

*Norwich Christian
Meditation Centre*

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presents

THE FEMININE DIVINE IN OUR EVERY DAY

An exploration of our relationship with the
Feminine in Hebrew sacred texts, stories and history



Photo: Caroline Irby

With Kohenet Rachel Rose Reid

Friday 29 March 2019: 7.30pm, A Tisch of Tales

Saturday 30 March 2019: 10am, Learning Circle and Meditation
St Luke's Church, 61 Aylsham Road, Norwich

Whilst this event is focused on The Feminine Divine, it is open to everyone


RACHEL ROSE REID

Kohenet Rachel works to create meaningful connections that extend beyond personal and cultural differences. She facilitates workshops and devotion in a wide variety of Jewish and multi-faith settings from Burning Man to Greenbelt Festival. She is co-creator of Yelala (www.yelala.co.uk), and is the Spiritual Educator for Sadeh, the UK's only Jewish farm and environmental community, based in Kent.

In our **Saturday Circle**, we have a unique opportunity to learn how to identify feminine archetypes that lie in sacred texts, exploring them through experiential practice, silent meditation and devotional chant, sacred text study, and discussion.

As a professional storyteller, Rachel has written and performed for Billy Bragg, BBC Radio 3, the London Symphony Orchestra, and is a winner of the UK Young Storyteller of the Year. Raised on a stew of immigrant oral tradition, English folk music, and concrete jungle, we invite you to join us on **Friday evening** for a Tisch of Tales, in which Rachel will share some of her favourite spoken word, story, and song. Poetic Jewish liturgy often refers to the Sabbath herself as a Bride or a Queen. A Tisch is an East-European Jewish custom of welcoming the Sabbath Bride with joy, a special treat from the “Queen of the New Wave of storytellers” (BBC Radio 3).

Rachel has been ordained by the Kohenet Hebrew Priestess Institute (KHPI) (USA), founded by Rabbi Jill Hammer and Taya-Ma Shere. KHPI teaches histories and practices of Jewish women's spiritual leadership from antiquity to the present day. Much of this has not been recorded in any single comprehensive text, but is scattered across studies of anthropology, archaeology, sacred text, oral history, and folklore. KHPI empowers its Kohanot to learn, renew and apply this vast body of knowledge to our lives.



“An air of the bittersweet permeates, and old stories sound fresh in her mouth” *The Stage*

“Immense skill and breathless conviction...there's no faulting Reid's command of her craft” *The Times.*

PROGRAMME

A night and a day in the company of Rachel Rose Reid, storyteller and Kohenet, remembering the enchantment and power of spoken word and chant, celebrating Shabbat (Sabbath), and discovering the Feminine Divine in the ancient texts that are the common ancestral root of Christian and Jewish theologies.

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>In Jewish tradition, Friday night is the time for Kabbalat Shabbat, the welcoming of the Sabbath, in which the sharing of food, drink, story and song emphasise the joy that comes with a day of rest.</p>	<p>09:30 Arrival, coffee, and registration</p>
	<p>10:00 Shacharit and Kiddush Morning meditation and accessible devotional chant, based on Hebrew liturgy.</p>
	<p>11:15 Coffee Break</p>
	<p>11:30 The Netivot (Pathways) Discover 13 feminine archetypes that can be found within Biblical text and explore your connection with those that you relate to.</p>
<p>19:30 Doors open Soft drinks, savoury snacks, and pay-bar for wine. (If you are a Jewish guest who doesn't use money on Shabbat, please contact us in advance)</p>	<p>13:00 Lunch Break</p>
<p>20:00 A Tisch of Tales Rachel Rose Reid brings Stories and Songs</p>	<p>14:00 Walking the Path As a group, we will expand our knowledge of one or two netivot learning how, as spiritual detectives, we can find them in sacred text, folklore, anthropology, history, in ourselves and in the Divine. We can take this skill home and apply it to our own study and devotion.</p>
<p>20:45 Interval with drinks and snacks</p>	
<p>21:00 A Tisch of Tales (continued) Rachel Rose Reid brings Stories and Songs</p>	
<p>21:30 End</p>	
	<p>16:30 End</p>

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The weekend is designed as one shared experience. But, if this is not possible for you, you're more than welcome to come to either the Friday evening, or the Saturday Circle.

Can I bring my children? Friday is suitable for ages 12+, Saturday is suitable for ages 16+. Babes in arms welcome, on both days – please be aware that our sessions may require moments of silence, when babies might need to be taken outside.

The venue is fully accessible; please let us know if you have any special requirements.

Enquiries:

Please email debbie@norwichmeditation.co.uk

On Saturday, tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided, but lunch will not, so please consider bringing a packed lunch or using the mini supermarket down the road.

Book your place, find a map, get more info:

www.rachelrosereidnorwich2019.eventbrite.co.uk

POSTAL BOOKING

Please send to: Anna Green, 24 Golden Dog Lane, Norwich, NR3 1BP

Cheques payable to St Augustines DCC. (Collect your ticket at the event)

- I enclose £40 and would like to book for the full event
- I enclose £35 and would like to book Saturday
- I enclose £10 and would like to book Friday

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