewish theology.
		1. How Could There be Two Creation Stories?
		2. Why Did God Chose Abraham? - Inborn Essence or Selection
		3. The Nature of the Holy Land of Israel
		4. Reasons for the Mitzvot - 2 classes
		5. Sibling Rivalry - Yishmael and Yitzchak
		6. Sibling Rivalry - Jacob and Esau
		7. Halacha and Morality - 2 classes
		8. Akeda-The Near Sacrifice of Isaac, Submission and Obedience to God
		9. Is the World Progressing or Regressing?
		10. Prayer
		11. Who is Included in the Covenant?
		12. Providence
4. Why the Jews Rejected Jesus
	1. This nine class series is one of Rav Hanan’s favorites and is always extremely successful. It is actually a really great introduction to Jewish thought. It can be reduced to three classes if need be. It is not polemic and not offensive to Christians.
	2. The three major subjects are:
		1. Monotheism, the trinity and incarnation
		2. The Commandments
		3. The concept of messiah and the messiahship of Jesus
5. Shall we do to the Palestinians as we were Commanded to do to the Canaanites?
	1. Many classes in this nine part series can also be offered as stand alone units
	2. The Jewish People has returned to its ancient homeland after 2000 years of exile. We wield political and military power as the sovereign rulers of a modern nation. In our midst reside not only Jews but also a very large number of Muslim and Christian Arabs. Some are citizens of the State of Israel, while others – those living in the areas conquered in 1967 – are not, and have no guarantee of civil rights. The Jewish State - and its Jewish inhabitants – prides itself on being both Jewish and democratic, founded upon Jewish values and well as universal human rights. What does it mean to be loyalty to both? What does Jewish tradition say about how we should relate to these people? How should we think and feel about them? How should we as individuals behave towards them, and how should the state behave towards them? Is violence against them ever justified? Do they have the right to live in our land? Should we rent and sell them property and houses? Should we live in the same towns? Should they be permitted to practice their religions openly? And do we have an obligation to practice loving-kindness towards them as we must towards our Jewish neighbor? Are we commanded to give them charity? Should we practice interfaith dialogue and learn about their religions?

	What we are looking at in this series are the religious aspects of the Palestinian Israeli conflict from the Jewish perspective. What is the role of Jewish tradition in the conflict? What Jewish sources may be helping to add fuel to the fire, and what religious approaches may be mustered to move towards de-escalation?

	These issues are fiercely debated today among Israeli Torah scholars. In this series of classes we will study the different opinions and their foundations in the Bible and in traditional Jewish thought and jurisprudence.

	This topic along with these various questions can be discussed in one class or a series of classes with the depth of exploration limited only by the time allotted.

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When speaking for Christian audiences, I have many topics and subjects about Jewish views of the NT and many possible topics for theological dialogue. I can send you the material of course.