

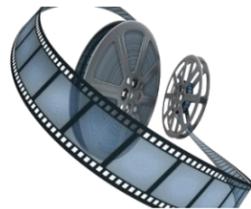
Har Sinai Congregation  
SPICE Program

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### Foreign Film Series

Discussion facilitated by members  
of the SPICE Committee  
March 15, April 19, May 17  
10:00 a.m.



### Course Fees:

**After Death...Afterlife?:** (5 sessions)

\$60.00 per course for HSC members; \$75.00 for community members

**Broadway Begins:** (4 sessions)

\$48.00 per course for HSC members; \$60.00 for community members

**Forgiveness, Repentance & the Art of Sacred Arguing:** (4 sessions)

\$48.00 per course for HSC members; \$60.00 for community members

**Foreign Film Series:** (3 sessions)

\$36.00 for HSC members; \$45.00 for community members

**History of Marriage:** (1 session)

\$16.00 for HSC members; \$20.00 for community members

**Supreme Court Field Trip:**

\$36.00 for HSC members; \$45.00 for community members

**Best Offer:** Italy (2013) Thriller/Mystery (in English) 131 minutes March 15

An auction house owner (Jeffrey Rush) who lives in seclusion amid a collection of female portraiture is hired by a woman who refuses to meet in person. But, as his business relationship with his enigmatic client grows, so does his dormant libido. This film is not really a mystery but a deep meditation on human emotions and motivations and how we choose to live our lives. Donald Sutherland is a “sidekick” to this reclusive auction house owner. If you love art, psychology and suspense this movie will surprise you.

**Two Lives:** Germany (2012) Drama (subtitles) 99 minutes April 19

Set in Germany and Norway, this film explores the history of the Lebensborn or war children, born in Norway from unions between German soldiers and Norwegian women, taken away after birth and raised in an orphanage in Germany. As the European communist bloc is collapsing, our main character’s quiet life in Norway is interrupted by questions about her past which she struggles to explain to her family.

**The Second Mother:** Brazil (2015) Comedy/Drama (subtitles) 111 minutes May 17

A domestic and her liberated estranged daughter reunite only to divide over classist struggles. This film smartly uses humiliation to open our eyes to a world of delicate but deep injustice.

### Registration:

Reservations may be made in person, via email or by phone.

Credit card payments may be made by calling

Har Sinai Congregation at 410-654-9393.

Checks should be made out to Har Sinai Congregation with the  
SPICE Course Name in the memo and can be mailed or dropped  
off, marked: ATTN: Rebecca Diamond, SPICE

Payment is expected prior to the beginning of a course or series.

Find Us on the Web:

[www.harsinai-md.org](http://www.harsinai-md.org)



## 2017 SPRING Course Guide

Social Interaction

Personal Growth

Intellectual Development

Cultural Stimulation

Educational Enrichment

## SPICE up your days at Har Sinai Congregation



### Designed for Adult Interests

The benefits of lifelong learning through our SPICE program are, quite frankly, endless.

Lifelong learners are motivated to learn and develop because they want to: it is a deliberate and voluntary act.

Lifelong learning can enhance our personal understanding of the world around us, provide us with more and better opportunities and improve our quality of life.

Learning for its own sake boosts our confidence and self esteem, makes us less risk averse and more adaptable to change when it happens, helps us achieve a more satisfying personal life, challenges our ideas and beliefs and can be fun.

### Coming Up: SPRING

- After Death...Afterlife?
- Forgiveness, Repentance and the Sacred Art of Arguing
- Supreme Court Field Trip
- Broadway Begins
- History of Marriage
- Foreign Film Series

### Something For Everyone

With topics ranging from foreign films to Life After Death, there is a course for everyone.

This spring semester there are six different options from which to select.

Registration is easy, and all are welcome. Please refer to the full complement of classes inside. We'd love for you to join us!



*After Death... Afterlife?*  
 Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Heaven? Hell?

Resurrection? Reincarnation?

Ghostly existences? Ceasing to be?

What conceptions, misconceptions and theories do Jews and Judaism have of the afterlife?

Come and explore this taboo topic that has fascinated so many.

Rabbi Linda Joseph is the Senior Rabbi of Har Sinai Congregation in Owings Mills, MD. In her career, Rabbi Joseph has served congregations in Australia and the United States and has worked for the Union for Reform Judaism. She loves God, Jewish traditions, creativity and texts, teaching, prayer, community and connection. Storytelling, making art, listening to music, writing, reading and cooking are some of her passions. She is engaged to Richard Landis, a retired lawyer. Each day when she rises she feels blessed to play with her dog Ben Bag Bag and her cat Khazar.



