



Temple Beth Israel  
*Center for Jewish Life*

**Winter 2020** *Feed your  
mind & soul*

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**Shalom  
Bollywood**  
THE UNTOLD STORY  
OF INDIAN CINEMA

**Sunday, January 12**  
**5:00 Pm Dinner**  
**5:30 Pm film, 7:00 Pm Bhangra Dancing**

## 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 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](mailto:nina@tbieugene.org), 541.485.7218 x104.*

**Register online at [www.tbieugene.org/education/community/](http://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!

**Many of the classes and events are free of charge. However, because membership commitments do not cover the full cost of community education, we rely on donations to continue offering this diverse programming. Please donate if you are able.**

## Hebrew Reading Crash Course *w/Gail Harfe*

Mondays, January 6 – February 20, 4:00pm-5:30pm  
(no class January 20) Free.

This 5-week course is designed for those with little or no background in Hebrew and concentrates on teaching the Hebrew alphabet and reading skills. Class is free. Materials provided. Repeat students welcome. Pre-registration required at [tbieugene.org](http://tbieugene.org). Curriculum created by NJOP.



How to read  
a 5000-year-old  
language  
in 5 easy lessons

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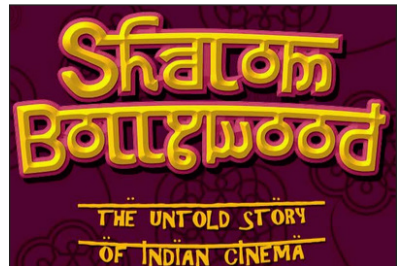
## Shalom Bollywood!

Sunday, January 12, 5:00pm dinner; 5:30pm film; 7:00pm Bhangra dancing

Dinner, Film & Dancing: \$20 per person (register online); Film & Dancing only: \$10 per person

Heat up your winter evening with Indian food, cinema and dancing at TBI!

Catered vegetarian and vegan dinner (pre-registration required) starts at 5:00 pm, followed by a showing of *Shalom Bollywood: The Untold Story of Indian Cinema* (1 hr. 16 min.). A feature length documentary celebrating the all singing, all dancing history of the world's largest film industry. It reveals the unlikely story of the 2000-year-old Indian Jewish community and its formative place in shaping the world's largest film industry.



To top off the evening, we'll have a Bhangra/Bollywood dance session with Eugene Bhangra. Bring your dancing shoes. View the trailer at [shalombollywood.com](http://shalombollywood.com)

## Israel Program Task Force Presents: Left, Right and Inside: Antisemitism in the Israel Discourse *with Rabbi Ruhi Sophia Motzkin Rubenstein*

Wednesdays, January 15, 29 & February 12, 7:30pm-9:00pm

\$10 donation to cover printed materials. Please pre-register online.

In this three-part series, Rabbi Ruhi will focus first on how antisemitic tropes manifest in leftist discourse about Israel, then on how the right deploys support for Israel as a cover for antisemitism, and finally on how internalized antisemitism makes the conversation in Jewish spaces particularly difficult. The format will be lecture followed by discussion. All are welcome.





## Democracy Sunday

March 1, 2:00pm

Ready to work for a change? Wondering how you can get involved in the 2020 elections? Join Rabbi Ruhi, elected officials and others to learn more about the state of our state and local governments; phone banking, text-banking, postcard writing, and canvassing and organizing for fair, free, and secure elections in 2020. Stay tuned for details.



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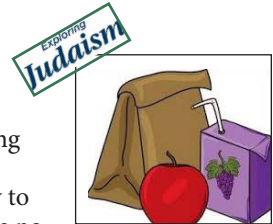
## Ongoing

### Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi Ruhi Sophia and others

Thursdays @ 1:00pm **(NOTE NEW TIME!)**

January 16, February 13, March 12

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.



### Jewish Meditation Group *with Barry Nobel*

Thursdays, 8:30am- 9:15am

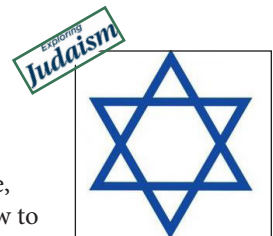
New and experienced meditators welcome! Each Thursday morning in the TBI Library, we meditate for 24 minutes after a very short mindfulness reading. New participants are always welcome.



