



## Winter classes start January 11!

**Global Jewish Cultures:  
Jews in Cuba! Yiddish in Sweden!**

**Mikvah—Beyond the Headlines**

**Tu B'Shevat Seder, Feb. 4**

**Latke-Hamentasch Debate, Feb. 25**

**and more!**

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### **Sundays in Northern Virginia 2 p.m.**

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*Archaeology's Imprint on the Modern Jewish  
World: Three sessions*

- *Abuses in the Name of Biblical Archaeology, Jan. 11*
- *King Herod's Caesarea and American-Israeli Relations Today, Jan. 18*
- *Diarna: A High-Tech Virtual Museum of Jewish Life in the Middle East and North Africa, Jan. 25*

### **Wednesdays at Adas Israel Congregation 7 and 8:15 p.m.**

Co-Sponsored by Adas Israel Congregation  
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*Global Jewish Culture on Three Continents  
Three sessions*

- *Jewish Culture and Yiddish 'Renewal' in Sweden, Jan. 14*
- *Jews of Cape Verde, Jan. 21*
- *Jews in a Changing Cuba, Jan. 28*

*Caring for Caregivers Jewishly, Jan. 14*

*Some of Their Best Friends: Righteous Gentiles of  
the Bible, Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 11, 18*

*Mikvah: Beyond the Headlines  
Two Sessions*

- *Into The Depths: Mikvah Past and Present, Jan. 14*
- *If These Walls Could Talk: Mikvah Guides Discuss Their Work, Feb. 11*

*Becoming Blessers, Being Blessings,  
Jan. 28, Feb. 11, 18*

*Using the Holocaust Against Jews? Feb. 11*

#### **Special Events!**

*Feb. 4—Tu B'Shevat Seder with MakomDC*

*Feb. 25—The Great Latke-Hamentasch Debate!*

### **Tuesday Nights in Dupont Circle 7 p.m.**

Co-Sponsored by the Museum  
1811 R St. NW (Metro: Dupont Circle)

*Feminist Readings of the Talmud  
Three sessions, Tuesdays, Jan. 13, 20, Feb. 10*

# Sundays in Northern Virginia

**Co-Sponsored by Temple Rodef Shalom**  
**2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church, VA**  
**January 11, 18, 25 at 2 p.m.**

## **Archaeology's Imprint on the Modern Jewish World**

*Sundays, January 11, 18, & 25 at 2 p.m.*

Explore the ways that archaeology intersects with modern life and our views of the past.

### **Jan. 11 - Abuses in the Name of Biblical Archaeology**

*Instructor: Gary Fellman*

Hoaxes and frauds committed in the name of biblical archaeology often have profound effects on society, given the impact of the Bible. This session debunks some famous deceptions while revealing the hold they have had over society.

**Gary Fellman** holds a B.A. in history and a minor in archaeology as well as masters degrees in engineering and religion.

**Free of Charge!**



### **Jan. 18 - King Herod's Caesarea and American-Israeli Relations Today**

*Instructor: Alexander Murinson*

King Herod's ancient "model" Roman city of Caesarea, located on the Mediterranean coast between today's Haifa and Tel Aviv, can teach us about our modern world order. We will tease out patterns from this great ancient power that illuminate the contemporary Israel-U.S. relationship and beyond.

**Alexander Murinson** is a scholar of the Mediterranean with a special expertise in the Turkey-Azerbaijan-Israel relationship.

**Free of Charge!**

### **Jan. 25 - Diarna: A High-Tech Virtual Museum of Jewish Life in the Middle East and North Africa**

*Instructor: Jason Guberman-Pfeffer*

Using satellite images and other multimedia tools as well as field work, Diarna gives virtual life to now largely vanished Jewish communities in the Middle East and North Africa. From the "Masada of Arabia" near Medina to a concealed synagogue in Tangiers, this class takes us inside Diarna's online Geo-Museum and the future of archaeological display.

**Jason Guberman-Pfeffer** is the founding executive director of Digital Heritage Mapping, the parent organization of Diarna.

**Free of Charge!**



# Wednesdays at Adas Israel Congregation

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Co-Sponsored with Adas Israel Congregation  
Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7 and 8:15 p.m.**

## **Global Jewish Cultures on Three Continents**

*Jan. 14, 21, 28 at 7 p.m.*

*Three sessions, Adas, JSC members \$40, others \$55*

*Single sessions, \$15/\$20*



## ***Jan. 14 - Jewish Culture and Yiddish 'Renewal' In Sweden***

*Instructor: Miriam Isaacs*

For Jews in Sweden, there's good news and bad. Good news: Yiddish is an official heritage language in Sweden and there is government funding for Yiddish radio, television and educational programs. Bad news: Kosher slaughter is forbidden, Sweden was the first country to support recognition of the Palestinian Authority and anti-Semitic activities have made many Jews uncomfortable.

