

Foreign Film Series (facilitated by SPICE committee members)

Wednesdays, 1/10; 2/21; 3/21; 4/25 and 5/23 10:00 a.m.

The Garden of the Finzi-Continis: (January 10) In the late 1930s, in Ferrara, Italy, the Finzi-Continis are one of the leading families, wealthy, aristocratic, urbane; they are also Jewish. Their adult children, Micol and Alberto, gather a circle of friends for constant rounds of tennis and parties at their villa with its lovely grounds, keeping the rest of the world at bay. Into the circle steps Giorgio, a Jew from the middle class who falls in love with Micol. She seems to toy with him, and even makes love to one of his friends while she knows Giorgio is watching. While his love cannot seem to break through to her to draw her out of her garden idyll, the forces of politics close in. (94 minutes)

Amelie: (February 21) One woman decides to change the world by changing the lives of the people she knows in this charming and romantic comic fantasy. Amelie is a young woman who had a decidedly unusual childhood; misdiagnosed with an unusual heart condition, Amelie didn't attend school with other children, but spent most of her time in her room, where she developed a keen imagination and an active fantasy life. Amelie is reminded that life can be fleeting, and she decides it's time for her to intervene in the lives of those around her, hoping to bring a bit of happiness to her neighbors and the regulars at the cafe. (122 minutes)

The Rules of the Game: (March 21) Now, often cited as one of the greatest films ever made, "Rules of the Game" is a very moral film about frequently amoral people. A comedy of manners whose wit only occasionally betrays its more serious intentions, it contrasts the romantic entanglements of rich and poor during a weekend at a country estate. (106 minutes)

The 400 Blows: (April 25) "The 400 Blows" marks the birth of legendary nouvelle vague character Antoine Doinel; his is the story of a 13-year-old wild child whose adventures were based on director Francois Truffaut's own adolescence. (99 minutes)

The Umbrellas of Cherbourg: (May 23) Jacques Demy's 1964 masterpiece is a pop-art opera, a film in song. This simple romantic tragedy begins in 1957. Guy Foucher, a 20-year-old French auto mechanic, has fallen in love with 17-year-old Geneviève Emery, an employee in her widowed mother's chic but financially embattled umbrella shop. On the evening before Guy is to leave for a two-year tour of combat in Algeria, he and Geneviève make love. She becomes pregnant and must choose between waiting for Guy's return or accepting an offer of marriage from a wealthy diamond merchant. A completely sung movie, The Umbrellas of Cherbourg is closest in form to a cinematic opera. Composer Michel Legrand composed the score, modeling it around the patterns of everyday conversation. Umbrellas was re-released in 1997. (92 minutes)

Course Fees/Policies: All SPICE courses must be registered for and paid for in their entirety.

Baking Pastries from Around the World: A Hands-On Experience (4 sessions; limited to 15 enrollees, fee includes baking ingredients)

\$75 for HSC members; \$100 for community members

Foreign Film Festival (5 sessions)

\$60 for HSC members; \$75 for community members

Learning About Contemporary Issues and Ideas; President Trump: One Year Later; New Perspectives on the Jewish Justices; Our Jewish Bodies, Our Jewish Selves; Tradition! Tradition! Popular Trends in Jewish Music (4 sessions in each of these classes)

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

Registration: Reservations may be made in person, via email to 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.



2018 Winter/Spring Course Guide

Social Interaction

Personal Growth

Intellectual Development

Cultural Stimulation

Educational Enrichment

Coming Up:

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- ◆ President Trump: One Year Later
- ◆ New Perspectives on the Jewish Justices
- ◆ Our Jewish Bodies, Our Jewish Selves
- ◆ Tradition! Tradition! Popular Trends in Jewish Music
- ◆ Baking Pastries from Around the World: A Hands On Experience
- ◆ Another Great Foreign Film Festival

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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, to gustatory, there is a course for everyone.

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

From now on, ALL SPICE classes will take place in the sanctuary side of the building. Please enter and park near the first door on the left as you come down the drive.

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Learning About Contemporary Issues and Ideas

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23 and 30 10:30 a.m. - noon

In this course, we will analyze and evaluate events, issues and ideas in our world, all of which influence contemporary American society. We will view political situations, economic conditions and cultural issues as well as local, national and international news. Come prepared to listen, discuss and even debate the pros and cons of these contemporary issues. Who knows, perhaps together we can brainstorm and strategize some possible solutions to recommend to our politicians at the local and state levels who can then pass our wisdom along to the national powers that be. United, our voices have meaning!

