



Winter Semester Begins January 8, 2014!

Special new classes:

At Freer/Sackler Galleries and on Capitol Hill!

At the Freer and Sackler Galleries of the Smithsonian
Jews Along the Silk Road: Our Hidden Presence
Sunday, January 26 1 p.m.

At the Hill Center (Eastern Market Metro)
Origins of Jewish Food
Sunday, February 9 4-5:30 p.m.

At Adas Israel Congregation
Wednesdays January 8–March 12

The Sephardic Tradition: Ritual, Music, Language, Recipes!—starts January 8
Archaeology and Abraham—starts January 8
Climb Your Family Tree: Workshops in Jewish Genealogy—Jan. 22, 29
U.S. Courts and Jewish Observance—Feb. 5
Global Jewish Cultures:
Italy and the Holocaust—Feb, 12
Western Jews in India—Feb. 19
Book Talk: Afro-Jewish Encounters—March 5
Names of God—starts February 5
Untangling the Psalms—starts February 5
Women of the Wall—February 19
Storytelling—March 5
Two 20th-Century Theologians: Herzberg and Soloveitchik—March 5
Jewish Approaches to Conflict Resolution—March 5
Latke-Hamentasch Debate—March 12

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Special Classes at New Locations!

Jews Along the Silk Road: Our Hidden Presence

Sunday, January 26 1:00 p.m.

At the Smithsonian's Freer/Sackler Galleries

1000 Jefferson Drive SW—near Smithsonian Metro

For this session, we'll become a walking classroom, touring the gorgeous Freer and Sackler Galleries of Asian art at the Smithsonian. We will explore the art in the collection and seek out hints of the Jewish presence along the Silk Road, the ancient caravan routes that linked the Mediterranean Sea to China. Visual midrash in the tradition of (Reb) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. (A second class will be added if there is interest.)

Stephen Berer is a poet, Jewish Study Center board member and heads **Museum Exploration Partners**, <http://www.MuseXplore.net> which turns museum trips into life-changing experiences!

Class size is limited to 10 people. Pre-registration required

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

Friday Night Shul-Hoppers

Come to our planning meeting—(date and location to be announced.)

Get to know the variety of congregations in the DC area and meet others. We plan to travel to Friday night services several times a month and have dinner before or after services to discuss our experiences. We will post the schedule on our website and email for anyone who want to join us. No charge.

Origins of Jewish Food

Sunday, February 9 4-5:30 p.m.



At the Hill Center

921 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, DC—near Eastern Market Metro

(Co-Sponsored by the Jewish Food Experience and Hill Havurah)

The Jewish Food Experience (jewishfoodexperience.com) is a project of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington that builds Jewish identity and community through food!



Is the quintessential Jewish food – chicken soup, nicknamed “Jewish penicillin” by comedians – actually of Jewish origin? Why should we use dandelions as maror (bitter herbs) at the Passover seder? Are Boston baked beans actually a traditional Jewish food? How did the bagel become Americanized? What is “Jewish champagne”? Where did the knish and hot dog come from? And what am I—chopped liver?

We will answer most of these questions – and have a good taste of the often strange but fascinating history of what cuisine we consider (or don't consider) Jewish.

Michael Bloom, Chaplain of Jewish War Veterans, is the author of several books, a former Federal official, teacher, cantor, and Torah reader at various communities around town and a docent at Sixth and I Historic Synagogue.

JSC, Hill Havurah members \$15; non-members \$20

Wednesday Nights at Adas Israel
2850 Quebec St NW—one block from Cleveland Park Metro
(Co-sponsored with Adas Israel Congregation)

Archaeology and Abraham
January 8, 15, 22 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Dr. J.H. Hertz, late Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, said, “With the Patriarchs, we leave the dim, primeval world and enter the full daylight of historical times.” Is it really so? We will look at the Biblical text and then at the historical and archaeological record to gain a better understanding of the life and times of Abraham.

Gary Fellman attended the Yeshiva of Eastern Parkway, has degrees in history, engineering and religion, and has been an active member of the Jewish community on three continents, including three terms as the President of the Australian Capital Territory Jewish community.

3 sessions: JSC, Adas members \$40; non-members \$55

The Sephardic Tradition
(Co-sponsored by Adas Israel and the Jewish Food Experience)
January 8, 15, 22, 29 7:00-8:15 p.m.



January 8--Sephardic Liturgy and Ritual.

nazi parallels? What are major differences

Maroof, Magen David Sephardic Congregation, Rockville, MD,

How different are they from their Ashke-
between them? Instructor: **Rabbi Joshua**

January 15—The Glories of Sephardic Music: Instructor to be announced.

January 22—Judeo-Spanish Language in Literature and Song. Instructor **Barbara Altman** will lead a discussion of Judeo-Spanish language and expression with examples from the writings of Sem Tob de Carrion in 14th century Spain to folktales and song lyrics collected from around the world. **Barbara** teaches writing at the UDC Community College, is a Spanish-English interpreter for Multicultural Community Services, and is engaged in projects promoting intercultural understanding. She has a M.A. in Spanish and Latin American Literature and a Certificate in Spanish Philology from the University of Salamanca in Spain.

