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coalition) and Bard College. He will lay out his understanding of a Jewish environmental theology of redemption. In addition to his writing and speaking engagements, Trester is a stage magician and enjoys theatre, hiking, and collecting Native American art.

Well-known biblical scholar Gary Rendsburg, of Rutgers University, will follow, with a presentation titled "From Desert to Sown: Israel's Encounter With the Land of Canaan." His involvement with ecology is active -- he has participated in five Hazon-sponsored bike rides (two in Israel, three in New York) -- and personal: at home he keeps a composting bin in his kitchen, with a sign above it that quotes Pirke Avot, hafokh bah, hofokh bah!

Three speakers are included in Monday's second session: Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus, Sandra B. Lubarsky, and Natan Margalit. Brumberg-Kraus teaches at Wheaton College in Massachusetts, where (among other courses) he teaches a first-year undergraduate seminar on "The Rituals of Dinner." The students, together with their professors, help raise the food and design the rituals for the class's final sustainable banquet. Brumberg-Kraus will be speaking on connections between Kabbalah, food, and sustainability.

The next presenter, Sandra Lubarsky, is the founding director of the graduate program on sustainable communities at Northern Arizona State, where she is also Professor of Religious Studies. Since 2002, she has logged more than a thousand miles walking across Europe and Turkey. For the Symposium, she will make a presentation titled "Hiddur Mitzvah as an Ecological Imperative."

Natan Margalit -- whose presentation has the title "A Tree of Life: Text and Nature Working Together" -- was raised in Honolulu and spent half his adult life in Israel. On the faculty of Hebrew College, he finds himself drawn to the beauty and power of both Jewish texts and the natural world. In much of his work, as is the case with this Symposium, he focuses on the meeting place between nature and text.

Following the second session, there is a lunch and keynote presentation, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The keynote speaker, Nigel Savage, is founder and executive director of Hazon, an organization that works to create a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community. He has spearheaded two major Hazon activities: bike rides and the launching of CSA's.

A native of Manchester, England, Savage has traveled throughout the world in pursuit of his goals. He is thought to be the first (and only?) English Jew to have cycled across the state of South Dakota on a recumbent bike. His keynote address is titled "Food for Thought: How the New Jewish Food Movement Provides a Fresh Route Into Judaism and the Environment." The conclusion of his presentation marks the formal end of this, the 20th Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium.

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