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Monday nights at Tifereth Israel 7701 16th Street (and Juniper Street) NW,

Biblical Themes in Literature, Opera, Art and FilmOct. 4, 18, 25, Nov. 17-8:15PM

This class will trace the use of biblical themes across a wide variety of Western cultural masterpieces, old and new, with examples including John Milton's poetic drama "Samson Agonistes" (1671), Rembrandt's painting "The Binding of Isaac" (1635), Arnold Schoenberg's opera "Moses und Aron" (1932) and Cecil B. DeMille's movie "The Ten Commandments" (1956).

Ben Mintz is on the faculty of the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University and was ordained at Yeshivah University. He has taught many classes for the Study Center and other local institutions.

4 sessions: JSC and Tifereth Israel members \$55; non-members \$75

How Should the American Jewish Community Engage with Moderate Islam? Oct. 4, 18, 25, Nov. 1 7-8:15PM

Recent controversies have brought new urgency to the question of how to build bridges to moderate Muslims and counter the forces that contribute to radical anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism within Islam. Such outreach is official U.S. policy; it is also of special interest and importance to American Jews, who are, more-over, uniquely positioned to help carry it out. This course will examine the American Jewish community's role in, and stance toward, efforts to engage moderate Islam. We will bring in different voices, both Jewish and Muslim; discuss and evaluate interfaith efforts, such as the recent visit by a group of imams to Auschwitz and Dachau; and survey the possibilities and challenges ahead.

Moderator *Larry Greenfield* is a social psychologist and a member of the Jewish Islamic Dialogue Society of Washington (JIDS) and Yes We Can—Middle East Peace. 4 sessions: JSC and Tifereth Israel members \$55: non-members \$75

American Islam and Pluralism--the Continuing Encounter Nov. 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6 7-8:15PM

When we talk about moderate Islam, what does that mean within the American Muslim community itself? To the different strains of Islamic theology? This class will survey the different strains of American Islam (home-grown African American, new immigrant, etc.) specifically in terms of how they grapple with, and find themselves able to live with, American values of pluralism and cultural modernity.

Naiem Sherbiny is the senior representative in the U.S. of the Cairo-based Ibn Khaldun Center for Development, and a board member of Library of Alexandria Foundation. Formerly a senior economist at the World Bank, he has taught at Berkeley, Wisconsin, Harvard, Georgetown, and American University at Cairo.

4 sessions: JSC and Tifereth Israel members \$55; non-members \$75

Kosher Cooking With Spice Nov. 15, 29 7-8:15PM

A class in two delicious courses: For the first session, learn to make kosher eggrolls and and stir fry; for the second, whip up kosher Indian dishes including raita, spinach, and aromatic rice with nuts and raisins.

Roz Kram has been creating kosher delicacies for various Washington area institutions since the 1970s, and for Tifereth Israel since 2006.

JSC and Tifereth Israel members \$25 per session; non-members \$35 per session

Tuesday nights at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History 1811 R Street, NW—2 blocks from Dupont Circle N metro

Basic Judaism

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30

7-8:15PM

This longtime Jewish Study Center offering covers the fundamentals of Jewish belief and daily observance. This class is for anyone, Jewish or non-Jewish, who wants to learn more about Judaism or explore its beliefs. Basic texts, holidays, dietary rules, and daily and Sabbath prayers and ritual will be covered. Descriptive rather than prescriptive, the course uses "traditional" practice as a baseline, but describes as well the spectrum of Jewish belief and observance. By the end of the course, class members will have a foundation upon which to understand Judaism or build to make it part of their lives.

Tom Diaz is a lawyer and writer, who enjoys attending a variety of synagogues in the Washington area.

8 sessions: JSC members \$100, non-members \$150

It's Getting Hot in Here: Jewish Ethics & Solar Energy Oct. 5 7-9PM

The Jewish-environmental movement has taken wing in the last 10 years, but our theological roots reach back to the Garden of Eden, Deuteronomy, nature-based liturgy and Talmud (to name a few sources). Join us at the intersection of ancient Jewish ecological wisdom and modern environmental values for this evening of learning & action. Build your own portable solar cooker to take home (nachos anyone?) while we explore what it means to be Jewish in a world with climate refugees and rapidly advancing energy technologies.

