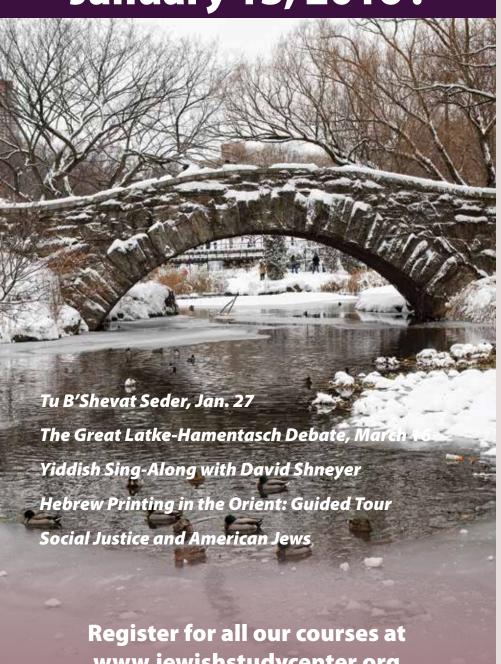
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#### Free! Co-Sponsored by Temple Rodef Shalom 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church, VA Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21 at 2 p.m.

## Social Justice and American Jews: A Four-Session Series and Exhibition at Temple Rodef Shalom

From our republic's earliest years, from Selma to the nation's capital, Jewish values have played a key role in shaping U.S. civic society. Social justice and advocacy to fight injustice are key tenets of Reform Judaism. This series seeks to identify Jewish values and Jewish participation within arenas such as civil rights and social service activism. Participants will find ample opportunities for exploring and pursuing their own passion for social justice.

#### **Voices of Vigil Exhibition**

During February, TRS will display the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington's exhibition *Voices of the Vigil: Documenting the Soviet Jewry Movement*. This exhibition highlights our Washington, D.C.-area participation in the 1960s-70s movement to free Soviet Jews.



Sunday, Jan. 31, 2-4 p.m



Ann F. Lewis

How do we see ourselves as Jews in the narrative of protest and action that continues to define civil rights activism in this country? What roles have Jewish values played in the civil rights movement of the 1950s though the present? How have Jewish values become part of American values? This roundtable will focus on the nexus of Jewish teachings, American ideals, and public perceptions of Jewish activism. The session begins with the religious teachings that drive some Jewish activists. The discussion then expands into portrayals of civil rights activism presented to us by artists, the media, and historians. Participants will learn tools for monitoring and fighting civil injustice as part of living life Jewishly. Featuring:

- Ann F. Lewis, Moment magazine Advisory Board.
   Discussion of her career as political strategist
   and commentator, including as White House
   Communications Director.
- James Deutsch, program curator at the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural heritage and film scholar. Highlights of Hollywood's portrayal of the Jewish role in civil rights 1950s-present.
- *Eric Fusfield*, Director of Legislative Affairs/Deputy Director of center for Human Rights and Public Policy, B'nai B'rith International. Trends in social justice activity in the Jewish world.

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#### Back in the USSR

Sunday Feb. 7, 2-4 p.m.

With Robyn Helzner: Songs, Stories, Pictures, and Video of the Soviet Jewry Movement



Vocalist-storyteller Robyn Helzner presents creative personal insights into the Washington, D.C.-area community in the 1960s-70s protest movement on behalf of Soviet Jewry. Temple Rodef Shalom's own Rabbi Laszlo Berkowits will contribute his own perspective on the movement, in which he played a vital role. Co-sponsored with the Cultural Committee. RSVP at https://robynhelznerattrs.eventbrite.com



### Day Jobs in Social Justice: The View from the Front Lines

Sunday, Feb. 21, 2-4 p.m.

A career in combating social injustice is not only possible but also ripe with options. This inspirational session highlights individuals who have chosen a range of careers and volunteer options, from politics to art, from journalism to social work. After presenters discuss their jobs and career pathways, participants may secure more in-depth information during breakout sessions.



#### **Volunteering for Social Justice**

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2-3:45 pm

Social justice is not just a historical point of pride for Jews but an ongoing calling. Volunteering for social justice also can be a life-changing experience. This session features insights, suggestions, and sign-up opportunities from representatives of local and national Jewish and interfaith social justice organizations. These speakers will underscore what is at stake for our community while highlighting their advocacy issues and case histories. Participants will find ways to incorporate pursuit of social justice into our already packed schedules.

## 2850 Quebec St. NW (Metro: Cleveland Park—Red Line) Co-Sponsored with Adas Israel Congregation Jan. 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16 at 7 & 8:15 p.m.

## What Does the Talmud Say About Employment Law?

Jan. 13, 20, 7-8:15 p.m.

