

Schedule of the Evening

6:30-7:00 Shuk open ~
Registration & Check-in
7:00-7:20 Welcome & Opening
Remarks
7:30-8:20 Session 1
8:20-8:45 Shuk & Refreshments
8:45-9:35 Session 2
9:35-10:15 Shuk open

Session 1 7:30 pm - 8:20 pm

1A Why We Sing What We Sing When We Sing It Join us for song and discussion of the roots of musical tradition. Rabbi Sarah Mack and Cantor Judith Seplowin, Temple Beth-El

1B Wine Tasting Workshop Ever wonder what legs and finish have to do with wine? Join us for a workshop on wine tasting. Only kosher wines sampled. Patrick Barberet, The Savory Grape

1C Jewish Symbols What are Jewish symbols and what do they mean? A look into the historical, cultural and religious background of the Jewish star, Menorah, Mezuzah, etc. Ethan Adler, Congregation Beth David

1D My Father and Yours Reading from He Walked through Walls, the story of how her Polish Jewish father survived three 20th century wars, Dr. Miedzian will share an unusual family story and discuss preserving our Jewish heritage through family histories. Dr. Myriam Miedzian

1E We Were Here in the Beginning Stories of famous and not-so-famous Jews in Rhode Island. David Leach and Ruth Breindel, Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association

1F Homophobia and Celebration: Gays and Lesbians in the Jewish Community A look at textual sources of homophobia as well as alternative voices from history and around the Jewish world. We will also look at the approaches movements have taken to issues of inclusion, visibility, same sex marriage, etc. Rabbi Andrew Klein, Temple Habonim

1G Nosach or Not! Why and when do we chant different melodies (Nusach) and when do we not chant melodies in services. The basics of tradition and Nusach – L'Dor Vador. Cantor Richard Perlman, Temple Am David

1H Philosophy and Philosophers: An Analysis of Great Post- Renaissance Jewish Thinkers A focus on key Jewish thinkers whose ideas continue to shape Jewish thought and consciousness. We will examine the lives, works and worlds of some of Judaism's greatest minds from the 18th and 19th centuries. Rabbi Raphie Schochet, Providence Community Kollel

1I Between God and Godliness A Discussion of Jay Michaelson's Everything is God: The Radical Path of Non-dual Judaism. Rabbi Asher Oser, Congregation Beth Shalom

1J Volunteering for Israel Learn about Volunteers for Israel, part of an international organization dedicated to providing the opportunity for people to volunteer at an Israeli Military base or in a hospital. Ken Schneider

1K Teaching Values for Young Children Discussion based on Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Fathers) and in the performance of everyday mitzvot. Esta Yavner, JCC Early Childhood Education Center

1L Economic Cycles and Torah Debt Concepts Discussion of Torah concepts of debt and forgiveness of debt and their theoretical impact on economic cycles. Bennett Bergman

1M Fighting Back: Using Litigation to Stop Terrorism Victims of terrorist attacks in Israel have decided to fight back. We will discuss the factual and legal bases for these lawsuits. Jonathan Orent, Attorney, Motley, Rice

1N Contemporary Jewish Ritual Experience how Jewish text, chant and ritual can be woven to create meaningful and transformative ceremonies for traditional and important life transitions, such as baby namings, unveilings, special birthdays, anniversaries, menopause, sending a child to college, etc. Judith Kaye

1O What the Talmud Says About Bernie Madoff Got a hot stock tip? Looking for one? Before you go any further, come learn what the Talmud and other traditional Jewish sources have to say on the subject of giving and getting investment advice. Navah Levin, Rabbinical School Student

1P The March of the Living 2010 The March of the Living is an experiential journey through Jewish history and culture in Poland and Israel, taking place in April 2010. Join us to learn more about this incredible program open to adults in our community. Claire Roche, Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and Jeff Sock, Holocaust Education and Resource Center of Rhode Island

1Q Israeli Dance-Part I Move to the music and learn Israeli folk dances. Claudia Fiks, Jewish Community Center of RI

1R Jews Gone Wild: Rebels in the Tanakh The Tanakh is filled with heroes and villains. Sometimes the heroes act out, sometimes the villains act for the greater good. We'll take a look at a few, focusing on Miriam, Korach and Zelofchad. Rabbi Mordechai Rackover, Brown RISD Hillel