Laura Bellows is a Jewish-environmental educator with the **Teva Learning Center**, where she directs congregational and community programs -- helping Jewish clergy, educators and institutions "go green" and integrate meaningful action to care for the Earth. A native to the DC area, she enjoys adventuring in the woods, sprouting urban gardens, and davening (praying) with havurot (small groups) like Fabrangen and Tikkun Leyl Shabbat

JSC members \$15; non-members \$20

Contemplative Retreat: How does it feel to dwell in G-d's house?Sunday afternoonOct. 311-4PM

The **Ashrei prayer** is a key prayer in the liturgy, traditionally recited three times daily, twice in the morning and once at the afternoon (mincha) service. It begins with **"Happy are those who dwell in your house."**

For some of us, even this first line of the prayer opens a tangle of questions: Where is God's house? Who is God? How does happiness arise from dwelling there? How can we cultivate the happiness of dwelling?

We will use the four-worlds framework to explore our level of comfort or discomfort in inhabiting the physical, emotional, spiritual and intuitive realms in which we dwell. We will alternate periods of sitting and walking meditation, yoga/movement, and chanting to go deeper into our own experience of "dwelling" in god's house. Abiding in this truth - however difficult - is one of the surest ways to awaken deep happiness.

Richard Gladstein and *Dale Lupu* have been studying chanting (with Rabbi Shefa Gold), meditation (with Rabbi Jeff Roth and others), and yoga (with many teachers) for the past 15 years, and applying these tools in their family life together. **Richard** is an attorney with the Department of Justice and **Dale** works with national hospice and palliative care organizations. Richard and Dale are long time members of Fabrangen and lead a weekly meditation sit there on Shabbat morning.

JSC members \$25; non-members \$40



At the National Museum of American Jewish Military History 1811 R Street, NW —2 blocks from Dupont Circle N metro

Two Sessions about the Chofetz ChayimNov. 9, 167-8:15PM

The instructor Marvin Bash has uncovered and recently translated new material on the greatest sage of the twentieth century, Rabbi Israel Meir HaKohen, known as the Chofetz Chayim. He will be presenting this new material for the first time anywhere to our class.

Rabbi Marvin Bash wrote the book <u>Messages of the Chofetz Chayim: 100 Stories and Parables</u> in 2006. He recently completed 50 years in the Rabbinate and is Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Etz Hayim in Northern Virginia. He serves part-time as Rabbi of the Pentagon.

JSC members \$30, non-members \$40

<u>The Military Siddur — and Soldiers' Prayers</u> Dec. 7 7-8:15PM

Who knew there was a special prayerbook for Jewish members of the Armed Services? We will look at that siddur and the special and often unique prayer for and about military personnel and our national security.

Michael Bloom is the son of an Air Force lieutenant colonel. He has taught on a variety of subjects for the Jewish Study Center and led services at many locations including Ft. Belvoir and the National Jewish War Veterans Prayer Project.

JSC members \$15, non-members \$20

At Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I Street, NW-Near the Gallery Place/Chinatown metro

Sushi Making with a Jewish Twist

Dec. 19

1-4PM

Love sushi but think you would never be able to do it yourself? Think again. In this hands-on class, learn to make variations of some of your favorite rolls and side dishes, using both cooked and raw ingredients. Maki (sushi rolls) with raw and cooked fish, vegetarian sushi, tempura rolls, tamego (omelet roll), gyoza (dumplings), and more will be on the menu as we roll up our sleeves and get on a roll with sushi.

Eve Klein has taught a variety of Jewish-themed cooking classes for local organizations as well as for the Jewish Study Center. Her repertoire includes "Just Desserts" (Passover desserts), "Life Beyond the Latke" (alternative Chanukah foods), "A Vegetable Feast" (vegetarian cooking), "Choosing Sides" (side dishes and accompaniments), and "Cooking Green" (cooking with fresh herbs).

JSC members \$25; non-members \$35 Registration and pre-payment required.

