

The Art and Passion of Hebrew Kirtan

Led by the Kirtan Rabbi Andrew Hahn with Shoshana Jedwab



August 10 – 16, 2009 at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center

Open Your Heart through Call-And-Response Chant

Kirtan—call-and-response chant developed in India for devotional meditation and prayer—is at once contemplative, ecstatic and simply fun. Join Kirtan Rabbi Andrew Hahn and percussionist Shoshana Jedwab for an immersion experience in this cutting-edge Jewish practice. We will chant a lot. And we'll learn to create and lead chants, do chant-related breathing and meditation exercises and study texts about the history of Jewish chant. At least one session will be dedicated to kirtan percussion techniques.



Rabbi Andrew Hahn, known as both the Kirtan Rabbi and the Tai Ch'i Rabbi, has helped bring kirtan to the Jewish world. He leads call-and-response chant and meditation seminars around the country, leads monthly Hebrew Interfaith Kirtan in Greenwich Village and is a Resident Scholar at CLAL. Andrew was ordained at HUC-JIR and holds a Ph.D. in Jewish Thought from the Jewish Theological Seminary. His CD *Kirtan Rabbi: Live!* has received rave reviews. www.kirtanrabbi.com



Shoshana Jedwab is an award-winning Jewish educator and "primal percussionist" who facilitates Jewish-oriented drum circles nationwide. She drums for the Kirtan Rabbi, Congregation Romemu, Chana Rothman, earth-based celebrations, healing circles, retreats and synagogues. Shoshana has taught Jewish Studies for more than twenty years, and she co-creates ritual experience and embodied prayer for Kohenet, Nehirim and Storachtelling. www.shoshanajedwab.com



This retreat is a program of the **Elat Chayyim Center for Jewish Spirituality**, a living laboratory for the development and renewal of contemporary Jewish spiritual life at the **Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center**.

Located only two hours from NYC and three hours from Boston, **Isabella Freedman** is a Berkshire retreat destination that provides glatt kosher dining, country lodging, miles of hiking trails and an organic farm.

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