

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF JUDAISM

OUR INNOVATIVE SERIES OF SUNDAY MORNING TALKS · WINTER-SPRING 2012

Join us on Sunday mornings for an exciting mix of speakers and topics that span the range of the Jewish experience. Attend all or “pick and choose.” **No fee, no reservations, and free bagels. Stop by for a nosh and knowledge!**



JANUARY 8

Israel: One People, Many Voices

How Israelis navigate multiple cultural, political and spiritual divides

ILAN VITEMBERG, Director Israel Education Initiative, Bureau of Jewish Education



JANUARY 29

The Jewish Partisans of World War II

The story of the Jews who fought the Germans and their collaborators

MITCH BRAFF, Founder and Director, Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation



FEBRUARY 12

How Different Can Jews Be?

The fascinating lives of Jews from Afghanistan to Yemin

KEN BLADY, MA



FEBRUARY 26

Spiritual Envy: An Agnostic's Quest

MICHAEL KRASNY, PH.D., host of KQED's Forum and Professor, San Francisco State University



MARCH 11

Israeli Food from Past to Present

REBECCA ETS-HOKIN, Certified Culinary Professional and Jewish food writer



MARCH 25

The Blessing of A Skinned Knee

Using Jewish teachings to raise self-reliant children

NECHAMA TAMLER, MFCC, Educational Consultant



APRIL 1

Teaching Your Children About the Holocaust

ILONA SHECHTER, Teacher Fellow, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum



APRIL 22

The Lifeguard Who Revolutionized Worship: New Reform Music in America

CANTOR DEVORAH FELDER-LEVY, Cantor, Congregation Shir Hadash



MAY 6

The Worlds of Contemporary Judaism From Ultra Orthodox to Jewish Renewal

NATHANIEL DEUTSCH, PH.D., Professor of Literature and History and Co-Director, Center for Jewish Studies, University of California Santa Cruz

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30 AM REFRESHMENTS, 9:40 AM – 11:40 AM SESSION :: THE ONEG ROOM AT CONGREGATION SHIR HADASH

Reservations not taken; seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Free to Shir Hadash congregants; small donation suggested for non-congregants. Refreshments will be served. Exploring the World of Judaism is a program of Congregation Shir Hadash and the Bureau of Jewish Education and is supported in part by the Newton and Rochelle Becker Charitable Trust. Visit www.shirhadash.org/ewj for schedule updates. If you would like to receive weekly email reminders and descriptions of each talk, please send your name and email address to ExploringWJ@bjesf.org and specify CSH/EWJ.

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Dear Religious School Parents,

We're excited to invite you to Exploring the World of Judaism, a program that is specially designed by and for religious school parents just like you.

The sessions meet on Sunday mornings while your kids are in religious school and feature a wide range of topics including spirituality, ethics, Israel and the arts – all taught at an adult level by leading experts in the field. Each session is self contained, requires no advance reservations and is free to congregants. One of the great things about this series is that whether you're a rabbi or someone who has never attended a day of religious school, you are certain to find these speakers engaging and interesting.

Our series, offered in conjunction with the Bureau of Jewish Education, is an easy and convenient way for you to broaden your Jewish horizons, enrich your Jewish experience and show your kids that Jewish education is important.

This semester we will be tackling the complexity of Israeli society, Jewish Partisans of World War II, Jews from far-flung places, agnostics and spiritual envy, Israeli food, Jewish parenting, teaching kids about the Holocaust, Jewish music and the different branches of contemporary Judaism. We hope to see you there!



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RABBI LISA LEVENBERG



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