Class size limited to 24 students.





Wednesday nights at Adas Israel, 2850 Quebec St NW, DC— 1 block from Cleveland Park metro

The Biblical Roots of Warrior Heroes—The Roots of the King Arthur Story in Samuel IWednesdayOct. 68:30-9:40PM

Everyone knows the stories of King Arthur, Merlin and the rest. Read them again and hear the strange echoes of the heroes of ancient Israel.

Ian Nathaniel Cohen is a member of Adas Israel Traditional Minyan and an adjunct lecturer at Florida International University, where he teaches an online course in Asian film.



JSC and Adas members \$15, non-members \$20

Being Jewish in the Workplace — How to Navigate the Demands of ObservanceWednesdaysOct. 13, 208:30-9:40PM

May an employer fire you or not hire you if you are not available to work on Shabbat? May an employer ask you to refrain from wearing a kippah? If seeking religious accommodation, are there any special words or techniques that may be used to encourage greater accomodation? When must an employer accommodate an employee's kashrut needs? We'll also examine what to do if one's religious approach changes over time. *Adam Marker* is works on employment law at The Goldsmith Law Firm, LLC and is an active member of Am HaTorah Congregation of Bethesda Md.

JSC and Adas members \$15 per session, non-members \$20 per session

Discovering Kabbalah Wednesdays Oct 13, 20, 27 7-8:15PM

Learn the essence of Judaism and the path to spiritual meaning in this introductory class to the rich Jewish mystical tradition. Kabbalah seeks answers to the mystery of God, the challenge of dealing with evil, the purpose of Jewish rituals and the meaning of Jewish prayer. We will cover the basic concepts, the symbolism, the lost meaning of Jewish holiday and Shabbat observance, and basic texts. After three sessions you can call yourself a "kabbalist" and join our ongoing Zohar study, exploring practical Kabbalah applied to one's daily life, relationships and fulfillment.

Jay McCrensky, a member of Fabrangen, has led acclaimed kabbalistic seders for Passover and Tu B'shvat for several years. He has taught Kabbalah for more than 30 years at numerous local groups and congregations and is the author of two books on Kabbalah: Understanding Evil: Insights from Kabbalah and Receiving Holiness: Understanding Judaism through Kabbalah. In his other lives, Jay is an investment banker, a ski instructor and the director/MC/dance leader/game leader/ accordionist for the Machaya Klezmer Band.

3 sessions: JSC and Adas members \$40; non-members \$55

How to Give a Great D'var Torah Wednesdays Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 8:30-9:40PM

Sharing insights on the weekly Torah portion is at the heart of much Jewish worship. If you've ever wanted to contribute a "word about the Torah," in a congregation or a smaller venue, this class can get you started, sharpen your skills, and give you tips on sources and styles.

David Nemeth is a member of Adas Israel Traditional Minyan and experienced at both delivering divrei Torah and getting other people to do so.



4 sessions: JSC and Adas members \$55, non-members \$75

Wednesday nights at Adas Israel, 2850 Quebec St NW---1 block from Cleveland Park metro

Travel around the world and through history in our popular series: <u>Far-Flung Jews: Jewish Cultures around the Globe</u>

Wednesdays Oct. 6– Dec. 8 (no class Nov. 24) 7-8:15PM

Jewish communities have flourished in Africa and Asia, in Greece, Turkey and India, in Central and South America, and in some unsuspected corners of the United States as well. Join us for a journey through past and present. Come to just one session, a few, or save by signing up for the whole series!

For a detailed schedule, see our website at www.jewishstudycenter.org

All 8 sessions: \$100 for Adas & JSC members; \$150 non-members

Individual sessions: \$15 members; \$20 non-members

Shir Havoc: Meshugah Melodies for Familiar Prayers Wed Nov. 3, 10, 17 8:30-9:40PM

Ever wondered how the Shabbat service would sound sung to the theme music from Indiana Jones? Matching prayers with fun melodies is a time-honored tradition in Jewish communities, and this three-week workshop will



take the practice to a whole new level, fitting prayers to everything from Vivaldi to movie music to sea shanties and Irish drinking songs. There will be plenty of opportunities for singing to-gether and learning new melodies for solo cantorials as well as group sing-alongs - feel free to contribute some of your own! We'll also discuss the role of music in praying together as a min-yan and the ways in which melody contributes to kavannah (focus).

