

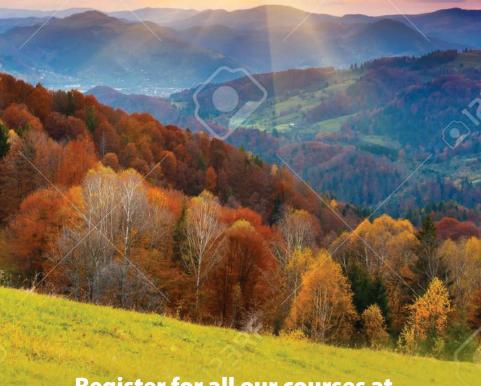
# Fall Classes Begin October 3, 2018

Jews, History and Memory:
Conflicting Memories, Unreconciled Narratives

**Is Political Activism Central to Your Judaism?** 

The Role of Female Clergy in the Age of Trump

Do Jews Believe in Magic?



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#### **Wednesday Nights at Adas Israel**

at 7:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

The Music of Prayer: Cantorial Classics, Oct. 3

Songs for the Shabbat Table, Oct. 3

Panel Discussion: Is Political Activism Central to Your Judaism? *Oct. 10* 

Jews, History and Memory: Four Approaches to Telling Our Stories

- Jewish Museums in a Time of Change, Oct. 17
- Buchach: The destruction of a Galician town, **Oct. 17**
- Conflicting Memories, Unreconciled Narratives: How the Memory of World War II continues to Haunt Eastern Europe, **Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7**
- The Practical Politics of Historical Memory: Protecting Burial Sites, **Nov. 14**

From Here to Eternity: Jewish Views of the Afterlife, Oct. 24

Book Talk: *The Idea of Israel* by Michael Brenner, *Oct. 24* 

Interview: Immigration and the Political Landscape, Oct. 31

Untangling the Psalms, Nov. 7, 28

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'You'll Get Used to It': German Jewish Fugitives in Canada, *Nov. 28* 

Book Talk: Extremism, Ancient and Modern by Sandra Scham, **Dec. 5** 

Free event! The Janice Garfunkel Memorial Lecture: The Role of Female Clergy in the Age of Trump, **Dec. 12** 

#### Join us for Temple Rodef Shalom's Day of Learning!

Saturday, Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Socializing, snacks, Shabbat worship opportunities

#### **Chanukah Party!**

December 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History (1811 R St. NW)

2850 Quebec St. NW (Metro: Cleveland Park—Red Line) Co-Sponsored with Adas Israel Congregation Wednesday, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 28; Dec. 5, 12 7:00-8:15 p.m. and 8:15-9:25 p.m.



### The Music of Prayer: Cantorial Classics from the Golden Age to the Modern Synagogue

Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Cantor Asa Fradkin

Have you ever wondered why different cantors use different singing styles even when singing the same music? An expert will explain those differences while we listen to excerpts from CDs and other sources.

**Asa Fradkin** is Hazzan (Cantor) at Beth El Congregation in Bethesda, MD. An experienced music leader, he holds an undergraduate degree in Vocal Studies and a graduate degree in Sacred Music.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20 (F-1)

### Songs for the Shabbat Table: An Introduction to Zemirot

Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 8:15 p.m. Instructor: Jonah Richmond



Singing at the dinner table might seem like an odd form of entertainment, but countless Shabbat-observing families and veterans of Jewish summer camp swear by it. Join us for

an introduction to the most popular *zemirot*, or songs, for Shabbat and holiday meals. If you already sing *zemirot*, come sing with us!

**Jonah Richmond** has taught music at Tifereth Israel Congregation in Washington, DC and led services at Congregation Sha'are Shalom in Waldorf, Maryland. He works in the EPA Office of General Counsel.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20 (F-2)

Take both music classes tonight for \$25/\$35 (F-1,2)



## Join us for Temple Rodef Shalom's Day of Learning!

2100 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church, VA Saturday, Oct. 13 11:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Socializing, snacks, Shabbat worship opportunities

Choose from one of three classes at 1:00-1:45, 2:00-2:45 and 3:00-3:45 p.m. For more: www.templerodefshalom.org

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#### Millennial Panel: Is Political Activism Central to Your Jewish Identity?

