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GREAT INSTITUTIONS OF CLEVELAND

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Moderator: Sean Martin, PhD, Associate Curator for Jewish History
Western Reserve Historical Society

Tuesday, June 9 | 10 a.m. – Noon ET

In-Person: $25 | Zoom: $15 | Members receive $5 discount

Landmark Centre Building, 25700 Science Park Drive, Suite 100, Beachwood

- Erika B. Rudin-Luria, President, Jewish Federation of Cleveland
- Marlyn Bloch Jaffe, Chief Executive Officer, Jewish Education Center of Cleveland
- Jesse Rosen, President and CEO, Mandel Jewish Community Center

DEBATE, DISCUSSION & FREE SPEECH

Moderator: John Grabowski, PhD, Visiting Associate Professor, CWRU;
Chief Historian, Western Reserve Historical Society

Wednesday, July 15 | 10 a.m. – Noon ET

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- Dan Moulthrop, Chief Executive Officer, The City Club of Cleveland
- Kevin Martin, President and CEO, Ideastream Public Media
- Marti Flacks, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Council on World Affairs

IN-PERSON COURSE

ART OF THE 1960S

Carol Salus, PhD, Professor Emerita, Art History, Kent State University

Tuesdays, June 2–23
1–2:30 p.m. ET

American art of the 1960s was filled with bold new painting and sculpture. Only in this decade did artists have the confidence to draw from low culture—particularly commercial imagery—and transform it into provocative works that would eventually command soaring prices. In this course, we will explore Pop Art, Minimal Art, Conceptual Art, and Happenings. We will also consider the decade's major political events, including the civil rights movement, anti-war protests, the moon landing, and a series of assassinations. If you want to learn about Frank Stella, Yoko Ono, Andy Warhol, Carl Andre, Roy Lichtenstein, and others, join us.

Price: $95
Members receive 15% discount

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IN-PERSON COURSE

PSYCHOANALYZING SHAKESPEARE'S CHARACTERS

Barbara Burgess-Van Aken, PhD, SAGES Fellow (retired),
Department of English, CWRU

Wednesdays, June 3–24
12:30–2 p.m. ET

Ever since Freud introduced his theories, scholars and mental health professionals have been psychoanalyzing Shakespeare's villains and tragic characters. This course will examine a cross section of psychological interpretations of his characters from the early 20th century through today—and perhaps posit some of our own. Was Julius Caesar a narcissist? Does Iago have anti-social personality disorder? Although we will refer to many of Shakespeare's plays, we will focus on: *Julius Caesar, A Winter's Tale, Macbeth,* and *Othello.*

Read: *Julius Caesar, A Winter's Tale, Macbeth, Othello,* William Shakespeare

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IN-PERSON COURSE

THE LEGACY OF THE SILVERS, 1917–1989

Sean Martin, PhD, Associate Curator for Jewish Studies,
Western Reserve Historical Society

Rabbi Roger Klein, PhD, Congregation Mishkan Or

Mondays, June 8–29
10:30 a.m.–noon ET

Abba Hillel Silver served as Rabbi of The Temple– Tifereth Israel from 1917 to 1963, helping to shape Cleveland's religious and civic life until his death. His son, Daniel Jeremy Silver, joined the congregation in 1956 and continued a family legacy of leadership and activism until 1989. Active in national and international Jewish organizations, both men left an enduring mark. Their recently digitized papers reveal their advocacy for Israel, Judaism, synagogue life, labor law, civil rights, and urban development. Participants will learn about their contributions and analyze their historical footprint, including film and audio, to illuminate their immense communal impact.

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IN-PERSON LECTURE

BOOK DISCUSSION: *HEART OF A STRANGER: AN UNLIKELY RABBI'S STORY OF FAITH, IDENTITY, AND BELONGING*

Ruth Silon, Professor Emerita, Cuyahoga Community College

Thursday, June 11
1:30–3 p.m. ET

What does it mean to be a stranger in a strange land? Born in Korea to a Korean Buddhist mother and a Jewish American father, Angela Buchdahl grew up in Tacoma, Washington, and felt called to the rabbinate by age sixteen, despite doubts about whether she was considered a "real" Jew. With determination, she pursued her vocation, becoming both a cantor and a rabbi. Today, she serves as Senior Rabbi of Central Synagogue in Manhattan and is the first ordained Asian American rabbi. Her memoir weaves personal narrative with sermonic reflections on identity, belonging, and inclusion.

