

Mail-In Registration
GEMS AT BUCKS COUNTY SPRING PROGRAM 2024

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IN PERSON COURSES

- Celebrate Israel with Food & Film \$18
- Female Jewish Comedians \$60
- Oscar-Winning Short Films \$60
- Chair Yoga \$30

ZOOM COURSES

- Reflections on the State of Israel Through the Works of Three Israeli Poets: Altermann, Goldberg and Biton \$30
- Egypt as a Tourist Destination in the Victorian Era \$30
- One Book One Jewish Community \$30

PAYMENT (Total Amount Enclosed) \$

Mail completed form with payment to:
 Kaiserman JCC
 45 Haverford Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096

Please make checks payable to: Kaiserman JCC/Gems
Or register online at: PhillyJCC.com/GemsBucksCounty

Questions? Call Greta Wrigley at 267.984.0722
Register and pay for courses via credit card online.
 Credit cards not taken on location, only online.
Go to: PhillyJCC.com/GemsBucksCounty

Cancellation
 When appropriate, Gems at the J will issue a credit, not a refund.

Credit
 Credit will not be given after the first day of classes except in the event of illness or injury.

Registration
 Please visit PhillyJCC.com/GemsBucksCounty to register via credit card.

Checks may be mailed to our office if preferred.

Class Location
 Shir Ami
 101 Richboro Road
 Newtown, PA

Gems at the J
 The new older adults hub at the Kaiserman JCC inspires older adults to live independently, actively and involved, through programs and activities that enhance wellbeing, promote engagement and foster community. Gems in Bucks County is part of this hub.

Program Sponsor
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Check your emails frequently to stay up to date on any program changes.

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Gems
At Bucks County
Spring Program 2024
All Programs in Newtown



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IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY May 8

CELEBRATE ISRAEL WITH FOOD & FILM
Shir Ami, 101 Richboro Road, Newtown, PA

10AM-12:30PM | PROGRAM FEE \$18

Join us for food, film, and heartfelt conversation. Schmooze, enjoy Israeli refreshments, watch the Israeli film, *The Women's Balcony*, and participate in an engaging conversation about the film afterward. This dramedy is about community, traditions and values, and the power of women in the face of modern extremism. Come prepared to laugh and cry, embrace the power of community and friendship, and the ongoing struggle between genders. We support and strengthen the State of Israel as we celebrate its cultural achievements.



6 THURSDAYS April 11-May 16

FEMALE JEWISH COMEDIANS



10-11AM | COST \$60

Instructor: Irv Slifkin, Prof. of Journalism, Temple University

Over the decades, Jewish women have managed to capture audiences' attention in different mediums with their attitude, intelligence and unique outlook of the world. In this course, we will survey the lives of some of the greatest entertainers of all time, from pioneers like Fanny Brice to modern comic forces like Sarah Silverman, Julia-Louis Dreyfus and all of the funny "gals" in-between. **WARNING:** Some of these laugh-inducing ladies' shticks feature adult themes and profanity. Join us for this session that promises to be entertaining and funny!



6 THURSDAYS April 11-May 16

OSCAR-WINNING SHORT FILMS



11:15AM-12:15PM | COST \$60

Instructor: David Greenberg, Professor of Screenwriting, Drexel University and University of the Arts

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has been awarding short films since 1936, and some of these films are now considered classics. In this series, we will take a look at an Oscar-winning short film each week. Much like fiction and poetry, both use words to create images and present ideas. Short films use all of the same techniques as feature-length films, but it is an art form unto itself. Short films manage to pack a lot of punch in their limited runtimes so we will have an opportunity to discuss not just the content of these films, but their approaches to storytelling.



3 WEDNESDAYS May 1-15

CHAIR YOGA



10-11AM | COST \$30

Instructor: Renée Laevsky, Certified Yoga Therapist

Join our warm Chair Yoga community! Gently strengthen your body to prevent injury, improve functional fitness, and move through day-to-day tasks with more comfort and ease. Each class includes gradual flow of movements, all done while either sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. Modifications are offered throughout each class, making it the perfect solution for individuals of all abilities!



ZOOM PROGRAMS

3 MONDAYS April 1-15 10-11AM | COST: \$30

REFLECTIONS ON THE STATE OF ISRAEL THROUGH THE WORKS OF 3 ISRAELI POETS: ALTERMANN, GOLDBERG & BITON



Instructor: Dr. Yechiel Schur, Keholet Yeshivah Middle School

As we approach Israel's 76th anniversary, it is pertinent to reflect on the significance of the Jewish state while also considering some of its intrinsic challenges. We will consider this issue through the writings of three prominent Israeli poets: Nathan Alterman, Leah Goldberg, and Erez Biton. Each week, we will show how each of these writers in their own unique way reflected on the state and its complexities through the lens of Hebrew poetry.



3 TUESDAYS May 7-21 1:30-2:30PM | COST: \$30

EGYPT AS A TOURIST DESTINATION IN THE VICTORIAN ERA



Instructor: Dr. Stephen Phillips, Curatorial Research Coordinator, Penn Museum

Egypt is one of the world's oldest countries; it is also one of the world's top travel destinations - Egypt's ancient temples, tombs, pyramids, and mysterious hieroglyphic writing system have enthralled visitors for millennia. We will explore the legendary hotels of Egypt, including San Stephano Hotel, the Majestic Hotel, and the Cecil Hotel, plus the use of the Nile for cruising!



3 THURSDAYS May 16-30 11-12PM | COST: \$30

ONE BOOK ONE JEWISH COMMUNITY



Instructor: Rabbi Eric Yanoff, Adath Israel

This year, our community looks to Noa Tishby's book *Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth* for a reassuring voice of sanity, that, through her own family story, personalizes the frustrating misinformation that plagues our connection with the Jewish Homeland. Especially in such a fraught time, the idea of our community coming together to read one excellent book is a much-needed unifying gesture. Rabbi Eric Yanoff will guide us through Tishby's guide, in a way to re-connect with Israel at this critical time.

