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TEMPLE SINAI LIFELONG LEARNING SPRING 2011/5771

TEMPLE SINAI'S SPRING 2011 SOCIAL EVENT

Come socialize, discuss, debate and learn together
as we explore the timely and provocative topic

American Jews, Israel, and the Obama Administration March 4-6, 2011

With Temple Sinai's Henry Dorfman Memorial Scholar in Residence
Professor Mark Rosenblum, Professor of History, Queens College, CUNY
Director, the Center for Jewish Studies, The Michael Harrington Center,
The Center for Ethnic, Racial, and Religious Understanding



In addition to his academic expertise in the Arab-Israeli conflict, Professor Rosenblum is also very involved in many diplomatic initiatives with Israeli, American, and Palestinian officials, as well as "track two" diplomatic efforts focusing on peace and security issues. Professor Rosenblum has met with the last six American Presidents (including Obama), and Israeli Prime Ministers (including Netanyahu). Professor Rosenblum has just returned from the Middle East where he held high level meetings with Israeli and Palestinian officials, as well as other national and international leaders.

Presentations and Panel Discussions with Professor Rosenblum

New Ideas on How to Revive the Arab-Israeli Peace Process

Friday, March 4, presentation to follow 7:30pm Shabbat service

Professor Rosenblum will discuss the complexities shaping the prospects for a substantive breakthrough. He will also explore and evaluate the various schools of thought on how to advance Arab-Israeli peacemaking and offer his own perspective on the most feasible way forward.

The Challenge for American Jews: The Need for Unity Versus the Legitimacy of Dissent in Our Relationship with Israel

Saturday, March 5, 8:15pm

(please join us for a congregational dessert reception at 7:30pm)

Professor Rosenblum will grapple with the dilemma of an American Jewish community that is divided on Israeli policies from the "Who is a Jew" issue to the Arab-Israeli conflict, even as Israel confronts a series of existential internal and external threats. Under these circumstances, is it possible for the American Jewish community to unite? Is dissent legitimate? In which areas could a clear consensus emerge?

Following these opening remarks, Professor Rosenblum will moderate a panel discussion between Temple Sinai members on their views of the relationship between American Jews and Israel. The current panelists are: Peter Langerman and Andrew Polsky.

The Tensions Between the Obama and Netanyahu Administrations – Real but How Deep?

Sunday, March 6, 10:00am

(please join us for a congregational brunch at 9:15am)

Professor Rosenblum will describe some of the issues that challenge both administrations, put into historical context the strategic relationship between the US and Israel, and suggest the parameters of what it would take to restore the relationship between the two administrations.

Following these introductory comments, Professor Rosenblum will moderate a panel discussion to elicit perspectives from:

Ken Jacobson, National Deputy Director, Anti-Defamation League
Morton Klein, National President, Zionist Organization of America
Rabbi Charles Kroloff, Member, J Street Rabbinic Advisory Board

Many thanks to Carolyn Dorfman and Dr. Gregory Gallick, whose generosity in cherished memory of Carolyn's father, Henry Dorfman, makes possible this annual Henry Dorfman Memorial Scholar in Residence Weekend.

LUNCH & LEARN

Join Temple Sinai for the last of this series of thought-provoking discussions this season provided by the Lifelong Learning Committee.

All 1:15pm events include a pre-lecture lunch.

A donation for lunch of \$5.00 for Temple Sinai Members (\$10.00 for non-members) is appreciated.

Please RSVP to office@templesinainj.org by the Wednesday before this event.



The Bible and the Quran

Raymond Scheindlin

April 3, 2011, 1:15pm – 3pm

Dr. Scheindlin will speak about the essential teachings of the Quran and how they relate to Jewish traditions, especially the Bible. From the standpoint of the Quran and the Bible, one might say that both religions are peoples of the Book.

Raymond Scheindlin is professor of Medieval Hebrew Literature at The Jewish Theological Seminary and director of JTS's Shalom Spiegel Institute of Medieval Hebrew Poetry. He has been on the JTS faculty since 1974 and served as provost from 1984 to 1988. Dr. Scheindlin teaches and conducts research on the encounter of Hebrew and Arabic cultures in Spain, especially as embodied in the poetry of the two traditions. An expert on Arabic literature, Dr. Scheindlin is the author of a reference book widely used by students of Arabic titled *201 Arabic Verbs*, and reissued as *501 Arabic Verbs* in 2007. Dr. Scheindlin has been the recipient of the Cultural Achievement Award of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture (2004), a Cullman Fellow at the New York Public Library (2005–2006), and a visiting professor at Harvard University (spring 2007). A native of Philadelphia, Dr. Scheindlin received a BA in Oriental Studies from the University of Pennsylvania, an MHL and rabbinic ordination from JTS, and a PhD from Columbia University.

