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Present

The Culture Shuk 2010



Passover University

A Evening of Unleavened Learning & Laughter

Saturday Evening, March 13, 2010

7:15 p.m.

Katz Jewish Community Center

1301 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Schedule

7:15 - Havdalah

8:00 - First Session

9:00 - Second Session

9:55 - Light Refreshments

and Laughter with Comedian Joel Chasnoff

Passover University Course Descriptions

Session 1, 8:00 p.m.

300 WAYS TO ENHANCE YOUR SEDER

This talk will inspire your own unforgettable Seders. A fascinating, humorous and educational multimedia presentation, with contributions for the Seder from hundreds of people around the globe: Jews from Uganda to Uzbekistan, Eskimo bishops, as well as world experts of ancient languages - such as the Egyptian spoken at the time the Exodus - and all languages of Jewish heritage. The author demonstrates how to use these translations, parodies and games to enliven your Seders.

Dr. Murray Spiegel (Repeated again 2nd session)

FOUR SONS/FOUR WORLDS

How do we make the Seder of more interest to those who have a mystical need? Rabbi Simon will present a Kabbalistic approach to the Haggadah, with guided meditation and chanting.

Rabbi Richard Simon

GETTING RID OF HAMETZ—THE REAL AND THE SPIRITUAL

A how-to guide for cleaning for Passover and the spiritual journey it was meant to inspire.

Rabbi Jeffrey Arnowitz

INVITING MIRIAM TO THE SEDER

Miriam, Yocheved, and Batyah were essential participants in the Passover story yet neither their stories, nor those of any women, are included in the Haggadah. This class will look at the lives and contributions of the women that touched this momentous event in our history and discuss ways to include their stories at your Seder.

Gail Tishman, Morat Shechinah B'Yisrael

PASSOVER, DIABETES AND YOU

The week-long celebration of Passover can challenge anyone to make smart food choices; particularly sensitive to the holiday food limitations is the diabetic crowd. This class will fill your menu with selections that take carbohydrates and fats into account and result in delicious, healthy meals your family will enjoy. You'll learn easy holiday recipes that will bring a smile to the face of your pickiest holiday eater from a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator.

Gale Cohen, RD

PASSOVER'S MYSTICAL, MAGICAL, AND MYTHICAL RITUALS

The Jewish mystics believe that the festival of Passover, with its numerous rituals and practices, has special significance when it comes to our ability to heal our lives and to repair the world. In this class, we will be looking at the Passover seder through the eyes of the mystics who taught that the foods we eat, the words we say, and the rituals we enact do much more than remind us of the Exodus from Egypt. Come and learn how they can, in fact, be powerful spiritual tools of transformation.

Rabbi Jennifer Frenkel

SEDER AFTER LOSS

The word 'seder' means "order". Is your seder less ordered this year due to a missing loved one? Are you holding onto the smells and memories of Passovers past, and long for the links to your family traditions? Don't pass Passover over...let's find a way to reconnect with what was and establish a new path forward. All participants are welcome to share and find the freedom of Pesach.

Rabbi Gary Gans

SUPER SAVTAS' STRATEGIES FOR A SANE SEDER WITH SMALL CHILDREN

Roselee Redelheim and Estelle Lerner, good friends and experienced early childhood educators professionally, also share a reputation for being pretty expert in the field of Jewish parenting and grand-parenting personally. They'll offer you their real-world, proven expertise and advice for how to turn your seder into a magical Jewish memory for your children without tears—theirs or yours!

Roselee Redelheim and Estelle Lerner

WHY ELIYAHU GOES D'OR TO D'OR – THE SUSTAINABLE SEDER

Using only a seder plate and a story, this program will examine the basic concepts of sustainability encompassed in both Jewish law and tradition in preparation for and execution of the seder. By learning about these specific laws and traditions, the participant will come to appreciate the deep knowledge and integration of our cultural and religious heritage - after all, we were originally charged with the stewardship of this world.