**A wide-ranging conversation with members of the much-discussed millennial generation** *Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 7-9 p.m.* 

Moderator: Tyler D. Grasee



Recent surveys show that American Jews under 40 overwhelmingly consider liberal values a significant element of their Jewish heritage. Others, though, say the importance of *tikkun olam*— repairing the world—is overstated by those not interested in more traditional Jewish values such as prayer, observance and support for Israel. Is social justice the core of Judaism? Are Jews becoming more politically diverse? Join us for a no-holds-barred discussion, with drinks and refreshments afterward.

#### **Participants:**

**Steph Black** is a student at American University, a writer, and a feminist activist who mobilizes her peers on the streets and on the web.

**Dylan Morpurgo** merges his political and cultural interests in his community organizing work with the David Project, a pro-Israel campus organization.

**David Lloyd Olson** engages communities through art and theater. He is the Manager of Executive Office & Board Engagement at Shakespeare Theatre Company and Managing Director of the Pointless Theatre.

Moderator **Tyler Grasee** advocates for civil discourse through his work in museums, runs membership programs for the White House Historical Association and is a Jewish Study Center board member.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20 (F-3)

#### Jews, History and Memory: Four Ways to Approach Our Stories

#### 1. Jewish Museums in a Time of Change

Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Avi Decter

Like the Jewish community itself, Jewish museums are changing at a rapid rate. So are the stories they need to tell. We will discuss trends in American, European, and Israeli museums, possible new narratives, and their implications for future Jewish museum exhibitions, public programs, and online resources.



**Avi Decter** was the first professional director of what is now the National Museum of American Jewish History and was a founder of the Council of American Museums. He helped plan core exhibitions at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and The Jewish Museum in New York. Among his many books are Interpreting American Jewish History at Museums and Historic Sites (2016) and the forthcoming Exploring American Jewish History Through 50 American Treasures.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20 (F-4) (Cont. Pg 4)

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(6 sessions

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members \$80,

others \$110

### 2. Buchach: The Destruction of a Small Galician Town as Seen in Literature, History and Memoir

Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 8:15 p.m. Instructor: Jerry Garfinkel

In August, Jerry Garfinkel paid his first visit to his father's birthplace, Buchach, a small town with a storied literary past. S. Y. Agnon (1888-1970, the

only Israeli to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, was born in Buchach and set many of his works there. Other, complementary views of the town appear in the Holocaust memoir *Alicia: My Story,* by Alicia Appleman-Jurman (1930-2017), who was 11 years old when the Germans entered Buchach, and in the recently published *Anatomy of a Genocide: The Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz* by historian Omer Bartov, which uses the town as a prism to analyze the Holocaust in eastern Galicia.

The class will discuss works by all three authors and look at how changing borders influenced how the Holocaust played out in the region—with a few pictures from Jerry's trip to add further context.

**Jerry Garfinkel,** a retired mathematics faculty member and Department of Defense operations research analyst, is treasurer of the Jewish Study Center and is active in the Fabrangen Havurah.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20 (F-5)

## 3. Conflicting Memories, Unreconciled Narratives: How the Memory of World War II Continues to Haunt Eastern Europe and Why It Matters

Three sessions:

Wednesdays, Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7 at 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Izabella Tabarovsky

Recent controversy over Poland's problematic "Holocaust Law" has put a sharp focus on the fundamental differences between Western and Eastern European collective memories of World War II. For the West, the Holocaust became a defining

historical memory of the war; however, it remained entirely outside the collective memory of Eastern European and Soviet states. The post-independence encounter in these countries with the centrality of the Holocaust to Western memory has produced denial and a search for alternative interpretations. Today, the region is home to widespread Holocaust distortion, selective memory, and whitewashing, while Russia uses some of that history in a

propaganda campaign of its own.

