



Jewish Study Center

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Fall 2013 Semester Begins October 6!

We've added a new location!

Sunday, October 6 at 11:45 A.M.

At Temple Rodef Shalom

2100 Westmoreland St, Falls Church, VA 22043

Illustrated Lecture: Jews of Azerbaijan

JSC Tuesdays at

The National Museum of American Jewish Military History

1811 R St NW, DC

(Dupont Circle Metro-Red Line)



Gluten-free Jewish Cooking (Oct. 8)

The Hebrew Calendar (Nov. 12)

What's Happening in the Middle East (Nov. 12)

Intellectual Property Rights and Jewish Law (Nov. 19)

U.S. Courts and Jewish Observance (Dec. 10)

American Jewish Theologians (Dec. 10)

JSC Wednesdays at

Adas Israel Congregation

2850 Quebec Street NW, DC

(Cleveland Park Metro-Red Line)

Classes: 7 P.M. and 8:15 P.M.



Today's Morocco (Oct. 9)

Shul-hopping 101: Planning session (Oct.9)

Judaism and Feminism starts Oct. 9

-Meet D.C.'s first Maharat!

Judaism and Kabbalah (Oct 16, 23, 30)

What's Happening in the Middle East (Oct 16, Dec11)

Jewish Renewal (Oct 23, 30, Nov 6)

Jewish-Owned Slaves in the 1800s (Nov 6)

Psalms (Nov 6, 13, 20)

The Inquisition in the New World (Dec 11)

Sunday, November 17

At The National Archives

701 Constitution Avenue NW, DC

(Archives Metro-Yellow line)

Preserving Iraqi Jewish Heritage:

Special Tour of Exhibit

November 17 at 11 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

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Jewish Food: Gluten-free and Still Delicious!

October 8 6:30-8 p.m.



How do you participate in Jewish holidays when you can't eat challah, matzo balls or other gluten-rich treats? Jews have a high rate of Celiac disease and other gluten allergies. We will discuss what gluten is, what to watch out for and what to embrace; how to adapt recipes to be gluten-free; and how to create new, meaningful Jewish food traditions without gluten. Not gluten-free yourself? We'll discuss how to include gluten-free guests or family members. The class will sample a treat created by the teacher.

Merav Levkowitz is the program associate for the Jewish Food Experience (jewishfoodexperience.com), a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. She was diagnosed with Celiac disease nearly five years ago and has maintained a gluten-free diet since then. Happily, this has not stopped her from hosting frequent Shabbat and holiday dinners and parties.

JSC, JWV, NMAJMH members \$15; non-members \$20

Up to the Minute in the Middle East: What's Happening Right Now?

November 12 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Paul Scham will lead monthly discussions and share his analysis on developments in the region. (There will be sessions on October 16 and December 11 at Adas Israel Congregation.)

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Understanding the Hebrew Calendar

November 12 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Judaism is a religion of time aiming at the sanctification of time. . . The main themes of faith lie in the realm of time.
—Abraham Joshua Heschel

Jewish holidays, life cycle celebrations and liturgy are all based on the Hebrew calendar. We will look at Biblical texts to derive the calendar's basic structure, the astronomy involved and how Jews have measured time throughout Jewish history. Students will learn why the Hebrew day starts at sundown, why Passover falls in the first month of the religious year and Rosh Hashana in the seventh month, how to determine their own Hebrew birthday, and more.

Jonina Duker often says "Hebrew calendar is my life." She has taught many teachers how to teach the Hebrew calendar.

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Panel: Intellectual Property Rights and the Jewish Tradition
November 19 7:00-8:15 P.M.

What can we learn from Jewish tradition--from the Talmud to more modern interpretations -- about creating a fair balance between intellectual property (IP) rights and access to copyrighted media in the United States? Backers of the Open Data Initiative, the World Bank and Google are spearheading or supporting initiatives to broaden exceptions and limit enforceability of IPRs. Does information really want to be free, as the saying goes? Where is the middle path that will provide fairness to writers and other artists while providing fair access to stakeholders? A rabbi and a noted intellectual property lawyer, along with users and makers of copyrighted material, discuss this from religious and secular angles.



Panelists include:

Peter Jaszi, Professor, American University Law School and co-author (with Patricia Aufderheide) of *Reclaiming Fair Use: How to Put the Balance Back in Copyright*

Moshe Walter, Rabbi, Woodside Synagogue, Silver Spring, MD (invited)

Susan Finston, CEO, Amrita Therapeutics and author of *Dining in the Garden of Eden*, an international vegetarian cookbook

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Jews in Court: How Courts Have Responded to Public Acts of Jewish Expression
December 10 6:30-7:45 p.m.