The beauty of complementary mitzvot will also be explored peripherally as they relate to the season. Both the pragmatic and poetic will be examined together to nurture interest and involvement. Some mystical components of the Exodus will also be discussed.

Lori Braunstein and Ben Zander

Session 2, 9:00 p.m.

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Dr. Murray Spiegel

B'CHOL DOR VADOR—IN EVERY GENERATION

Every year, we conduct a seder, and every year we are reminded about the preciousness of freedom. But alongside the privileges of freedom, come social responsibility and the obligation to ensure that others are "redeemed" from despair and oppression, as well. How can we make sure that this message is transmitted to all our Seder participants - particularly the younger ones, many of whom tend to feel more and more entitled to receiving G-d's blessings without much personal sacrifice? Let's look at some Jewish texts from with the Seder and from other sources to address this age-old concern.

Rabbi Andrew Bossov

GEFILTE FLICKS: MOVIE SHORT AND DISCUSSION

Join in a lively discussion about family heritage and traditions and changes between the generations. We will watch and discuss the short movie 'Gefilte Fish'. Come with your stories of family celebrations and continuity.

Part instructional, part allegorical, the short movie Gefilte Fish is a chronicle of Jewish-American life. Filmmaker Karen Silverstein captures three generations of women talking about, and demonstrating how they make gefilte fish. In this short documentary, the recipes and traditions are explained by women of different generations, who, despite varying degrees of technology and tradition, see family and heritage as central to their lives.

Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen

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THE HAGGADAH AND YOUTH: PRACTICAL WAYS TO ENGAGE TEENS AT THE SEDER

This class will look at the seder from an educational perspective, showing how our Rabbis integrated different learning styles in telling the story of the Exodus. This will be followed by a discussion on practical strategies and techniques for engaging teens at the seder.

Rabbi Jonah Lerner

THE EXODUS: DEVELOPMENT OF A BIBLICAL LEGEND

While there is little to no extra-biblical evidence for the Exodus from Egypt, the story of the Exodus is a central motif in the Biblical narrative. We will briefly discuss the historical problems concerning the Exodus and then look at ways in which the biblical authors developed the story to explore the unfolding of their spiritual insights into the life of the People of Israel.

Rabbi Lewis Eron

PASSOVER AS EXPRESSED IN THE CREATIVE ARTS

This presentation will illustrate how Passover is the one holiday in the Jewish year that over the centuries has inspired individual creativity. The earliest Haggadot stained with wine and lovingly preserved to modern renderings of seder plates, encourages us to add to family traditions and build memories for our children.

Dr. Joyce Kay

PASSOVER – THE REAL STORY

We first learn the story of The Exodus as young children. Now that we've grown up, we can relearn it as adults; the mystical insights and practical wisdom of the Exodus from Egypt informs our daily lives, relationships and the Jewish Nation generally.

Rabbi Ephraim Epstein

THE SEA STRIKES BACK: MOSHE VS. THE RED SEA

The splitting of the Red Sea is one of the most powerful and striking images of Passover. But did the sea really split at Moshe's command? We will explore two ancient commentaries on this miracle that raise important questions that persist today about our relationship with nature.

Rabbi Micah Peltz

SEDER LESSONS FOR DIFFICULT TIMES

The Passover seder contains profound teachings about security and anxiety, wealth and poverty, indifference and compassion. In this year when many in our community are struggling economically, come find new meaning in some familiar haggadah texts, and leave with ideas for new additions to this year's seder.

Rabbi Michael Fessler

Passover University "Faculty"

Rabbi Jeffrey Arnowitz is the associate rabbi of Congregation Beth El in Voorhees. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 2003. Rabbi Arnowitz graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh in 1997, where he studied social work and child development. Rabbi Arnowitz is involved in the STAR PEER Fellowship program is a rabbinic representative to the board of the Kellman Brown Academy.

Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen serves as Rabbi for Lifelong Education at Temple Emanuel in Cherry Hill. Rabbi Cohen teaches, develops curriculum and programming, and oversees the pre-school, religious school, family education and adult education. She has written teacher manuals for Behrman House publishing and been a presenter at the national Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education conference. Rabbi Cohen is the author of five books and winner of a National Jewish Book Award.

Rabbi Andrew Bossov. A Chicagoan by birth, a musician since age four and a leader of worship services since age eight, Rabbi Bossov came to Adath Emanu-El in 2002 and became Senior Rabbi in 2005. He's a past president of our Tri-County Board of Rabbis and a former member of the Union for Reform Judaism's Commission on Synagogue Music. His rabbinic career has been interwoven with social action involvement in a variety of settings.

Gale Cohen, Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator (RD, CDE) has been counseling clients for more than 15 years on all aspects of diabetes self-management. Gale works for Virtua at the Center for Nutrition & Diabetes Care; and has a private practice in Lawrenceville, NJ. In her spare time, Gale loves to cook and prepare healthful kosher meals for her family.

Rabbi Ephraim Epstein is the senior rabbi of Congregation Sons of Israel. He grew up in Northern New Jersey, and received ordination from Rabbi Berel Wein. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Boston University & an EDS in Marriage and Family Therapy from the College of New Jersey. He lived in Israel for nine years and served as a founding administrator & lecturer at the Center for Torah Studies of Ohr Somayach International. The Epsteins arrived in Cherry Hill in the fall of 2001. Rabbi Epstein also oversees the local Cherry K Vaad Hakashruth,

the Eruv, the Mikvah, the Chevrah Kadishah, and writes a column on Prayer called "Tefilla Tips" as well as articles for Jewish learning journals & websites. He is the husband of Debi and the father of eight children.

Rabbi Lewis Eron, Ph.D. is the Jewish Community Chaplain for the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey and Director of Religious Services at Lions Gate CCRC. A 1981 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, he received his doctorate in Religion at Temple University in 1987. Rabbi Eron has served as a pulpit rabbi, college teacher, and organizational administrator. He has written extensively in the areas of biblical studies, Jewish-Christian dialogue and Jewish thought. He's also been a leader in Jewish-Christian / interfaith dialogue on the local, national and international level. Rabbi Eron lives in Cherry Hill with his wife, Gail Trachtenberg, and their two children.

Rabbi Michael Fessler has been serving Congregation B'nai Tikvah in Gloucester County since 2002. A graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, he has a degree in biology from Brown University, and has studied in Israel at the Conservative Yeshiva, Machon Schechter, and in the Melton Senior Educators' Program at Hebrew University.

Rabbi Jennifer L. Frenkel is the Assistant Rabbi at Congregation M'kor Shalom. Rabbi Frenkel was ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in June 2009, after serving congregations in the Midwest. She also completed advanced chaplaincy training while in Cincinnati and served as a chaplain at two area hospitals while at HUC. Rabbi Frenkel's writing on the subjects of Free Will, Theodicy, and the Afterlife were published in the new book, "*God: Jewish Choices for Struggling with the Ultimate.*"

Rabbi Gary Gans has been the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Tikvah in Marlton since 1981. He was ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and earned his doctorate in counseling from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a licensed therapist working with individuals, couples, and their relationships. He is board certified as a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

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Passover University "Faculty"

Dr. Joyce Kay is a retired physician and a Me'ah graduate. She is co-chair of the Adult Education Committee at Congregation M'kor Shalom. She designed a pre-Passover program at M'kor and chaired a committee of seniors who as the recipients of a Federation grant were able to print "A Haggadah for All the Ages" and who will hold their third annual "seder" this year.

Estelle Lerner is a veteran early childhood educator with 17 years experience teaching young children in a variety of settings from bilingual Spanish classes in Florida, to the inner city of Baltimore, and our own Jewish community. She has five adult children (see below) and 10 grandchildren on two continents. She conservatively estimates that she's done seders with 250 young children, though not all at one time.

