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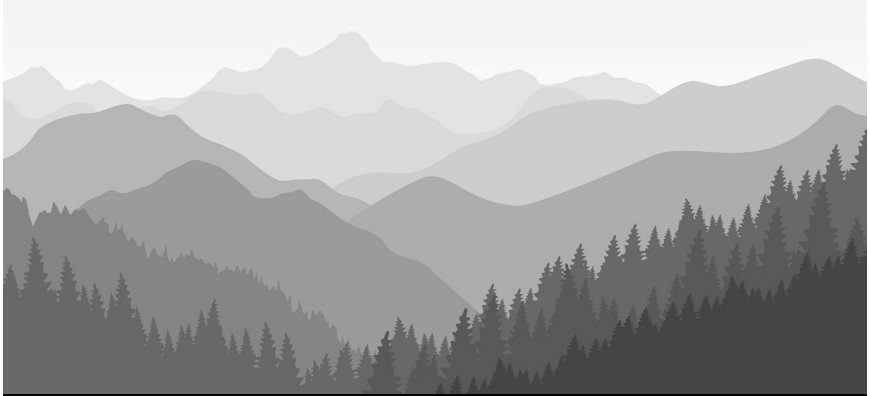
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Celebrating the Catskills

with Stephen Silverman, Author of
The Catskills: Its History and How It Changed America

Wednesday, December 11 | 12:00–3:00 PM | \$36

Take a trip back in time to relive and remember the places and people of the Catskills, where, surprisingly, Jews were once strictly forbidden. Learn the secrets of the kibitzers and kingpins as Silverman entertains us with many charming and colorful stories. From the 1920s to the 1970s, children of immigrants enjoyed Borscht Belt humor, learned the latest dance steps, and perfected their tennis swing. A heart-warming, nostalgic-filled tribute to the enormously rich culture of a bygone era.

Kosher New York-style deli lunch served:

- Corned beef, pastrami & turkey (vegetarian options available)
- Knishes & pickles & Dr. Brown's Cream Soda
- Babka, black & white cookies & other goodies

Featured Class: Altered Books Workshop

Join artist Denise Feldman for a unique mixed media experience “repurposing” hardback books. Create a multi-page “visual journal” using sewing machines, collage, paint, photos, charms, fabric, stamps, and more. All materials (including books) provided.

Sunday, November 3 | 12:00–3:00 PM | \$65 members / \$85 public | Code: 20507

Featured Discussion: A new quarterly discussion series for older adults to have honest conversations about various topics of interest. In partnership with JSSA. Led by Ari Baronofsky, LCSW.

Tuesday, November 12 | 11:30 AM–12:00 PM | FREE

Featured Program: Song Circle led by Frieda Enoch

1st & 3rd Tuesday | 11:00 AM–12:00 PM; Free

Co-sponsored with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (fsgw.org)

Polinger Artists of Excellence Presents:

Exquisite Classical Music

Stefan Jackiw & Anna Polonsky

Violin & Piano: Bach, Stravinsky, Brahms

Sunday, November 17 | 7:30 PM | \$45

Shanghai Quartet & Alexander Fiterstein, String Quartet &

Clarinet: Beethoven, Mozart

Sunday, December 8 | 7:30 PM | \$45

Chamber Orchestra Concert: Mount Vernon Virtuosi

Mozart in Jeans with Pianist Alon Goldstein

Sunday, November 3 | 11:00 AM (bring the grandkids) and **2:00 PM** (adults) | FREE; Reservations required

FALL ARTS FESTIVAL November 6–10

Cinema J Film: *The Unorthodox*

Israel | Drama | 2018 | 99 min | Hebrew, English subtitles

When Yakov Cohen's daughter is expelled from school for ethnic reasons, he decides to fight back, starting the first ethnic political group in Jerusalem. Their operation is informal, full of love, and animated by a great sense of humor and a whole lot of rage. A fictionalized account of the creation of Israel's Shas party.

Wednesday, November 6

Opening Night Reception 6:30 PM | Film 7:00 PM | \$15

Performance Lecture: *Lost Music from the Holocaust*

Dr. Alexandra Birch is a violinist, violist, and researcher committed to recovering music from genocide. Her latest project as a fellow at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum seeks to reincorporate Holocaust scores into the standard classical canon. The evening includes performances and a detailed discussion of each piece, plus a post-concert Q&A.

Thursday, November 7 | Reception 6:30 PM

Performance + Lecture 7:00 PM | \$15

Lessans Family Literary Series: **A Conversation with Sarah Rose, *D-Day Girls***

Rose will discuss the dramatic, untold true story of the extraordinary women recruited by Britain's elite spy agency who helped pave the way for Allied victory in World War II.

