Join Professor Joshua Shanes of the Union for Reform Judaism's decades of outreach work as well as the lived experience within our own community. 

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**Sundays, 10:30-11:30 am**

**TORAH STUDY: THE WORLD'S OLDEST BOOK CLUB**

*Rabbi Stephanie Alexander*

*Check the KKBE calendar at kkbe.org for specific dates*

Casual and conversational, join us for an ongoing discussion of the foundational text of Jewish thought and practice. We began at the very beginning – Genesis 1:1 – and continue reading and discussing the Torah from cover to cover, paragraph-by-paragraph, verse-by-verse. No Hebrew required; bring your own edition of the Torah or use ours. Anyone is welcome, anytime.

**Wednesdays at 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**January 22, February 12, March 4, and April 1**

**BIBLE STORIES: FACT AND FICTION**

*Rabbi Stephanie M. Alexander*

Adam and Eve, Noah and the Flood, Abraham, Moses, and more – so many of the Bible stories we know, and have known since we were kids, are only partially found in the Bible. In each session of this class, we will separate the stories as they appear in the Hebrew Bible from the midrashim, rabbinic stories, that filled in the holes and rounded them out. You do not need to attend all four sessions, but RSVPs to the KKBE office are strongly encouraged.

*Co-sponsored by Sisterhood*
Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 pm
THREE RABBI PANEL:
A CONVERSATION AMONG COLLEAGUES
THE MEANING AND CHALLENGES OF ISRAEL
FOR AMERICAN JUDAISM
Rabbi Greg Kanter, Rabbi Adam Rosenbaum,
and Rabbi Michael Davies
Simons Center Recital Hall, College of Charleston

Rabbis Greg Kanter (Reform), Michael Davies (Orthodox),
and Adam Rosenbaum (Conservative), will sit together for a
conversation about how Zionism has been integrated into
each Jewish denomination, and how each has dealt with the
theological and political challenges it brings.

THURSDAY EVENINGS
AT KKBE
REFRESHMENTS AT 6:45 PM
CLASSES AT 7:00 PM

January 30
SOCIAL JUSTICE OR ANTI-SEMITISM?
THE BDS MOVEMENT EXPLAINED
Dr. Yaron Ayalon

What is the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement
(BDS)? What does it really want? Is it a grassroots movement
seeking to bring social justice to the Palestinians through a
non-violent struggle? Or is it a movement seeking to end Israel as a Jewish state and establish another in its stead? In this lecture, Dr. Yaron Ayalon, Director of the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program at the College of Charleston, will examine the history of the movement as it relates to the Arab-Israeli Conflict, its demands, the connection between BDS, anti-Semitism, and free speech, and propose a few useful tools for productive conversations about the topic, and about Israel and Zionism more broadly.

February 6
JEWISH BOOKFEST: THE ALTRUISTS BY ANDREW RIDKER
Andrew Ridker

*The Altruists* is a hugely funny and heartbreaking novel that NPR has called an unusually promising debut. It’s a vibrant and perceptive novel about a father’s plot to win back his children’s inheritance. In the novel Arthur Alter is in trouble. He’s a middling professor at a Midwestern college who can’t afford his mortgage. He invites his children back to St. Louis under the guise of a reconciliation but unwittingly unleashes a Pandora’s box of age-old resentments. Spanning NY, Paris, Boston, St. Louis and a small desert outpost in Zimbabwe, *The Altruists* is a razor sharp, darkly funny family saga from a new talent.

Andrew Ridker grew up outside of Boston. He attended Washington University in St. Louis, spent a year at Oxford, and now lives in Brooklyn. His first novel, *The Altruists*, was a
February 13
L’DOR V’DOR: ETHICAL WILLS AND YOU
Marsha Greenhill

Are you curious about the Jewish tradition of ethical wills? Jacob began this tradition, which was an oral custom for many years, until it changed to a written one. In this class we will be using a DVD that the team from the Manigault Leadership Training class created. We will expand on how to write an ethical will, giving examples of the various types of ethical wills available. As an example, Marsha will read the ethical will that she helped Sidney Silver, her father and long-time member of KKBE, to write during the next to last year of his long life. Participants will then have time to begin to write their own ethical will.

