



Temple Beth Israel Center for Jewish Life Spring 2019

Feed your mind and soul

Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, May 1

6:30 pm Commemoration Service

7:30 pm Robert Seasonwein J.D.: *Locating and Bringing to Justice WW II War Criminals Who Illegally Entered the U.S.*



Robert Seasonwein

The Fine Print

Temple Beth Israel provides a range of exciting Jewish cultural and educational experiences. Programs and classes are open to all, and we welcome students from within TBI and from the larger community.

General Information

- **Registration:** Please check individual program listings for details.
- **Programs scheduled on Shabbat:** Fees and donations for programs scheduled on Shabbat must be paid in advance or after Shabbat. We will not collect money on Shabbat.
- **Refunds:** No refunds will be given to participants who drop classes after the registration deadline. If classes or events are cancelled due to lack of enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances, full refunds will be given to pre-paid registrants.
- All programs meet at Temple Beth Israel, 1175 E. 29th Ave., Eugene unless otherwise noted.

Interested in joining the Community Education Committee, or have ideas for teaching or a class offering? Contact Nina Korican, nina@tbieugene.org, 541.485.7218 x104.

Register online at www.tbieugene.org/education/community/ or call 541.485.7218

Pre-registering for classes helps ensure that the class will run. If you wait until the day of, you may find out the class or workshop has been cancelled. Please sign up early!

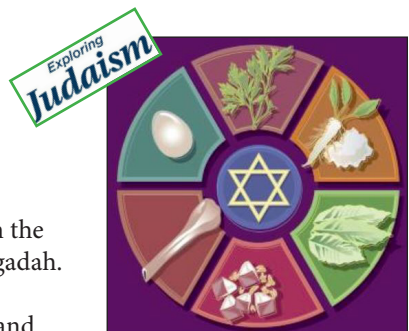
Mapping the Haggadah

with Rabbi Ruhi Sophia Motzkin Rubenstein

Sundays, March 31 and April 7, 4:00pm

Free. Donations gratefully accepted.

Join Rabbi Ruhi for 2 one-hour sessions on the structure and content of the Passover Haggadah. We'll discuss questions such as: Who's the Aramean? How many plagues were there, and are we happy or sad about them? What exactly is matzah supposed to symbolize? - as well as any questions that YOU bring!

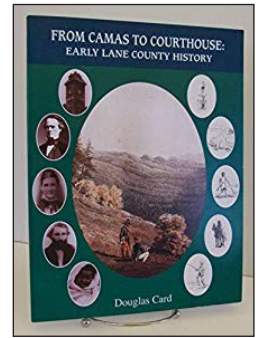


Sisterhood Presents: Douglas Card "Historical Women of Lane County"

Sunday, April 7, 2:00pm

Free. All are welcome.

TBI Sisterhood invites you to hear social historian, writer, and researcher, Douglas Card. A retired sociology professor, Dr. Card writes and lectures on early Oregon history and has recently published the book, "From Camas to Courthouse, Early Lane County History."



Scientists in Synagogues: Compassion and Obligation in Psychology and Judaism

Our synagogue is part of a national project entitled "Scientists in Synagogues," a grass-roots initiative run by Sinai and Synapses in consultation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion, and funded by the John Templeton Foundation.

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00pm. Dr. Gerard Saucier, Professor of Psychology, University of Oregon

Bases of Mass Sociopolitical Violence Found in Psychological Attitudes

Is it possible to identify how perpetrators of genocide, politicide, and ethnic cleansing think? Could we use such knowledge to predict such violence in advance? Dr. Saucier summarizes research identifying

potential dispositional as well as situational factors involved, as well as how these might relate to variation in culture and individual attitudes in the general population, and to what is found in other forms of sociopolitical violence such as militant extremism.

Free. Open to the public. Light supper provided to those who register in advance. Or, feel free to bring your own vegetarian dinner.



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Mr. Seasonwein has practiced law for over 44 years and been a member of: four federal agencies, a law firm, and the legal departments of two large multi-national corporations. He currently consults on the safety and security of aviation, port facilities, and rail and mass-transit.



From 1991 to 1997 he was a Senior Trial Attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Office of Special Investigations (OSI) in Washington DC, also known, by some with pride and others with suspicion and hatred, as the “Nazi Hunters.”

During his time at OSI, he investigated and prosecuted war crimes perpetrators who illegally entered the United States in the post-WWII period. He obtained verdicts in six denaturalization and deportation cases that were tried in U.S. District Courts and Immigrations Courts. Five other individuals fled the country prior to trial.

Mr. Seasonwein has won numerous awards from a variety of federal agencies and educational institutions and has published widely.

