Understanding Jesus in his Jewish context corrects false and negative stereotypes of Jews and Judaism, brings new meaning to Jesus’ parables, prayer, and piety, and offers a new path for Jewish-Christian relations. Topics to be discussed include interpretation of Torah, the role of women, family values, attitudes toward Samaritans and gentiles, the Jerusalem Temple, and “the Jews” in the Gospels.

EVENT REGISTRATION:
This workshop is free but registration is required and space is limited. The Center for Christian-Jewish Learning will provide complimentary copies of the Jewish Annotated New Testament, 2nd edition (Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Z. Brettler, Co-Editors) for as many of the attendees as possible. Please register by emailing cjlearning@bc.edu.

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