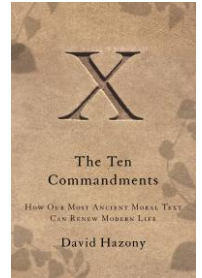


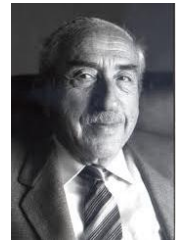
## David Hazony's Offered Lectures Fall 2012

**1. Are the Ten Commandments Still Relevant?** The Ten Commandments are probably the world's most recognizable ancient text. Yet few of us can name all ten, and fewer still can say what they're really trying to teach us. This talk will take us on a journey through the Ten Commandments, unlocking their original meaning and revealing the radical approach to life they embody—an approach that makes them just as relevant today as when they first appeared. **Best with A/V, bookseller. Can be expanded up to 5-lecture series.**



**2. The Curious Case of Elijah the Prophet.** Fiery and pious, Elijah the Prophet is one of the Bible's most mystifying figures. Fleeing for his life, he embarks on an intense personal journey, trekking to Mount Sinai to discover the truth of God. It doesn't go as planned: God reveals himself, but criticizes Elijah for the effort. We will take a close look at this bizarre story, and discover what it reveals about spirituality in the Bible. **Seminar and discussion of biblical text for all levels.**

**3. Unafraid: The Combative Theology of Eliezer Berkovits.** Eliezer Berkovits was one of the most prolific—yet least studied—Jewish philosophers in the Twentieth Century. Offering a Judaism that combined loyalty to biblical and rabbinic tradition, liberal humanism, a conservative political instinct, and a harsh critique of other thinkers, Berkovits fought for the dignity of women, Jewish peoplehood, Zionism, and the flexibility of Jewish law. This talk will introduce his thought, emphasizing his unique approach to human responsibility. **Can be expanded up to 3-lecture series.**



**4. Unconventional Thoughts on the Future of Jewish Peoplehood.** A series of recent controversies has shown that Israel and North American Jewry are like two tectonic plates, gradually shifting apart. A similar gap is opening between Orthodox and non-Orthodox Judaism. What can be done to restore a sense of peoplehood and to foster mutual understanding and respect? This **lecture-and-conversation** will explore the options available and the highly charged emotional landscape, and ask whether we are, or even should be, one people.

**David Hazony's first book**, "The Ten Commandments: How Our Most Ancient Moral Text Can Renew Modern Life" (Scribner) was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award in 2010. An American-born writer based in Jerusalem, his writings have appeared in The New Republic, CNN.com, the Forward, Commentary, Moment, The Jewish Chronicle, The New York Sun, Policy Review, the Jerusalem Post, and others. He is a contributing editor at The Forward, and blogs frequently regularly at Contentions, the blog of Commentary Magazine. From 2004-2007, he served as editor-in-chief of Azure, Israel's leading journal of public affairs. Hazony received his Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy from the Hebrew University, where he focused his research on the thought of Eliezer Berkovits, including two major essays on his thought, and editing two volumes of Berkovits' writings. He also translated Emuna Elon's novel "If You Awaken Love," which was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award in 2007.



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