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SPECIAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

GRACE

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“PINK SHABBAT” FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

FOLLOWING 7:30 pm EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

Following services, there will be a screening of Grace, a short documentary, capturing the journey of a 36-year-old mom and breast cancer survivor who decides to reclaim her body by covering her mastectomy scars with an elaborate tattoo. The director and producer will be available for questions and discussion.

VETERANS SHABBAT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018 AT 7:30 pm

Veterans Day Shabbat is a special Shabbat service honoring Veterans and commemorating Kristallnacht, sponsored by Brotherhood and featuring music of Koleynu. TBI will pay tribute to our members and their relatives who have served or are currently serving in our nation’s military. Rabbi Leonard Kravitz, former US Army Chaplain, will be speaking in honor of Veteran’s Shabbat.

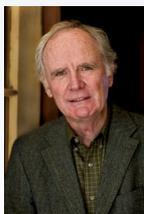
SHABBAT SHIRA: A NIGHT OF SHABBAT SINGING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2018 AT 6:00 pm

After your Thanksgiving dinner is over and the leftovers are packed up, enjoy the company of your TBI Family for this special Shabbat experience! Kabbalat Services begin at 6:00 pm, followed by a Congregational Shabbat Dinner. “Camp-Style” Shabbat song session will begin at 7:30 pm.

AN EVENING WITH JAMES CARROLL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019 • EVENING EVENT



Spend an interesting evening with best-selling novelist James Carroll. James Carroll is the author of twelve novels, most recently *The Cloister*, which The New York Times called “incandescent.” He also authored eight works of non-fiction, most recently *Christ Actually: The Son of God for the Secular Age*, which The Boston Globe called, “At once stunningly

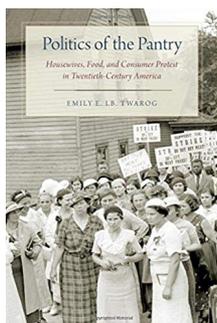
original and strangely familiar, a testament to the power of a critical, creative faith.”

“SOUP”ER STUDY

MONDAY EVENINGS: 6:00 pm SUPPER (OPTIONAL); 6:45 pm LECTURE
ENJOY HOMEMADE SOUP AND FABULOUS LECTURES!

“THE POLITICS OF THE PANTRY”

DECEMBER 17th, 2018 - Emily Twarog Miller, PhD, MS



The history of women’s political involvement has focused heavily on electoral politics, but throughout the twentieth century women engaged in grassroots activism when they found it increasingly challenging to feed their families and balance their household ledgers. *Politics of the Pantry* examines how working—and middle—class American housewives used their identity as housewives to protest the high cost of food. In doing so, housewives’ relationships with the state evolved over the course of the century.

Shifting the focus away from the workplace as a site of protest, Emily E. L.B. Twarog (TBI member and author) looks to the homefront as a starting point for protest in the public sphere.

DEFENDING ISRAEL AND ADVANCING DEMOCRATIC VALUES IN AN AGE OF DISCONTENT

JANUARY 21st, 2019 - Daniel Elbaum



As Senior Associate Executive Director and Chief Advocacy and Program Officer for the AJC, Dan Elbaum works to focus and align AJC’s programs and initiatives for greater impact. His specific responsibilities include supervision of AJC’s 22 regional offices; its college campus activities; its pioneering young leadership programs; national political outreach; global interfaith and interethnic work; marketing and communications; and media relations, all major components of the 112-year-old agency’s policy agenda.

JOCIE: SOUTHERN JEWISH AMERICAN PRINCESS TO CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

FEBRUARY 18th, 2019 - Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg



Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg grew up in Memphis going to Vollenline, Snowden, Central, then Rhodes College where she received her B.A. in Sociology / Anthropology; J.D. from University of Memphis. A fifth generation Memphian, married with three children, she thought her life was set - until the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968 shattered her belief system. That was a transformative event that raised her consciousness to racism and its role in society. She founded the

local Panel of American Women that year to address prejudice and celebrate differences. She started the Concerned Women of Memphis and Shelby County, credited with averting a second sanitation workers' strike a year after Dr. King's death. Jocelyn jumped into civil rights, women's rights, and social justice activities serving on the Social Action Commission of Reform Judaism.

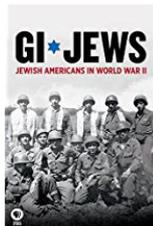


HAVDALAH AND A MOVIE

6:00 pm SUPPER (OPTIONAL); 7:00 pm FILM

G.I. JEWS

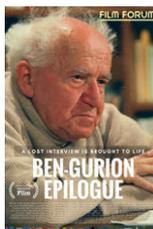
NOVEMBER 3rd, 2018



GI JEWS: JEWISH AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II tells the story of the 550,000 Jewish Americans who fought in World War II. In their own words, veterans both famous and unknown bring their war experiences to life: how they fought for their nation and their people, struggled with anti-Semitism within their ranks, and emerged transformed.

