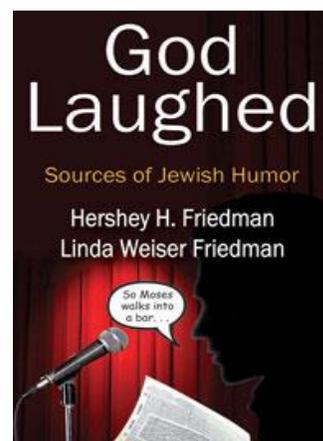




**Congregation Darchei Noam
Invites you to hear**

**Professor Linda W. Friedman
and Professor Hershey Friedman**

***Are Jews Funny? Humor in
the Tanach and the Talmud***



Friday, June 13, 2014

7:00 pm	Mincha, Kabblat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
8:00 pm	Shabbat Dinner (reservations required)
9:00 pm	<i>Are Jews Funny? Humor in the Tanach and the Talmud</i>

Professors Friedman & Friedman will present material from their latest work, ***God Laughed: Sources of Jewish Humor*** (Transaction Publishers, May 2014). The book reviews, organizes, and categorizes the humor of the ancient Jewish texts – in a clear, readable, and accessible manner. Humor has had a profound effect on the way the Jewish people see the world, and has sustained us through millennia of hardship and suffering. The Hebrew Bible (Tanach), the Talmud, and Midrash, works that have influenced the Jewish people in many ways, and indeed, tie us together as a people across generations and geography, are all replete with humor and wit. Inevitably, this oeuvre of Jewish humor has itself influenced generations of comics, as well as genres of humor. Examples of Biblical and Talmudic humor are presented from several broad categories, including irony, sarcasm, wordplay, humorous names, humorous imagery, and humorous situations. From the review in *Publisher's Weekly*: "In this lighthearted but thoughtful study, professors Friedman and Friedman ... trace the origins and evolution of Jewish humor from religious texts. Citing numerous sources including the Hebrew Bible, the Talmud, and the Midrash, the authors do a thorough and convincing job of identifying the presence of humor, especially the distinctive elements of self-deprecation and irony..."

Linda Weiser Friedman is professor of statistics and computer information systems at Baruch College of the City University of New York. Her research and teaching interests are varied and include business statistics, object-oriented programming, humor studies, Jewish studies, online education, social media, and all things technology.

Hershey Friedman is professor of finance and business management at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, where he directs the business program. His research and teaching interests include business statistics, marketing, humor studies, Jewish business ethics, Biblical leadership, and online education.

I would like to make Shabbat dinner reservations for:

_____ adults @ \$9.00 each & _____ children @ \$6.00 each // _____ vegetarian meals needed

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ Name_____

Reservations due Monday, June 9. RSVP to **Daffy Friedman**, drdaffy@gmail.com, or mail to 2950 Joppa Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Kids 2 and under eat free; 3 – 12, \$6.00.

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