Instructor: Rabbi Alana Suskin

The rights of workers and the obligations of employees are issues we debate vigorously today. What does Judaism's view of communal responsibility tell us about fair labor? An exploration of classical texts revealing rabbinic attitudes towards the value

of work, the role of community, and the necessity of limits to money in society.

Rabbi Alana Suskin is Managing Editor of Jewschool.com. She serves on the board of T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights and is director of strategic communications at Americans for Peace Now (see class on p. 6).

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

#### Guided Tour: Hebrew Printing in the Orient

Sunday, Jan. 24, 12 noon Instructor: Brad Sabin Hill

Join members of the Jewish Study Center for a walking tour of the highly praised exhibit *Hebrew Printing in the Orient*, drawn from the acclaimed Judaica collections of George Washington University's Gelman Library. Curator *Brad Sabin Hill* will unfold the treasures of an exhibit that traces the introduction of movable type outside Europe by Jewish exiles from Spain, with examples from Istanbul, Salonika, Fez, Cairo and Tunis (including the first book printed in any language in Tunisia) and texts in Hebrew, Aramaic, Ladino, Yiddish, Judeo-Arabic and Judeo-Persian.

Meet at the the I. Edward Kiev Judaica Collection, Gelman Library

The George Washington University 2130 H Street NW, suite 709C.

Admission free, but registration required by January 20 at www.jewishstudycenter.org.



I. Edward Kiev Judaica Collection

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#### Join us for the Second Annual Tu B'Shevat Community Seder!

A festive event co-sponsored by Adas Israel, MakomDC and the Jewish Food Experience



#### Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m

JSC, Adas members \$20, others \$30. Pre-registration required by Jan. 25.

#### Leaders: Rabbi Gilah Langner and Susan Barocas

Tu B'Shevat is known as the New Year of the Trees. The custom of holding a seder in conjunction with the holiday developed among 16th-century Jewish mystics and has enjoyed a revival in our modern world along with our growing awareness of the environment. This seder celebrates the four different seasons of the year, helping us attune to earth's rhythms and cycles, and connecting us to the Tree of Life on a spiritual level.

Join us at our lively second JSC Tu B'Shevat Seder for some learning, discussion, and a mystical tasting of the foods of Tu B'Shevat. The holiday is traditionally observed by eating a new fruit and the seven species—wheat, barley, figs, dates (honey), pomegranates, grapes (vines) and olives. These are the foods that the Hebrews found in abundance in the land of Israel after 40 years of wandering in the desert.

*Gilah Langner* is a rabbi, educator, and meditation leader at the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington at Adas Israel. *Susan Barocas* is a writer, filmmaker, cooking teacher, caterer and former director of the Jewish Food Experience and the Washington Jewish Film Festival.



This event is supported by a grant from the Jewish Food Experience, a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington (http://jewishfoodexperience.com).

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#### **Text Study: A Storyteller Looks at Exodus**

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7 p.m.

Instructor: Bob Rovinsky

This four-week class will cover the basic themes of the book of Exodus (in Hebrew Shemot, or Names) using classic rabbinic, midrashic, and contemporary interpretations. The first session will introduce midrash, or text study through storytelling; the second week. we will look at the legends and



themes of Exodus stories, including the Haggadah and Passover Seder; the third week will focus on deeper studies using midrash, mystical tales, psychological and modernist themes; and the fourth week will offer other approaches to the stories of Exodus, including ways in which Exodus can speak to you and through you.

Bob Rovinsky has been a long-time teacher at, and former President of, the Jewish Study Center and has taught many classes including Basic Judaism, Jewish storytelling, and dealing with grief and loss. He is an active member of the Fabrangen Havurah and several other congregations.

JSC, Adas members \$55, others \$75. Single sessions \$15/\$20

#### Series: New Perspectives on Today's Israel Feb. 10--Book Talk: Return to Zion: The **History of Modern Israel**

7 p.m.

In this book talk and slide show, author Eric Gartman will focus on some lesserknown events leading up to the creation of the State of Israel and its subsequent



development. We will discuss the pogroms in Russia, the role of Britain in setting up the Mandate, the real reasons why the Holocaust was so important in creating the Jewish State, and newly-declassified documents explaining America's policy towards Israel in the 1967 and 1973 Wars.

Eric Gartman works as an intelligence analyst for the US Department of Defense. Return to Zion: The *History of Modern Israel* was published in November by the Jewish Publication Society and will be available for sale.

#### Feb. 17—Peace and the Two-State Solution— **Challenges and Opportunities**

7 p.m.

Rabbi Alana Suskin, director of strategic communications at Americans for Peace Now, offers a perspective on recent events in Israel and on how, and



status and the approach of efforts for peace.

