

## Viewing, Interpreting and Appreciating Two Personal Photographic Travelogues

Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28 10:30 a.m.-noon

This course is intended to enhance your abilities to interpret and appreciate the worldwide and local photographs taken by our two facilitators as well as aiding you in more effectively interpreting and appreciating your own photographs from over the years.

**Facilitators:** Dr. Barry Berman is a retired oral and maxillofacial surgeon who has been taking pictures since 1970. He has traveled extensively across the globe taking pictures which have been on display in various locations throughout the greater Baltimore area over the years. Art Kahn, also retired, has maintained an interest in photography since childhood. His main focus has been the rapidly vanishing images of Maryland's past. His works have also been on display and have appeared in various local publications. Both gentlemen are highly involved members of Har Sinai Congregation.



## Foreign Film Series (facilitated by SPICE committee members)

Wednesdays, 9/27; 10/25; 11/15 10:00 a.m.

**Love is All You Need:** 9/27 - Running Time of 116 minutes - Philip, an Englishman living in Denmark, is a lonely, middle-aged widower and estranged single father. Ida is a Danish hairdresser, recuperating from a long bout of illness, who's just been left by her husband for a younger woman. The fates of these two bruised souls are about to intertwine as they embark on a trip to Italy to attend the wedding of Patrick and Astrid, Philip's son and Ida's daughter.

**La Grande Seduction:** 10/25 - Running Time of 109 minutes - St. Marie-La-Mauderne is a tiny fishing village in what some may call the middle of nowhere. For eight years the locals have stood in line for weekly welfare checks. Then, one day, a chance at salvation comes along when a small company wants to build a factory on the island but only if a full-time doctor lives in St. Marie. The situation seems hopeless until a young doctor in Montreal finds himself on a boat to the faraway village. But how to convince handsome, young, urbane Dr. Lewis to stay in this dreary little spot on the map? The answer lies in a bit of seduction and funny business.

**Shower:** 11/15 - Running Time of 94 minutes - When the eldest son returns to his family in Beijing to help care for his mentally handicapped younger brother, he is forced to face up to the reality that the life he remembers in China is being slowly wiped away from memory by the machinations of modernity.



## Course Fees/Policies: [All SPICE courses must be registered for and paid for in their entirety.](#)

**Roe v. Wade: Where Are We Now?** (1 session)

\$12 for HSC members; \$15 for community members

**Foreign Film Festival** (3 sessions)

\$36 for HSC members; \$45 for community members

**Jewish Meditation, First Ladies of the United States of America, Living in a Trump World, The History of Advertising: 15 Ads That Changed The Way We Live, Do Jews Believe in Angels?, Viewing, Interpreting and Appreciating Two Personal Travelogues of Photographs** (4 sessions each course)

\$48 for HSC members; \$60 for community members

**Registration:** Reservations may be made in person, via email to [rdiamond@harsinai-md.org](mailto:rdiamond@harsinai-md.org) or by phone. Credit card payments may be made by calling Har Sinai 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.



## 2017 Summer/Fall Course Guide

Social Interaction

Personal Growth

Intellectual Development

Cultural Stimulation

Educational Enrichment

### Coming Up

#### Summer:

- ◆ Roe v. Wade: Where Are We Now?
- ◆ Jewish Meditation
- ◆ First Ladies of the United States of America

#### Fall:

- ◆ Living in a Trump World
- ◆ The History of Advertising: 15 Ads That Changed the Way We Live
- ◆ Do Jews Believe in Angels?
- ◆ Viewing, Interpreting and Appreciating Two Personal Travelogues of Photographs
- ◆ Another Great Foreign Film Festival

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## 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.

## Something For Everyone

With topics ranging from political to cultural to spiritual issues, there is a course for everyone.

During this summer's mini-mester there are three different options from which to select. For the fall, there are five.

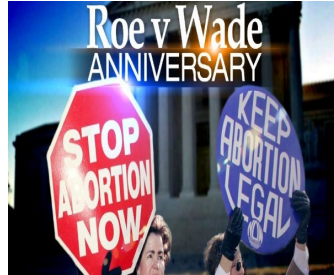
Registration is easy, and all are welcome. Please refer to the full complement of classes inside. We'd love for you to join us!

**Find Us on the Web:**

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

### *Roe v. Wade: Where Are We Now?*

*Tuesday, June 27 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

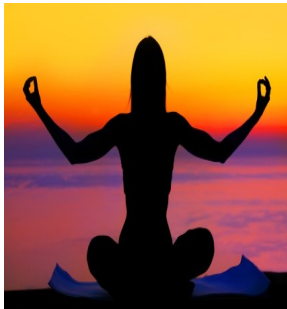


This Supreme Court decision stands today as the most controversial landmark case in modern history. It's been around for over forty years and is still a hot button topic. There was a reason why Katie Couric asked Sarah Palin to name any Supreme Court decision except Roe v. Wade during that now famous interview. But, what was the Supreme Court case that preceded it that led the way to Roe? What was the real reason that nine male justices made this landmark decision? It really had nothing to do with women's rights. But, what did influence them? Whatever happened to Jane Roe whose real name was Norma McCorvey? The answers to these questions will fascinate you and give you a whole new perspective about the decision that has divided a country.

