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# Becoming Elijah: Prophet of Transformation

with

## Daniel C. Matt

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### ***Becoming Elijah: Prophet of Transformation***

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In the Bible, Elijah is a zealous prophet, attacking false gods. He performs miracles and is finally carried off to heaven in a fiery chariot. How did this fierce zealot turn into a compassionate superhero, the most popular figure in Jewish folklore and herald of the Messiah, who is anticipated at every Seder and invoked at every Havdalah?

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM**  
**at the Temple**

**All Welcome**  
**Light Refreshments (starting at 10:30 a.m.)**  
**No Cost**

**Dr. Daniel Matt** is a scholar of Kabbalah and the Zohar. Among his books are: *The Essential Kabbalah* (translated into eight languages), *God and the Big Bang, and his 9-volume, annotated translation of the Zohar* (*The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*), which has been hailed as “a monumental contribution to the history of Jewish thought.”

In the last year Dr. Matt’s biography of Elijah the Prophet was published in Yale’s series Jewish Lives: *Becoming Elijah, Prophet of Transformation*. Dr. Matt lives in Berkeley and currently teaches Zohar online ([danielcmatt.com](http://danielcmatt.com)).