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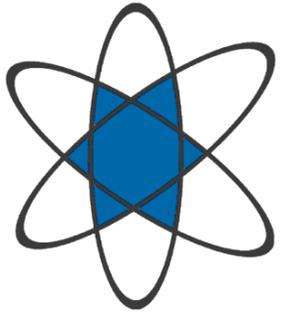
Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning in Kansas City

Sunday, August 28, 2016
8:45 am-3:00 pm
Jewish Community Campus

5801 West 115th Street • Overland Park, Kansas
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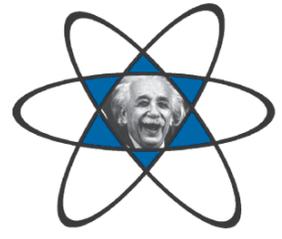
Bring non-perishable food items for the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry High Holy Day Food Drive

Day of DISCOVERY
Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City
5801 W. 115 Street, Suite 201
Overland Park, KS 66211



ABOUT DAY of DISCOVERY

The Day of Discovery is a unique opportunity for adults to discover the richness and the diversity of Jewish learning available in Kansas City.



Participants learn, study and “discover” with some of the community’s finest Jewish educators, rabbis and cantors, who lead sessions on a wide range of topics.

DAY of DISCOVERY TASK FORCE

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| Mari Anne Birnbaum | David Green |
| Richard Borlaza | Barbara Gutierrez |
| Steve Chernoff | Linda Hyken |
| Lainie Decker | Beth Jordan |
| Stella Doering | Marian Kaplan |
| Alan Edelman | Marlene Krakow |
| Annette Fish | Donna Krichiver |
| Elliott Franks | Vicki Mooney |
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This program is funded in part by the Community Legacy Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City.



DAY of DISCOVERY SCHEDULE

- 8:45-9:30 am Continental Breakfast & Registration
- 9:30-10:45 am Session I
- 11:00 am-12:15 pm Session II
- 12:15-1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:15-2:30 pm Session III
- 2:30-3:00 pm Dessert Reception

Note: Some rooms may be cool. Remember to dress in layers.

LUNCH

Kosher box lunches prepared by Caterer Kim Matsil are available

FREE CHILD CARE

- Available for children 3 months to 8 years.
- No food or drink, including bottles, allowed in room.
- For information, availability and reservations, contact: Giselle Venema, Childcare Coordinator, Jewish Community Center, gisellev@thejkc.org or 913.327.4642.
- Deadline to request is 8/22.
- Kids meals may be purchased at \$8 each. Request by 8/22 on reservation form.

FEES

Classes, breakfast and dessert reception included with both sections.

- Full Registration \$20 per person* (Includes box lunch)
- Classes only \$12 per person** (Lunch **not** included)

*\$25 per person after 8/22 **\$18 per person after 8/22

See REGISTRATION FORM to sign up for classes and lunch. Online registration at kcrabbis.org

SESSION I (9:30-10:45)

