

Day of Learning

Making of a Nation: Jewish Immigration 1820-1920

with **Professor Hasia Diner**
Paul And Sylvia Steinberg Professor of American Jewish History, Professor of Hebrew, Interim Director of Glucksman Ireland House, New York University

At and co-sponsored by
Bender JCC of Greater Washington
6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852

Immigration is one of the hottest topics in our country today. In this full day program, Professor Diner, one of the foremost historians of American and Jewish immigration, will delve into the following topics:

- Causes, nature, demographics, and effects of immigration
- The effects of changing government policy
- Myths vs. facts
- The human dimension: Jewish immigrant stories
- American Jews and Blacks 1915-1935
- An exploration of where other immigrants went and why

Monday, September 3
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

9:30 AM: Registration opens.
Coffee and morning nosh.

10:00 AM: Session #1

11:00 AM: Break

11:15 AM: Session #2

12:15 PM: Lunch (A kosher lunch is included.)

1:00 PM: Session #3

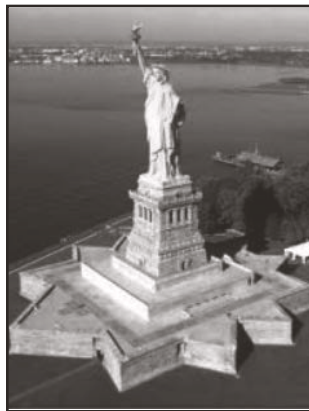
2:00 PM: Break

2:15 PM: Session #4

\$50 In advance for Friends of the Foundation

\$65 In advance for the general public

\$75 At the door for all



Learning On Wheels

Jews and Slavery: Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park

Cambridge, MD area

Join us for a day-long discovery of Harriet Tubman's life, and a stop on the Underground Railroad. We will explore Jewish perspectives on slavery as we compare the stories of Hebrew slaves and American slaves at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in the Cambridge, Maryland area.

Local historian David Epstein will guide us on an intellectual and emotional journey through these complicated periods of history. Time and weather permitting, we will stop at the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge to take in the spectacular birdwatching.

We will travel on a fully-equipped charter bus. Kosher boxed lunches and drinks will be included.

Monday, November 12

Bus departs from and returns to
Ohr Kodesh Congregation
8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

8:00 AM: Check in and coffee

8:30 AM: Bus Departs

5:00 PM: Return to Ohr Kodesh

Times are estimated and may be affected by traffic and road conditions.

Registration closes October 31. Space is limited.

\$75 Friends of the Foundation

\$90 General Public



Cultural Events: Film Screenings

"GI Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II"



"GI Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II" tells the story of the 550,000 Jewish American men and women who served in World War II. In their own words, veterans, both famous (including filmmaker Mel Brooks and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger) and unknown, share their war experiences: how they fought for their nation and people, struggled with anti-Semitism within their ranks, and emerged transformed. Please stay for a discussion following each screening of this recently released film.

Screening #1

Co-sponsored by **Cinema J**
Wednesday, November 7
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Bender JCC of Greater Washington
6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852
\$10 in Advance, \$12 at the door

Screening #2

Co-sponsored by **Coming of Age in Maryland**
Thursday, November 8
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Leisure World Clubhouse 2 Auditorium
3300 N. Leisure World Blvd., Silver Spring, MD 20906
\$8 in Advance, \$10 at the door

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FJS COURSES Bible Study Center

Wandering and Wondering: More Than Just 'Numbers'

with **Gideon Amir**
Master Teacher

At and co-sponsored by
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6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852

The Book of Numbers starts with a census, but as we learn from Albert Einstein, "not everything that counts, can be counted." How did a nation of slaves form into a unified people ready to inherit the Promised Land? What effects did forty years of wandering and constant leadership challenges have on who we as Jews ultimately became? Explore these, and other unique perspectives as master teacher Gideon Amir guides you through the fourth book of the Torah. We will explore these intriguing themes throughout the year, but there are no prerequisites for any of the trimesters. Additionally, no knowledge of Hebrew is needed.

Sundays, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Trimester #1

September 16, 23
October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4, 11
December 2, 9

Trimester #2

January 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10, 17, 24
March 3, 10, 17

Trimester #3

March 24, 31
April 7, 14, 28
May 5, 12, 19
June 2, 16

Rates Per Trimester

\$100 Friends of the Foundation and Bender JCC members

\$120 General Public

You may register for the full year or for any of the three trimesters separately.



The Foundation for Jewish Studies

FALL 2018 AT A GLANCE

- Sept. 3 - Making of a Nation: Jewish Immigration 1820 - 1920
- Oct. 7 - Understanding Judaism Through the Lens of Islam
- Oct. 23 - What Can Jewish Culture in Pre-War Germany Teach Us Today?
- Nov. 7 and 8 - Screenings of "GI Jews"
- Nov. 11 - Lincoln and the Jews
- Nov. 12 - 'Learning on Wheels: Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park
- Nov. 18 - Healing, Health and Jewish Sensibilities
- Nov. 27 - How Jews and Christians Read Scripture Differently
- Dec. 10 - Is Judaism Really Monotheistic?