American courts have many times been asked to comment on our rights to practice Judaism in a public manner. Issues that have arisen include wearing of a kippah on the job, placing a mezuzah on an apartment door, in a complex, conditioning a civil divorce on the provision of a get, use of a bet din for dispute resolution, and zoning for a synagogue. In this course, we will explore how American courts have confronted these issues.

Adam Marker practices employment law at The Goldsmith Law Firm, LLC and is an active member of Am Hatorah Congregation of Bethesda. He also serves on the Montgomery County Committee on Hate/Violence.

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Twentieth Century Judaism: Two American Theologians
December 10 6:30-7:45 p.m.

This class will focus on two prominent twentieth-century American Jewish theologians: Will Herberg and Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. We will discuss selections from their important works: Herberg's *Judaism and Modern Man* (1951) and Soloveitchik's *The Lonely Man of Faith* (1965). We will investigate their different conceptions of faith, sin, tradition, and destiny. All are welcome.

Jason Schulman is a doctoral student at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, where he is a fellow with the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies.

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Judaism and Feminism: Where Do We Go From Here?
October 9, 15, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20 7-8:15 p.m
(Co-sponsored with the new Beit Midrash/MakomDC)

We live in an era of dramatic changes for women, their lives and the way they live their Judaism. Our series looks at a variety of perspectives on what's ahead, what's different and what remains the same.

Oct. 9— Women in the Orthodox Clergy: Meet D.C.'s First Maharat!--Ruth Balinsky Friedman, Maharat, Ohev Shalom: The National Synagogue

Oct. 16—Women and the Jewish Book--Jennifer Breger, editor, board member, Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance

Oct. 23—Gender in the Middle East: Arab and Israeli Women and National Identity--Adina Friedman, Assistant Professor at the School of International Service, American University

Oct. 30—Women and Prayer in the Sources--Rabbi Batya Steinlauf, Director of Social Justice and Inter-faith Relations, Jewish Community Relations Council

Nov. 6—The *Hazentes*: The Evolution of Women Cantors--Cantor Arianne Brown, Adas Israel Congregation

Nov. 20—Discussion: Is Judaism Good For Women? An Ask the Rabbis panel offered in cooperation with **Moment Magazine**.

Single session: Adas, JSC members \$15; non-members \$20. Full series, \$90; \$120

Global Jewish Cultures:
Jewish Heritage and Arab-Israeli Relations in Today's Morocco
October 9 7-8:15 p.m.



Although Morocco is on the periphery of the Arab-Israeli conflict, it reminds us that there are historical precedents of positive relations between Jews and Muslims and of compatibility between Jewishness and Arabness. Though full diplomatic relations depend on progress on the Israeli-Palestinian issue, Morocco attests to the great potential that lies in relations between Israel and the region in an era of peace.

Dr. Adina Friedman is assistant professor at the School of International Service at American University. She grew up in Israel and has written extensively on conflict resolution and the Middle East. She has led student and adult study tours to Morocco..

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

Shul-Hopping 101
October 9 8:15 p.m. (planning session)

The DC area has many possibilities available for Jews in search of a Shabbat (Saturday or Friday night) service--or a community to call their own. We will meet on October 9 to see which synagogues or congregations the group would like to visit and arrange carpools if desired. Also we may plan to have dinner before or after services to discuss our experiences.

Roz Timberg, the Jewish Study Center's program director and one of those rare "native" Washingtonians, has worked at two synagogues in the Washington area, belonged to three, and attended services or taken classes at at least two more.

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Adas, JSC members \$15; non-members \$20 Three sessions at the two locations, \$40; \$55

Understanding Judaism through Kabbalah

October 16, 23, 30 7-8:15 p.m.

This class will provide a clear introduction to Kabbalah and its symbolism and philosophical concepts and how it applies toward experiencing a more meaningful contemporary Judaism. .

Dr. Jay McCrensky is a Jewish Study Center board member and a visiting professor of Judaism at St. Mary's College of Maryland. He has just published his second book on Jewish spirituality and Kabbalah, *Receiving Holiness: Understanding Judaism Through Kabbalah*.

Adas, JSC members \$40; non-members \$55



A Taste of Renewal

October 23, 30, November 6 8:15-9:20 p.m.

