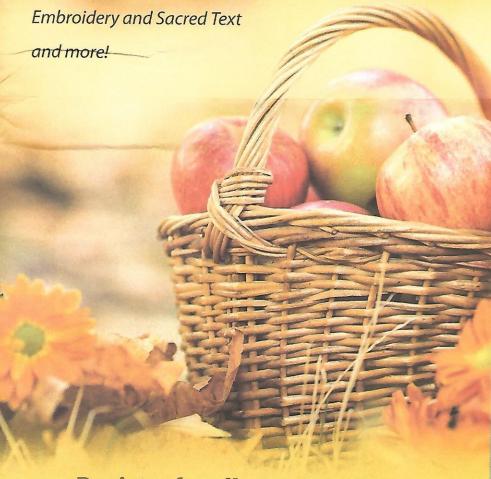


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Jews, Identity and Racial Justice: Three Conversations

Oct. 18, 25, Nov 1 at 7 p.m.

Are Jews white? What is the role of Jews in current campaigns for racial justice? A series of candid and caring discussions on some of today's most urgent and sensitive political questions, facilitated by *Rabbi Batya Glazer.*

Oct. 18: Let's Talk Among Ourselves.

This is an opportunity to gather together for a conversation about race. Some questions we may cover: As a Jew, do you consider yourself white? What does that mean and how does it relate to privilege? How does the Jewish community relate to Jews of color? How do we relate to members of other minority communities, how do we understand our relationship to members of communities of color, and what are the issues and concerns regarding relationships with the black community? Rabbi Glazer, JCRC Director of Social Justice and Intergroup Relations, moderates this participatory discussion.

Oct. 25: I've Always Wanted To Ask. . .

James L. Stowe, Director of the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, will join us for a discussion of intergroup relationships and our relationships to the black community. Under Mr. Stowe's leadership, the human rights office has pursued initiatives on fair and accessible housing, efforts to combat hate violence and bullying in schools, post-9/11 issues in the Muslim and Sikh communities, and many more. This is an opportunity for an open, candid and challenging conversation. Mr. Stowe welcomes all sincere questions.

James L. Stowe, a native of Belmont, NC, has received numerous awards and recognition for his efforts in community service and advocacy for human and civil rights.

Nov. 1: What's next for the Jewish community and racial justice?

How do we, as a community, want to engage on issues of race? What is the best way forward? What is the role of history? How do we address conflicts and areas where our interests don't coincide? What is the role for racial justice organizations? In this session we'll process what we have learned and look at some new strategies being pursued by Jewish organizations locally, including efforts in the area of criminal justice reform and pro bono legal representation.

Rabbi Batya Glazer is the Director of Social Justice and Inter-Group Initiatives and of D.C. Government and Community Relations at the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington.

Three sessions: JSC, Adas members \$40, others \$55. Single sessions \$15/\$20

Global Jewish Cultures:

Farideh Goldin: An Iranian Jewish Woman Tells Her Story

Oct. 18 at 8:25 p.m. (note late starting time)

Farideh Goldin was born in 1953 in Shiraz, Iran, to a fifteen-year-old mother and a Jewish family living in an increasingly hostile state—pre-revolutionary Iran. Her family included dayanim, judges and leaders

of the Jewish community. She is the author of two memoirs: Wedding Song: Memoirs of an Iranian and Jewish Woman (2003) and Leaving Iran: Between Migration and Exile (2015). She will recount her path from an Iranian ghetto to a new life in the United States and other memories from a fascinating life.

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Why I Became a Military Rabbi

Oct. 25, 7-8:15 p.m.

Speaker: Rabbi Yonatan Warren

Yonatan Warren, educated and ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, has had anything but a typical rabbinic career. As a military rabbi, he has served as chaplain to Marines in Okinawa and has deployed to Afghanistan, South Korea, and the Philippines. He is now in his last months of a stint as Jewish Chaplain at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. How did he choose this career path? What's it like to serve? Rabbi Warren will speak on his choices and his experiences with the military.

Rabbi Warren is happily married and is a father to two beautiful daughters.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20

Jewish Street Art Outside the Frame

Oct. 25, 8:15 p.m.

