



Poetry and Prayer for Non-Poets workshop

Synopsis - Examine the relationship between poetry and prayer through the lens of Jewish literary pioneer Ruth Brin, whose poems can be found in Reconstructionist, Reform and Conservative prayer books around the U.S. Find your inner Walt Whitman or Emily Dickinson by work-shopping the week's Torah portion and creating your own sacred, whimsical, or ludicrous poetic interpretation.

Workshop plan – Led by Jennifer Fritch

- I. Brief overview on relationship between poetry and prayer
- II. Review 1 Torah portion in 'Interpretations' and then Brin's poetic interpretation
- III. Review Torah portion for the week and allow participants to write a poem with these thought starters:
 - pick 3 words from the portion that stand out and write them in large font on a piece of paper - what do they inspire?
 - find a sentence from the portion, write it backwards, remove words and use it as a source of inspiration
- IV. Share the work with the group, if courageous enough

When – Sunday, April 7, 2019, 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Where – My home, in New Hope. 114 Bridgewater Drive, RSVP to Jennifer at jenniferfritch@yahoo.com

