



Our Study Guide includes many activities to entice our members to participate. We have book clubs, Brandeis Learning Programs, guest speakers, discussion groups, arts and crafts activities, trips to museums and historical house tours in and around the D.C. area.

Here is a smattering of programs that are scheduled for this fall. We hope you will join us!

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SCAMS AND CONSUMER ISSUES TARGETING SENIORS

Learn about unfair, deceptive business practices and scams that target seniors, especially women. Listen as John Creel, a retired Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection Investigator, shares his extensive knowledge of consumer scams and how to protect ourselves from them.

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2015

KATHRYN E. WILEY—SCULPTOR

Kathryn E. Wiley is a very creative sculptor, who uses a variety of unusual materials to complete her works of art. Her materials often include pieces of rusted iron, old metal or wooden tools and weathered wood. "Putting the parts together in startling combinations" renews these often discarded materials as they take on a new life. The resulting works can be whimsical, personable or abstract. She has generously offered to present and discuss her sculptures in her home studio, which entails climbing five steps.



Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015

IF JANE AUSTEN WERE ALIVE AND WELL, SHE'D HAVE MY JOB AT WASHINGTONIAN MAGAZINE



Leslie Milk chronicles the social customs and unspoken rules of Washington society. For example, if you are in public life, arrange to get your facelift or your divorce in August. For more than twenty-five years, Leslie has covered Washington. She'll talk about our town – where lawyers rarely go to court except to play tennis, where children cannot explain what their parents do for a living, and where a woman in a low-cut dress is more likely to get a chest cold than a date.

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015

NPR HEADQUARTERS TOUR



In April 2013, National Public Radio moved its world headquarters to the vibrant NoMa neighborhood, just a few blocks from its previous headquarters. Join us as we tour their new state-of-the-art building. They will tell us about its history, mission and a glimpse of daily life there. During the tour, you will get a view of their 55,000 square foot newsroom, a peek inside one of their production studios, and a look at their technology and distribution centers.

Date: Friday, September 25, 2015

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

Our member Barbara Etkind, who argued cases before the Supreme Court from 1980 to 1984, will discuss several significant decisions made by the Court during its 2014 term (October 2014 through September 2015). Among those decisions are the Affordable Care Act, same-sex marriage, employment discrimination cases (one based on Islamic appearing clothing and one on pregnancy), whether certain methods of imposing the death penalty constitute cruel and unusual punishment, plus others. Depending on time and interest, Barbara also will discuss significant cases that the Court may hear during its 2015 term and the logistics and practicalities of Supreme Court practice.



Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015

SCRIBBLE AND NIBBLE (Scarf Painting)

Back by popular demand! So you just bought a new outfit and you need that perfect scarf but can't find it anywhere—well, here is your chance to MAKE YOUR OWN. Join craftswomen extraordinaire Sandy Feinstein and Marsha Raff as they teach us how to make beautiful silk scarves. This technique has been taught at local shops to rave reviews. No art talent is necessary. If you can scribble, plan on joining us for this fun activity. Then stay and nibble some goodies and shmooze while your scarf dries.



Date: Friday, October 2, 2015

INDIANA JONES AND THE ADVENTURE OF ARCHAEOLOGY



For over 30 years, audiences have followed Indiana Jones on his quest for adventure, fortune and glory. This docent-led tour of a special exhibition at the National Geographic features actual, fascinating archaeological artifacts. There is also an extensive collection of original "Indiana Jones" film materials that will take you on an adventure of a lifetime.

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015

IS IT GOING TO RAIN TODAY?



The first thing we want to know every morning is "what's the weather going to be today." Chief Meteorologist Doug Kammerer from NBC News is going to share his insights into forecasting the weather in the Washington DC area. He will discuss the American Model and the European Model and will give us some ideas of what our winter will be like. If time permits, he will talk about his career as a meteorologist and respond to audience questions. We can also ask him about many of the memorable Backyard Barbecues he has attended.

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2015

YOGA SHALOM

We are delighted to have Cantor Lisa Levine lead us in a session of Yoga Shalom. We heard about Cantor Levine's passion for music and yoga at our most recent Lunch and Learn. Yoga Shalom is a unique experience that brings together body, mind, and spirit. Combining the two powerful spiritual disciplines of Jewish worship and yoga practice, Yoga Shalom leads to deeper understandings of both. Whether you have no yoga experience or have been practicing for years, and regardless of your age or abilities, Yoga Shalom will help you relax your body, calm your mind, and nurture your spirit. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat, if you have one. Chairs will be available for those who prefer not to use a mat.