- Orit Kamara, Adjunct Professor, Hebrew, Foreign Language Department, JCCC**
Hebrew Crash Course for Beginners (Participant must enroll in all three sessions)
This 3-session track will focus on learning to read and write in Hebrew. We will also use a set of basic Hebrew words. By the end of the crash course, participants will know a fourth of the Hebrew alphabet and basic sentences in Hebrew. Each participant will receive two printed booklets to keep for practice.
- Rabbi Doug Alpert, Congregation Kol Ami**
Judaism as a Basis for Social Justice
As Jews we are obligated to engage in social justice work. In this session we will dig into our sacred texts to study issues of economic and racial equality, gender and sexual identity discrimination, and how we as Jews engage with the broader communities in which we live.
- Jessica Kirzane, Educator and Ph.D. Candidate, Yiddish Studies, Columbia University**
Black Bodies, Yiddish Gazes: African Americans in American Yiddish Poetry
This course will examine Yiddish poetry and the representation of African Americans. We will discuss the meanings Yiddish writers placed onto black bodies - concepts of brotherhood through shared suffering, of difference and inferiority, and of exoticism and eroticism.
- Stuart Lewis, Author of Guidebooks for the KC Lyric Opera and Lecturer**
The Jewish Music of Leonard Bernstein
While Jewish composers have been prominent in American music, few have been as deeply rooted in Jewish tradition as Leonard Bernstein. In this session we will listen to excerpts from a number of his works and discuss how his Jewish heritage was central to his creative output.
- Rabbi Alan Londy, New Reform Temple**
The Evolution of the Modern Jewish Prayer Book as a Lens to Modern Jewish Denominations
The Prayer book is the essential document of traditional Jewish theological thought. Modern Judaism has produced a plethora of new versions of the prayer book. What can we learn about issues facing Modern Judaism by examining passages from contemporary prayer books?
- Rabbi Herbert Mandl, Rabbi Emeritus, Kehilath Israel Synagogue**
Surprises Coming From the Vatican in 2016
Through his contacts in the Vatican, Rabbi Mandl has learned of several important changes about to be announced in the Church. In this session, he will share those developments. Additionally, he will give his predictions on the future relations between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people.
- Mark Nanos, PhD, Jewish New Testament Scholar and Lecturer at the University of Kansas**
Christian-Jewish Relations
Introducing a New Trend in Scholarship on the "Christian" Apostle Paul
The Apostle Paul continues to be characterized as one who opposed the value of Jewish identity and Torah-based behavioral norms. Dr. Nanos recently co-edited Paul within Judaism to introduce a different perspective. This lecture will survey new research by Christian and Jewish historians, focusing on the implications for Jews and Christian-Jewish relations.
- Rabbi Beryl Padorr, Shared Vision Coordinator, The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah**
Women in Torah
The book of Exodus is sometimes referred to as the book of the Imahot, the women responsible for our continuity and the Righteous Women of the Torah. In this session, we'll take a look at the crucial role that women played in the story of our people's survival.
- Kim Romary, Mental Health Coalition Coordinator, Jewish Family Services**
Panelists: Jonathan Frieden, Karen Arkin and Steve Arkin and Jamie Copaken
Mental Health: It's OK to Talk About It
The stigma associated with mental illness can prevent individuals from seeking diagnosis, treatment and support. This session will include a panel of individuals who live with mental illness, work with the mentally ill, or have lost a family member to suicide. They will share their personal stories and discuss why it's so important to start a conversation about mental health.
- Rabbi Zevi Wineberg, Author, Kabbalah Love**
A Personal Relationship – you and G-d
The Holy Baal Shem Tov taught that every event you experience is actually a life-lesson, culminating in one of the deepest user-friendly secrets. This session will guide us in understanding the concept of Hashgachah Pratis, namely, that G-d is always communicating and we are able to "hear."
- Dr. John Younger, Professor of Classics and Academic Director of Jewish Studies, University of Kansas**
Gender and Sexuality in Ancient Israel
Through early texts and archaeology, we will explore the roles of gender expression and sexuality in early Israel, Judaism and the Jewish experience. Subjects will include constructions of masculinity and femininity and of societal and sexual roles in law, custom and religious practice, attitudes toward (and uses of) the body and sexuality.

Session II (11:00-12:15)