Facilitator: Toby Essrog has a Master's Degree in Jewish Studies and majored in the Bible at Baltimore Hebrew University. She also holds a Master's Degree in Gerontology from University of Maryland College Park. Toby currently teaches courses at The Community College of Baltimore County and other sites throughout Baltimore. We welcome Toby as one of the newest course Facilitators at the SPICE program at Har Sinai Congregation.



President Trump: One Year Later

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20 and 27 10:30 a.m. - noon



Positives and negatives of Donald Trump's first year in the White House, both foreign and domestic. A look at how this compares to other recent presidents, the ramifications of Trump's actions and the outlook for the rest of 2018, especially November's mid-term congressional elections. Also, a discussion of the Special Counsel's inquiry into Russian attempts to influence the 2016 presidential election.

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.

New Perspectives on the Jewish Justices

Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 10:30 a.m. - noon

The Supreme Court, in its long history, has had eight Jewish justices. Recent scholarship has shed new light on the remarkable contributions of the first three: Brandeis, Cardozo and Frankfurter. We will stress the importance of these three early justices. It is safe to say that each of them would still be major figures in the history of American law even if they had never served on The Supreme Court.

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.



Our Jewish Bodies, Our Jewish Selves

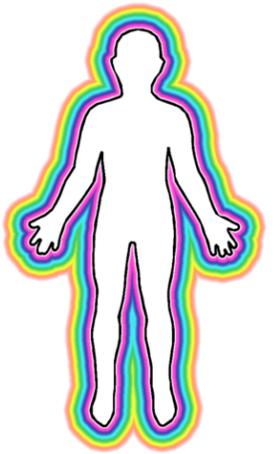
Thursdays, April 12, 19 and 26; May 3 10:30 a.m. - noon

What does Judaism have to say about:

- ◆ body image, body perception and body care?
- ◆ reproduction, sexuality, menstruation and childbirth?
- ◆ ornamenting our bodies with piercings and tattoos?
- ◆ our bodies and spiritual practice?

We will explore texts, tradition and *bubbe-meises* to learn about Jewish bodies and find out more about our Jewish selves.

Facilitator: Linda Joseph, Senior Rabbi of Har Sinai Congregation, loves God, Jewish traditions, creativity and texts. She enjoys teaching, prayer, community and connection. Storytelling, making art, listening to music, writing, reading and cooking are some of her passions. She feels blessed each day when she gets to play with her dog Ben Bag Bag and her cat Khazar and when she gets to hang out with her husband, Richard.



Tradition! Tradition! Popular Trends in Jewish Music

Thursdays, May 10, 17, 24 and 31 10:30a.m. - noon

So often, we refer to beloved Jewish melodies as "traditional." What do we really mean when we use this word to refer to our music, and how does a melody go from being innovative and new to traditional? This four-week course will explore how Jewish music and the music of the synagogue has remained relevant throughout history. Together, through listening and discussion, we will examine, and perhaps challenge, our notions of tradition.

Facilitator: *Dr. Rhoda J. Harrison* is currently the Interim Director of Congregational Learning & Programming at Har Sinai Congregation. She holds a Masters Degree in Sacred Music and Cantorial Ordination from The Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion and a Doctorate of Jewish Studies from the Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University. Dr. Harrison has served the Baltimore Reform Jewish community in a number of capacities since coming to Baltimore in 1993. Dr. Harrison also maintains a private voice studio and performs a wide variety of repertoire ranging from opera and theatre to Israeli Art Song.



Baking Pastries from Around the World: A Hands-On Experience

Tuesdays, May 22 and 29; June 5 and 12 10:30 a.m. - noon

Participants, limited to the first 15 enrollees, will experience baking together as a group under the guidance of a trained pastry chef in our Har Sinai kitchen. Each week the theme will change. Themes will include **Ashkenazi Basics Made Easy, Jewish Holidays Out of the Box, Sephardic Sweets and International Classics.** Participants will contribute towards the cost of ingredients.

Facilitator: Adam Unger received his B.S. in Accounting in 1990 and worked in that field until he decided to follow his passion and received his degree in Culinary Arts in 1992. Upon graduation, he worked in several locations as a pastry chef and sous chef. In 2003 he started his current catering company, Adam's Garden of Eatin,' in Jacksonville, FL, and, in 2012, his family moved to Baltimore where he continues his catering company based out of Har Sinai Congregation.

