Students, community members welcome to hear Jewish educator

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Jewish educator Paul Blank will visit Alfred University (AU) from Friday, Feb. 20 through Sunday, Feb. 22, offering students and community members opportunities to learn more about Jewish services and Judaism.

A teacher at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., Blank will lead a "beginner&s service" at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, on the AU campus. A beginner&s service is one which includes much explanation so that people who have never been to a service can follow and so that people who would like to learn more about the structure of the Jewish Sabbath service can do so. Anyone who wants to learn more about Judaism is welcome.

On Saturday afternoon, Blank will lead a discussion focusing on the story of Cain and Abel beginning at 2 in the Kenyon/Allen Room, Powell Campus Center. Again, anyone who wants to learn more about Judaism is welcome.

Blank, a graduate of Brandeis University, Boston, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City, has been coming to Hornell to lead High Holy Day services at Temple Beth El for over a decade.

The Alfred events are sponsored by Hillel at Alfred, the Jewish student organization at AU, and Alfred State College. Community members are welcome! For more information contact Larry Greil (phone: 607.587.8694; email: fgreil@alfred.edu) or Barbara Greil (phone: 607.587.8694; email: greilbj@alfredstate.edu. Light refreshments will be served at both events.