

**Mail-In Registration**  
**GEMS AT BUCKS COUNTY JUNE PROGRAM 2024**

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**IN PERSON COURSES**

- The News Behind The News . . . . . \$40
- Freedom of Speech: What Does It Mean Exactly? . . . . . \$20
- Artists And Their Muses . . . . . \$12
- Jewish Composers of Broadway . . . . . \$12
- Chair Yoga . . . . . \$30
- Trip to the African American Museum in Philadelphia . . . . . \$15

**ZOOM COURSES**

- History of Jewish Philadelphia . . . . . \$40

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](http://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](http://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](http://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.**

**Bucks County  
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## IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

4 THURSDAYS June 6-27

THE NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS



10:00-11:00AM | COURSE FEE \$40

**Instructor: Ira Cooperman,  
Former Investigative Reporter,  
Air Force Intelligence Officer**

This course will explore the backstory of the major and lesser known issues of the day. While *New York Times'* headlines and breaking news from *CNN* will be discussed, so will topics ranging from Russian espionage to Middle East conflicts, Supreme Court decisions to the impact of inflation on the domestic economy. Class discussion with individual participation is encouraged. All observations welcomed. Historical background will be presented to put today's events in context, showing how events have developed over the years. The News Behind the News will take attendees beyond today, into the realm of the future - where current events may lead us.

2 THURSDAYS June 6-13

FREEDOM OF SPEECH: WHAT DOES IT MEAN EXACTLY?



11:15AM-12:15PM | COURSE FEE \$20

**Instructor: Alan Gershenson,  
Attorney at Law, Instructor**

In this two-week session, through the study of two or three Supreme Court cases, we will explore what the right of Freedom of Speech, embodied in the First Amendment, really means. In a free society, are there no limits to what one can say? On the other hand, what rights do governments and individuals have to restrict or protect themselves from hate speech? If there can be limits, what should they be?

1 THURSDAY June 20

ARTISTS AND THEIR MUSES



11:15AM-12:15PM | COURSE FEE \$12

**Instructor: Lynn Berkowitz, MFA, BFA**

In this inspiring session on Artists and their Muses, we will see how artists draw inspiration from many sources including from personal relationships and personal experiences, as well as travel and other artists' work. Works of art are not created in a vacuum and the impact of new sights, sometimes drawn from the past, can bring exciting innovations. We will consider Whistler, Manet, Kahlo, and others as their muses helped to shape their subjects and images. Our conversation includes a diversity of artists and short enriching videos.

1 THURSDAY June 27

JEWISH COMPOSERS OF BROADWAY



11:15AM-12:15PM | COURSE FEE \$12

**Instructor: Dan Pantano, Concert Operetta  
Theater Executive and Artistic Director**

What would Broadway be without Jewish composers? Certainly not as great as it is, and always has been. This lecture will begin with the great composers and lyricists of musicals and operettas with Jewish lineage from the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's. Some hid their ethnicity and religion to move forward, but their brilliance shone through for the world to enjoy. We will appreciate the music and lyrics of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Lorenz Hart, Sigmund Romberg, Jerome Kern, and maybe a few more!

3 WEDNESDAYS June 12-26

CHAIR YOGA



10:00-11:00AM | COURSE FEE \$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!

1 THURSDAY June 27

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA



10:00AM-3:00PM | COST \$15

Honor Juneteenth by taking a guided tour of the African American Museum. We will meet at the Merion Train Station at 10:00am, arrive at the museum for an 11:00am tour, and explore the museum for an additional hour and meet up for lunch together.

## ZOOM PROGRAM

4 MONDAYS June 24-July 15

HISTORY OF JEWISH PHILADELPHIA



11:00-12:00PM | COST: \$40

**Instructor: Dr. Reena Friedman, Gratz College**

This four-part series highlights key moments in the history of the Philadelphia Jewish community from Colonial times through the twentieth century. Using drawings/photographs and documents, we will discuss some of the events, personalities and institutions that contributed to Philadelphia becoming an "ideal experimental center of American Jewish creativity." ~Rabbi Bertram Korn