

**“A rabbi is a daily learner of the Jewish library who is so joyous with her or his learning that s/he can’t wait to share it with his own people and beyond, even as Torah is acquired in small, yet frequent bites...”**

**Rabbi Yossi Feintuch**

Please join us for Erev Shabbat Service on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm to meet Rabbi, Yossi Feintuch, and his wife, Judy, who will be visiting us in Bend the weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The topic of his comments on Erev Shabbat will be: “What does it mean to ‘be holy’?”

Rabbi Yossi will also lead Shabbat Torah Service at 10 am on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> followed by a potluck vegetarian luncheon. We will also gather for Havdallah at Shalom Bayit at 7:30 pm to enjoy food from Kebaba and usher in the new week together.



Rabbi Yossi was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1994; since ordination, he has served the Sephardic-Portuguese Jewish community on the island of Curacao, the oldest

congregation in the Western Hemisphere, and the only synagogue in Columbia, MO, Congregation Beth Shalom.

Rabbi Yossi received academic degrees from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem (B.A. in International Relations and History), New York University (M.A. in History), and Emory University (Ph.D. in U.S. History); his doctoral dissertation was published by Greenwood Press under the title U.S. Policy on Jerusalem. Rabbi Yossi was just awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa* by the HUC-JIR.

Additionally, he has taught in several academic institutions, including Ben-Gurion University (Beersheba, Israel), and the University of Missouri (Columbia, MO).

Rabbi Yossi has published numerous articles in various publications, including The CCAR Journal, the Reform Jewish Quarterly, and The Jewish Bible Quarterly.

He is a veteran of the Israel Defense Forces.

Rabbi Yossi has been married for nearly 36 years to Judy; they have 3 grown children and 2 grandsons.

He is an avid hiker and explorer; he hiked the Israel Trail over a 3-month period, and recently backpacked solo in Nicaragua for five weeks.



We invite all our members and friends to make a point of coming out for as many events that weekend as possible so that we can get to know Rabbi Yossi and Judy, make them feel welcome and so that we can all have a voice in the next steps for our community.