*Professor Miriam Isaacs*, who has just concluded a Fulbright Scholarship teaching Yiddish in Sweden, will discuss her experiences.

## ***Jan. 21 - Jews of Cape Verde***

*Instructor: Carol Castiel*

Few people know that Cape Verde, a beautiful island nation off the coast of Senegal, was home for centuries to a Sephardic Jewish community whose founding members fled the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal, with a second wave coming from Morocco and Gibraltar in the 1800s. Come learn about this rich history and efforts to preserve it.

Instructor *Carol Castiel*, director of public affairs programming at the Voice of America, has played a central role in efforts to rediscover and publicize the history of this nearly forgotten Jewish community. She is founder of the Cape Verde Jewish Heritage Project and has traveled widely in Portuguese-speaking Africa.

## ***Jan. 28 - Jews in a Changing Cuba***

*Instructor: Betty Adler*

There are fewer than 2,000 Jews in Cuba, down from about 50,000 in 1959. What is their situation as Cuba enters what is likely to be a period of dramatic change? Photographer Betty Adler was traveling in Cuba on a humanitarian mission to provide medical supplies when Alan Gross was released. She will share impressions and photographs from the Jewish communities of Havana, Cienfuegos, Santa Clara and Camaquey, as well as a rare bar mitzvah.

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## **Caring for Caregivers Jewishly**

*Instructor: Steven Glazer*

*Jan. 14, 7-8:15 p.m.*

As our population ages, more and more family members are, or will become, caregivers. These individuals, “heroes among us” who devote countless hours caring for loved ones, all too often wind up exhausted, both physically and emotionally. How does Judaism address our role as caregivers? What are our responsibilities—both to our loved ones and to ourselves?

*Rabbi Steven Glazer* is rabbi emeritus of Beth Emeth Congregation in Herndon, VA, and an adjunct professor at The George Washington University..

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



## **Some of Their Best Friends: Righteous Gentiles of the Bible**

*Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 11, 18, 8:15-9:25 p.m.*

*Instructor: Norman Shore*

Jewish tradition is filled with “righteous Gentiles,” friendly or supportive non-Jews from Pharaoh’s daughter to the sailors who were so reluctant to throw Jonah off the boat. The class will read passages on some of the positive characters from the Bible who are not part of the covenant with Abraham. In addition to biblical texts, we will discuss their treatment in rabbinic literature and stories. Do they come to be seen as converts, ambiguous figures, or villains? How do they help us define outsiders and their relationship to God? Can we learn anything from them about Jews’ relationship to the outside world, then and now?

*Norman Shore* is a veteran teacher and a co-founder of the Jewish Study Center.

*Four sessions: JSC, Adas members \$55, others \$75*

*Single session \$15/\$20*



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## **Mikvah: Beyond the Headlines**

*Instructor: Naomi Malka*

*Jan. 14, Feb. 11, 8:15 – 9:25 p.m.*

### **Jan. 14 - Into The Depths: Mikvah Past and Present**

Explore the history, texts and practices associated with traditional mikvah use. Trace the development of the New Mikvah Movement and see how this ancient tradition is being reframed at progressive mikvahs across North America. Tour the Adas Israel Community Mikvah and learn about mikvah ceremonies for all different kinds of life transitions. This class is suitable for men and women of all ages..

### **Feb. 11 - If These Walls Could Talk: Mikvah Guides Discuss Their Work**

Mikvah guides support people through profound moments of personal and spiritual transitions and facilitate a connection to the holy through Jewish ritual. Witnesses to quiet moments and joyous celebrations, they can attest to the beauty of Jewish tradition in addressing the sanctity of the body. Hear from a panel of Adas Israel Community Mikvah Guides about their fascinating perspectives on conversion, infertility, aging, bar and bat mitzvahs, and other life transitions.

*Naomi Malka* is Ritual Director and Mikvah Director of Adas Israel.

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

## **Becoming Blessers, Being Blessings**

*Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, 7-8:15 p.m.*

*Instructor: Mark Novak*

The Talmud tells us we should say 100 blessings a day and that this will assure us of life in the world to come. But what about in this world? Blessings help us to be present in this moment, to cultivate “radical amazement” for even those things we find mundane. In these three sessions, we’ll learn how to cultivate and incorporate a blessing practice in our everyday lives. We will study Jewish texts to explore the concept of blessing, and use chant and meditation to more fully engage body, mind and spirit in this most basic of Jewish practices.

*Rabbi Mark Novak* is the spiritual guide of Minyan Oneg Shabbat, Washington, DC’s laboratory for Jewish renewal. More information at [RebMarko.com](http://RebMarko.com), [MinyanOnegShabbat.org](http://MinyanOnegShabbat.org), [Jewishstorytelling.com](http://Jewishstorytelling.com) and [TheMarkNovakBand.com](http://TheMarkNovakBand.com).