*Forgiveness, Repentance & the Art of Sacred Arguing*  
 Tuesdays March 28, April 4, April 18 and April 25  
 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The obligation to forgive those who have wronged us is one that courses through the religious imaginations of both Jews and Christians, even as it sometimes challenges both our desire and our ability to do so. This four-week mini-course focuses on the dynamic interplay between forgiveness and repentance as it charts a course between “cheap” forgiveness on the one side, and hardened intransigence on the other. Relying on the Jewish art of sacred arguing, we will explore the ways in which an “argument for the sake of heaven” may provide new insights into resolving the conflicts that oftentimes surround the obligation to forgive.

Dr. **Rosann M Catalano** was associated with the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies where she held a number of positions: Roman Catholic Scholar, Associate Director, Director of Programs and, most recently, Senior Staff Scholar. She continues teaching at the ICJS in a part-time capacity. A systematic theologian, Dr. Rosann Catalano holds a Doctorate in Philosophy in Systematic Theology from the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, where she did her major work on the theology of God and the poetry of suffering in the Book of Psalms. Dr. Catalano lectures widely to Protestant, Jewish and Catholic audiences on biblical, theological and interfaith topics; on suffering and prayer; and on the origins of rabbinic Judaism & Christianity and the partings of the ways.

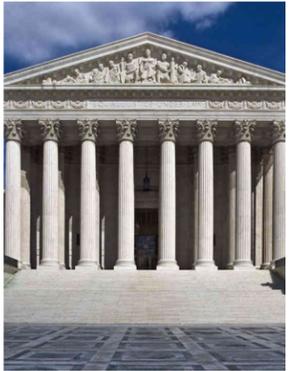
*Supreme Court Field Trip*  
 Friday, April 28

Departing Har Sinai 7:15 a.m.; returning approximately 5:30 p.m.

This special opportunity has been offered to us by Jim O'Hara, Supreme Court historian, Trustee of the Supreme Court Historical Society and author and editor of many scholarly articles on the Court. He will be our tour guide for this amazing learning experience. Our coach bus is limited to 54 seats. Individuals **who took** the Supreme Court class in September with Jim O'Hara will be given first consideration for this trip. After 11/17, registration for the trip will be opened up to the general public if we have not received 54 registration requests. A waiting list will be created with names of those beyond the 54 person limit, and a second trip will then be scheduled in the fall of 2017.

The cost of the trip includes the fee for the bus and the tour and covers our tour guide's honorarium as well.

The cafeteria and gift shops at the court are small, so our group will need to divide into two at the end of the tour for lunch and shopping. When making your reservation please indicate whether you prefer to have lunch first, then shop or shop first, then have lunch. The first 25 individuals who register will be given their first choice in this regard.



*Broadway Begins: The Great Visionaries 1890-1920*  
 Thursdays, May 11, 18, 25 and June 1  
 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Entertaining insights into the first entrepreneurs, performers, composers and lyricists who launched the Great White Way. Including: Flo Ziegfeld and his Ziegfeld Follies, Fannie Brice, Will Rodgers, Eddie Cantor, Bert Williams (first Afro-American to make it), George M. Cohan, Irving Berlin, Oscar Hammerstein, Jerome Kern.

Ellen Katz pursues her passion for Broadway Super Musicals and the best of the American Songbook by engaging others. Born in Baltimore, she received a BS in Music Education Magna cum Laude at the University of Maryland and taught in public and private schools. For over twenty years, she has been invited to share her engaging presentations on "Super Musicals" for adults at prestigious organizations including The Chautauqua Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Peabody Conservatory of Music, The Osher Institute and for Florida Gulf Coast University in Naples, Florida. Her lecture series have received rave reviews from attendees and administrators as well.

*The History of Marriage*  
 Tuesday, June 13  
 10:30-12:30



In ancient times, most societies needed a secure environment in order to perpetuate their species. They needed a way to handle property rights and the protection of bloodlines. The institute we recognize as marriage handled these needs. But when did it all start and what came first, polygamy or monogamy? Together, we will take a journey through the evolution of marriage, including taboo devices invented to help married women in the Victorian Era. From ancient civilization to Leave it to Beaver's family to same sex marriage, the history of marriage is a bumpy ride!

Barbara Blumberg holds a degree from Towson University. She has lectured over the years on a variety of pop culture topics in settings including CCBC, Meyerberg Center, Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf State University, Osher at Towson University, Howard County Community Center, "Food for Thought," Friends of the Pikesville Library, North Oaks Community and The Lecture Group.