This is not a history course, but a course in the politics of historical memory. A list of further reading will be available to those who register.

**Izabella Tabarovsky** is a scholar with the Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Her articles on historical memory have appeared in Newsweek, Tablet, The National Interest, The Times of Israel, and the Wilson Quarterly, among others.

All three sessions: JSC, Adas members \$40, others \$55. Single sessions \$15/\$20 (F-6 a, b, c)

### 4. The Practical Politics of Historical Memory: What Can We Do to Protect Jewish Burial Sites in Eastern Europe?

Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 8:15 p.m. Instructor: Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld

Co-sponsored with Congregation Ohev Sholom--The National Synagogue

Rabbi Herzfeld recently led a group on a "spiritual mission" to sites of mass murder in Eastern Europe, including Babi Yar, on the outskirts of Kiev, and other places of Nazi murder outside concentration camps. To respect these and other Jewish burial sites and preserve them for memory is an ongoing struggle. This class is envisioned as a practical workshop for those who want to get involved in activism on these issues. If you like, pair it with Izabella Tabarovsky's class on the region's historical memory (see above).

**Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld** is spiritual leader of Ohev Sholom in Washington, D.C., which is co-sponsoring this program. **JSC, Adas and Ohev Shalom members \$15, others \$20 (F-7)** 

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### From Here to Eternity: Jewish Views of the Afterlife

Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Rabbi Gary S. Fink

What do Jews believe about the afterlife? How do Jews think about the soul? Is there a heaven? If so, where is it and who gets in? If not, then what? Do angels exist? In this class, we'll explore how ideas about the afterlife have evolved through 3,000 years of Jewish thought, belief, history, and tradition.

**Rabbi Gary S. Fink** is Senior Vice President of Counseling at Montgomery Hospice in Rockville, where he leads the chaplaincy staff and supports the Bereavement Counseling and Social Work Departments. He is rabbi emeritus of Oseh Shalom Congregation in Laurel, MD.

JSC. Adas members \$15, others \$20 (F-8)



#### **Book talk:**

In Search of Israel: The History of an Idea by Michael Brenner

Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 8:15 p.m.

Speaker: Michael Brenner

This much-praised book, a sweeping survey of images and ideas of what Israel is, can be or

should be—what the author calls "the story of the real and the imagined Israel"—has been greeted as a major new history of Zionism. Reviewer David Shipler called it "a rare history that compels the reader to think constantly about the present and even about the future." Copies of the book will be available for sale.

**Michael Brenner** is Seymour and Lillian Abensohn Chair in Israel Studies and Director of the Center for Israel Studies at American University. He is also Chair of Jewish History and Culture at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich and is the author of many works of history.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20 (F-9)

### Interview: Immigration and the Political Landscape

Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 8:15

Instructor: Barry Chiswick in conversation with Amy Schwartz



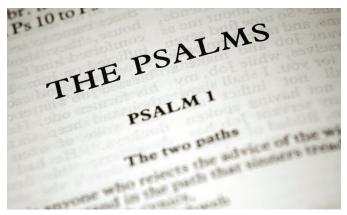
Few issues on the political docket today are more dramatic and emotion-ridden than immigration. Along with all the unresolved issues of the past have come new ones such as unaccompanied minors and family separation. As always, these are tough problems, but ignoring them won't make them go away. With midterm elections looming, court battles raging and rhetoric running hot on all sides, what can we learn from a balanced discussion about this perennial challenge to our society and others?

Join us for a conversation about the news—and how to get beyond it.

**Barry Chiswick** served as an economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisers and has chaired the economics departments at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and at George Washington University, where he is currently Professor of Economics and International Affairs. **Amy Schwartz** is the opinion editor of Moment Magazine and president of the Jewish Study Center.