*Three sessions: JSC, Adas, Minyan Oneg Shabbat members \$40, others \$55. Single session, \$15/\$20*



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## **Using the Holocaust Against Jews?**

*Instructor: Emanuele Ottolenghi*

*Feb. 11, 8:15 p.m.*

Organizers of Ireland's Holocaust Memorial Day ceremonies caused an international outcry recently when they announced a policy—since rescinded—that speakers should not mention Israel. Are this and other recent events an example of a strange new wrinkle in anti-Israel and anti-Jewish rhetoric, in which the Holocaust itself becomes a weapon used against Jews? We'll examine this phenomenon.

*Emanuele Ottolenghi* is a senior fellow at the Center for Defense of Democracies. He headed the Transatlantic Institute in Brussels and taught Israel studies at St. Antony's College, Oxford.

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

Eternal Flame at Yad Vashem  
(Photo Credit: Flickr/RedLeader)

## **Feb. 25 - The Great Latke-Hamentasch Debate!**

Join Us for the annual  
snackstravaganza with local  
authorities who will debate the  
age-old question:

**Which is better...  
the latke or the  
hamentasch?**

*JSC, Adas members \$10, others \$12  
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## **Join the Jewish Study Center for A Tu B'Shevat Seder!**

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



*Feb. 4, 7-9 p.m.*

*JSC, Adas members \$20, others \$30. Preregistration required at [www.jewishstudycenter.org](http://www.jewishstudycenter.org) by Feb. 1.*

*Leaders: Rabbi Gilah Langner and Susan Barocas*

Everyone's been to a Passover Seder. But did you know there is also a traditional Seder for Tu B'Shevat?

Tu B'Shevat is also known as the Birthday or New Year of the Trees. The holiday, which has also grown in its connections to caring for the environment, 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 were found in abundance in the land of Israel when the Hebrews finally stopped wandering and settled down. Holding a Seder in conjunction

with Tu B'Shevat developed in the 16th century and has enjoyed a revival in our modern world. This year is a biblical Sabbatical or Shmita year, heightening our appreciation for the environmental wisdom of our tradition. Join us for some learning and discussion related to the holiday and delicious tasting of fruits, the seven species and a special dish or two for the holiday.

*Rabbi Gilah Langner* is Principal of Kehila Chadasha's and Shoreshim's Hebrew Schools, an adjunct professor at Catholic University, and a meditation leader at the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington at Adas Israel. She led her first Tu B'Shevat Seder in Israel exactly 30 years ago.

*Susan Barocas* is a writer, filmmaker, foodie and former director of the Jewish Food Experience.

# Tuesday Nights in Dupont Circle

**The National Museum of American Jewish Military History**  
**1811 R St. NW (Metro: Dupont Circle—Red Line)**  
**Jan. 13, 20, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.**

## **Feminist Readings of the Talmud**

*Instructor: Shalom Flank*

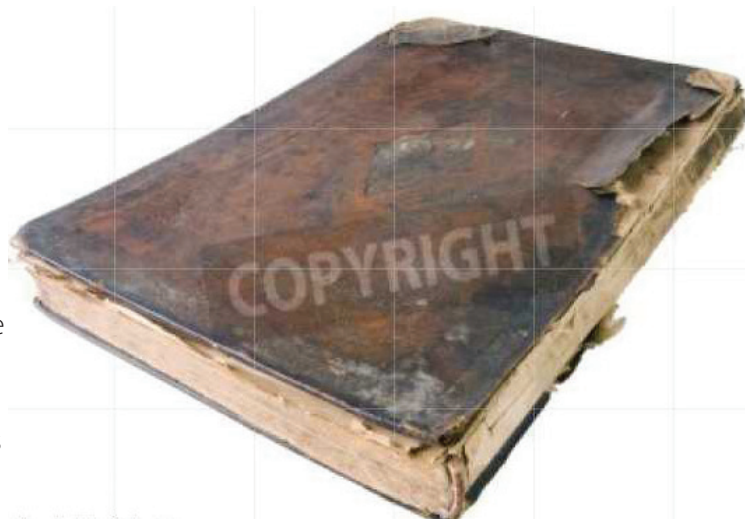
*Three sessions - Tuesdays, Jan. 13, 20, 27*

*7-8:30 p.m.*

What does it mean to read Talmud from a feminist perspective? Nothing less than bringing our whole selves to the study of the text. Plenty of feminist analysis has been done of biblical stories and of Jewish law, but what does a feminist perspective have to offer on a more unexpected topic: the rabbinic response when the rains fail to fall?

We'll spend all three sessions looking at a set of passages in tractate Taanit about asking for rain--a text that ties together Torah, sustenance, prayer, sex, power and our relationship with the Earth. Each week we'll engage in different styles of learning, while also asking what makes a reading of a text "feminist."

Translations will be provided, and experience studying Talmud is not necessary.



*Shalom Flank* was a founder of Zoo Minyan and is a member of many other spiritual communities.

*JSC, Museum members \$40, others \$55*

*Single sessions \$15/\$20*

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