Instructor: Hillel Smith

Hillel Smith, an artist and graphic designer focusing on engaging Jewish communities with their heritage in innovative ways, has painted dynamic Jewish murals in Southern California and Israel with his Hebrew street art venture Illuminated Streets. He revitalizes ancient rituals with online projects like his GIF Omer Counter and Parsha Poster series, encouraging creative reconsideration of religious practice. Seeing Hebrew as the visual glue binding Jews together across time and space, he teaches





Jewish typographic history, using print as a lens for Jewish life and culture. He also leads workshops focusing on artistic empowerment, continuity, and manifesting identity through the arts. You can see his work online

at <u>www.hillelsmith.info</u>. Copies of his book **Parsha Posters** will be available for sale.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20

From Judo to Krav Maga: Martial Arts in Israel and the Man Who Taught Ben Gurion to Stand On His Head

Nov. 1, 8:15 p.m.

Instructor: Steve Shafarman

Moshe Feldenkrais was 15 when he emigrated to Palestine in 1919. Over the following decade, he learned jujitsu, was active with the Haganah, and wrote a book about unarmed combat. He moved to Paris in 1930,



to England in 1940, and to Israel in 1951, where he became famous as "the man who taught Prime Minister Ben-Gurion to stand on his head." The Feldenkrais Method of somatic education is now taught around the world. So is Krav Maga, an Israeli self-defense and fighting system. We'll discuss this history, and learn a few simple practices that can help people of all ages and any health condition.

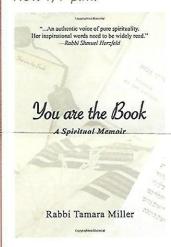
Steven Shafarman studied with Dr. Moshe Feldenkrais and traveled with him as an assistant in 1981, the last time Moshe taught in the United States. Steven is the author of **Awareness Heals: the Feldenkrais Method for Dynamic Health** and the creator of **FlexAware®**, a fitness-healing-exercise practice inspired by Feldenkrais.

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Book Talk: You Are the Book: A Spiritual Memoir by Rabbi Tamara Miller An interview with the author by Susan

Nov. 1, 7 p.m.

Barocas



Rabbi Tamara Miller has been a witness to the worst tragedies of hate and the greatest healing of love. Her life was touched by horrifying acts of bigotry, and she fought institutions, ingrained sexism, her own insecurities, and even her own family to forge a spiritual practice by which she could assist the sick and dying and help lost or wounded

Jews find a spiritual path. Her memoir is a record of struggle, but there are lighter moments: devising environmentally sound ritual for Seattle techies, feeling mutual infatuation at a blind date with a Muslim man, and discovering a soul connection with a German monk. Tamara Miller grew up in a time when she was forbidden to read some books—yet went on to study them. She is a fixture in Washington religious life and her pluralistic approach to Judaism crosses all denominational lines.

Rabbi Tamara Miller was ordained by the Academy for Jewish Religion in New York City. She served as the Director of Spiritual Care at George Washington University Hospital and founded The Capital Kehillah, the first outreach community for Jewish Spirituality in the Greater Washington area.

Susan Barocas is a D.C.-based writer, filmmaker and chef.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20

The Poetry Peace Game – Poetry Games in Yiddish and Arabic!

Nov. 8, 7-9 p.m.

Learn a bit of both languages and bring peace. (There will be a break for refreshments between the two workshops - Yiddish and Arabic Poetry Games.)

The Yiddish Poetry Game: No Yiddish required! The Yiddish Poetry Game makes it fun and easy to write a poem while learning some Yiddish words and culture. Yiddish speakers are also welcome! Poems are written in English with some Yiddish words — or fluent Yiddish speakers can write their poems in Yiddish! The Poetry Game is noncompetitive and the class provides a supportive environment for learning, writing, and playing with words.

The Arabic Poetry Game: As with the Yiddish Poetry Game, no Arabic is required! The Arabic Poetry Game makes it fun and easy to write a poem while learning some Arabic words and culture. Poems are written in English with some Arabic words. A special guest speaker will share some Arabic poems in translation. The Poetry Game is non-competitive and the class provides a supportive environment for learning, writing, and playing with words.