January 29—Sephardic Food: A special program co-sponsored by the Jewish Food Experience, with samples for tasting! Wherever Jews wandered, they adopted and adapted the ingredients and dishes of their new homelands to Jewish dietary laws and holidays. The delicious foods of Sephardic cuisine, once Spanish in origin, now come from countries in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Taste our samples and leave with recipes! Instructor **Susan Barocas** is the director of the Jewish Food Experience, a project of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington that builds Jewish identity and community through food. She is also a filmmaker, writer and teacher who started cooking as a young child and still has her first cookbook from 1959.

Series: JSC, Adas members \$50, non-members \$70 Single session \$15/\$20

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Climb Your Family Tree: A Two-Week Immersion in Jewish Genealogy
(Co-sponsored by the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington)

Four sessions on two Wednesdays: January 22, 29 at 7:00 and 8:15 p.m

Spend two delightful evenings getting started in the wonderful world of Jewish genealogy!

Instructors: *Marlene Katz Bishow* and *Jonina Duker*.

January 22: **Let's Get Started; All Our Names.** For the first hour, you'll learn the basics on how to climb your family tree. At 8:15, you'll learn about Jewish naming patterns, first-name customs and the origins of (mostly Ashkenazi) surnames.

January 29: **Matzevot (Tombstones) and a Case Study.** For the first hour, you'll learn about traditional customs for tombstones and how to decipher the words and phrases used (whether or not you understand Hebrew). At 8:15 you'll see how a genealogist weaves it all together.

You'll walk away from both sessions with a roadmap for next steps, a handout, and contacts for experts.

Marlene Katz Bishow and *Jonina Duker* are, respectively, the president and the first Life Member of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington.

JSC, Adas members \$45, non-members \$55. One evening, \$25/\$40

Jews in Court:
How Courts Have Responded to Public Acts of Jewish Expression
February 5 7:00-8:15 p.m.
(Rescheduled from fall semester)

American courts have been asked many times to comment on our rights to practice Judaism in a public manner. We'll explore how they have confronted issues such as wearing a kippah on the job, placing a mezuzah on a door in an apartment complex, conditioning a civil divorce on the provision of a *get*, using a *beit din* for dispute resolution and zoning for a synagogue.

Adam Marker practices employment law at The Goldsmith Firm and serves on the Montgomery County Committee on Hate/Violence.



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Global Jewish Cultures
February 12, 19 March 5 7:00-8:15 P.M.



February 12—Italy and the Holocaust: A Family’s Story. *Loretta Vitale Saks* will give an overview of the rich history of Jews in Italy and of her mother’s memories of living under Mussolini’s Racial Laws and hiding from the Germans in a small Italian mountain village. *Loretta* is a clinical social worker and has served as shaliach tzibbur, or lay cantor, at congregations Beth Mishpachah, Tifereth Israel and at Am Yisrael High Holiday services.

February 19—Western Jews in India: From the Fifteenth Century to the Present. Jews of Western origin have played a major role in South Asian political affairs, medicine, painting, architecture and religion. *Dr. Kenneth X. Robbins* has written a book and timeline summarizing the contributions of foreign and Indian Jews alike to the subcontinent.

March 5—Book Talk: *Afro-Jewish Encounters: From Timbuktu to the Indian Ocean and Beyond.* The author *William F.S. Miles*, a professor at Northeastern University in Boston, has spent more than 30 years doing research in West Africa and is also author of *Jews of Nigeria: An Afro-Judaic Odyssey*. This session is co-sponsored by *Moment Magazine*, in whose pages many of the essays in the book first appeared.

Books will be available for sale.

3 sessions: JSC, Adas members \$45, non-members \$55 Single sessions \$15/\$20

“V’eleh sh’mot”: “These are the names”
February 5, 12, 19, 26 7:00-8:15 p.m.

This class will explore the many uses and meanings of names in Jewish tradition and sources: Names of God, names in the Tanach (Bible), naming children, changing one’s name, having multiple names; also, names and prayer, names and magic, names and humor. We will use a wide range of texts from Bible, midrash, rabbinic law, Hasidism and contemporary literature.

Norman Shore is a veteran teacher and a founder and past president of the Study Center.

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Untangling the Psalms
February 5, 12, 26, March 5 8:15-9:25 p.m.



The 150 religious poems that make up the Book of Psalms form the backbone of our liturgy; they are familiar, and they are also deeply strange. We will read, discuss and savor these texts and compare their many versions. Readings in English.

Amy Schwartz is opinion editor of Moment Magazine and president of the Jewish Study Center. She has taught many classes on poetry.

4 sessions: JSC, Adas members \$50; non-members \$75

Women of the Wall: Values and Issues
February 19 8:15-9:25 p.m.

It's been over 25 years for the Women of the Wall, the women's group that has been demonstrating for the right to read Torah at the Western Wall, and over 2,000 for the wall we call the Kotel. Come learn about the history of both, the tumultuous events of the past year, and why it all matters.