**Facilitator:** Barbara Blumberg is a graduate of Towson University with a B.S. in Education. She taught for two years in BCPS, 25 years at Beth Tfiloh day school, has been an adjunct faculty member at various CCBC campuses and has taught at many lifelong learning programs including Osher, Renaissance, Food for Thought, Kaleidoscope, The Lecture Group, Western Howard County Senior Center, Friends of the Pikesville Library and North Oaks Retirement Community.

### *Jewish Meditation*

*Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*



The benefits of meditation are vast. A regular practice can help you increase focus and concentration, sleep better, feel more alert, create healthier relationships, lower blood pressure, reduce anxiety, stress and depression and find a deeper sense of happiness and well-being. Join certified Ayurvedic practitioner and meditation teacher Susan Weis-Bohlen to learn the art of meditation, and begin to experience the incredible benefits yourself. Anyone can meditate. You don't need to clear your mind of thoughts, you just need the techniques to work with your thoughts to effortlessly enter deeper states of consciousness, where true stillness and healing can be found.

**Facilitator:** Susan Weis-Bohlen has been meditating since 1992 and began leading classes in 2008. Her light-hearted, easy-going groups are attended by all levels of meditators. Drawing on her years of practice and study, Susan teaches from many traditions, including Vedic (Indian), Vipasana (Insight), Mindfulness, Buddhist and Jewish.

### *First Ladies of the United States of America*

*Tuesday August 1, 8, 15, 22 10:30 a.m. - noon*



The idiom "behind every great man is a great woman" is an expression that has been in use for some time now. The woman in question, usually, is a wife; the observation is that no man gets to be "great" in a vacuum, and some woman, somewhere, had a hand in the man's success.

Please join us as we learn about the characteristics of some of history's First Ladies of the USA beginning with Dolly Madison and ending with Eleanor Roosevelt. Has history recognized any impacts they may have had on their husband's presidencies?

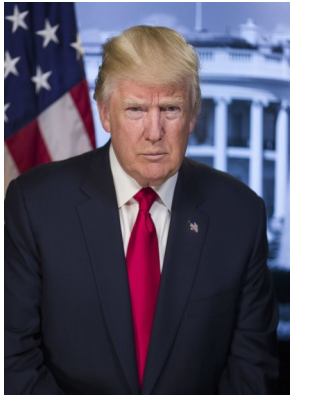
**Facilitator:** Jim O'Hara is a retired professor at Loyola University Maryland. He has already taught a SPICE course on the Supreme Court, and this series will begin another look at American History. Jim is a former Catholic priest, a recognized author and is a long time friend of Har Sinai Congregation.

### *Living in a Trump World*

*Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26 10:30 a.m. - noon*

We will be comparing and contrasting the first seven plus months of the Trump presidency with the two plus years of governorship of Larry Hogan. How do their approaches differ? How are they succeeding? What lies ahead for each of them in the 2018 elections? Issues will include the future of health care, tax reform, federal/state budget deficits, foreign policy (Europe, the Middle East, China, Mexico), immigration, relationships with the media, domestic agendas and other controversies that emerge by then. The sessions will seek to illuminate what's really going on and provide us with factual information that will allow us to gain a broader perspective on these important matters.

**Facilitator:** Since 1971, Barry Rascovar has been a reporter and commentator on local and national politics and government, first for the Baltimore Sun, then The Gazette of Politics and Business (owned by the Washington Post) and The Community Times (published by The Carroll County Times). Last year, he taught a SPICE class on the then upcoming Presidential election.



### *The History of Advertising: 15 Ads That Changed the Way We Live*

*Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 10:30 a.m. - noon*

What was the first commodity or product ever sold? This course will explore the history of advertising beginning with P.T. Barnum, the first man to promote his business on a national and international level. We'll learn about products that are related to our body hygiene and about cigarettes that were originally designed for women but became the most popular cigarettes ever sold and represented that most masculine of men: the cowboy! The products we discuss will be those that changed our lifestyles due to the creative genius of ad men in the 20th Century. We'll view shocking racist and misogynistic ads prevalent through the 50s and 60s. The course will include music, jingles, celebrities, athletes and models. Finally, we will view classic, influential, vintage TV commercials that we'll recall, but we will view them differently in the bright light of the 21st Century.

(See Roe v. Wade on page 2 for the **facilitator bio.**)



### *Do Jews Believe in Angels?*

*Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30 10:30 a.m. - noon*

This course will explore the question of Jewish angels. Angels are mentioned in the Hebrew Bible but who were they, and what did they do? Do Jews still believe in angels, and, if so, what is their role in modern Judaism? If not, what happened to them?

**Facilitator:** Floyd L. Herman is the Rabbi Emeritus of Har Sinai Congregation which he has served for more than 35 years. He continues his involvement in the Congregation and in the community. He has always been active in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities, both locally and nationally. He also enjoys golf and food. Rabbi Herman has taught before in our SPICE program on a few occasions. All of the topics on which he has spoken have been extremely well received.