The Poetry Game

makes a lovely holiday gift, and pre-wrapped games (English, Yiddish, Arabic, and Spanish) will be available for



sale at the workshop. A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Jewish Study Center.

Zahara Heckscher is a mom, writer, breast cancer thriver (adversary?) and Chief Poetic Officer of the Poetry Game Project, which offers poetry workshops in local schools and faith communities.

Both sessions \$20/\$30. Single session \$15/\$20

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Looking Outward: A Taste of Other Faiths

Nov. 8 and 15 at 8:15 p.m.

Nov. 8—The Balance of Buddhism: What Everyone Should Know

Instructor: Matt Regan

Buddhism is a complex spiritual tradition with over two-and-a-half millennia of history. Its influence reaches millions of Buddhists and countless more non-Buddhists in the modern world, and has deeply shaped the cultures of Asia. In this session, we will explore the outline of Buddhist history, philosophy, and practice to better understand this complex and diverse tradition.

Matt Regan is the secretary of the International Buddhist Committee of Washington DC, an umbrella group for local Buddhist organizations dedicated to inter-Buddhist and interfaith cooperation. Matt served on the organizing committee for the Dalai Lama's 2011 visit to Washington and completed seminary training in the Taego Order of Korean Zen.

Nov. 15--Jesus and the Rabbis: The Jewish Version

Instructor: Rabbi Ethan Seidel

What do Jewish sources really say about Jesus? In this class, we'll take a look at a few of the Talmudic texts about Jesus, as well as contrast and compare Jesus' maxims (as described in the Christian Gospels) with those of the rabbis of the Talmud.

Ethan Seidel has been the rabbi at Tifereth Israel since 1992. He is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, holds degrees in mathematics and music, and sets aside time each day to expand his knowledge of Jewish texts and commentaries.

Both sessions: JSC, Adas members \$25, others \$35 Single sessions \$15/\$20

Thanksgiving is Nov. 22 No classes Nov. 21

What's Happening at the Kotel?

Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

Instructors: Rabbi Tamara Miller and Michele Sumka



Last year saw a flurry of new moves and new conflicts in the the long-running struggle over whether, and how, women may pray at the Kotel, Judaism's holiest site. At one point a historic compromise was announced, only to collapse amid controversy among competing political parties and religious movements. Our

speakers, longtime activists in the movement to permit women to hold Torah services at the Wall, will review developments and lead a discussion.

Michele Sumka is a cofounder of Washington Friends of Women of the Wall. For more on Rabbi Miller, see p. 4.

JSC, Adas members \$15, others \$20

Hitler's "City of the Jews": Recently Unearthed Memories from Theresienstadt

Nov. 15, 7-8:15 p.m.

Instructor: Thomas Timbera

Six million Jewish deaths in the Holocaust is hard to comprehend; records of individual lives can help. Recently the instructor came across two extensive accounts of very distant German relatives who were in Theresienstadt, both a typical camp (only a little more than 10% of its inmates survived) and an atypical one (because of its connection with highly assimilated German Jews).

In the context of the immense literature that has emerged on the camp and its position in the "archipelago" of Nazi camps, these records give some insight into the broader social processes of which the Holocaust was the horrendous culmination. This session will share the context and the stories of the people involved.

Thomas Timberg is an economist and historian.

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The Janice
Garfunkel
Memorial
Lecture—lecturer
to be announced

Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. Free of charge refreshments!

Rabbi Janice Garfunkel was a Reform rabbi, a director of the Jewish Study Center

in the 1990s and a valued member of many local communities, including Adas Israel and its Traditional Egalitarian Minyan. She passed away Oct. 25, 2013, leaving two young daughters, after a valiant battle with cancer. This memorial program, sponsored by the Jewish Study Center with support from her friends and family, is intended as an ongoing tribute to the values she held dear, including family, community, education and caring for the sick.

Ask the Rabbis Live! How Can We Disagree Jewishly? Balancing Civility with Political Disagreement

December 6, 8:15-9:25 p.m.

Part of an ongoing series co-sponsored with **Moment Magazine**

Is argument a form of worship? Can we debate substantive disagreements while adhering to Jewish values? Local rabbis will revisit last year's discussion of this always pressing question.