Ian Nathaniel Cohen is the davening coordinator for the Adas Israel Traditional Minyan. He is also an adjunct lecturer at Florida International University, where he teaches an online course on Asian film.

3 sessions: \$40 members; \$55 non-members

Individual sessions: \$15 JSC and Adas members; \$20 non-members

TorahDrama—The Saga of Joseph Wednesdays Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1 7-8:15PM

This class is a Bibliodrama uses action-methods to create an encounter between the inner worlds of Biblical characters and our inner worlds. The participants are invited to engage their imagination and lend their voices to a Biblical character, filling in gaps in the text and creating a unique and authentic Midrash (or interpretation). We will explore the text and connect the wisdom of our hearts and our heads, bringing the story to the "here and now" in the most spontaneous way. Through Bibliodrama we find our voice in the text and the text's voice in ourselves.

Tamar Pelleg received a Masters in Counseling Education and a Bachelors Degree in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Tamar was trained to become a Bibliodrama facilitator with Dr. Peter Pitzele and has facilitated Bibliodrama workshops throughout the area. (To learn more about her background and other classes she teaches look at <u>www.torahdrama.com</u>)

4 sessions: Adas and JSC members \$55, non-members \$75

Savoring the PsalmsWednesdaysNov. 3, 10, 17, Dec.18:30-9:40PM

The Book of Psalms always comes as a surprise on first reading--and even more on deeper acquaintance. We will dip into varms Psalms as the interests of the class move us--untangling metaphors, comparing translations, tracing the meanings of the words over time. We will read mostly in English, with a look at the Hebrew depending on class preferences.

Amy Schwartz, a journalist, has taught many Study Center classes on poetry. She is vice president for education and youth at Adas Israel. **4 sessions:** JSC and Adas members \$55, non-members \$75

Jewish Study Classes All Around ...

Sunday Oct. 10

(RAIN DATE: Nov. 7)

Meet at Pierce Mill parking lot— 1/2 mile from Van Ness metro stop

Enjoy a fall nature hike in Washington in Rock Creek Park — while discussing Jewish values and the environment. Bring a bag lunch and water bottle.

Laura Bellows is a Jewish-environmental educator with the **Teva Learning Center**, where she directs congregational and community programs -- helping Jewish clergy, educators and institutions "go green" and integrate meaningful action to care for the Earth. A native to the DC area, she enjoys adventuring in the woods, sprouting urban gardens, and davening (praying) with havurot (small groups).

JSC members \$15; non-members \$20

Shul-Hopping 101

Fall Nature Walk

Oct. 9-Dec. 18

Various locations

Is there a synagogue out there that's just right for you? Have you been looking, and can't find that elusive service, building, ritual that speaks to your soul? Maybe you want to make a change, but you don't know how to begin?

Join us as we shul-hop our way around the Washington area! Traveling a a group, we will explore the many possibilities available for Jews in search of a Shabbat (Saturday or Friday night) service--or a community to call their own. Over ten weeks between Oct. 8 and Dec 18 we'll meet as a group at least six times, choosing a service to attend, going there together, and comparing notes later over a meal. All denominations and ability levels welcome.

Introductory planning session: October 6 at 6:30PM at the Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St., NW, (near Cleveland Park metro stop). At this meeting we'll talk about our expectations and map out an itinerary based on class preferences. Subsequent classes will meet on Fri eves and Sat mornings to be decided by the group.

Roz Timberg, the Jewish Study Center's treasurer and program director and one of those few "native" Washingtonians, has worked at 2 and belonged to 3 synagogues in the Washington area, and has attended or taken classes at least 10 more.

JSC members \$15/session ; non-members \$20/session (Initial planning session—free)

WINTER SEMESTER STARTS FEBRUARY 2011!

ALSO STAY TUNED FOR THE ...

