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Spring 2012 Semester Begins April 18!

at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History
1811 R St NW DC (near Dupont Circle Metro-Red Line)

Classes: Tuesdays at 7 P.M.

“We Are Here”: A Lithuanian Encounter—May 15
Sacred Fragrances of the Tanakh—May 22

Free Programs—Sundays at 1 P.M.

Family Stories: Daughters, Mothers and Bubbes—May 20
Family Stories: Sons, Fathers and Zaydes—June 3

at Adas Israel Congregation
2850 Quebec Street NW DC (near Cleveland Park Metro-Red Line)

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



Beyond Charlton Heston: The Ten Commandments—April 25
Jewish History through Personal Stories—April 25
Jewish Economics—May 2
Savoring the Psalms—May 9
Rabbi Eliezer Reconsidered—May 30

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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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Wednesday Noontime Lectures:

- April 18, 12-2pm. Author and professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Georgetown University Dr. Itzhak Brook, MD, CDR Ret MC US Navy, will lecture and present his new book ***In the Sands of Sinai: A Physician's Account of the Yom Kippur War.*** Dr. Brooks is a retired US Navy officer who served for 27 years. Prior to coming to the USA (in 1974) he served in the Israeli Army and participated in the Yom Kippur War. The book describes his personal experiences, struggles, fears and challenges as he cared for his soldiers' physical and emotional needs. In his perspective, it was a war that shaped his own life and Israel's fragile identity. Proceeds from book sales will be donated to the NMAJMH and the JWV. Bring your lunch!
- April 24, 12-2PM Leila Levinson, author of ***Gated Grief: The Daughter of a GI Liberator Faces Her Inheritance of Trauma,*** brings her memoir of multi-generational and trans-generational post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). (A note: a large portion of the initial search for liberators came from her contacts at the museum.) Bring your lunch!

Special Sunday Programs:

- May 20, 1-5pm, the NMAJMH and the JSC will devote a special afternoon to ***Family Stories: Daughters, Mothers and Bubbes.*** We have invited people to portray their beloved female relatives and friends through a skit, scrapbook, video, song and dance routine, or whatever their imagination can conjure.
- June 3, 1-5pm, as part of the ***Dupont Kalorama Museums Consortium Walk Weekend,*** the NMAJMH and the JSC will devote a special afternoon to ***Family Stories: Sons, Fathers and Zaydes.*** We have invited people to portray their beloved male relatives and friends through a skit, scrapbook, video, song and dance routine, or whatever their imagination can conjure.

All these programs are free and open to all. For more information contact mwestley@nmajmh.org.

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We Are Here: A Lithuanian Encounter

Lecture and Book Signing

Tuesday May 15 7:00-8:30 P.M

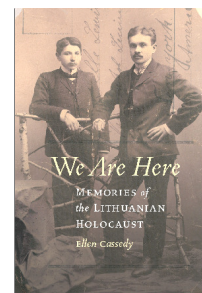
Instructor: Ellen Cassedy

For the past ten years, *Ellen Cassedy* has been engaged in a fascinating journey: exploring how Lithuania -- once home to her Jewish forebears -- is encountering its Nazi and Soviet past. Come prepared to discuss some substantive moral issues: Can we honor our heritage without perpetuating hatred? How do people move forward after a history of genocide?

Ellen will read from and sign her new book, *We Are Here: Memories of the Lithuanian Holocaust*. (which will be available for purchase).

Ellen Cassedy's articles and translations have appeared in *The Forward*, *Hadassah* magazine, *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, and other publications. Visit her website at www.ellencassedy.com.

JSC, Museum and JWV members \$12; non-members \$15



Sacred Fragrances of the Tanakh

Tuesday May 22 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Instructor: Izabella Tabarovsky

I will betake me to the mount of myrrh, to the hill of frankincense" Song of Songs 4:6

From Exodus to Psalms to the Song of Songs, the Jewish Bible is infused with tantalizing fragrances of incense, aromatic offerings, and spices. Come to this engaging, experiential class to find out: What was the significance of fragrant herbs and spices in Biblical times? What exactly constituted the holy anointing oils? Why does the Bible refer to them as the "oils of gladness"? What has modern science learned about their multiple qualities, from spiritual, to antibiotic to antiseptic and anti-cancerous? And, most important: What did they actually smell like?