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#### **Untangling the Psalms**

Nov. 7, 28 at 8:15 p.m. Instructor: Amy Schwartz

The 150 religious poems that make up the Book of Psalms are deeply familiar and deeply strange. Entwined in both Jewish and Christian tradition, they form the backbone of the liturgy and yet speak to us in a modern, sometimes perplexing voice. We'll read, compare translations and trace the powerful imagery in these works. Readings in English.

**Amy Schwartz** is president of the Jewish Study Center and opinion editor of Moment Magazine.

JSC, Adas members \$25, non-members \$35 (F-11)

#### Do Jews Believe in Magic?

Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Marilyn Cooper



Have you ever wondered what to do if you're possessed by a dybbuk, or how to discover if there are demons lurking in your house? You may be surprised to learn that classic Jewish texts offer answers to these questions. Join Marilyn Cooper to explore the fascinating and little-known history of Jewish magic.

**Marilyn Cooper** has studied Jewish magic and its history since childhood. She davens with the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan at Adas Israel and is a writer, poet and certified yoga & meditation teacher.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20 (F-12)

### 'You'll Get Used to It': The story of German Jewish Internees in Canada

Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Howard Isaac

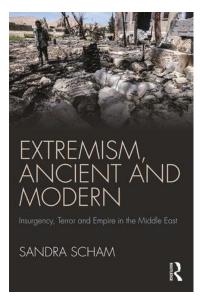


In mid-1940, as the Battle of France ended and the Battle of Britain was about to begin, five ships carrying German Jewish internees left Britain for Canada. These refugees from Nazism were held in prisoner of war camps in Canada for as long as two years. Eventually released into freedom, the former internees contributed to their new countries in a variety of ways. This class will explore this little-known chapter in the Holocaust and what it was like for these refugees to be held behind barbed wire.

**Howard Isaac** was a Canadian diplomat for more than 33 years with foreign assignments in Korea, Russia and 11 years in Washington, D.C., where he tried to explain Canada to Congress and Congress to Canadians. Born in Montreal, he is a proud fan of Montreal bagels and the Montreal Canadiens.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20 (F-13)

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#### **Book Talk:**

Extremism, Ancient and Modern: Insurgency, Terror and Empire in the Middle East by Sandra Scham

Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Speaker: Sandra Scham

Middle Eastern history is often portrayed as a succession of empires and political orders harassed and occasionally

brought down by violent opponents--usually labeled as terrorists at the time. This was true in

ancient times as well as modern. And today's violent extremist groups resurrect historical narratives to fuel contemporary conflicts. How do 21st-century socio-political events and trends interact with ancient historical and archaeological narratives in extremist movements? Dr. Sandra Scham will discuss what she learned researching these issues for her recent book. Copies of the book will be available for sale or order.

**Sandra Scham** is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology at the Catholic University of America (CUA) and a Senior Social Science Advisor to USAID and the Department of State. She lived in the Middle East for more than seven years, teaching and implementing Israeli–Arab exchange and peace-building projects. She has served as editor, contributing editor and co-editor of three archaeological journals and has done archaeological and anthropological fieldwork in the Middle East, South America, Africa and Asia.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20 (F-14)



# Chanukah Party!! Thursday, December 6 National Museum of American Jewish Military History

1811 R. St NW (Metro: Red Line - Dupont Circle)

A Special Chanukah Celebration Co-Sponsored by the Museum, the Jewish War Veterans and the Jewish Study Center! Eat, drink, sing, light candles, and tour the Museum.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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#### **The Janice Garfunkel Memorial Lecture:**

What Is the Role of Female Clergy in the Age of Trump?



Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

**Rabbi Avi Strausberg** in conversation with **Rabbi Shira Stutman** and others to be announced

Rabbis and clergy of all religions and denominations have struggled to adjust to a new and more polarized political environment. In many areas of political protest—from rallies against family separation at the border to anti-Trump demonstrations in London--female rabbis are front and center. Is this a surprising development, or was it inevitable? Do

female clergy have a special responsibility in divisive times, or is this a responsibility all clergy share?