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- Rabbi Javier Cattapan, Congregation Beth Torah**
The Origins of the Jewish People
What can we learn about Jewish history from reading the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh)? This session will present an introduction to the latest scholarship on the historical origins of the Jewish people as evidenced by the Biblical text, recent archeological scholarship and historical studies.
- Vitaly Chernetsky, Ph.D., Director, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas**
Ukrainian-Jewish Relations: Difficult Past, Hopeful Future
Recent scholarship has portrayed Ukrainian-Jewish relations as adversarial, yet for the first time in history, Ukraine has a Jewish prime minister, Volodymyr Groisman. This presentation introduces some of the most influential contributions of scholars and discusses the changing role of the Jewish community in contemporary Ukraine.
- Lynn Davidman, Ph.D., Robert M. Beren Distinguished Professor of Modern Jewish Studies and Professor of Sociology, University of Kansas**
Becoming Unorthodox: Stories of Ex-Hasidim
Prof. Davidman's 2014 book, *Becoming Unorthodox: Stories of Ex-Hasidim*, traces stories of people who left their former enclave Jewish Hasidic communities. It will cover common themes and trace the stages through which individuals leave the only lives they have known to enter the larger society.
- Andrea Kempf, Retired Librarian and Professional Book Reviewer**
New Jewish Fiction from Israel
Once, most Israeli fiction was focused on creating a Jewish homeland. New authors like Orly Castel-Bloom and Assaf Gavron write with unflinching honesty, tackling the new realities of living in Israel. In this session, Kempf will discuss some of these novels and focus on the authors' different approaches.
- Rabbi Mark Levin, Founding Rabbi, Congregation Beth Torah**
Praying the Bible: Finding Personal Meaning in the Siddur
Rabbi Levin, author of the forthcoming book, *Praying the Bible: Finding Personal Meaning in the Siddur, Ending Boredom and Making Each Prayer Experience Unique* (August 2016, Jewish Lights), will present a unique approach to personalizing prayer and creating a meaningful experience each time we pray.
- Carol Sader, Community Advocate, Former Representative to the Kansas State Legislature (1987-1995)**
Brandi Fisher, Executive Director, Mainstream Coalition | Dave Helling, Kansas City Star
Rabbi Dani Rockoff, Congregation Beth Israel Abraham Volineer
Issues of the 2016 Election
What are the relevant topics that voters need to consider before going to the polls in the 2016 elections? Carol Sader will moderate a panel that will explore issues facing Israel and the Jews and discuss topics facing our nation and states (Kansas and Missouri) that are of national importance.
- Rabbi Jeffrey Shron, Kehilath Israel Synagogue**
Torah and Contemporary Issues: Jewish Sexuality
What do our Torah and Rabbinic sources instruct us about sexual behavior, premarital sex, monogamy/polygamy, sexual addiction, prostitution/concubines and modesty?
- Fran Sternberg, Professor, Jewish History, Nazi Germany, and the Holocaust, Jewish Studies**
Beyond Eve: Jewish Women in Antiquity
A look at Jewish women in ancient Israel and the Greco-Roman Diaspora – their status, roles and representation, and their diverse experiences – in the wider contexts of continuity and change in Jewish and non-Jewish society from the biblical period to the late Roman Empire.
- Dr. Eric Welch, Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, University of Kansas**
Illuminating the Biblical World: Olive Oil Production in Biblical Israel
As a basic component of the Mediterranean diet and an important theological symbol, olive oil is inescapable in the ancient world. This presentation will explore how olive oil was produced in ancient Israel and the variety of ways ancient Israelites used it in cooking, healing and ritual applications.
- Rabbi Scott White, Congregation Ohev Shalom**
"God: to believe or not to believe"
Living in the Age of Science and Secularism presents challenges to "taking things on faith," especially a thing as significant as believing in God. Join us for a conversation about God and faith, framed by classic Jewish texts on the subject.

SESSION III (1:15-2:30)

