

Jewish Study Center
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Great Classes for our Spring Semester 2010!
Including a NEW LOCATION—1 block from Dupont Circle
metro—National Museum of American Jewish Military History
April 26-June 21

Wednesdays at National Museum of American Jewish Military History
1811 R Street, NW—near Dupont Circle North metro

Introduction to Kabbalah
Four Postmodern Talmudic Stories
Jews of Argentina: *The Invention of the Jewish Gaucho* (Book Signing)

Tuesdays at Adas Israel Congregation
2850 Quebec St., NW – near Cleveland Park metro

How to Give a Great D'var Torah
Far-flung Jews: Jewish Cultures Around the Globe
Shir Havoc: Meshugah Melodies for Familiar Prayers
Jeremiah: Scolding and Comforting Voice

Jewish Study Center Film Festival

At Sixth and I Historic Synagogue

Sunday, June 20 5-7PM

Feature Film (to be announced)

Preceded by documentary short:

Hitler's Hat (filmmaker—Jeff Krulik)

and discussion and reception to follow

COST: \$18 pre-registered and pre-paid/members of JSC ; \$25 non-members
Group discounts available.

Purchase tickets at www.jewishstudycenter.org

**Tuesday nights at Adas Israel, 2850 Quebec St NW
1 block from Cleveland Park metro**

Jeremiah: Scolding and Comforting Voice

Tuesdays: April 27, May 4, May 11 (possible option to continue) 7:15-8:30PM

The biblical prophet Jeremiah lived in troubled times--perhaps not so different from our own. We will study the words, and the modern resonance, of this powerful biblical voice, whose words of chastisement and comfort still speak truth to power and offer hope in the midst of upheaval, confusion and despair.

Max Ticktin teaches Judaic Studies at George Washington University and is a member of Fabrangen.

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



Shir Havoc: Meshugah melodies for familiar prayers

Tuesdays May 25, June 1, June 8 7:15-8:30 p.m.

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 together 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 minyan 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.

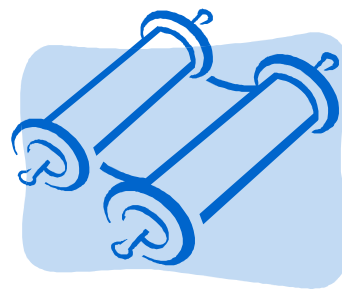
One session: \$15 JSC and Adas members; \$20 non-members Three sessions: \$40 members; \$55 non-members

Back by popular demand:

How to Give a D'var Torah

Tuesdays April 27, May 4, May 11

7:15-8:30 p.m.



Have you ever thought about leading a discussion on the weekly Torah portion—a “word about the Torah”? Maybe you’ve done it, but need new ideas and inspiration? This is a continuation of last semester’s class though new students are welcome to register. Instructor to be announced.

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

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Far-Flung Jews: Jewish Cultures around the Globe

continues this semester

Tuesdays April 26-June 8 7:15-8:30 p.m.

From the “Jewish Gauchos” of Argentina to the Abuyadaya of Uganda and beyond, Jewish communities thrive in places you’d never imagine. Travel with us to Africa and to Latin America on our long-running tour of the Jewish globe, with possible stops in South Africa, Costa Rica and Uganda.

Check our website at www.jewishstudycenter.org

for full schedule and updates of “Far-Flung Jews”

And for these upcoming June programs:

—Judaism and International Service

—Kosher sushi cooking

Special Event at our Dupont Circle location-1811 R Street, NW

The National Museum of American Jewish Military History

2 blocks from Dupont Circle North metro

Jews of Argentina

Wednesday, May 26

7:15-8:30 p.m.

“The Invention of the Jewish Gaucho”

Talk and Book Signing by Dr. Judith Noemi Freidenberg

The Invention of the Jewish Gaucho (University of Texas Press) examines the lives of European-born settlers in Argentina who represented a merger between native cowboy identities and homeland memories. The arrival of these immigrants in what would be the village of Villa Clara coincided with the nation's new sense of liberated nationhood. *The Invention of the Jewish Gaucho* draws on life histories, archives, material culture, and performances of heritage to enhance our understanding of a singular population—and to transform our approach to social memory itself.

Judith Noemí Freidenberg, born in Argentina, is Associate Professor and Director of the Undergraduate Program in Anthropology at the University of Maryland. Her previous books include *Growing Old in El Barrio*, *Memorias de Villa Clara*, and *The Anthropology of Low Income Urban Enclaves: The Case of East Harlem*.

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

**Wednesday nights at the
National Museum of American Jewish Military History
1811 R Street NW**

Discovering Kabbalah

Wednesdays May 5, May 12, May 26 7:15-8:30PM

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.