Hebrew Reading Crash Course

with Oriana Kahn Hurwit

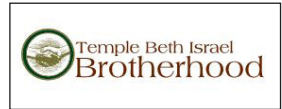
Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 7:00-8:30pm

Back by popular demand! For those who would like to learn to follow along in services, be more involved in their children’s education, or simply enhance your ties to Judaism, this class is for you. All materials are provided and the class is free. Great for beginners and those seeking a refresher. Please register online by April 26th.



TBI Brotherhood and The Israel Program Task Force Present:

You Can't Say That! What are the rights and responsibilities of Diaspora Jews regarding Israel?



Sunday, May 12, 9:30am

Join us in exploring and discussing questions facing Jews who don't live in Israel regarding Israeli security measures, Orthodox Rabbinic control and other topics.



Breakfast provided. Free and open to everyone in our community.



This American Jewish Life

Friday, May 31, 7:30pm

Judi Hirsch will be our featured speaker during Erev Shabbat Services.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Saturday, June 8, 9:00pm

Join in the celebration of the holiday that marks the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people. There will be diverse teachings offered by community members on a variety of Torah themes. Please bring a dairy-based potluck dish to share.



Shavuot Service and Honoring of Gretchen Lieberman

Sunday, June 9

10:00am: *Lay-Led Service w/Yizkor*



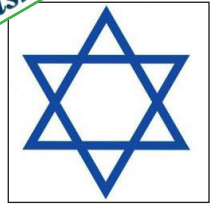
Noon: *Last Day of Talmud Torah Lunch & Celebration and Honoring of Gretchen Lieberman*



Ongoing

Exploring Judaism

Join TBI's Exploring Judaism group for a monthly discussion with the Rabbi and non-Jews, new-Jews and any-Jews interested in exploration. Everyone is welcome, but this is an especially good opportunity for people new to Judaism in general and TBI in particular to learn more and get to know fellow explorers in a welcoming, casual setting. If you would like to be added to the email list or have questions, please contact Mark Watson (mrwatson44@comcast.net).



Yiddish Club

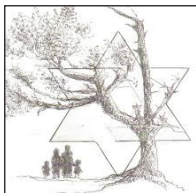
1st & 3rd Monday of the month (Subject to change)

2:00-3:30pm

When did you last hear a Yiddish word? Did your parents speak Yiddish when they didn't want you to know what they were saying? Do you remember the warm, loving Yiddish words of your grandparents? The club welcomes you to hear, once again, the pleasing words from long ago and to speak the mamaloshen. Knowledge of Yiddish NOT required.

Jewish Genealogy Group

FREE. Open to all. Donations gratefully accepted



JRI Poland

Thursday, April 11, 7:00pm

Jewish Records Indexing Poland is a project started in the early 1995 to create English indexes to Jewish records from Poland and make the indexes available online. 5.4 million records from more than 550 Polish towns are now indexed or fully extracted.

Learn what records are available, how to search for your family and how to obtain a copy of individual records. – Presented by Hap Ponedel and Reeva Kimble.

Jewish Meditation Group *with Barry Nobel*

Fridays, 8:15 - 9:00am

New and experienced meditators welcome! Each Friday morning in the TBI Library, we meditate for 24 minutes after a very short mindfulness reading. New participants are always welcome.

Jews of Regensburg

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00pm

The Jewish Community of Regensburg, Germany: A Thousand Years of History.
– Presented by Pam Endzweig

Cemetery and Funeral Home Records

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00pm

What information can be found in the records from cemetery and funeral homes? How do we access them? – Presented by Eliezer Froehlich



Jewish Literature Group

FREE. Donations gratefully accepted

April 25, 7:00pm: *In the Darkroom* by Susan Faludi

May 23, 7:00pm: *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

June 27, 7:00pm: *The Puttermesser Papers* by Cynthia Ozick

Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi Ruhi Sophia and others

FREE. Donations gratefully accepted

Thursdays @ Noon, April 11, May 9, June 13

Join Rabbi Ruhi Sophia and lay leaders for a close reading and discussion of a story from the Talmud and other traditional Jewish sources. Set aside an hour of your day to learn, eat, and socialize. Feel free to bring a lunch. Please no meat or shellfish.



Learners' Services

Saturdays, April 27 (D); May 11 (E); June 1 (F)

9:00-10:00am

A service for anyone who wants to better understand the flow of the Shabbat morning liturgy. Each session will focus on a different section of the service, in rotation. All six sections A-F will rotate twice. Consider attending all six, even if you can't attend them in order.



Shabbat Torah Study

Saturdays, 9:00am / 8:30am when b'nai mitzvah celebrated
at Shabbat Services

All are welcome to join a lively exploration of the weekly Torah portion. Torah study is either rabbi-facilitated or lay-led. All levels of experience welcome. Text study is done in English, with occasional close examination of the Hebrew text in an inclusive manner.



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