Friday, November 8 | Coffee + Light Breakfast 10:00 AM

Conversation 10:30 AM | \$20

Workshop: **Voices on Canvas** (Abstract Painting)

In connection with our Under One Roof gallery exhibit, we invite you to participate in an art workshop using your favorite lyrics, poems, songs and sayings to create your own pop art piece.

Sunday, November 10 | 10:30 AM–12:00 PM | \$10

Lessans Family Literary Series: **A Conversation with Elizabeth Weitzman, *Renegade Women in Film & TV***
Weitzman will discuss the women who broke glass ceilings in film and television during an historic time of change in the entertainment industry.

Sunday, November 10 | Conversation 5:00 PM

Closing Night Reception 6:30 PM | \$15

Cinema J: ***Working Woman***

Israel | Drama | 2018 | 93 min | Hebrew, English subtitles
With her husband's restaurant business in jeopardy, a mother of three gets a job as assistant to a powerful realtor and must fight back against his sexual harassment. Set in Tel Aviv, this film feels all too timely in the "Me Too" era. DISCLAIMER: Contains occasional sexual content

Sunday, November 10 | Closing Night Reception 6:30 PM

7:00 PM Film | \$10/\$12 Day Of

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Author Talk: An Evening of True Crime with Margalit Fox, *Conan Doyle for the Defense* & Edward Berenson, *The Accusation*

Wednesday, December 4 | Reception 6:30 PM

Conversation 7:00 PM | \$15

Authors Fox and Berenson will discuss their experiences writing about two real life cases involving antisemitism, sensational stories, and scandalous accusations. In light of today's increased antisemitism and xenophobia, their stories feel ever more necessary and ominously relevant.

PROGRAMS AT LEISURE WORLD

CLUBHOUSE II AUDITORIUM | DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW
3300 N. LEISURE WORLD BLVD, SILVER SPRING, MD 20906

Film: ***Working Woman***

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Tuesday, November 26 | 1:30–3:30 PM | \$8/\$10 Day Of

Film: ***The Spy Behind Home Plate***

USA | 2019 | 100 minutes | Documentary

Award-winning filmmaker Aviva Kempner tells the real story of Moe Berg. His career as a professional spy began with WW II, where he was enlisted by the Office of Strategic Services. His celebrity status as a professional baseball player, his intelligence, and his skill with languages made him an invaluable agent.

Thursday, December 12 | 1:30–3:30 PM | \$8/\$10 Day Of

CLUBHOUSE I

3700 ROSSMOOR BLVD, SILVER SPRING, MD 20906

Concert: **Djangolaya**

Back by popular demand, the Djangolaya band celebrates the music of Django Reinhardt, one of the greatest musicians of the 20th century. Hear music from swing to bossa nova to gypsy jazz to tango and more. This wonderful band and their vocalist, an incredible chanteuse, will captivate and delight you!

Wednesday, November 13 | 1:00–2:00 PM | \$8/\$10 Day Of

Workshop: **From Generation to Generation:**

An Introduction to Jewish Genealogy

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Washington presents how to trace your Jewish family history. The session concludes with presentations of student work. Prerequisite: Basic computer skills; ability to access the internet.

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:30 AM–12:30 PM | \$40

Register and learn more at benderjccgw.org/coa

LEISURE WORLD – CLUBHOUSE I
3700 ROSSMOOR BLVD, SILVER SPRING, MD 20906

Special Guest Lecture: Battling for Jewish Rights in the US Supreme Court

Attorney Nathan Lewin began his legal career clerking on the United States Supreme Court and serving in the John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson administrations at a sub-cabinet level. He has presented 28 oral arguments in the Supreme Court. He has litigated some of the most important religious-liberty cases before the Supreme Court and lower federal and state courts. These include battling for the right to wear a yarmulke together with a military uniform, displaying Chanukah menorahs in front of city halls and in state capitols, and requiring government and private employers to accommodate Sabbath observance.

Monday, November 18 | 10:30 AM–12:00 PM
\$8/\$10 Day Of

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16620 GEORGIA AVE
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Lecture: The Evolution of Jewish Comedy – From the Yiddish Theater to Jerry Seinfeld

Guest Speaker: Professor Steven Gimbel, Gettysburg College
Explore the philosophy of humor, focusing on the evolution of Jewish comedy in particular. Is there a single thing that can be identified as Jewish comedy or is it more of a cultural artifact that transforms and adapts as the place of Jews in American culture changes? Refreshments served.