**Rabbi Avi Strausberg**, moderator, is Director of National Learning Initiatives for the Hadar Institute. **Rabbi Shira Stutman** is Senior Rabbi at the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue.

Free and open to the public, with refreshments! (F-15)



Janice Garfunkel (z"I), a Reform rabbi who was Director of the Jewish Study Center in the 1990s, passed away in October 2013 after a long battle with cancer. She was a valued member of many local communities, including Adas Israel's Traditional Egalitarian Minyan, and a mother of two young daughters. The Study Center established these lectures with support from her friends and family as an ongoing tribute to values she held dear, including education, women's opportunities, families traditional and nontraditional, and care for the sick.

### **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 Music of Prayer: Cantorial Classics from the Golden Age to the Modern Synagogue (F-1)	Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m. & 8:15	Per Session x \$15 ea. (NM \$20)	
Songs for the Shabbat Table:	p.m.	Both Sessions x \$25 (NM \$35) (F-1,2)	
An Introduction to Zemirot (F-2)	<u> </u>		
☐ Millennial Panel: Is Political Activism Central to Your Jewish Identity? (F-3)	Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Per Session x \$15 ea. (NM \$20)	
Jews, History and Memory:	Oct. 17, 24, 31,	JSC, Adas Members:	
Four Ways to Approach Our Stories	Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m.	Per Session x \$15 (NM \$20)	
Oct. 17 at 7:00 p.m. — 1. Jewish Museums in a Time of	Oct. 17, Nov. 14,	Two Sessions x \$25 (NM \$35)	
Change (F-4) ☐ Oct. 17 at 8:15 p.m. — 2. Buchach: The Destruction of a	8:15 p.m.	Three Sessions x \$40 (NM \$55)	
Small Galician Town (F-5)		Four Sessions x \$ (NM \$) Five Sessions x \$ (NM \$)	
☐ Oct. 24 at 7:00 p.m. — 3. Conflicting Memories, Unreconciled		*All Six x \$80 (NM \$110) (F-4, 5,	
Narratives (F-6 a)		6a, 6b, 6c, 7)	
☐ Oct. 31 at 7:00 p.m. — 3. Conflicting Memories, Unreconciled		*Ohev Sholom members	
Narratives (F-6 b)		Discount applies to:	
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Narratives (F-6 c)  ☐ Nov. 14 at 8:15 p.m. — *4. The Practical Politics of Historical		Historical Memory and "All Six"	
Memory- Co-sponsored with Congregation Ohev Sholom (F-7)		Package only.	
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☐ From Here to Eternity:  Jewish Views of the Afterlife (F-8)	Oct. 24, 7:00 p.m.	Per Session x \$15 ea. (NM \$20)	
☐ Book talk: In Search of Israel: The History of an Idea by Michael Brenner (F-9)	Oct. 24, 8:15 p.m.	Per Session x \$15 ea. (NM \$20)	
☐ Interview: Immigration and the Political Landscape (F-10)	Oct. 31, 8:15 p.m.	Per Session x \$25 ea. (NM \$35)	
☐ Untangling the Psalms (F-11)	Nov. 7, 28, 8:15 p.m.	Per Session x \$15 ea. (NM \$20)	
☐ Do Jews Believe in Magic?	Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m.		
☐ 'You'll Get Used to It': The story of German Jewish Internees in Canada (F-13)	Nov. 28, 7:00 p.m.	Per Session x \$15 ea. (NM \$20)	
☐ Book Talk: Extremism, Ancient and Modern (F-14)	Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m.	Per Session x \$15 ea. (NM \$20)	
☐ The Janice Garfunkel Memorial Lecture (F-15)	Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m.	FREE & Open to the public	
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