ANNUAL LATKE-HAMENTASCH DEBATE

MARCH 9, 2010 at Adas Israel Congregation with Coordinator SHELDON KIMMEL

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11AM-2PM

And also upcoming ...

We are proudly co-partnering with

Jewish Folk Arts Festival -- November 14-21, 2010

See their website: www.jewishfolkartsfestival.com for more info

<u>Chinese Food and a Movie:</u> Hang out with the Jewish Study Center — on December 25.

As our newest Supreme Court Justice explained last year on national TV, what would Jews be doing on Christmas besides going out for Chinese food? With maybe a movie afterward to wash things down? Join your friends at the Jewish Study Center at 5 p.m. on December 25 and we'll do just as the Justice ordered. (Location downtown in Chinatown—to be determined.)

check website <u>www.jewishstudycenter.org</u> for updated information

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Registration—Fall 2010 Semester

Classes at Tifereth Israel—Mondays			Classes at NMAJMH—Dupont Circle—Tuesdays				
Session	Date	# Attend/Fee	Cost	Session	Date	# Attend/Fee	Cost
<u>BIBLICAL THEMES</u> IN LITERATURE, OPERA, ART AND <u>FILM</u>	Oct. 4, 18 25, Nov. 1	x \$55 JSC, TI members x \$75 non- members		BASIC JUDAISM	Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 9, 16 23, 30	x \$100 JSC members x \$150 non- members	
JEWISH COMMUNITY AND MODERATE ISLAM	Oct. 4, 18 25, Nov. 1	x \$55 JSC, TI members x \$75 non- members		<u>JUDAISM AND</u> GREEN ENERGY	Oct. 5	x \$15 JSC members x \$20 non- members	
PLURALISM AND ISLAM	Nov. 8, 15 29, Dec. 6	x \$55 JSC, TI members x \$75 non-		CHOFETZ CHAYYIM	Nov. 9, 16	x \$30 JSC members x \$40 non- members	
KOSHER COOKING WITH SPICE	Nov. 15 Nov. 29	members x 25/session JSC, TI members x \$35/session		MILITARY SIDDUR	Dec. 7	x \$15 JSC members x \$20 non- members	
AT (SIXTH AND I SYNAGOGUE) SUSHI-MAKING WITH A JEWISH TWIST	Dec. 19	x \$55/session non-members x 25/session JSC members x \$35/session non-members		SHUL-HOPPING 101	October- December	x \$15 JSC members X \$20 non-members	
<u></u>				<u>NATURE HIKE</u>	Oct. 10	X \$15 JSC members x \$20 non- members	

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<u>Far Flung Jews:</u> <u>Jewish Cultures</u> <u>Around the Globe</u>	Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, Dec. 8	x \$15 JSC, Adas members X \$20 non-members 8 Sessions: X \$100 JSC, Adas members X \$150 non-members		Add donation
<u>DISCOVERING</u> KABBALAH	Oct 13, 20, 27	x \$40 JSC, Adas members x \$55 non-members		Jewish Study Center, 5505 Connecticut Avenue NW #180 Washington DC 20015
<u>DVAR TORAH</u>	Oct 6, 13, 20, 27	x \$55 JSC, Adas members x \$75 non-members		Credit Card Payment Information
JUDAISM AND WORKPLACE	Oct. 13, 20	x \$25 JSC, Adas members x \$35 non-members		Name on Card:
<u>TORAHDRAMA</u> <u>SAGA OF</u> <u>JOSEPH</u>	Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1	x \$55 JSC, Adas members x \$75 non-members		Paypal payments may be made through our website
NUTTY NUSACH	Nov 3, 10, 17	x \$40 JSC, Adas members x \$55 non-members		WWW.JEWISHSTUDYCENTER.ORG
<u>PSALMS</u>	Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec.8	x \$55 JSC, Adas members x \$75 non-members		Page



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National Museum of American Jewish Military History—1811 R Street, NW, DC (1 block NE of Dupont Circle North Metro)

> Adas Israel—2850 Quebec Street, NW, DC (1 block north of Cleveland Park Metro)

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