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WELCOME TO FALL!

2017/5778

We are happy to present an exciting program for the new year. Our goal is to offer something for everyone. We hope you are intrigued with these learning opportunities, including our new series “Tuesdays at Temple.”

Rabbi Neil will be teaching Foundations of Judaism every Sunday morning and I look forward to sharing basic Hebrew reading skills on Wednesday evenings.

Thank you to our active and creative Adult Education Committee, chaired by Edward Borins, for helping to make these programs possible.

B'Shalom,



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ISRAEL AT 70!

Sunday, April 22

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

WATCH FOR MANY EXCITING ISRAEL PROGRAMS IN 2018!

SAVE THE DATE! 2018

JEWISH HARLEM: THE WORLD'S THIRD LARGEST JEWISH COMMUNITY (1870-1930)

Illustrated Lecture

Justin Ferate

Saturday, February 10

7:00 pm

From roughly 1870 to 1930, Harlem was the third largest Jewish community on the planet Earth – after Manhattan’s Lower East Side and Warsaw, Poland. Join New York Urban Historian Justin Ferate on this colorfully illustrated armchair tour of Jewish Harlem – viewing important landmarks, legendary people, and famous institutions that enriched this critical, but often-forgotten, segment of Jewish history. Discover impressive reminders of Harlem’s tremendous Jewish cultural heritage. This lecture will prove transformational and will permanently alter whatever perceptions the phrase “Jewish Harlem” may bring to mind.



TBS member Justin Ferate is highly respected for his professional in-depth knowledge of New York City. Mr. Ferate was selected as the author of the Official New York City Tour Guide Licensing Examination.

Two New York State Governors have honored him: George Pataki and Andrew M. Cuomo. The New York State Tourism Council declared Justin Ferate “New York’s Most Engaging Tour Guide.” In 2016, Mr. Ferate received honors for his educational endeavors from NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, and Manhattan Borough Historian Michael Miscioni. “Time Out New York” selected Mr. Ferate as “One of New York’s 50 Essential Secrets!”

**DON'T MISS
THIS
OPPORTUNITY !**

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TUESDAYS AT TEMPLE

Starting October 10 7:00 to 8:30 pm By donation

Prayer for the Perplexed

Rabbi Paul Citrin

Four Tuesdays:

October 17, 24, 31, November 7

One of the more difficult challenges many Jews face today in these particularly fraught times is public prayer: how to pray, why to pray, to whom to pray; having a fixed liturgy at a fixed time. We will examine many Jewish ideas about prayer: its efficacy, its language, the use of metaphor, values expressed in prayer, our humanity in the face of divinity, creating new expressions in our liturgy. The class will focus on discussion rather than lecture. Our goal is to learn from one another in order to open new possibilities for a deeper prayer experience.



Rabbi Paul J. Citrin was ordained by Hebrew Union College in 1973. The focus of his rabbinate has always been congregational life. His passions are education, interfaith dialogue, Israel and social justice. He co-founded the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue of Albuquerque, which now includes Protestants and Moslems. Rabbi Citrin also served on the board of the Martin Luther King Multi-Cultural Council, as president of the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis, and as a board member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He is the author, co-author, and editor of numerous books, including a children's novel, a High Holy Day prayer book, and a collection of sermons, addresses and articles. Rabbi Citrin currently serves as rabbi of the Taos Jewish Center.

Art and the Second Commandment

Ellen Zieselman

TBS Youth Director & Teacher

Talk and slide show

Tuesday, November 28

What is the role of visual arts in Judaism? This class will look at Jewish art from the Roman period to the present.



SPECIAL EVENTS

2017 NMJHS Fall Conference MAKING A DIFFERENCE: 20TH CENTURY JEWS AND THEIR LEGACIES



Arthur Seligman



Joan Logghe



Pauline Eisenstadt



Steve Schiff



Temple Beth Shalom



Los Alamos Jewish Center

NOVEMBER 4TH AND 5TH

The Plaza Hotel
Las Vegas, New Mexico



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SPECIAL EVENTS

The Santa Fe Jewish Film Festival Lectures with Jeremy Dauber

Great Jewish Writers – From the Shtetl to New York and Beyond

Saturday, October 28

7:00 pm Dessert and coffee

7:30 pm Lecture

Sholem Aleichem may be the best known of the Jewish Eastern European writers, but a panoply of writers from the Haskalah (Jewish Enlightenment) and early 1900s contributed to the canon of Jewish literature. Their influence is reflected today in the writings of authors from Philip Roth to Michael Chabon and most recently in the Tony award-winning play “Indecent.” Professor Jeremy Dauber brings life to these early writers and their legacies.

Jeremy Dauber is Professor of Yiddish Literature at Columbia University and Director of Columbia’s Institute of Israeli and Jewish Studies. Previous books include “The Worlds of Sholem Aleichem” and “Antonio’s Devils: Writers of the Jewish Enlightenment and the Birth of Modern Hebrew and Yiddish Literature”. His research interests include Yiddish literature of the early modern period, Hebrew and Yiddish literature of the nineteenth century, the Yiddish theater, and American Jewish literature and popular culture.