Taibel bas Rachel Leah v'Shlomo Yehoshua, also known as *Jonina Duker*, has been a supporter of the International Committee for the Women of the Wall from its beginning.

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

How to Tell A Story
March 5 7:00-8:15 p.m.

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 those deeply personal experiences with your best friends or first loves, stories can inspire, motivate and demystify. Learn the elements of finding, building and telling a powerful personal story.

Jay D. Krasnow is a storyteller, writer and filmmaker who has performed at storytelling venues across the Washington, D.C., area, including SpeakEasyDC, the StoryLeague and the Perfect Liars Club. His current project includes a series of oral histories about his mother's childhood in New Haven.

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Twentieth-Century Judaism: Two American Jewish Theologians
March 5 7:00-8:15 p.m.

This class will focus on two prominent twentieth-century American Jewish theologians: Will Herberg and Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. We will discuss selections from their important works: Herberg's *Judaism and Modern Man* (1951) and Soloveitchik's *The Lonely Man of Faith* (1965). We will investigate their different conceptions of faith, sin, tradition, and destiny.

Jason Schulman is a doctoral student at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, where he is a fellow with the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies.

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

Jewish Approaches to Mediation and Conflict Resolution
March 5 8:15-9:25 p.m.

This course will explore traditional Jewish values and practices as they emerge from the classical sources and examine how they correspond to, and challenge, contemporary processes of negotiation, mediation and conflict resolution.

Dr. Marc Gopin is James H. Laue Professor and Director of the Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University. He has worked extensively on conflict resolution in the Mideast and is a member of the U.S. State Department's religion and foreign policy working group.

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

Save the date and your appetite!
The Great Latke-Hamentasch Debate
(co-sponsored by Adas Israel Congregation)

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

When: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Admission fee covers food and drink – for as much research as you want to do.

Check our website and Facebook page for updates about speakers.

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 teacher cannot make it to the class due to illness.

The easiest way to see if a class is cancelled to inclement weather is to call the building where your class will be held: Adas Israel Synagogue: (202) 362-4433, www.adasisrael.org;

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

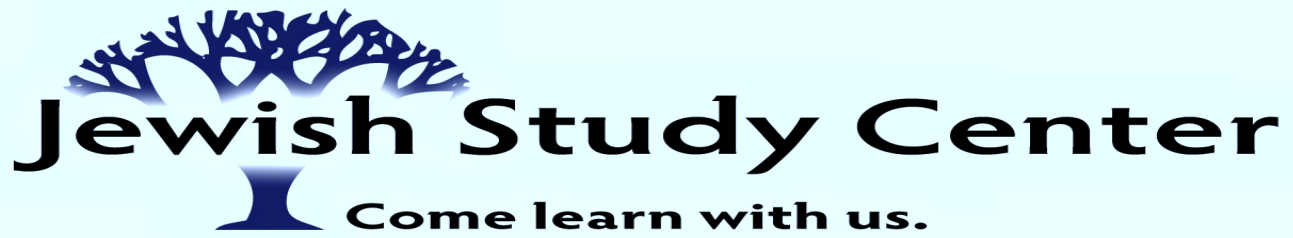
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Session	Date	# Attend/Fee	Cost	Session	Date	# Attend/Fee	Cost
<u>The Sephardic Tradition</u>	Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 7-8:15PM	4 sessions: ___ x \$50 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$75 non-members Single session: ___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members		<u>Global Cultures</u>	Feb. 12, 19 March 5 7-8:15PM	3 sessions: ___ x \$40 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$55 non-members Single session: ___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members	
<u>Jewish Genealogy</u>	Jan. 22, 29 7-9:25PM 2 sessions with Social break	Both dates: ___ x \$45 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$55 non-members Single night: ___ x \$25 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$40 non-members		<u>Women of the Wall</u>	Feb. 19 8:15-9:25PM	___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members	
				<u>Two Theologians</u>	March 5 7-8:15PM	___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members	
<u>Abraham and Archaeology</u>	Jan. 8, 15, 22 7-8:15PM	___ x \$40 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$55 non-members		<u>Storytelling</u>	March 5 7-8:15PM	___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members	
				<u>Mediation and Conflict Resolution</u>	March 5 8:15-9:25PM	___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members	
<u>Jews in Court</u>	Feb. 5 7-8:15PM	___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members		<u>Sunday, January 26 at the Freer Sackler Galleries</u>			
<u>These are the Names</u>	Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 7-8:15PM	___ x \$50 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$75 non-members		<u>Jews on The Silk Road</u>	Jan. 26 1-3PM	___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$20 non-members	
<u>Psalms</u>	Feb. 5, 12, 26, March 5 8:15-9:25PM	___ x \$50 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$75 non-members		<u>Sunday February 9 at the Hill Center</u>			
				<u>Origins Of Jewish Food</u>	Feb. 9 4-5:30 PM	___ x \$15 JSC, Hill Havurah members ___ x \$20 non-members	

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