



## 2020 Fall Course Guide

Social Interaction

Personal Growth

Intellectual Development

Cultural Stimulation

Educational Enrichment

# *SPICE up your days at Har Sinai - Oheb Shalom Congregation*



## *Designed for Adult Interests*

The benefits of lifelong learning through our SPICE program are, quite frankly, endless.

Lifelong learners are motivated to learn and develop because they want to: it is a deliberate and voluntary act.

Lifelong learning can enhance our personal understanding of the world around us, provide us with more and better opportunities and improve our quality of life.

Learning for its own sake boosts our confidence and self esteem, makes us less risk averse and more adaptable to change when it happens, helps us achieve a more satisfying personal life,

## *Something For Everyone*

With topics ranging from political to cultural to spiritual issues to gustatory, there is a course for everyone.

Registration is easy, and all are welcome. Please refer to the full complement of classes inside. We'd love for you to join us!

When you arrive at our building for SPICE classes, please enter through the main door at the Gordon Chapel entrance. The receptionist will direct you to your class.

### Coming Up:

- Musical Gems from Imperial Russia
- Is it Trump's Election to Lose?
- The Artistic Achievements of the Italian Renaissance
- Taking Better Photos and Videos with Your iPhone
- Broadway's Jewish Divas
- The Fantastic Interim (1918-1939) Part One: From World War One to The Great Depression
- A Taste of Beginner's Conversational Hebrew 101
- Foreign Film Festival

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***Musical Gems from Imperial Russia*** (\$48 members/\$60 non-members)  
***Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30 a.m. - noon***

Russian classical music developed in a manner quite different than in the west. In fact, there was no indigenous Russian art music until the 19th century. However, once composers such as Glinka, Mussorgsky, Borodin and Tchaikovsky emerged and a conservatory or two were built, a fascinating national style was created. It is impossible to imagine the modern concert hall or CD collection without the extraordinary works of these amazing musicians. We can't promise caviar but there will be great music!

**Facilitator: Jonathan Palevsky**, B.M., M.M., is Program Director of WBJC FM, Classical Music Station. His undergraduate studies focused on Musicology and his graduate studies on classical guitar performance. He is a radio show host and a lecturer and also hosts Cinema Sundays at The Charles Theater.



***Is It Trump's Election to Lose?*** (\$48 members/\$60 non-members)  
***Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17 24 10:30 a.m. - noon***

Quickly approaching, is the presidential election between two sharply contrasting candidates who view the presidency and America's future in starkly differing lights. How did we get to this point? What will be the main themes and tactics of the two candidates? Has America reached a turning point in its history? How different would Washington institutions and policies look under these two candidates? What outside factors could play a role in the November 3, 2020 outcome? All this and much more as SPICE in September spices it up!

**Facilitator: Barry Rascovar** has been a reporter and commentator on local and national politics and government, first for the Baltimore Sun, then The Gazette of Politics and Business (owned by the Washington Post) and The Community Times (published by The Carroll County Times.)



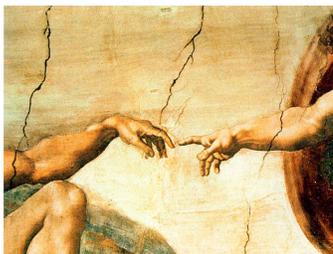
***The Artistic Achievements of The Italian Renaissance***

(\$90 members/\$120 non-members) (10:30-noon)

***Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20***

If you love Italian art from 1300-1550 from Pisa, Florence, Siena, Rome, Arezzo and Padua in the media of painting and sculpture, this is your course. Special attention will be paid to the Scrovengi Chapel, the Gilded Bronze doors of the Florence Baptistry and the Cathedral of Florence. The three greatest artists of this period, da Vinci, Michelangelo and Sanzio will be highlighted! The PowerPoint presentations will be rich in images that invite discussion and questions.

**Facilitator: Joseph Cassar**, Ph.D. is an artist, art historian, curator and educator. He studied art in Italy and Australia. He is an accomplished award winning author of books and monographs about pioneers of modern art of Malta. He has been an art critic in several publications. He has lectured about art throughout Europe and the United States. He was artist-in-residence at Luther College in Iowa and The VA Center for the Creative Arts. Cassar exhibits his work regularly in the Baltimore-Washington area.



***Taking Better Photos and Videos with Your iPhone** 10:30 a.m. - noon*  
***Mondays, October 5, 12, 19, 26** (\$48 members/\$60 non-members)*

Bring your phone to each class and learn how to: operate controls on the phone to take pictures, overcome lighting and composition issues, become acquainted with tools to adjust pictures, send pictures, print pictures and take quality videos and edit them using iMovie on your iPhone/ iPad.

**Facilitator:** Having learned writing, shooting and editing from his dad and furthered his skills with a degree from Boston University, **Richard Milner** has been taking pictures and making videos his whole life. His career involved creation of patient education films and videos. He has been on the front lines of technical changes from traditional film to digital media for over 30 years. He currently teaches, continues to add more images to his impressive photographic portfolio and produces all kinds of photos and videos for a variety of clients.