You will never read the Bible in the same way again!

Izabella Tabarovsky is a Healing Touch practitioner, clinical aromatherapist, and life /career path coach. She is on the staff at the Washington Cancer Institute and is a founding partner at Soapstone Integrative Health Associates. For more information, please visit www.izabellatabarovsky.com.

JSC, Museum and JWV members \$25; non-members \$35 — Registration and pre-payment required.
(\$5 fee included to cover cost of materials.)



*For persons sensitive to smells: In this class we will be using 100% natural, organic, therapeutic-grade essential oils. (These typically produce no negative side effects, even in those allergic to pollen or synthetic fragrances. However, please make the decision that's best for you.)

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**Sunday April 22, 11:00 — General Orde Wingate Memorial Ceremony
at Arlington National Cemetery Section 12 • Gravesite 288**

Parking permitted at Gravesite (west side of Grant Avenue).

(In the event of rain, ceremony will be held in the auditorium of The Women in Military Service for America Memorial)

British General Wingate was a great soldier, a lover of Zion, and an admirer of the Jewish People. For his initiatives during the British Mandate he is known in Israel as "Ha'Yedid - The Friend", and Spiritual Forebear of the Israel Defense Forces. In addition, he helped liberate Ethiopia and was a key leader in the China-Burma-India Theatre in WWII. A truly original, unconventional military thinker and leader, General Wingate is memorialized on several continents.

Free event and open to all. (Organized by the Jewish War Veterans of the USA Department of DC)

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Centropa: Jewish History through Personal Stories (including our own)
Wednesdays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16 7:00-8:15 P.M.

The Jewish world of Eastern Europe is gone. But through the fiction of writers like Jonathan Safran Foer, Gary Shteyngart, Nicole Krauss and David Bezmozgis, that world has come back to life. Since 2000, a group of European community activists, journalists and historians have been using new technologies and oral histories to interview 1,200 Holocaust survivors still living in the region—not to ask them so much about how their families perished, but to ask them how they lived—before, during, and after the Holocaust. That organization, *Centropa*, never used video in those interviews, but scanned an incredible 22,000 personal photographs. They are all available online—and each of them has a story.

Centropa has created a series of short multimedia films now being shown in film festivals from New York to Hong Kong. All are based on those interviews and pictures. In this four-week course we will watch them, discuss them and share our own pictures and stories, too. *Centropa* has been called a digital bridge back to a world destroyed, so come and join us as we drive across that bridge, and meet the people in these video stories.

April 25—Jews in Mitteleuropa – Stories from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. We'll meet Ernst Galpert, who grew up Orthodox in Munkacs. The Holocaust put an end to his interest in religion—until Communism fell and he helped re-establish Jewish life. Kurt Brodmann will tell how his father had been an actor in an Austrian resort town, glanced out at a woman in the audience—and fell in love. Lilli Tauber remembers saying goodbye to her parents in the Vienna train station, when they sent her on a *kindertransport* to London. Would she ever see them again? We will close with a four-minute film narrated by *Sixty Minutes'* Morley Safer about Jews in the Austro-Hungarian army. Instructor **Cynthia Peterman** teaches Jewish history at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, has worked with the YIVO Institute's Educational Program in Yiddish Culture, and last year was a Museum Teacher Fellow at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

May 2—Sephardim in the Balkans – a unique evening. Meet Beno and Rosa, two youngsters in Macedonia who fought the Nazis and the Bulgarians. Beno ended the war as the youngest general in Tito's army. We will watch and discuss *Centropa's* film on a brave Catholic priest in Belgrade who saved two Jewish girls. And we'll close with the little known story of how Jews in Sarajevo, along with their Muslim, Serb and Croatian neighbors, helped save their city during the Bosnian war, 1992-1995. Instructor **Laura Shaw Frank** is a doctoral candidate in Modern Jewish History at the University of Maryland and teaches Jewish History at Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community High School in Baltimore.