Moderated by Amy Schwartz, Moment opinion editor

SAVE THE DATE Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m.

Max Ticktin Memorial
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Dec. 6, 7-8:15p - Book Talk: *Embroidery and Sacred Text: New Designs in Judaic Needlework* by Rachel Braun



Rachel Braun will share ideas from her recent book, *Embroidery and Sacred Text*. You will see some of her pieces, learn how Rachel uses blackwork needlework design to create a *drasha* for the selected texts, and understand some of the mathematical structures underlying this type of embroidery. The creation of these embroideries

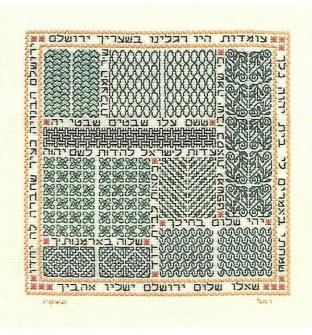
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Rachel Braun

shows that Jewish and Biblical texts can be embroidered — literally and figuratively — in original needlecraft designs. The results have been elegant and inspiring, and have graced the walls of libraries and places of worship.



Rachel Braun is a high school mathematics teacher, Torah chanter, synagogue service leader, Jewish educator, and former teacher for the Jewish Study Center. Her talents – artistic, spiritual, and mathematical – come together in her embroidery work.

Books will be available at a discounted price, with profits benefiting the Jewish Study Center.

You can learn more about Rachel's work in her recent Lilith magazine blogpost, <u>lilith.org/blog/2017/07/embroidering-a-jewish-life/</u> and at her website, <u>www.rachelbraun.net</u>.

Thursday Nights at Temple Rodef Shalom

2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church, VA Co-Sponsored by the JSC and the TRS Beit Midrash October 26, Nov. 2, 9

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The Media and Democracy: Hammer or Mirror?



Most Americans recognize the chilling effect on citizens when the media ceases to function as a dynamic, constructive force in our democracy. In the hundred years since the Jewish

Telegraphic Agency has been sharing news important to our community, journalists have been central to triumphs and crises. Explore how the media keeps our democracy moving forward. This course is cosponsored with *Moment* magazine.

Oct 26--Joshua Runyan, Editorial Director, Mid-Atlantic Media (publisher of Washington Jewish Week and more)

Nov. 2--Glenn Frankel, Pulitzer-Prize-winning author of High Noon about Hollywood blacklisting

Nov. 9--Amy E. Schwartz, opinion editor, Moment Magazine, and Ron Kampeas, Washington, DC Bureau chief, JTA.

1917: Zionism in a World Turned Upside Down



The end of the Ottoman Empire and issuing of the Balfour Declaration spelled important developments in the Zionist dream. 1917 also brought about U.S. entry in World

War I and the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. These developments sent shock waves felt by Jews and many others. How did the Jewish people adapt in this tumultuous period in our history? What does 1917 teach us about being Jews and Americans?

This class was developed for TRS by **Professor Alexander Murinson**, BAU International University.

Introduction to Mussar Practice: A Jewish Approach to Daily Living

Rabbi Jeff Saxe



If you've ever wondered about how Judaism can guide your daily life, how it might inform your interactions with others and the world around you, Mussar provides such a path for meaningful living. Mussar is a thousand-year-old approach in practicing to live

core Jewish values or "soul-traits" like patience, trust, gratitude, and honor. Use this course to learn about this practice or as a springboard toward joining a TRS_Mussar group.

Los Judíos/Jewish Latin America: Jews of Ecuador



While many in the United States know little about Latin American Jewry, many Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jews found refuge in Latin America from the Inquisition, Russian pogroms, and the Holocaust. Over time, Jews in Latin America have helped to shape their

greater society. Of the approximately 300,000 Latin American Jews today, many have become deeply involved in the civic life of their communities.

Oct. 26 -- Jewish Latin America, an Overview

Nov. 2 -- Documentary film: An Unknown Country: The Jewish Exiles of Ecuador

Nov. 9 -- Jewish Ecuador, an Insider's View - Betty Adler, Photographer

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