***Broadway's Jewish Divas** (\$48 members/\$60 non-members)*

***Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23** 10:30 a.m. - noon*

How fortunate we are to have a bevy of multi-talented women singers, stars and composers who bring great pride to the Jewish people! Learn about the careers of Bette Midler, Barbara Streisand and Carole King. We will review their accomplishments and their contributions to American Broadway and pop genres. Be ready for pure joy and don't miss a note!

**Facilitator:** **Ellen Katz** is an "edutainer" extraordinaire. Her audiences now consist of adults up and down the East Coast. She provides extremely lively and interactive programs. Her love of music is contagious. This is a new course in Ellen's repertoire which she has created just for SPICE students to enjoy.

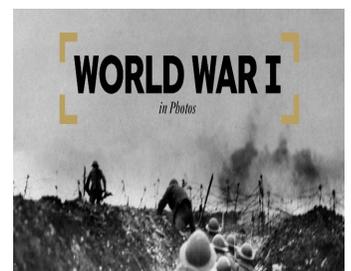


***The Fantastic Interim (1918-1939) Part One—from World War One to The Great Depression** (\$36 members/\$45 non-members)*

***Mondays, December 7, 14, 21** 10:30 a.m. - noon*

The first decade post World War One saw many changes in the ways Americans worked, lived, loved, thought, talked and consumed than any other time before. We got the flu, alcohol was prohibited, women got the right to vote and radios, tvs and cars became a normal part of our lives. There were eight new countries in the world and Fascism reared its head in Italy with Mussolini. The roaring twenties came to a crashing end in 1929 with the Great Depression. But hope was restored with the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Part One of this course will discuss all of these events and more that took place during the first part of one of the most important decades in our country's history—the Fantastic Interim.

**Facilitator:** **Rex Rehfeld** has a B.S. from the University of CA and a J.D. from the University of MD. He has lectured on a variety of historical topics in many Lifelong Learning programs throughout the Baltimore area. Rex served in the Navy in WW II and in the Army during the Korean War and beyond. After leaving the service, Rex served as an investment counselor until his retirement in 2014.



*A Taste of Beginner's Conversational Hebrew 101* 10:30 a.m. - noon  
*Thursdays, December 3, 10, 17* (\$36 members/\$45 non-members)



Students will learn the basic vocabulary and grammar of conversational/Modern Hebrew. The goal is to be able to understand common words and phrases in spoken Hebrew. Practice between sessions is strongly advised. The ability to read Hebrew is not necessary.

**Facilitator:** **Aviva Janus** has taught modern Hebrew to children and adults in many settings. She learned Hebrew in Ulpan (Israeli immersion program) over 25 years ago and has enjoyed speaking Hebrew ever since. Aviva lived in Israel from 1993-1999 and has visited many times since. She enjoys teaching her students new vocabulary and supporting them as they incorporate these into their language competency.

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*Another Great Foreign Film Festival* (facilitated by **Rabbi Floyd L. Herman**)



*Wednesdays, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2* 10:00 a.m. - until (\$48 members/\$60 non-members)

All of these films were either nominated for or won an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film

**The Secret in Their Eyes:** (Spanish with English subtitles) shown on September 2

A retired legal counselor writes a novel hoping to find closure for one of his past unresolved homicide cases and for his unreciprocated love for his superior—both of which still haunt him decades later. This film is a PG-13 rated crime drama, written in 2009 with a [running time of 129 minutes](#).

**A Bag of Marbles:** (French with English subtitles) shown on October 7

This is a second World War autobiographical novel by the French Jewish author Joseph Joffo. It tells the story of his flight, as a small boy, with his brother Maurice to escape from Nazi occupied France to the Zone Libre. This film is a not-rated drama, written in 2017 with a [running time of 113 minutes](#).

**Monsieur Lazhar:** (Canadian French with English subtitles) shown on November 4

At a Montreal public grade school, an Algerian immigrant is hired to replace a popular teacher who committed suicide in her classroom. While helping his students deal with their grief, his own recent loss is revealed. This film is a PG-13 rated drama, written in 2011 with a [running time of 94 minutes](#).

**Kolya:** (Czech with English subtitles) shown on December 2

Louka is a musician and bachelor with debt who agrees to marry a woman for money who runs off and leaves him with her child. They develop a very special bond which ends when he returns to his mom and they must say goodbye. This film is a PG-13 rated drama written in 1996 with a [running time of 111 minutes](#).

**Course Policies:**

All SPICE courses must be registered for and paid for in their entirety.

HS-OSC will follow the closing schedule of Baltimore County Public Schools for inclement weather if they close, we will close. If they have a delayed opening, we will close.

Twelve registrants are required for each course to be held.

**Registration:** Reservations may be made via email to [sboxerbell@gmail.com](mailto:sboxerbell@gmail.com) or by phone to Sherri Bell, SPICE Chair at 410-833-2409. If you are a temple member, payment may be made by requesting to have your account billed. Other accepted methods of payment include credit card, cash paid in person at class or a check made out to HS-OSC, with SPICE and the course name in the check memo, mailed to 1 Clifton Court, Pikesville, MD 21208. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of our SPICE courses and programs.