MONTHLY WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Come join the group of women who have been discussing Torah with master bible teacher, Sandy Schlanger, R.J.E., one Monday each month. This is a very participatory class. All ideas are gratefully accepted and processed. No previous knowledge is necessary. We provide all materials. This course is popular for good reason, so space is limited. Newcomers will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis.

Session Dates: February 14; March 21; April 11; May 16; June 13

Time: 12 Noon – 1:30pm; Cost: Free

Instructor: Sandy Schlanger, R.J.E.

RSVP: Patti Kahn; patti@templesinainj.org; 908-273-3617

JEWISH INTELLECTUAL HISTORY

16th-20th Centuries

The Lifelong Learning Committee is continuing its sponsorship of a DVD series of twenty-four lectures produced by The Teaching Company, titled "Jewish Intellectual History, 16th – 20th Centuries" and taught by Professor David Ruderman. The first 8 lectures were presented during the Spring, 2010, followed by the next 8 lectures this past Fall.

The final 8 lectures will be presented on the dates shown below. The course is primarily about Jewish identity and looks specifically at the social and cultural world of Jews and their intellectual responses to modernity. The cost will be just enough to cover the expense of running the facility, \$20 per person for the entire 8-week series.

Session Dates: Tuesday evenings

Location: Temple Sinai

**April 5, April 12, April 26, May 3,
May 10, May 17, May 24, May 31**

7:30 – 9pm

Cost: \$20

**RSVP by March 15, 2011 to Patti
Kahn at patti@templesinainj.org or
(908) 273-3617**

The content of the final 8-week series is:

The 20th Century --

New Structures and New Challenges

- 1. Hermann Cohen's Religion of Reason,
and Leo Baeck's Mystery and Commandment**
- 2. Martin Buber's Religious Existentialism**
- 3. Jewish Law – Martin Buber vs. Franz Rosenzweig**
- 4. Mordecai Kaplan and American Judaism**
- 5. Abraham Heschel – Mystic and Social Activist**
- 6. Theological Responses to the Nazi Holocaust**
- 7. Feminist Jewish Theology**
- 8. Current Trends in Jewish Thought**

Professor Ruderman was educated at CCNY, JTS and Columbia. He received his rabbinical degree from HUC-JIR, and his PhD in Jewish History from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. He is the Joseph Meyerhoff Professor of Modern Jewish History and Director of the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, U of Penn. Previously, he had taught at Yale and at U of Maryland. He is widely published, and has been on the Board of the CCAR, among others.

The entire course consists of twenty-four half-hour lectures, recorded by Professor Ruderman for The Teaching Company. The lectures are on DVD, so we will have no real interaction with the professor, and will rely more on interaction among the participants in the form of discussion. Malcolm Schwartz, a member of the Lifelong Learning Committee, will continue to be the moderator; he will raise some questions for discussion, and facilitate the discussion. Participants will be encouraged to do some research for classes of particular interest to them, and to assist in those discussions. To help with this, we will distribute, prior to each session, the outlines and transcripts of the lectures.



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Hebrew Reading "Crash Course" Level I

The National Jewish Outreach Program's innovative introductory Hebrew program teaches participants to learn to read Hebrew in only six 1 1/2 hour weekly sessions. Parents and Grandparents, won't it be wonderful to share the experience of learning to read Hebrew with your child or grandchild? Of course the class is open to all Temple Sinai congregants. Graduates of the Hebrew Crash Course can go on to the Level II Hebrew course that we will offer in the spring.

Sundays, March 13 & 27; April 3 & 10; May 1 & 15

Time: 9-10:30am

Instructor: Malcolm Schwartz, Temple Sinai congregant

Hebrew Prayer Course: Level II

This course is designed to strengthen the participants' skills in reading fluency and Shabbat prayers. The course will enhance understanding of the ideas and concepts behind the synagogue service and will help you to be a comfortable participant at Shabbat services, including the melodies used in Temple Sinai's worship services. All students will review basic reading skills at the start of the course, but the course assumes participants have either taken the Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I, or have prior knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet. If you studied last year with Bruce Stein, this is a continuation of your course.