A congregant of KKBE, Marsha was a children’s and branch manager in public libraries and before that a teacher of French and Spanish in the public schools. Prior to retiring, she was the branch manager of Dorchester Road Regional Branch Library.
February 20
GRANDPARENTING CHILDREN IN INTERFAITH FAMILIES
Rabbi Stephanie Alexander

You love your grandchildren. You love your grandchildren’s parents – both your child and his/her spouse, as well. And you would love to be able to share your Jewish heritage and values with your grandchildren. Is there a way to do so while still preserving what may sometimes feel like the fragile harmony that keeps everything in balance? If this question resonates with you, join us as we draw upon the insights of the Union for Reform Judaism’s decades of outreach work as well as the lived experience within our own community.

February 27
LEARN A BISL YIDDISH!
Josh Shanes

Join Professor Joshua Shanes of the College of Charleston for an overview of the history of Yiddish language and culture, and then learn some basic grammar and vocabulary to use on the street! No background required. Sense of humor encouraged.

March 5
JEWISH PODCASTS YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO!
Rabbi Greg Kanter

Judaism, Jewish food, music and culture are covered in a variety of podcasts that are available for free to anybody with
internet access. Rabbi Greg Kanter will discuss some of the top Jewish podcasts with clips from the podcasts and instructions on how you can download and listen on your own. Participants are encouraged to bring their cell phones and/or their laptop computers to follow along. Rabbi Kanter will introduce you to the Reform Movement’s podcasts as well as others that help shape the Jewish world in 2020. Do you have a favorite podcast? Come share it with us!

March 12
DIVERSITY IN ISRAEL
Naama Fox

As the United States copes with immigration flows and increasing diversity in these uncertain times, it might want to look to Israel for some fresh ideas about taking full advantage of diversity. As of 2019, Arab citizens of Israel comprised 21 percent of the country’s total population. About 82.6 percent of the Arab population in Israel are Sunni Muslims (with a very small minority Shia), another 9 percent is Druze and around 9 percent of the population are Christians (mostly Eastern Orthodox and Catholic denominations).

Diversity in Israeli society is a very broad subject that includes many details. Naama Fux, our Community Shlica from Israel, will discuss the variety of different cultures in Israel, how it relates to her own story and how it affects the reality of Israeli society.
March 19
SEDERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
Rabbi Stephanie M. Alexander

We are all familiar with the signature Seder, the Passover Seder, the Jewish ritual observed by the largest percentage of the Jewish community around the world. Yet the ritual of a Seder – the word means “order” – has come to denote any ritualized meal in which a narrative is told, foods symbolize deeper meanings, and community gathers. There are Tu B’shvat Seders, a Sephardic Rosh Hashanah Seder, Sukkot Seders, and so many more. Come join us as we travel both the Jewish calendar and the globe, sampling some of the creative Seder rituals that have evolved throughout Jewish history.

THURSDAY EVENINGS
AT KKBE
CLASSES AT 8:00 PM

January 30-March 19
MARTIN BUBER’S I AND THOU
Dr. Michael S. Kogan

Martin Buber was arguably the greatest Jewish philosopher of the 20th century. His book, I and Thou, is his masterpiece. We will read through this groundbreaking work of religious ethics which redefines the moral
teaching of Judaism in Buber’s unique poetic language.

This is a serious course in philosophy. It is for serious students willing to buy the book and read 10-20 pages a week in preparation for class. This is your opportunity to get to know one of the greatest works of modern Jewish thought.

Please RSVP to office@kkbe.org.

January 30-March 19
INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM
Rabbi Greg Kanter

This 8-week class is the second half of our engaging multi-session course for members of the community interested in exploring Jewish life through a Reform lens.

Please call the KKBE office if you are interested in this class and did not take the Fall Program.
Save the Date

**May 6-8, 2020**

**SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE:**

**RABBI DAVID SAPERSTEIN**

Looking ahead with great anticipation, we ask you to please mark your calendars for May 6-8, 2020, when we will welcome Rabbi David Saperstein to Charleston. Rabbi Saperstein is Director Emeritus of the URJ’s Religious Action Center, where he served as its distinguished Executive Director for decades, and former U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom. Rabbi Saperstein was designated by Newsweek Magazine as THE most influential rabbi in America and by the Washington Post as the “quintessential religious lobbyist on Capitol Hill.” Our programming throughout these three days will be in partnership with Charity Missionary Baptist Church, culminating in a Shabbat service featuring our joint choirs on May 8. You will not want to miss any of this!

**November 4-15, 2020**

**KKBE TRIP TO SPAIN WITH RABBI ALEXANDER**

Explore the rich Jewish history and culture of Madrid, Toledo, Córdoba, Lucena, Granada, Barcelona, and more!

Registration and Details: www.keshetisrael.co.il/groups/2277
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