*** A generous contribution has made it possible for us to offer this class at the reduced tuition of \$5 per session.



Postmodern Stories from the Talmud:

Wednesdays April 28, May 5, May 12, May 26 7:15-8:30PM

We're tempted to think that our modern philosophies lie outside the imagination of the Talmudists, especially if we study Talmud only in carefully selected anthologies. The fact is, the relativism, confusion, acknowledgment of chaos, and distrust of authority that characterizes the "pomo" ethos can all be found in the unsettling (and because unsettling, somehow reassuring) stories we will study in this class.

Rabbi Ethan Seidel is the rabbi of Tifereth Israel in Washington, D.C.
\$50 JSC members; \$75 non-members

Register for our classes and events at www.jewishstudycenter.org

Questions? Call us at 202-332-1221 or email info@jewishstudycenter.org

Join Us For These Spring Special Events!

Thursday, May 13 at American University

7:15-8:30 p.m.

Forum: Is there Free Speech in – and about – the Middle East?

In some countries, the wrong kind of speech can land you in prison. In other places, speech is free, but communities strive to impose their own unofficial constraints on what can and cannot be said. Can we talk about the Middle East in a balanced way when the freedom to criticize varies so dramatically between countries? Do inhibitions and insecurities in the American Jewish community skew what "can be said" even in a free system? Our panel explores the challenges to free expression in Israel, in Arab lands, and in debates on the Israeli-Arab conflicts here at home.

Panelists (invited) include **Rita Simon**, American University School of Public Affairs and Washington College of Law; **Dina Guirguis**, Executive Director, Voices for a Democratic Egypt; **Lara Friedman**, Director of Policy and Government Relations, Americans for Peace Now; **Dr. Tawfiq Hamid**, Senior Fellow and Chair for the Study of Islamic Radicalism at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies; **Naomi Paiss**, Director of Communications, New Israel Fund. Moderated by **Rabbi Charles Feinberg**, Adas Israel Congregation.



Sunday April 25, 2010 at Arlington National Cemetery 2:30-4:00 p.m. **Near Visitors Center and Arlington National Cemetery metro—Section 12, Gravesite 288** **Annual General Orde Wingate Memorial Ceremony**

General Orde Wingate was a British general who helped organize and train Jewish defense forces in Palestine prior to WWII. Considered one of the founders of the Israel Defense Forces, he was a great soldier and friend of the Jewish people.

Tributes from the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, the British Military Attache and others. Musical performances by the Hebrew Day Institute Choir and Kolot Halev.

Co-sponsored with Jewish War Veterans Dept. of DC, Hadassah, Washington Board of Rabbis, The Whole (Military) Megillah, Jewish Residents of Leisure World, The Tribe Motorcycle Club, and others.

Family Stories: Sons, Fathers and Zaydes

Sunday, June 6, 2010, 1pm-5pm

(part of Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium Walk Weekend)

at The National Museum of American Jewish Military History
1811 R Street, NW

Are you a photographer? Are you an artist? Are you a writer or storyteller? A stand-up comedian? We are looking for those of you who have a story to tell about your son, father, and/or zayde. What makes them tick, what are their favorite stories or those old-time jokes that get told over and over? How would you portray those members of your family? Throughout the afternoon we will provide each participant up to 10 minutes to tell a story through words, photography or art, drama or video.

To register for a time slot for presentation or for more information, call Mary Westley at (202) 265-6280 (or email mwestley@jvw.org).

This event is open to the public and admission is free.

Guided tours of exhibits for the adults will be available – along with treasure hunts for the kids (reading age and up).

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We are a 501(c) 3 organization; your contribution is tax deductible.

I want to become a member!

JSC Single Annual Membership: \$18 (student) ___ "L'chaim"
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Registration—Spring 2010 Semester

Classes at Adas Israel—Tuesdays 7:15-8:30PM			
Session	Date	# Attend/Fee	Cost
<u>Far Flung Jews: Jewish Cultures Around the Globe</u>	May 11 June 1 and others	Single sessions: ___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members	
<u>Jeremiah</u>	April 27 May 4 May 11	___ x \$40 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$55 non-members	
<u>Nutty Nusach</u>	May 25 June 1 June 8	___ x \$40 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$55 non-members	
<u>D'var Torah</u>	Apr 27, May 4 May 11, 24 June 1, 8	___ x \$80 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$100 non-members	

Classes at NMAJMH—Wednesdays 7:15-8:30PM			
Session	Date	# Attend/Fee	Cost
<u>Discovering Kabbalah</u>	May 5 May 12 May 26	___ X \$5 per person/ per session	
<u>Talmudic Stories</u>	Apr 28 May 5 May 12 May 26	___ \$55 JSC members ___ \$75 non-members	

Special Events			
<u>Free Speech Forum</u>	May 13	___ X \$15 JSC members ___ X \$20 non-members ___ X \$10 students	
<u>At American University</u>			
<u>Film Festival</u>	June 20	___ \$18 pre-paid JSC members ___ \$25 at door	
<u>At Sixth and I</u>			

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