Rabbi Jonah Lerner is Director of the New Jersey NCSY (the youth arm of the Orthodox Union) region's Southern District. He runs shabbatonim, works with day schools and runs Jewish Student Union (JSU) clubs in public schools. He has directed one of the country's largest "Latte and Learning" programs and led summer Israel programs. Rabbi Lerner's expertise includes recruitment, parent and community relations, programming development and one on one advisor-NCSYer relationship building and counseling. As well, he is deeply experienced in crisis intervention and has worked with family services, law enforcement and school administrators.

Rabbi Micah Peltz is the Associate Rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom. He grew up in Minneapolis, and received a BA from the University of Michigan. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of American, and also earned a Masters in Jewish Education from the William Davidson School of Education at JTS.

Roselee Redelheim is the Director of the Early Childhood Center at Congregation Beth El in Voorhees. Roselee attended Yeshiva U. High School, earned a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education

from CCNY, a Masters in Counseling from Villanova and a Principal's certification from Penn State. Roselee has worked for over 30 years in Jewish Education, including 9 years as principal of Politz Day School, 9 years as director of Har Zion Nursery School in Penn Valley and starting the nursery program at Adath Emanu El in Mt. Laurel. Before becoming an administrator, Roselee had many years as a classroom teacher in both day schools and Religious Schools She is the proud mother of two sons and even prouder grandmother of 9 wonderful grandkids.

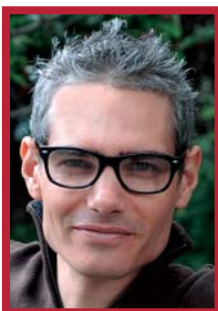
Rabbi Richard Simon has been the spiritual leader of Temple Har Zion in Mount Holly for the past 25 years. He is a Jewish Renewal rabbi who studies with and was ordained by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. He teaches Kabbalah, meditation and other forms of spirituality around the country.

Dr. Murray Spiegel a speech researcher in telecommunications, has established a reputation for innovative Passover Seders. He has transformed his house into a Bedouin tent; a jumbo jet taking the Israelites out of Egypt; and an ancient Egyptian tomb. His Seders were featured on PBS and in the New York Times. Murray has led over 30 Seders- no two alike.

Gail Tishman is a Morat Shechinah B'Yisrael/ Teacher of the Divine Feminine. She offers classes and workshops on the matriarchs, ancient Judaism, feminine Midrash, and the making of Tallitot and other ritual objects. Gail is working toward smicha with the Kohenet Institute, a training program for Jewish women's spiritual leadership, where she has earned the title Tzovah, keeper of sacred time and space.

Ben Zander is a consultant for not-for-profit entities and NGO's relating to Jewish persons that are institutionalized. He has also developed programs and courses for colleges, law schools and post-graduate education. At the Summit JCC, he had developed the "Kabbalah," "Jiffy Instant Midrash" and "Beis Din Ketanah" programs. He is also a sound designer and composer.

9:55 P.M. TOP OFF YOUR LEARNING WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENT AND SOME LAUGHS FROM:



Stand Up Comedian Joel Chasnoff

Humor that's clever, sharp, and never degrading, Joel's comedy is a one hundred-eighty-degree turn from the Borscht Belt comics of old. Audiences from U.S. Marines to the rebbes of Yeshiva Flatbush find Joel's comedy smart, witty, and hilarious.

From his stage debut at 10 in day school to stand up clubs in Philadelphia as a Penn undergrad, topped with a two summer stint as an on-field performer with the Philadelphia Phillies in a fruitless attempt to entertain 40,000 of the world's heaviest drinking sports fans, Joel Chasnoff has honed his comedic craft.

After graduating from Penn, Joel served as a tank gunner in the IDF. His just published memoir, *The 188th Crybaby Brigade*, is a brash and gritty depiction of his year in combat that's been called "Horrifyingly hilarious."

Joel's comedy is a smart mix of personal anecdotes and keen observational humor, centered around the theme of the absurdity of modern American Jewish life.

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