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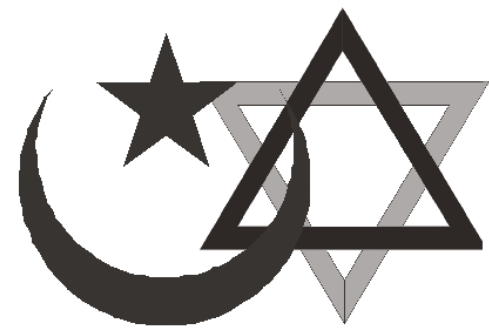
Understanding Judaism Through the Lens of Islam

with **Professor David Kraemer**
Joseph J. and Dora Abbell Librarian and Professor of Talmud, Jewish Theological Seminary

At and co-sponsored by
B'nai Israel Congregation
6301 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852

Sunday, October 7
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

In many respects, Islam is Judaism's closest "relative." It is a religion of law, based upon both Judaism and other inherited near eastern traditions. Professor David Kraemer, a prolific author and commentator who oversees the most extensive collection of rare and contemporary Judaica in the Western Hemisphere, will reveal similarities that exist between these two Abrahamic faiths. Professor Kraemer will share how studying parallels between Islam and Judaism can help us gain a better understanding of Jewish concepts and beliefs.



What Can Jewish Culture of Pre-War Germany Teach Us Today?

with **Professor Michael Brenner**
Seymour and Lillian Abensohn Chair in Israel Studies, American University and Professor of Jewish History and Culture, Ludwig-Maximilian-University, Munich, Germany

At and co-sponsored by
Adas Israel Congregation
2850 Quebec St., NW, Washington, DC 20008

Tuesday, October 23
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

The 19th Century German Jewish community was the first to attempt to integrate Jewish traditions into a modern European society. Today, it might appear that this attempt failed as a result of the rise of Nazism, and the tragic events of World War II and the Holocaust. But from a distance of almost 80 years, perhaps this conclusion should be reconsidered, as we look at the extent to which members of the prewar German Jewish community served as the cultural pioneers and role models for Jewish communities generally, and in particular the American Jewish community.



This program is made possible by the generosity of the Wagner-Braunsberg Family Foundation as part of an ongoing series on German-Jewish heritage.

There is no registration fee for this lecture.



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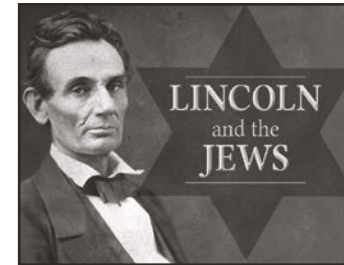
Lincoln and the Jews

with **Dr. Jonathan D. Sarna**
University Professor and Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, Brandeis University

At and co-sponsored by
Ohr Kodesh Congregation
8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Sunday, November 11
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

The first U.S. President who actively sought to attract support from Jewish voters was none other than Abraham Lincoln. Renowned historian Jonathan D. Sarna will reveal how Lincoln's remarkable relationship with American Jews impacted both his path to the presidency and his policy decisions as president. Using recently discovered documents featured in his book (written with collector Benjamin Shapell), *Lincoln and the Jews*, Professor Sarna will share this new and previously unknown aspect of Abraham Lincoln's life, one that broadened him, and, as a result, broadened America. This talk will include the issue of slavery, tying it to the Learning on Wheels trip the following day.



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Healing, Health and Jewish Sensibilities

with **Rabbi Vanessa Ochs, Ph.D.**
Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia

At and co-sponsored by
Congregation Olam Tikvah
3800 Glenbrook Rd, Fairfax, VA 22031

Sunday, November 18
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Derived from Jewish texts, traditions, laws, practices, rituals, and experiences, "Jewish Sensibilities" are ways in which Jews (religious and secular alike) act "Jewishly," whether consciously or not. Understanding such Jewish sensibilities, rooted in a combination of tradition, law, and culture, can help us understand our gut responses and complex motivations when faced with healing and healthcare decisions. In this session, Professor Ochs will share her groundbreaking work on how the most pervasive Jewish sensibilities in our own lives can help us thoughtfully navigate these challenges.



How Jews and Christians Read Scripture Differently... and Why It Matters

with **Professor Amy-Jill Levine**
University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science

At and co-sponsored by
Temple Beth Ami
14330 Travilah Road, Rockville, MD 20850

Tuesday, November 27
*7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
**Please note special start time.*

Although Jews and Christians share common books – the Jewish Tanakh and the Christian Old Testament – we read our shared stories in distinct ways. The variations in translation, punctuation, definitions, theology, emphasis, and even canonical order all lead to differences in community self-definition. What prompts these differences, and what do they suggest about Jewish and Christian priorities and relations? Join one of the most dynamic and in-demand scholars in grappling with these crucial issues.



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Is Judaism Really Monotheistic? A Maimonidean Perspective

with **Professor Kenneth Seeskin**
Philip M. and Ethel Klutznick Professor of Jewish Civilization, Northwestern University

At and co-sponsored by
Beth Shalom Congregation
8070 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia, MD 21044

Also co-sponsored by
Columbia Jewish Congregation, Oseh Shalom, and Temple Isaiah

Monday, December 10
*7:45 PM - 9:15 PM
**Please note special start time.*

The first two commandments of the Decalogue are the primary sources for our Jewish monotheism. How do we understand the commandments? Is belief in one God all that is required to make one a monotheist? If not, what else is needed? Why does the third commandment prohibit us from making images of God? Professor Seeskin, a professor of philosophy and expert in Maimonides, will explain how these issues are more controversial than people might think. In fact, it is far from clear that we observe these laws in the ways that Rambam and other sages understood them.



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\$12 In advance for the general public

\$15 At the door for all

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If these changes present any obstacles to your participation, please contact the office.