



LEXINGTON INSTITUTE of JEWISH STUDIES (LIJS)



Titans of Jewish Comedy

New Course on Jewish Films

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16

8 to 9:15 PM via Zoom

Dive into Jewish films with popular LIJS instructor Jonathan Krasner



If American Jewish humor can be defined as comedy wrought from tragedy, perhaps there is no more fitting way to usher out 2020 than with the barbs of American Jewish comedians. Join us for an exploration of three titans of Jewish comedy – Woody Allen, Mel Brooks and Neil Simon -- through an exploration of three of their iconic Jewish-themed films. Participants will watch the films in advance and will join in facilitated discussions with Brandeis University professor Jonathan Krasner.

Wednesday, December 2 – Mel Brooks, “The Producers,” 1967

Wednesday, December 9 – Woody Allen, “Annie Hall,” 1977

Wednesday, December 16 – Neil Simon, “Biloxi Blues,” 1988

Please watch in advance (multiple streaming sources free or few\$)

Jonathan Krasner is the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Associate Professor of Jewish Education Research at Brandeis University. His most recent book *Hebrew Infusion: Language and Community in American Jewish Summer Camps*, was published this past summer. His other books include *The Benderly Boys and American Jewish Education* (2011) about the history of Hebrew school in the U.S.A., and *The History of the Jewish People* (2006), a two-volume Jewish history book for young people.

LIJS (Lexington Institute of Jewish Studies) is a long-running collaboration between Temple Isaiah and Temple Emunah.

Questions: contact Bob at sfrankel@rcn.com or 781-863-1783 or Rabbi Amy Hertz at ahertz@templeisayah.net. (Limited Enrollment)

Registration information on next page



Lexington Institute of Jewish Studies Registration Form - Dec. 2020

Limited Enrollment

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email address (s) _____

people attending class @ \$54 each _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Lexington Institute for Jewish Studies to:

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Founded over 20 years ago, the LIJS is the fruit of long-standing collaboration between the Adult Education Committees of Temples Isaiah and Emunah. LIJS provides classes in Jewish history, the Bible, sacred Jewish Text, and Judaic culture, and is open to the entire community. Class begins promptly at 8:00 by Zoom and links will be provided in advance.

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