Jewish Comedy: A Serious History

Sunday, October 29

4:30 pm

From the Talmud to Woody Allen, from Jack Benny to Jerry Seinfeld, Professor Dauber traces Jewish humor in its many forms. He looks at the role of irony and satire as well as influences from Kierkegaard to Freud in this lively talk based on his forthcoming book, “Jewish Comedy: A Serious History” (Norton, October 31, 2017). A book signing will follow his remarks.

Professor Dauber’s talks are part of the Santa Fe Jewish Film Festival’s Literary Jewels, Gems from America, Eastern Europe, and Israel that runs from October 25 through early December. Other speakers include the New York Times best selling author and National Book Award finalist, Nicole Krauss (“The History of Love”), and this year’s co-winner of the Man Booker International Prize, Jessica Cohen. In addition to talks, documentaries and films will be featured, based on Jewish writers such as Phillip Roth, Art Spiegelman, Isaac Bashevis Singer, and Amos Oz. For more information and tickets, please visit www.SantaFeJFF.org or call 505.216.0672.

TUESDAYS AT TEMPLE

Starting October 10 7:00 to 8:30 pm By donation

Book Discussion Group

We encourage you to read the book before the discussion!

A Pigeon and a Boy

by Meir Shalev

Facilitator: Larry Shandler

Tuesday, October 10

This book explores the meaning and the essence of home in a story both unusual and beautiful. It is a novel of two love stories, separated by half a century but connected by one enchanting act of devotion.

A question to ponder as you read this novel: We enter “A Pigeon and a Boy” in the middle of a story. First we hear the words of the old Palmach fighter who speaks as a witness to a historical moment, and then Yair, the narrator, adds to the story the emotional experience of the pigeon. Is this an effective opening? Did it draw you into the story or keep you at a distance from it?

Larry Shandler, a long time TBS member, has been a member of a Jewish Book Club for decades. He has a particular love for Israeli writers from S. Agnon through David Grossman, Erget Keret and newer writers like Ayelet Gundar-Goshen.

The Golem and the Jinni

by Helene Wecker

Facilitator: Linda Feldman Duritz

Tuesday, November 14

This is Wecker's first, very ambitious, novel, published in 2013. A folk tale, fable, adventure, fantasy, allegory, this gripping story combines history, tradition, modernity, superstition, miracles and magic into one remarkable book. Relevant today, it describes the shared immigrant experience of the Jewish Lower East Side and the Arab Christian Syrian community in New York City at the turn of the last century.

Linda Feldman Duritz joined Temple Beth Shalom two years ago. A member of several book clubs over the years, she is looking forward to participating in a book club with a specific Jewish focus.

The Human Stain by Philip Roth

Facilitator: Paul Kovnat

Tuesday, December 5

This is a wonderful novel by a prolific Jewish American novelist. Situated in 1998 New England, the story explores race, sex, family, aging, career, power, and much more. It is a great read.

Paul Kovnat is a long time Temple Beth Shalom member and a veteran of many book clubs.

CLASSES

By donation

Foundations of Judaism

Rabbi Neil Amswych

Sundays, starting September 17
10:30 am to noon

Exploring the Jewish life journey, the festival cycle, philosophy and theology, rituals, history and more, this exciting course serves as either an introduction or a re-introduction to Judaism. No knowledge is assumed at all - that's the point. There will be many opportunities for questions so that the course will be tailored to participants.



Beginning Adult Hebrew

Joy Rosenberg,
Director of Education

Wednesdays: Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 8, 15, 29; Dec. 6, 13

6:30 to 7:30 pm

Please register in advance

Would you like to be able to participate more fully in Shabbat and holiday services? Are you trying to keep up with your kid in Hebrew School? Are you a total beginner? Did you forget everything you once learned? Can you read some words but want to increase your comprehension? Join us!

Textbook: \$18
Classes by donation



SPECIAL EVENTS

The Jewish Legacy in New Mexico History

Co-sponsored by the New Mexico Jewish Historical Society

Sunday, October 22

2:00 pm, Upper Sanctuary

Moderator, Richard Melzer,
UNM Professor and author

Panel Discussion

Panelists:

Lance Bell

Harvey Buchalter

Dianne Layden

Noel Pugach



Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Santa Fe Jewish Book Council Lifetime Achievement Award 2017

Sunday, December 3: 2:00 pm

The 2017 award will be given to Dr. Stanley M. Hordes for his achievements in scholarship on Jewish history in New Mexico. His books include *To the End of the Earth*, *New Mexico Directory of Historians and Historical Organizations*, and *Historical Markers in New Mexico*.

He is a former State Historian of New Mexico and a founder of The New Mexico Jewish Historical Society and the Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies.

HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) Presentation by Mark Hetfield

Co-sponsored by TBS Social Justice Committee

Thursday, October 26

7:00 to 8:30 pm

HIAS President & CEO Mark Hetfield will give a community-wide presentation about the work of HIAS around the world, including the most urgent issues facing refugee communities.

Mark Hetfield is an expert in refugee and immigration law, policy, and programs. Over his 25 year career, Mark has led HIAS' transformation from an organization



focused on Jewish immigrants to a global agency assisting refugees of all faiths and ethnicities. HIAS is now a major implementing partner of the United Nations Refugee Agency and the U.S. Department of State.