Sundays, Feb 6, 13 & 27; March 6, 13 & 27;

April 3 & 10; May 1, 8 & 15

Time: 9-10:30am

Instructor: Bruce Stein, Temple Sinai congregant

For either class:

Cost: Free tuition, textbook fee; Location: Temple Sinai

RSVP to Patti Kahn at patti@templesinainj.org or (908) 273-3617.

Sisterhood Book Group

Please join the Sisterhood Book Group for our next book discussion in the Temple Sinai Lounge. If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Mehta mimilevymehta@comcast.net or 973-701-1146) or Laura Harper rlharper93@yahoo.com or 973-665-0767.

Wednesday, March 30, 2011 7:30pm

THE UNTHINKABLE THOUGHTS

OF JACOB GREEN

by Joshua Braff

"Joshua Braff's witty and energetic debut novel deftly explores the anxieties of growing up in a troubled but by no means atypical suburban Jewish family. ...Braff's novel recalls the work of such writers as Israel Horovitz, Herb Gardner, and Brighton Beach Memoirs – era Neil Simon."
– Adam Langer, Author of *Crossing California*

"The novel's pathos and characters develop as the tension increases, transforming it from a commonplace coming-of-age tale into a believable depiction of family strife that transcends religion. Recommended."

– Library Journal

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Lifelong Learning Events

January, February, March, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Jan. 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8
Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
Jan. 16	Jan. 17 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22
Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29
Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5
Feb. 6 9:00am – Hebrew Prayer – Level II	Feb. 7	Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 10	Feb. 11	Feb. 12
Feb. 13 9:00am – Hebrew Prayer – Level II	Feb. 14 12:00pm – Women's Torah Study Group	Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 19
Feb. 20	Feb. 21 <i>President's Day</i>	Feb. 22	Feb. 23	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Feb. 26
Feb. 27 9:00am – Hebrew Prayer – Level II	Feb. 28	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4 7:30pm - Scholar in Residence Lecture	March 5 5:00pm – Community Dinners, 7:30pm – Desserts, 8:15pm – Panel Discussion
March 6 9:00am – Hebrew Prayer – Level II 9:15am – SIR Brunch, 10:00am – SIR Lecture	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12
March 13 9:00am – Hebrew Reading – Level I	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19
March 20 9:30am – Purim Service	March 21 12:00pm – Women's Torah Study Group	March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26
March 27 9:00am – Hebrew Reading – Level I	March 28	March 29	March 30 7:30pm – Sisterhood Book Group	March 31		

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Lifelong Learning Events

April, May, June, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					April 1	April 2
April 3 9:00am – Hebrew Reading – Level I 9:00am – Hebrew Prayer – Level II 1:15pm – Lunch & Learn (Raymond Scheindlin)	April 4	April 5 7:30pm – Jewish Intellectual History	April 6 7:30pm – LLL Cmte. Meeting	April 7	April 8	April 9
April 10 9:00am – Hebrew Reading – Level I 9:00am – Hebrew Prayer – Level II	April 11 12:00pm – Women's Torah Study Group	April 12 7:30pm – Jewish Intellectual History	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
April 17	April 18	April 19 <i>Pesach 1</i>	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23
April 24	April 25	April 26 7:30pm – Jewish Intellectual History	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30
May 1 9:00am – Hebrew Reading – Level I 9:00am – Hebrew Prayer – Level II	May 2	May 3 7:30pm – Jewish Intellectual History	May 4 7:30pm – LLL Cmte. Meeting	May 5	May 6	May 7
May 8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00am – Hebrew Prayer – Level II	May 9	May 10 7:30pm – Jewish Intellectual History	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14
May 15 9:00am – Hebrew Reading – Level I 9:00am – Hebrew Prayer – Level II	May 16 12:00pm – Women's Torah Study Group	May 17 7:30pm – Jewish Intellectual History	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21
May 22	May 23	May 24 7:30pm – Jewish Intellectual History	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28
May 29	May 30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	May 31 7:30pm – Jewish Intellectual History	June 1 7:30pm – LLL Cmte. Meeting	June 2	June 3	June 4
June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8 <i>Shavout</i>	June 9	June 10	June 11
June 12	June 13 12:00pm – Women's Torah Study Group	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25
June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30		