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- Hazzan Tahl Ben-Yehuda, Congregation Beth Shalom**
Old Classics and New Hits for the High Holy Day Season
We will focus on the music of the holidays around the dinner table, in the Sukkah and in services - the melodies that make us feel like it's holiday time, and the musical calendar by which Jews have felt the cycle of the year for ages. Come ready to sing, listen and reflect!
- Sharon Friedman, Registered Yoga Teacher and Certified Vinyoga Teacher**
Jewish Spirituality - Relaxing and Renewing through the Sefirot
Restorative yoga allows one to relax and renew the body. Light twists, gentle back bends and forward bends release tightness and tension. Combined with the healing properties of the Sefirot of the Tree of Life, this session will take you through a sequence of 4-6 poses supported by props and blankets. This practice is for anyone at any level. Class limited to 10 participants. Wear comfortable clothes.
- Annie Glickman, Facilitator, Melton Director**
Melton@HBHA Presents...Modern Living: Maintaining Balance. Discovering Ageless Answers in Timeless Jewish Texts: Focus on Family
The family serves as the focal point for many of our decisions. Considering what is best for our family is one of the highest priorities and greatest challenges. Explore how the Torah and other Jewish texts articulate the importance of family and guide our decisions when striving to meet the needs of others.
- Rabbi Daniel Kirzane, The Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah**
"Give Us Your Tired, Your Poor? Jewish Views on Refugees"
How do we use competing values in the Torah to construct a Jewish approach to the refugee crisis in today's world? This section will explore neoclassical texts to learn how we make decisions so we can frame a "Jewish approach to the refugee crisis" with openness for multiple viewpoints.
- Rabbi Moti Rieber, Executive Director, Kansas Interfaith Action**
The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Reframing the American Jewish Struggle
One of the most challenging issues facing American Jews is our conflicted attitude about Israel. This session will examine some of the fissures among American Jews, as well as how we can – emotionally and politically – deal with an Israel whose actions sometimes seem in conflict with values we hold deeply.
- Celka Straughn, Ph.D., Andrew W. Mellon Director of Academic Programs at the Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas**
Modern Jewish Art in Germany
This session will analyze questions of Jewish art in late 19th and early 20th Century Germany, motivations and contexts for such questions, and methods used to understand them. Key questions concern the existence of Jewish art, how to identify it, who identified as a Jewish artist and when.
- Rabbi Zalman Tiechtel, Co-director of Chabad at University of Kansas**
The Art of Parenting: Granting Freedom, Responsibly: Providing your child with the tools to survive college and real life
Once children enter college, they are away from home, becoming independent young adults while parents try to maintain their role and exert influence and control. This lesson will examine the challenges parents face and explore timeless insights from Jewish wisdom to instill values, foster independence, and ensure our children's success and well-being.
- Emily Tummons, Music Director, Congregation Beth Torah**
New Moon Laboratory
As the moon reappears each month, we can renew ourselves spiritually in greeting the Shechinah, the Divine Presence, by taking part in an educational Havdalah. At this interactive workshop, we'll study Talmud, learn about the blessing over the new moon, sing, discuss, pray and enjoy some Moon Pies.
- Rabbi Mendy Wineberg, Chabad House Center of Kansas City**
The Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson: Significance and Teachings
The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson (Z"l), the seventh leader in the Chabad-Lubavitch dynasty, is thought to have been the most phenomenal Jewish personality of modern times. We will glean from the Rebbe's vision, insight and belief in the potential of every human being.
- Leonard Zeskind, President, Institute for Research & Education on Human Rights**
Far Right, anti-Semitic and racist nationalism in Western Europe
In France, Marine Le Pen's National Front has surged in recent voting. In Austria, the Freedom Party nearly won the last election. In Denmark, anti-immigrant racism has challenged the status quo. Across the region, anti-immigrant racism has mixed with age-old anti-Semitism. We will discuss these disturbing trends.

REGISTRATION FORM

Space is limited, and **advance registration is required!** All payment must be made no later than August 22; after August 22, registration fee is \$25 on a space-available basis.

Name (Person A) _____

Name (Person B) _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Day Phone (____) _____

Evening Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Congregation Affiliation _____

CLASS SELECTION

Indicate **CLASS NUMBER** for each session for each person.

SESSION	Person A			Person B		
	I	II	III	I	II	III
1st choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2nd choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

LUNCH

Indicate the number of deli lunches.
Choose ONE SANDWICH OR SALAD OPTION.
Indicate initials of person ordering.

A	B	
_____	_____	**All lunches include fresh fruit, pasta and Israeli salad, Dessert and Drink
_____	_____	Chicken Tarragon Salad with grapes in a tortilla wrap
_____	_____	Veggie Tortilla Wrap w/spinach, carrots, cucumber, sweet peas and hummus
_____	_____	Tuna Salad Sandwich on pretzel bun
_____	_____	Grilled Chicken Salad w/spinach, apples, grapes, almonds and raspberry vinaigrette (gluten-free)
_____	_____	Salami Sandwich on rye

PAYMENT

_____ # Full registration @ \$20/person (with lunch)

_____ # Classes only @ \$12/person (no lunch)

_____ # Child lunches @ \$8/child

AFTER 8/22 – Mailed forms become walk-ins

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_____ # Classes only @ \$18/person (no lunch)

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TOTAL PAYMENT Enclosed: \$ _____
(make checks payable to Rabbinical Association)

REGISTER ONLINE AT KCRABBIS.ORG BY AUGUST 22
or RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT BY AUGUST 22 to:

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