May 9—Jews of Poland and Russia – Haya Lea Detinko and Amos Oz's mother lived in the same town Rovno went to the same school and joined the same youth club. Only Fania Oz escaped. Haya Lea ended up in Stalin's gulag, but her parents remained to face the Nazis. We'll also watch and discuss the story of Teofila Silberring, who spent her entire life in Cracow—except for her six years of living in hell. Instructor **Sharon Tash** holds an M.A. in Jewish History from Columbia University, worked on the ID Card Project at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, taught Jewish History at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School and is currently Family Educator at Temple Beth Ami in Rockville.

May 16—Our own family stories – In the last class we will share the journeys of our own families from “the old country” to America, as told through our family photographs. Instructor **Lauren Granite**, Ph.D., *Centropa's* Education Director, has over seventeen years of experience teaching Jewish history, women in Judaism, comparative religions, diaspora Jewish communities, and Jewish culture in universities and colleges, high school, congregational schools and adult education settings.

Suggested readings – including history, short stories and films – will be recommended to participants prior to and throughout the course.

Entire series: JSC and Adas members \$55, non-members \$75
Individual session: JSC and Adas members \$15, non-members \$20

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Beyond Charlton Heston: The Ten Commandments in More Depth

Wednesdays April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 7-8:15 P.M.

Instructor: Norman Shore

This class will discuss Aseret Hadibroth, better known as the Ten Commandments, through centuries of translation and commentaries including Hasidic ones. We will focus on two commandments per session. *Norman Shore* is a scholar and veteran teacher for the Jewish Study Center and elsewhere in the Washington Jewish community.

JSC and Adas members \$65, non-members \$90

Savoring the Psalms

Wednesdays May 9, 16, 23, 30 8:15-9:25 P.M.

Instructor: Amy Schwartz

In this ongoing class we continue our discussion of various psalms—untangling metaphors, comparing translations, tracing the meanings of the words over time. We will read mostly in English, with a look at the Hebrew depending on class preferences. *Amy Schwartz*, a journalist, has taught many Study Center classes on poetry. She is president of the Jewish Study Center.

JSC and Adas members \$55, non-members \$75

Jewish Economics

Wednesday May 2 8:15-9:25 P.M.

Instructor: Carmel Chiswick

Economics might not seem to have much to do with our Jewish lives, but you'd be amazed how many of our religious choices can actually be illuminated by using economic principles! Economic historian *Carmel Chiswick*, who has pioneered this field, shows how economic factors influence our decisions to allocate time and resources to Jewish practice; how scarcity, supply and demand, and other principles shape Israel-Diaspora relations; and much more! This eye-opening introduction will be followed next year by a class exploring the subject in greater depth. *Carmel Chiswick, Ph.D.* is professor of economics at George Washington University.

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

Rabbi Eliezer: Innocent Victim of Slander, or Sexist Monster?

Wednesdays May 30, June 6 7-8:15 p.m.

Instructor: Sheldon Kimmel

This course will consider three of Rabbi Eliezer's sayings that Talmud commentators commonly read in a deeply misogynistic way. This course takes seriously our obligation, as stated in the Talmud, to judge even Rabbi Eliezer favorably (Avot 1:6) and considers fully egalitarian readings of these sayings. *Sheldon Kimmel* has taught for the Jewish Study Center and helped bring the Latke-Hamentasch symposium to the DC area.

JSC and Adas members \$25, non-members \$35

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| <u>My Lithuanian Encounter</u> | May 15 7-8:30 p.m. | ___ x \$12 JSC, NMAJMH, JWV members ___ x \$15 non-members | | <u>History thru Personal Stories</u> | April 25, May 2, 9, 16 7-8:15 p.m. | ___ x \$55 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$75 non-members | |
| | | | | <u>Ten Commandments</u> | | | |
| <u>Sacred Fragrances</u> | May 22 7-8:30 p.m. | ___ x \$25 JSC, NMAJMH, JWV members ___ x \$30 non-members | | <u>Jewish Economics</u> | May 2 8:15-9:25 p.m. | ___ x 15 JSC, Adas members ___ x 20 non-members | |
| | | | | <u>Psalms</u> | | | |
| | | | | <u>Rabbi Eliezer</u> | May 30, June 6 7-8:15 p.m. | ___ x 25 JSC, Adas members ___ X 35 non-members | |

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