1S Poetic Pastoral Care Have you ever felt lost while visiting a friend or a loved one in the hospital? Do you have questions about what to say to someone dealing with illness and loss? Join us for a candid conversation about pastoral care through the lens of personal poetry. Rabbi Joel Seltzer, Temple Emanu-El



Session 2

8:45 pm - 9:35 pm

2A Israeli Dance-Part II Move to the music and learn Israeli folk dances. Need not take Part I to participate. Claudia Fiks, Jewish Community Center of RI

2B Healthy in Body, Mind and Spirit The relationship between spiritual and physical wellness, maintaining a positive mental attitude, and good health and nutrition, based on the teachings and advice of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson. Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, Chabad Jewish Heritage Center

2C Wine Tasting Workshop Ever wonder what legs and finish have to do with wine? Join us for a workshop on wine tasting. Only kosher wines sampled. Patrick Barberet, The Savory Grape

2D How to Find Your Jewish Great-Grandparents, Even if You Think It's Impossible Genealogical research for beginners and those who want to go further. Learn basic strategies and hints for researching your Jewish (and other) ancestors. Meredith Hoffman, GenerationsWeb

2E Making Hard Decisions: Triage and Setting Priorities In modern day medicine, physicians and hospitals are often faced with the challenge of rationing care or deciding who will benefit from their care. We will examine some of the fundamental Torah principles that guide us through these difficult choices and what those decisions should be. Michael Felder, M.D., Brown University

2F Teaching Our Children Financial Responsibility "It is not how much one makes, but to what purpose one spends." Learn the tools to teach your children how to live by this very simple, but powerful concept. Dan Gamm, Ameriprise Financial

2G Cantorial Music and Tradition Explore the lives and songs of five early non-Cantor cantorial singers. Judy Greenblatt, Temple Emanu-El

2H Keeping Your Teen Engaged Jewishly Keeping teens engaged in their Jewish lives can be a challenge. Come explore and discuss ways to encourage teens to continue their Jewish journeys. Shari Weinberger, Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island

2I The Jewish Community in Poland Learn about the growth and increasing vitality of the Jewish community in Poland from a first-person and communal perspective. Karina Sokolowska, JDC Country Director for Poland

2J Thoughts About God: Challenging Your Theology We will look at some traditional and non-traditional views of God and reflect on how these might influence our own beliefs. Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer

2K The Do-Gooder in Jewish Teachings If your neighbor's son mows your lawn without asking you first, is he entitled to compensation? How about someone who decides on his own to pay your debts? What do you owe a do-gooder? Rabbi Yossi Laufer, Chabad of West Bay-Chai Center

2L Notes of a Jewish Journalist A decade of columns from *The Jewish Voice & Herald*, recalled and reviewed collectively. Interviews, critiques, portraits and memoirs. Professor Michael Fink, Rhode Island School of Design

2M Create Your Own Judaica Explore your creative side and join us as we create our own pieces of Judaica. Diane Cerep, Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island

2N Jewish Cooking Explore traditions of Jewish cooking, learn new recipes and sample delicious foods. Rose Forest, Daniel Gourmet Kosher Catering

2O Obama's Israel Policy Should American Jews support the President's vigorous pursuit of Israeli - Palestinian peace? Come to a presentation and discussion facilitated by leaders of the RI chapter of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace. Phil Rosen, Brit Tzedek v'Shalom

2P Ordinary People, Turbulent Times Explores the writing of her family's memoir of escape from Germany and the Holocaust, and recent return visit to her childhood community. Alice Dreifuss Goldstein

2Q Jews and Gender: The First Human Reconsidered A discussion of the first human, Adam, and implications for our understanding of gender in the Jewish Tradition. Rabbi Asher Oser, Congregation Beth Shalom

2R Jewish Ethics: Not-an-eye-for-an-eye Key principles of Jewish ethics were revolutionary when first set forth in the Torah and they have endured to influence modern Jewish life. We'll consider some of issues in interfaith relations and medical ethics. Rabbi Lawrence Silverman, Congregation Beth Jacob, Plymouth, MA

2S A Jewish Approach to Suffering We will examine possibilities as to why there is suffering in the world and try to find a practical approach to how we can deal with suffering. Rabbi Dovid Schwartz, Providence Community Kollel and Congregation Sha'arei Tefilla