The word “renewal” is heard everywhere in Jewish congregations. But did you know that there is a specific Jewish movement called “Renewal,” founded by Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and others in the 1970s? Renewal communities draw spiritual inspiration from the legacy of Jewish mystical and Hasidic traditions. Each week will offer an opportunity to engage with the practices and theology of Renewal. These sessions will be highly participatory:

October 23 Week 1 - A Taste of Music

October 30 Week 2 - A Taste of Story

November 6 Week 3 - A Taste of Hashpa’ah, Jewish Spiritual Guidance

Rabbi, hazzan, storyteller, and musician **Mark Novak** is the founder of Minyan Oneg Shabbat, Washington, DC's Jewish Renewal community. For more of a "taste of Mark" please visit his website and blog at www.rebmarko.com.

Adas, JSC members \$40; non-members \$55

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Untangling the Psalms
November 6, 13, 20 8:15-9:25 p.m.



The 150 poems that make up the Book of Psalms are both deeply familiar and deeply strange. Psalms are the backbone of the liturgy, but their language can be tangled and obscure. We will read, discuss, and trace translations of these strange and compelling poems. Readings in English.

Amy Schwartz, a Washington journalist, has taught many classes on poetry. She is opinion editor of Moment Magazine and president of the Jewish Study Center.

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

Jewish-Owned Slaves in three 19th-Century Communities:
India, the Ottoman Empire and the New World
November 6 8:15-9:25 p.m.

What does Jewish slave-owning tell us about the Jewish communities of that time? The class will cover the similarities and differences in what happened in those communities and how these might have been a reflection of their interpretation of Jewish laws about slavery.

Dr. Thomas Timberg, an independent scholar, is an economist who has spent most of his adult life in India, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Indonesia and Nigeria.

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

The Inquisition in the New World
December 11 7- 8:15 p.m.

Here is a little-known side of a familiar and terrible history. Did you know that the Inquisition also took place in the Americas for more than 300 years, starting in 1570? We will explore how the Spanish and Portuguese colonial powers ensured that the Inquisition tribunals continued their work in the New Continent and learn about the Conversos of Mexico, the famous Carvajal family and the tribunals in Peru and Colombia. We will also see how the Portuguese kept efficient records to follow potential “Judaizers” wherever they migrated, to seize their property or collect taxes.

Sofia Abraham Mendoza loves to tell stories about lesser-known aspects of Jewish history. She is passionate about Sephardic history, has an advanced degree in business strategy, and spends her working hours surrounded by white collar defense litigators at a corporate law firm.

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Join Us at these Free Special Events!

At Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church, VA 22043
(Co-sponsored with Temple Rodef Shalom)

Sunday, October 6 11:45 A.M.
Experiencing Jewish Azerbaijan

Jews have called this Caucasus country home for centuries. Azerbaijani Jews range from the “mountain Jews” living in the Jewish community of Quba, to European Jews who came to Baku during the 20th-century oil boom, to Jewish members of the present Azerbaijani government. While many Jews left for Israel in the 1970s, many remained and can be found interacting in peace and harmony with Muslim neighbors. Noted Azerbaijani Jews include the Rothschild family, Mstislav Rostropovich, and Garry Kasparov.

Diana Cohen Altman is executive director of the Karabakh Foundation, which focuses on Azerbaijani culture and heritage. She is a former director of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum and a Jewish Study Center board member.

Open to all. Free event. For more information, call the synagogue at (703) 532-2217.

National Archives Exhibit:
“Discovery and Recovery: Preserving Iraqi Jewish Heritage”

November 17 11 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.

Doris Hamburg, Director of Preservation Programs at Archives,
will lead two special guided tours

****Although there is no charge, pre-registration is strongly suggested**
at www.jewishstudycenter.org as space is limited.
(co-sponsored with Fabrangen Havurah)

Save the date!
December 4, 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Come celebrate Hanukah



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About the Jewish Study Center

The Jewish Study Center was founded in 1978 as an independent nonprofit institute of adult Jewish education in the Washington, D.C. area. Our mission is to provide classes and programs of Jewish study in the widest possible breadth of topics in an atmosphere where any person, regardless of background or level of current involvement, can feel comfortable studying and establishing a serious relationship with the Jewish tradition.

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- The building is closed, due to inclement weather.
- The teacher cannot make it to the class, due to inclement weather.
- The teacher cannot make it to the class due to illness.