### Exploring Judaism

4th Sunday of the month, 3:00pm

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](mailto:mrwatson44@comcast.net)).





## Learners' Services

9:00am-10:00am, Saturdays

Jan 18 (E); Feb 1 (F); Feb 15 (A); Mar14 (B); Apr 4 (C)

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.



## The Vinkl (Yiddish Corner)

Two Mondays each month (Check calendar)

2:00pm-3:30pm

Why come to the Vinkl? Yiddish, or *mama-loshn*, is one of several languages with which we Jews are blessed. Known for its warmth and wit, it may evoke memories for you, or perhaps be the gate to new knowledge and pleasures.

Join us for *leyenen* (reading), *shmuesn* (that's right—*shmoozing!*), lively debate, and almost always, music with heart-stirring lyrics. New learners receive encouragement.

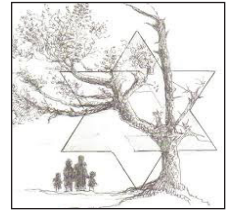


## Jewish Genealogy Group *(Learn more at [nwfam.com/jgswwo.html](http://nwfam.com/jgswwo.html))*

FREE. Donations gratefully accepted

**January 12:** 1:00pm, Video Talk: The History, Adoption, and Regulation of Jewish Surnames in the Russian Empire, *with Dr. Jeffrey Mark Paull*

The history of the adoption, regulation, and use of Jewish surnames in the Russian Empire is quite complex. There were a number of ways by which Jewish surnames were created, assigned, or adopted, while tight restrictions were placed on changing or altering surnames. As a result of Russian laws and mandates, many non-related Jewish individuals acquired the same surname, while many related family members acquired different surnames. The purpose of this presentation is to explain the various laws and mandates pertaining to Jewish surnames in the Russian Empire.



**February 9:** 1:00pm, GEDMatch, *with Linda Slate*

Linda Slate will explain additional features of GEDmatch, an open data personal genomics database and genealogy website. GEDmatch users can upload their autosomal DNA test data from commercial DNA companies to identify potential relatives who had also uploaded their profiles. Names of participants could be hidden by the use of aliases, but each account had to have an email address attached to it.

Tools available on the GEDmatch site included sorting results by the closest matches to a user's autosomal DNA, whether one's matches match each other, genetic distance calculator, estimated number of generations to a common ancestor, whether one's parents are related, and ethnicity calculator.

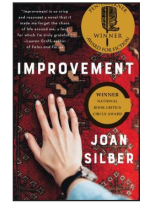
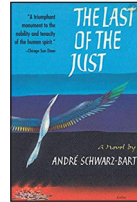
**March 8:** 1:00pm TBA

## Jewish Literature Group

Thursdays, 6:30pm

**Jan. 23:** *The Last of the Just*, by André Schwarz-Bart

**Feb. 27:** *Improvement*, by Joan Silber



### Coming Soon:

*"Getting Religion Right: Scripture, Social Justice, and Love"*

May 6, 7:30pm Sister Helen Prejean - *River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey*

May 20, Michael Lerner *Revolutionary Love: A Political Manifesto to Heal and Transform the World*



## TBI Sisterhood Presents:

### A Chinese Cooking Class with Guanghang (Spring) Atman

January 26, 2:00pm



All dishes, from appetizers to dessert, will follow Guanghang's philosophy of cooking: simple, wholesome, creative and spontaneous. Size limited to 15 participants, and cost is \$10 to cover supplies. Registration is first-come, first-serve. To reserve your space, contact Sisterhood President Phyllis Bobrow (530-351-3304 or [phyllisbobrow@yahoo.com](mailto:phyllisbobrow@yahoo.com)).

## Eugene Opera

February 23, 2:00pm



Ahavah Oblak, Development Associate with the Eugene Opera, will discuss the opera's upcoming season, community engagement, audience development and other performing arts in Lane County.

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