Thursday, November 7 | 1:30–3:00 PM | \$8/\$10 Day Of

Concert: A Tribute to Judy Garland

Featuring Chris Urquiaga, Piano & Vocals

Garland's career spanned nearly four decades, from child celebrity to adult icon. In this tribute to one of Hollywood's brightest stars, enjoy some of her most famous songs: "Over the Rainbow," "Get Happy" and "The Man That Got Away," along with lesser-known gems. Refreshments served.

Thursday, December 19 | 1:30–3:00 PM | \$8/\$10 Day Of

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OUT ON THE TOWN

Excursion: ***A Chorus Line***

Signature Theatre, Arlington, VA

Winner of nine Tony Awards, *A Chorus Line* is overflowing with sensational ballet, tap and jazz dance numbers. "One of the greatest musicals ever"—*The New York Times*

Sunday, November 10 | 12:00 PM LW-CH2* bus pick-up or
12:30 PM JCC pick-up | \$110 (Show & Transportation)

Excursion: ***Newsies***

Arena Stage Theatre, Washington, DC

In the summer of 1899, the newsboys of NYC took on two of the most powerful men in the country, Joseph Pulitzer and William Hearst, and won. Inspired by true events, this high-energy musical is a testament to the power of standing up and speaking out.

Wednesday, December 4 | 10:00 AM LW-CH2* bus pick-up or
10:30 AM JCC pick-up | \$85 (Show & Transportation)

Excursion: ***Jersey Boys***

The National Theatre, Washington, DC

They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the Tony and Grammy Award®-winning true-life musical phenomenon.

Sunday, January 5 | 12:00 PM LW-CH2* bus pick-up or
12:30 PM JCC pick-up | \$135 (Show & Transportation)

*Leisure World Clubhouse II

Food 'n Fun Luncheon: **Seasons 52 Restaurant & BINGO**
11414 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852

Enjoy the warm, welcoming ambiance and delicious, seasonally-inspired food, followed by a game of BINGO!

Monday, December 2 | 12:30–3:00 PM
\$30 (Lunch & Program)

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Excursion: *Chorus Line*, Sun, Nov 10 RSVP 10/28
\$110/Show & Transportation Due \$_____

Shaare Tefila: Lecture, Jewish Comedy, Thurs, Nov 7 RSVP 10/31
\$8/in advance; \$10/Day Of Due \$_____

Leisure World: Lecture, Jewish Rights, Mon, Nov 18 RSVP 10/31
\$8/in advance; \$10/Day Of Due \$_____

Leisure World: Concert, Djangolaya, Wed, Nov 13 RSVP 11/6
\$8/in advance; \$10/at the door Due \$_____

Excursion: *Newsies*, Wed, Dec 4 RSVP 11/11
\$85/Show & Transportation Due \$_____

Food 'n Fun: Seasons 52, Mon, Dec 2 RSVP 11/18
\$30/Lunch & Program Due \$_____

Leisure World: Film, *Working Woman*, Tues, Nov 26 RSVP 11/19
\$8/in advance; \$10/Day Of Due \$_____

Excursion: *Jersey Boys*, Sun, Jan 5 RSVP 11/22
\$135/Show & Transportation Due \$_____

Bender JCC: Lecture, Catskills, Wed, Dec 11 RSVP 11/25
\$36/Lunch & Lecture Due \$_____

Leisure World: Film, *The Spy*, Thurs, Dec 12 RSVP 12/5
\$8/in advance; \$10/Day Of Due \$_____

Shaare Tefila: Concert, Judy Garland, Thurs, Dec 19 RSVP 12/12
\$8/in advance; \$10/Day Of Due \$_____

Leisure World: Workshop, Genealogy, Thurs, Jan 9-30 RSVP 12/26
\$40/4wk series Due \$_____

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WICKED

SAVE THE DATE

Excursion: The Hippodrome, Baltimore, MD

Sunday, March 1 | 1:00 PM

From the first electrifying note to the final breathtaking moment, **Wicked**—the untold story of the Witches of Oz—transfixes audiences with its wildly inventive story.

Registration opens online December 9
Transportation Provided

POLICIES

- Please register at www.benderjccgw.org/coa or complete and mail the attached registration form.
- Please include all participants' names and contact information if using paper registration form.
- Programs are filled in order of receipt of payment.
- Programs may sell out before the RSVP date.
- Refunds will not be available after the RSVP date.
- For additional program information, to discuss accommodations for special needs, or to be removed from these mailings, please contact **Frieda Enoch, Bender JCC**, at 301-348-3832 or fenoeh@benderjccgw.org.

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