EPILOGUE

JANUARY 5th, 2019



Based on archive material, the film reveals the final years of Israel's founder, David Ben-Gurion. Excluded from leadership, he allowed himself a hindsight perspective on the Zionist enterprise.

ARRANGED

MARCH 9th, 2019



ARRANGED centers on the friendship between an Orthodox Jewish woman and a Muslim woman who meet as first-year teachers at a public school in Brooklyn. Over the course of the year they learn they share much in common - not least of which is that they are both going through the process of arranged marriages.

RAISING CHILDREN IN AN INTERFAITH FAMILY: CONFLICT OR OPPORTUNITY



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 10:00 am

Speaker: Marion Usher

Enjoy a light breakfast (compliments of Brotherhood) and hear from Dr. Marion Usher, Author of *Love and Religion: An Interfaith Workshop for Jews and Their Partners*. Come and discuss what it is like to be a part of the New Jewish Family. Learn how to navigate and celebrate raising your children with a Jewish Identity.

“CHAI” LIGHTS OF OUR SCHOOL CURRICULUM (TAUGHT FOR ADULTS)

DECEMBER 9, 2018, JANUARY 13, 2019, AND MARCH 10, 2019
10:00 am

Curious about what the kids are learning in Sunday school? Join Rabbi Weinberg for this three-part series for discussion and conversation about three key tenets of the Temple Beth Israel Religious school “Chai Curriculum” – Torah, Avodah (Worship), and G’milut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness).



THE LIGHTER SIDE OF YIDDISH

MARCH 27, 2019 AT 12:00 Noon

Presenter: Harold Levine

Learn the interesting origins of many popular Yiddish words and phrases and what they really mean. Our member, Harold Levine, will also relate amusing anecdotes about some popular Yiddish expressions. Harold will also reveal how the Lone Ranger & Tonto and Captain Midnight greatly inspired his interest in Yiddish. This presentation will be informative and entertaining and will include some things that your grandmother never taught you.

ALLEY-OOP TO ALIYAH: AFRICAN AMERICAN HOOPSTERS IN THE HOLY LAND



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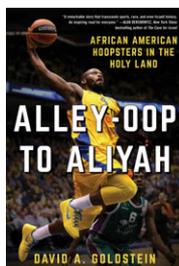
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

9:30 am BREAKFAST; 10:00 am PRESENTATION

Speakers: David Goldstein (Author) and Andrew Kennedy (Former player and current NBA scout)

Alley-Oop to Aliyah chronicles four decades of African Americans traveling to Israel to play professional

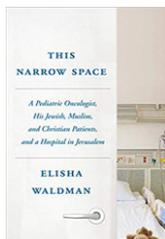
basketball. In that time, more than 800 have made the journey, many of whom have fallen in love with the country and chosen to return year after year. Meet author David Goldstein and Andrew Kennedy (former player and current NBA scout).



MEET THE AUTHOR: DR ELISHA WALDMAN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018 • 10:00 am PRESENTATION

Speaker: Dr. Elisha Waldman



Meet Dr Elisha Waldman as he reflects on his sometimes bittersweet, yet inspiring memoir. As an American pediatric oncologist, he spent seven years in Jerusalem treating children—Israeli Jews, Muslims, and Christians, and Palestinian Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza—who had all been diagnosed with cancer.

THE JEWISH FOUNDING FOUNDER: ALEXANDER HAMILTON'S HIDDEN LIFE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019 • 10:00 am

PRESENTATION

Speaker: Prof. Andrew Porwancher



Professor Porwancher will present fresh evidence that Alexander Hamilton was, in fact, born Jewish and explore Hamilton's ongoing relationships with Jews throughout his lifetime. Although Hamilton cast off any Jewish identity in his adulthood in the United States, he never

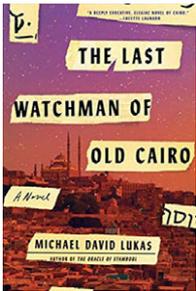
forgot his origins. He emerged as a singular champion of American Jewry against the forces of anti-Semitism. Andrew Porwancher is the Wick Cary Associate Professor at the University of Oklahoma, where he teaches constitutional history. He is currently at work on his third book, *The Jewish Life of Alexander Hamilton*, which will be published by Harvard University Press. He received his PhD from Cambridge, MA from Brown, and BA from Northwestern. He previously held fellowships at Princeton and Oxford.

MEET THE AUTHOR: MICHAEL LUKAS

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019 • 10:00 am PRESENTATION

Speaker: Michael Lukas

The Last Watchman of Old Cairo: Joseph, a literature student at Berkeley, is the son of a Jewish mother and a Muslim father. One day, a mysterious package arrives on his doorstep, pulling him into a mesmerizing adventure to uncover the tangled history that binds the two sides of his family. For generations, the men of the al-Raqb family have served as watchmen of the storied Ibn Ezra Synagogue in Old Cairo, built at the site where the infant Moses was taken from the Nile. Joseph learns of his ancestor Ali, a Muslim orphan who nearly a thousand years earlier was entrusted as the first watchman of the synagogue and became enchanted by its legendary—perhaps magical—Ezra Scroll. The story of Joseph's family is entwined with that of the British twin sisters Agnes and Margaret, who in 1897 depart their hallowed Cambridge halls on a mission to rescue sacred texts that have begun to disappear from the synagogue. *The Last Watchman of Old Cairo* is a moving page-turner of a novel from acclaimed storyteller Michael David Lukas. This tightly woven multigenerational tale illuminates the tensions that have torn communities apart and the unlikely forces—potent magic, forbidden love—that boldly attempt to bridge that divide.



