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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan's University Chapel Hour and Special Events and Services will present Elliot Ginsburg, associate professor of Jewish thought at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, who will give a speech titled "Entering the Sabbath in Jewish Mystical Tradition" on Wednesday, April 5, at 11 a.m. in Evelyn Chapel (1301 N. Park St., Bloomington).

Co-sponsored by IWU Hillel, the Jewish student life organization, the service is free and open to the public.

Jewish mysticism is one of the core disciplines of Judaism.

This school of thought came to be known as Kabbalah, from the Hebrew word "Qof-Bet-Lamed," meaning "to receive, to accept." In Judaism, most cosmological issues like the belief in angels and the devil and heaven and hell are widely open to personal opinion. Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism are the areas of Jewish thought that most extensively discuss these issues, and were traditionally not taught to people until the age of 40, once they learned the fundamentals of Judaism.

For additional information, contact the Illinois Wesleyan Chaplain's office at (309) 556-3005.

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