

Lexington Institute of Jewish Studies 2017-2018

Founded over twenty years ago, the LIJS is the fruit of a longstanding collaboration between the Adult Education committees of Temples Isaiah and Emunah. The LIJS provides classes in Jewish history, the Bible, sacred Jewish text and Judaic culture and is open to the entire community regardless of affiliation.

Kosher refreshments will be served from 7:45-8 pm. For additional information, contact Bob Frankel (sfrankel@rcn.com) at (781) 863-1783. Please register by sending a note with your name, email and phone number, the course name, and a check payable to the Lexington Institute for Jewish Studies to: Bob Frankel, 3 Kimball Road, Lexington, MA 02421.

“On the Way to the City” – Convoys, Secret Roads and Metal Relics on the Way to Jerusalem



With Rachel Korazim

October 26th, Thursday night 7:45 – 9:30pm at Temple

Emunah

Fee: \$15

As we approach the 70th anniversary of the state of Israel – it may be worthwhile to explore those historical pre state days, when a few hundred thousand Jews, many of them Holocaust survivors, have taken upon themselves the heavy responsibility to secure its independence.

We also tend to take for granted the fact that Jerusalem is the nation’s capital, forgetting the hard battle it took to make it so.

This session will explore poetry from 1948 by Nathan Yonatan, Haim Guri and Nathan Alterman all telling and singing the painful yet glorious events of the battle to keep the road to Jerusalem open. On your next trip to Israel, the road from the airport to Jerusalem will become that much more meaningful.

***Dr. Rachel Korazim** is a freelance Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. Until 2008 she was the Academic Director of Distance learning programs at The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) Department of Education. Born in Israel, she served in the I.D.F as an officer in the central training base for women and later was a member of the I.D.F delegation to Niger (West Africa). She is a graduate of Haifa University with a PhD in Jewish education. Rachel has vast experience in Jewish education both in Israel and the Diaspora. As one of the founders and directors of a special program for soldiers from disadvantaged backgrounds, she was responsible for creating the educational framework and trained teachers for the implementation of the program. Since her first Shlichut to Canada where she was the head of JAFI delegation from (1985 to 1988) she is involved with Jewish education worldwide; creating and implementing in-service training programs for educators, writing educational materials,*

counseling and teaching. Rachel is familiar, through many visits, with the Jewish education communities of the US, Canada, Latin America and Europe. Since 1990 she has invested a lot of her time and energy in helping the emerging Jewish schools of Hungary. Rachel teaches at Israel’s well-known learning centers such as Pardes and the Shalom Harman Institutes as well as numerous world Jewish communities.

In the Footsteps of our Ancestors: An Archaeological Journey

With David Bernat, PhD

November 8, 15, 29, December 13,

Wednesday nights, 7:45-9:30pm

At Temple Isaiah

Fee: \$60



The course is intended to bring the “Stones and Bones” of our people alive. Through visually oriented presentations, and tangible “show and tell,” we will use the evidence of archaeology, along with authoritative texts, to tell the stories of our origins. The sessions will focus on pivotal and exciting episodes in our early history, with topics such as “David and Goliath: Myth or History,” “The Assyrian Siege of Jerusalem and the Building of Hezekiah’s Tunnel,” “The Rise and Fall of the Maccabean Dynasty,” “Herod Master Builder: Hero or Despot?” and “The Jewish Revolts and the Destruction of the Temple.”

***Dr. David Bernat** is the Executive Director of Synagogue Council of Massachusetts and a Lecturer in Judaic Studies at UMass Amherst. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Biblical Interpretation from Brandeis University. Dr. Bernat is the author of “Sign of the Covenant: Circumcision in the Priestly Traditions,” co-editor of “Religion and Violence: The Biblical Heritage” (with Jonathan Klawans, BU and previous Me’ah faculty member. He has been with the Me’ah program since 1997, and planned and led Meah’s summer Israel Study tour. His research focuses on ritual and violence in Jewish texts and traditions.*

The Dreams of American Jews in Film

With Jonathan Krasner
March 7, 14 and 21, 2018
At Temple Emunah
Fee: \$45



American Jews have been dreaming about the Land of Israel for as long as there have been Jews in America. Every year at the seder we say "L'shanah Haba'ah b'Yerushalayim," "Next Year in Jerusalem." But the actual American encounter with Israel has often been far more complex than American Jewish dreams. In fact, we can say that the American Jews' evolving image of Zion through the decades tells us a lot more about American Jews themselves than it does about Israel. Join us as we explore these questions through three Hollywood films: *Exodus* (1960), *Cast a Giant Shadow* (1966), *Munich* (2005).

Please note: Students are asked to watch these films prior to class. They will be available for short term reserve from the Temple Isaiah school office (please call Deb Marty 781 862-7160 for more information) and available at the Temple Emunah library.

*Dr. Jonathan Krasner is the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Associate Professor of Jewish Educational Research at Brandeis University, where he teaches American Jewish studies and education. His 2011 book *The Benderly Boys and American Jewish Education* won a National Jewish Book Award, He is currently co-authoring a book on Jewish summer camps tentatively entitled "Hebrew in the Sunshine," which will be published next year. He and his family live in Lexington, MA, and are proud members of both Temple Emunah and Temple Isaiah.*

Lexington Institute of Jewish Studies Registration Form

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