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

#### Book Talk: Exiles in Sepharad: The Jewish Millennium in Spain by Jeffrey Gorsky.

Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

This book, published in 2015 by the Jewish Publication Society, traces the colorful history of Jews in Spain from the beginnings up until the horrors of the Inquisition and expulsion. Jeffrey Gorsky, a career State Department attorney who served in Spain and Iberia, has taught many well-received



and popular classes about the Inquisition for the Jewish Study Center. His book will be available for sale.

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

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#### **Poems of the New Holocaust**

March 2 and 9, 8:15 p.m. Instructor: Eric Rozenman

The class will take as a launching point several of the instructor's own recently published Holocaust-themed poems, among them "The World as We Know It" from the online New English Review (www.newenglishreview.org). Students will be encouraged to bring in other texts on similar themes and to discuss the works as poems, as forecasts and as "anti-prayer."

*Eric Rozenman* is Washington director of CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America). His poetry has been published in the New English Review and elsewhere.

Adas, JSC members \$25, others \$35

### Beyond Hamentashen: Sephardic Flavors for Purim

March 9, 7 p.m.

Instructor: Susan Barocas

Expand your thinking as Purim approaches! Everyone loves hamentashen, but in this class you'll learn about many more sweet and savory Purim treats from Sephardic communities around the world. For Syrian Jews, a favorite is *mamoul*, a cookie stuffed with dates and/or nuts. Fried dough called Haman's Ears, *Orejas de Haman* in Spanish or *Oznei Haman* in Hebrew, are a favorite across Sephardic cultures. Many recipes use poppy seeds or nuts, recalling our heroine Esther's vegetarian—and therefore, kosher—diet while in the palace. Our class includes tastes of some treats, including a special holiday "mocktail," and recipes to take home for your own Purim delight.

*Susan Barocas* is a writer, filmmaker, cooking teacher, caterer and former director of the Jewish Food Experience and the Washington Jewish Film Festival.

JSC, Adas members \$20, others \$25 Please register by March 7

#### How to be a Master Storyteller

March 9, 7 p.m.

Instructor: Jay Krasnow

Storytelling is one of life's most powerful gifts. Good leaders are always good storytellers; history's greatest leaders were all masters of the art. More important, storytelling is a receptacle for personal and family memories, from remembrances of a cranky uncle to deeply personal experiences with your best friends or first loves. Learn the elements of weaving an effective tale!

Jay Krasnow has performed at storytelling venues across the area, including SpeakEasyDC, the Story League and the Perfect Liars Club. His current project includes a series of oral histories about his mother, who grew up in New Haven, Ct., not far from where "Old Man Lender" sold Lender's Bagels out of his basement.

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



## **Tuesday Nights in Dupont Circle**

## The National Museum of American Jewish Military History 1811 R St. NW (Metro Stop: Dupont Circle—Red Line) Feb. 23, 7:30-9 p.m.

## Lomir Ale Zingen: Yiddish Sing-Along and Poetry Evening with Rabbi David Shneyer

Feb. 23, 7:30-9 p.m.

A Yiddish singalong with Reb David Shneyer as bandleader! The program *Lomir Ale Zingen* (Let Us All Sing) is part of a series of monthly evenings of Yiddish song and poetry at different locations, including private homes and area synagogues—including an upcoming April 17 date at Adas Israel. These intimate gatherings include Yiddish poetry in the original and in translation.

Sponsored by the Am Kolel Jewish Renewal Community and cosponsored by the Jewish Study Center and the National Museum of American Jewish Military History, the program is partly underwritten by a grant from the Marinus and Mina B. Koster Foundation, devoted to the perpetuation of East European Jewish culture.

**Reb David Shneyer** is the founder and spiritual leader of The Am Kolel Jewish Renewal Community of Greater Washington.

Free with suggested \$5 contribution at the door. Please register at www.jewishstudycenter.org.



#### Join Us For The Great Latke-Hamentasch Debate! Wednesday, March 16, 7 p.m.

The annual snackstravaganza is back with celebrities and experts who will debate the most pressing question of the Jewish calendar:

## Which is better, the latke or the hamentasch?

JSC, Adas members \$10, others \$12 includes all the research materials you can eat.

Please register at www.jewishstudycenter.org or at the door



## **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 canceled to inclement weather is to call the building where your class will be held:

Adas Israel Synagogue: (202) 362-4433, www.adasisrael.org, 2850 Quebec St. NW

DCJCC, 1529 16th St., NW

National Museum of American Jewish Military History, (202) 265-6280

If a class is canceled due to teacher illness we will notify you as soon as possible. Class sessions canceled 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 canceling the class after waiting 15 minutes. (However, many instructors choose to proceed.) If your class is canceled 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.

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