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***A Dream Shabbos:  
Understanding Yaakov and His Ladder***  
with  
**Rabbi Jeremy Kagan**

Shabbos Parshas Vayetze – November 13, '10

*Through various midrashim on Yaakov's dream we will try to understand our purpose in creation and how our failures over history to fully achieve that purpose create the circumstances which allow its ultimate completion.*



## Schedule of Talks

- ***Yaakov's Ladder: Connecting Heaven and Earth***  
Fri. Night – 8:15 PM Collation, 8:30 PM - Lecture
- ***Corrupted Connections and their Consequences***  
Shabbos Morning, following Kiddush, approx. 11:30 AM
- ***Humility and Human Greatness***  
At Shalosh Seudos, following 4:15 PM Mincha
- ***Today's Challenge: the Opportunity of Distance***  
Motzai Shabbos 8:30 PM (light Melava Malka served)

### **Rabbi Jeremy Kagan**

*Rabbi Jeremy Kagan has been the principal of Midreshet Tehillah, a post-high school seminary in Jerusalem, since its founding in 2002. He was a senior faculty member at She'arim College of Jewish Studies for Women, and taught at Meor Beis Yaacov Seminary, Ma'alot Seminary, Moreshet, and Machon Yaakov. Born in Boston and raised in Hawaii, Rabbi Kagan went to Yale University, graduating with a BA in philosophy. He first became interested in traditional Judaism while traveling in Israel during his college years. He returned to Israel to pursue Talmudic studies following the completion of his degree at Yale, eventually becoming a student at Heichal HaTorah B'Pressburg and the Mirrer Yeshiva. He received rabbinical ordination from Rabbi Zalman Nechemiah Goldberg and has regularly attended the Shiurim of Rabbi Moshe Shapiro.*

*Rabbi Kagan published *The Jewish Self: Recovering Spirituality in the Modern World* (Feldheim, 1998). The book has been hailed by many educators as a major breakthrough in honestly bridging the vision and understanding of the Torah with our actual experience of the modern world—essential both for the observant Jew trying to make his Torah real and for the non-observant trying to make Torah relevant. Rabbi Kagan is in the process of authoring his second book, *The Choice to Be: A Jewish Path to Self and Spirituality* which will be published by Feldheim and is expected out in December.*

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