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2015



CHANGES IN MARYLAND LAWS FROM THE MARYLAND STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Maryland State's Attorney for Montgomery County John McCarthy will discuss the issues faced in Baltimore's uprising this past spring and how that situation is now affecting police throughout the state. He will also address the use of cameras by police and by citizens as well.

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2015

EXPLORING JEWISH SITES AND COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD

Whether you have traveled extensively or prefer touring from your armchair, you will not want to miss the presentation that will be given by our own member Irene Rosenbloom of Signature Travel, Inc. Irene has traveled the world tracking down Jewish communities and existing or lost Jewish sites—some as far-flung as India, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Myanmar, and Morocco; some closer to home or more familiar—in Europe, the Caribbean, and South America. Irene's presentation will include a fascinating slide show and, time permitting, some tips on the logistics and practicalities of traveling in these areas. Although Irene will be able to give us only a taste of what is out there, it undoubtedly will be a morning to savor!

Date: Friday, October 30, 2015



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

This is a rare opportunity to go behind the scenes of the oldest federal cultural institution in the United States. Come with us to see the fabulous Hebraic Section of the Library of Congress. Be treated to its treasures from the head of the Hebraic Division. We will then tour the Music Division and its wonderful collections. We'll see things not often available with experts sure to make the visit worthwhile.

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015



NATALIA MELCER – THE ARTISTRY OF HATS



Natalia Melcer is an extremely creative, talented and accomplished artist, who has been working with different millinery materials such as felt, straw, silk and bamboo and embellishments such as silk flowers and fake feathers from woven straw. Her hats are completely handmade with a strong emphasis on detail and high quality construction.

In addition,

all her hats are "one-of-a kind wearable sculptures for the head." The designs include vintage, traditional and abstract styles and are influenced by her costuming skills. In addition to developing her millinery skills from instruction on the east coast of the U.S.,

she has studied in France.

Date: Friday, November 6, 2015

POPE-LEIGHEY HOUSE

During the 1930s, Frank Lloyd Wright set his formidable attention towards designing affordable middle-class residences. More than 100 of these homes, referred to as Usonian, thought to mean "the United States of North America," were constructed between 1936 and Wright's death in 1959, including the Pope-Leighey house (1940). Visitors can admire tricks the architect used to make the space feel larger. We will also visit the nearby Woodlawn Plantation.

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015



BEADING FOR BEGINNERS



Are you thinking of exploring a new hobby? Here is your chance! Join Pauline Walstein of Accent Beads as she teaches us the art of beading. This is a beginners class so no skills are required – just a desire and passion to start a new hobby. Pauline not only makes beautiful beaded jewelry but also has incorporated her beading into knitted pieces so the possibilities are endless. All supplies will be provided. Just bring your glasses.

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015

MATINEE AT OLNEY THEATRE – GUYS & DOLLS

The Olney Theatre proudly presents its rendition of a Broadway Classic. Considered by critics to be the perfect musical comedy, *Guys and Dolls* weaves a tale of old-time gangsters, hot-box girls and gambling. It features some of the greatest musical theatre numbers such as: "Luck Be a Lady Tonight," "A Bushel and a Peck," and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat." The cast of this show will be at the same high level of professionalism that we have all come to expect from The Olney Theater. This will be a unique and enjoyable afternoon.

Date: Sunday, November 15, 2015



NEW CHOICES FOR EATING HEALTHY

Eggs are on our plates again. Salt doesn't affect high blood pressure as much as previously thought. And certain foods should or should not be eaten with others. We are hearing about changes in how we should be eating. What's really going on? How can we eat nutritionally and enjoy our food? Offered just before the holiday season begins, Sarah Levine, RD, LDN, with the Capital region of Fresenius Medical Care, will guide us on current practices for how we should be eating. She will give us suggestions on how to eat and will answer our questions about food and nutrition as we indulge in tasty and nutritious snacks.

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015



ALMOST EVERYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOUR RABBI'S SPOUSE

Congregants always have had expectations of their rabbis' spouses and questions that they would have liked to ask them. Recent developments have increased, or at least changed, the nature of those expectations and questions. Spouses now may have their own professions; rabbis and their spouses may fulfill some responsibilities through technology; and recently newly ordained rabbis (of both genders) are questioning the 24/7 model of the rabbinate. Led

by member Barbara Etkind, wife of Rabbi Jack Luxemburg of Temple Beth Ami, we will have a panel of current and former rabbinic spouses who differ by generation, gender, and denomination of Judaism speak to us about the roles of spouses of congregational rabbis. You will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel members.

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015