— RABBI WEINBERG'S MONDAY NIGHT — LEARNING SERIES

DERECH ERETZ:

BUILDING CHARACTER AND BUILDING SOCIETY

MONDAY EVENINGS: 6:00 pm SUPPER (OPTIONAL); 6:45 pm LECTURE



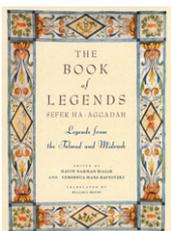
In this five-session course we will examine some of the Jewish texts that teach us about Jewish Ethics. The term Derech Eretz means more than just “manners,” but extends to talk about common sense, common decency as well as the larger context of proper ethical behavior. Among the topics we will explore will be what Judaism has to say about: Derech Eretz in family relationships, Derech Eretz in the public and private domains, Derech Eretz in politics, Derech Eretz of leadership, Derech Eretz of materialism.

Mondays: October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 19. Class meets 6:45-8:15 pm, preceded by an optional supper 6:00 pm (\$10)

SEFER HA-AGGADAH:

LEGENDS FOR THE TALMUD AND MIDRASH

MONDAY EVENINGS: 6:00 pm SUPPER (OPTIONAL); 6:45 pm LECTURE



First published in 1908 Odessa, in Hebrew, by Hayyim Nahman Bialik and Yehoshua Hana Ravnitzky, this masterful compendium of hundreds of texts from Rabbinic literature, arranged thematically, was translated into English in 1992 by Reform Rabbi William G. Braude. The selected texts reflect the theological and sociological concerns of the ancient rabbis including:

God, good and evil, the role of Israel and the nations, the world of nature, healing, the lives of the patriarchs and other biblical personalities, and the lives of the rabbis themselves, Torah, wisdom, and the time-to-come. In five sessions we will explore together selections from this fascinating collection.

Mondays: March 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15. Class meets 6:45-8:15 pm, preceded by an optional supper 6:00 pm (\$10)

THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9 - 10 am WHEN BET MIDRASH IS IN SESSION

If you missed the First Book of Samuel last year, rest easy, as Torah 101 will take up a reading of The Second Book of Samuel this season beginning on Sunday September 16th from 9-10 am. Led by congregants for congregants and requiring no previous knowledge, we will meet every Sunday during the school year, in order to read one short chapter together and then talk about its interpretation, both from a historical point of view as well as its meaning and relevance for us today. Some of the themes raised by this very important Biblical text include the origins of political power, the values underlying moral leadership, the corruptibility of leaders, the nature of love and friendship and our connection to a higher power. Please join us for a spirited discussion in which all viewpoints are welcome. The class does not require any permanent commitment and all are encouraged to drop by at any point during the semester.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

FROM 9:00 am UNTIL 10:15 am ON MOST SHABBAT MORNINGS

Join Rabbi Weinberg and a group of TBI'ers for Tanach study. The group moves at its own pace, reading and discussing the Tanach in English. No experience necessary; join whenever you can.



HEBREW FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS WHEN BET MIDRASH IS IN SESSION

One of the hallmarks of our congregation is a commitment to Hebrew learning. This year we are offering three weekly one hour classes as follows: **Modern Hebrew – 9 am; Beginning Hebrew – 10 am; Advanced Liturgical Hebrew – 11 am.** Come and study Hebrew in this supportive atmosphere with Rabbi Jim Sagarin. This class is available to anyone who is interested in learning no matter the level. Contact Rabbi Jim Sagarin for placement. (Please note the corrected times.)

SISTERHOOD STUDY WITH RABBI WEINBERG

Join us to study The Torah: A Women's Commentary with Rabbi Weinberg
FROM 10:00 to 11:30 am ON WEDNESDAYS;
OCT 17, 24, and 31 and NOV 7, 21, and 28

NEWS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

FEBRUARY 8-10, 2019

Spend a weekend of Study, Fun, Prayer, and Fellowship at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI). A multi-generational event for members and families of all ages (including special additional programming options for families with very young children).



TBI'S JOURNEY TO ISRAEL

We are excited to announce our next TBI congregational Journey To Israel led by Rabbi Michael and Jody Weinberg in May, 2019. On the ARZA website (ARZAWorld.com), you will be able to read the proposed itinerary, the trip details and register for the trip. If you are interested and/or have any questions please contact Rabbi Weinberg at Rabbi@TBISkokie.org.



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