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KICK OFF A NEW SEASON OF LIFELONG LEARNING

Dear Friends,

A new season of Lifelong Learning is upon us! We'll begin with our kickoff lecture-day tomorrow (Thursday, August 23). In planning this exciting yearly event, my goal is to bring in a scholar who can speak to both a broad non-sectarian audience, as well as a Jewish one. I'm also interested in scholars who can speak about religion from a variety of angles – both as insiders and as academics.

Last year's kickoff lecture was delivered by Sam Freedman, who fit the bill. Freedman – an award-winning author, journalist and Columbia University professor – is well known in Cleveland for his book *Jew vs. Jew*, which features a chapter on Beachwood's historic debate around synagogue construction and zoning. With the perspective of a journalist, as well as someone who is deeply engaged in the Jewish world, Freedman delivered an incisive critique of the way religion is portrayed in American media. If you missed the event, you can watch the video of it [here](#).

But be sure not to miss this year's kickoff! We will be hosting Ori Z. Soltes, a dynamic and prolific art historian, who will be visiting from Georgetown University to deliver two lectures on religious art, encounters with the divine, and mystical traditions – in Judaism, Islam and Christianity. We still have a few seats available. Look for details and register [here](#).

I look forward to seeing you,

Alanna E. Cooper
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