

ROOTS AND BRANCHES:

The Jewish Roots of Christianity

with **Rabbi David Zaslow**
Special Guest Storyteller, **Devorah Zaslow**

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Judaism and Christianity share many of the same Biblical texts, yet the members of each faith know little of each other's beliefs and spiritual practices. This talk focuses on the essential theological ideas that both differentiate and join these two sister-faiths together. Participants will gain insight into the first-century world of Judaism, and the Jewish roots of Rabbi Jesus' teachings. We will explore theological ideas such as salvation, messiah, and the afterlife from a Jewish perspective. The roots of anti-Semitism will be explored, as well as ways that these two great religions can find common ground today. This evening will combine music, teaching, and storytelling which will inspire Christians and Jews alike.

Bio: **Rabbi David Zaslow** was ordained by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi in 1995, and is the spiritual leader of B'nai Or of Boston as well as Havurah Shir Hadash Synagogue in Ashland, Oregon. He is the author of "Thou Shalt Wander Forty Years." and the editor of the Jewish Renewal prayer book "Ivdu et Hashem B'Simcha." He has recently completed a book called "Roots and Branches".

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