The easiest way to see if a class is cancelled to inclement weather is to call the building where your class will be held: Adas Israel Synagogue: (202) 362-4433, www.adasisrael.org; National Museum of American Jewish Military History and Jewish War Veterans of America, (202) 265-6280.

If a class is cancelled due to teacher illness we will notify you as soon as possible. Class sessions cancelled due to weather will be rescheduled as soon as possible and when possible at the same place, time and day of the week as the original session. For information about rescheduled class sessions, refunds or other matters, please call (202-332-1221) or message the Study Center at info@jewishstudycenter.org.

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If fewer than five students show up for a class's first session, the instructor has the option of cancelling the class after waiting 15 minutes. (However, many instructors choose to proceed.) If your class is cancelled due to under-enrollment prior to the first session, we will make every effort to inform you if you have signed up. Cancellations will also be posted on our web site. All advance cancellations will be posted by 12 pm the day of a scheduled program.

We suggest you check our web site after 12 pm the day of your program to confirm your course status.

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Registration—Fall 2013

Tuesdays at Museum (Dupont Circle)				Wednesdays at Adas Israel (Cleveland Park)			
Session	Date	# Attend/Fee	Cost	Session	Date	# Attend/Fee	Cost
<u>Gluten-free Jewish Cooking</u>	Oct. 8 6:30-8 PM	___ x \$15 JSC, JWV, Museum members ___ x \$20 non-members		<u>Morocco</u>	Oct. 9 7-8:15 PM	___ x 15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members	
<u>Hebrew Calendar</u>	Nov. 12 6:30-7:45PM	___ x \$15 JSC, JWV, Museum members ___ x \$20 non-members		<u>Shul-hopping</u>	(Planning Session) Oct. 9 8:15-9:20 PM	___ x 25 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$35 non-members	
<u>Panel: Intellectual Property Rights</u>	Nov. 19 7-8:15 PM	___ x \$15 JSC, JWV, Museum members ___ x \$20 non-members		<u>Judaism and Feminism</u>	Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov 6, 13, 20 7-8:15 PM	7 sessions: ___ x \$90 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$120 non-members Per session: ___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members	
<u>Jews in Court</u>	Dec. 11 6:30-7:45PM	___ x \$15 JSC, JWV, Museum members ___ x \$20 non-members		<u>Kabbalah and Judaism</u>	Oct. 16, 23, 30 7-8:15 PM	___ x \$40 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$55 non-members	
<u>Up-to-Date In the Middle East</u>	Note: (Sessions at two different locations) Oct. 16 8:15-9:20PM Adas Israel Nov. 12 6:30-7:45PM NMAJMH (Dupont Cir) Dec. 11 8:15-9:20PM Adas Israel	Three sessions at two locations: ___ x \$40JSC, Co-sponsoring members ___ x \$55 non-members Per session: ___ x \$15 JSC, Co-sponsoring members ___ x \$20 non-members		<u>Renewal Judaism</u>	Oct. 23, 30 Nov. 6 8:14-9:20PM	___ x \$40 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$55 non-members	
				<u>Psalms</u>	Nov. 6, 13, 20 8:15-9:20PM	___ x \$40JSC, Adas members ___ x \$55 non-members	
				<u>Jewish Slave-Owners</u>	Nov. 6 8:15-9:20PM	___ x \$15 JSC, Adas memners ___ x \$20 non-members	
				<u>Inquisition In Americas</u>	Dec. 11 7-8:15 PM	___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members	

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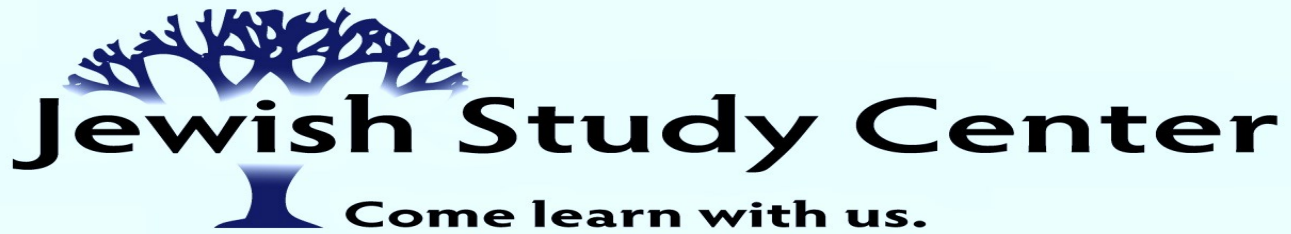
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