Read: *Heart Of A Stranger: An Unlikely Rabbi's Story Of Faith, Identity, And Belonging,* Angela Buchdahl

Price: $15
Members receive $5 discount

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IN-PERSON LECTURE

WHAT'S NEW(S) IN ISRAEL?

Doron Kalir, Senior Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Appellate Practice Clinic, Cleveland State University

Friday, June 12
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. ET

In Israel, there is never a dull moment. Something new is always happening, whether in national security or political realities, recent legislation proposals, key Supreme Court cases, changing coalitions, and new governments. What do these events mean for people inside Israel? And what do they mean for American Jewry, and for American-Israeli relations? Israeli-born Professor Kalir will take us on a quick trip through Israel's current national and international affairs, leaving plenty of room for questions and answers.

Price: $10
Members receive $5 discount

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REMOTE COURSE

TRIBAL PEOPLES: INDIGENOUS AND JEWISH APPROACHES TO TRADITIONAL LAW, JUSTICE, AND SELF-DETERMINATION

Judge David Voluck, Chief Attorney of the Alaskan Tribes

Tuesdays, June 16–July 21 (no class July 14)
11 a.m. –12:30 p.m. ET

Join Alaska Tribal Judge Voluck for this course examining Alaska Native Tribal law as a living traditional legal system founded in community, relationship to the environment, and unique sovereign powers within American law. Explore historical connections between Indigenous rights and Jewish advocacy; explore commonalities between traditional Indigenous and Jewish laws, as well as the unique aspects of each Tribal people. Topics include: Indigenous Sovereignty and Justice Systems; Indian Child Welfare Act and Primacy of Family, Identity, Communal Responsibility; Relationship to the environment; Approach to the Sacred and Ceremonial; and Law as a Lived Moral Practice. Reading materials will be provided prior to class.

Price: $120
Members receive 15% discount

REMOTE COURSE

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS THAT MADE AMERICA

Patrick Moore, JD, Instructor of Lifelong Learning

Tuesdays, June 16–July 21
1:30–3 p.m. ET

As we mark over 250 years of American history, it's a fitting moment to refresh our civic memory. The principles and ideals found in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and Lincoln's great speeches, for example, have inspired generations—and continue to do so. Revisiting their historical context reminds us of their enduring meaning and purpose, helping us carry their legacy forward. Other documents that may be discussed are the Emancipation Proclamation, the Northwest Ordinance, and Letter from Birmingham Jail.

Price: $105
Members receive 15% discount

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REMOTE COURSE

DIVINE NAMES: JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES

Todd Rosenberg, Attorney, Instructor of Lifelong Learning

Wednesdays, June 17–July 1
7–8:30 p.m. ET

Does God have specific names? Judaism describes God by the names YHVH and Elohim, among others. Christianity claims divine names for Jesus, such as Immanuel, the Mighty God, and the Prince of Peace. Was Jesus ever given any of these names? Would any of these names make Jesus God? Join to learn about "what's in a name."

Price: $74
Members receive 15% discount

IN-PERSON LECTURE

BOOK DISCUSSION: *THE GREAT GATSBY*

F. Jeff Karem, PhD, Professor, Department of English,
Cleveland State University

Thursday, June 18
1–2:30 p.m. ET

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country, we will read and discuss *The Great Gatsby*, a classic American novel, which explores the elusive American Dream.

Read: *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald

Price: $15
Members receive $5 discount

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IN-PERSON LECTURE

FAITH AND FREEDOM: THE STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

James Mitchell Brown, JD, Instructor of Lifelong Learning

Thursday, June 18
6:30–8 p.m. ET

The First Amendment guarantees both freedom of religion and the freedom not to believe—cornerstones of America's commitment to religious pluralism. Explore the historical development of the separation between church and state and contemporary debates about the relationship between religion and government in a diverse society. Participants will consider recent legal, political, and cultural developments raising new questions about this balance, as well as perspectives from a range of religious and civic communities. By encouraging awareness and respectful dialogue, the presentation invites participants to reflect on how Americans can continue to protect religious liberty for people of all faiths and beliefs.

Price: $10
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IN-PERSON COURSE

ANALYZING MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PART II

Michael Walczak, JD, Instructor of Lifelong Learning

Wednesdays, June 24–July 29
1:30–3 p.m. ET

Expanding and adding to the concepts presented in Analyzing Major League Baseball Part I, Part II examines many of the most talked-about issues in today's game--automated umpires, payrolls and a possible salary cap, evaluating managers (and general managers) and a look at the phenomenal Savannah Bananas. A 21st century look at "America's pastime."

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IN-PERSON LECTURE

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND GLOBAL IMPACT: THE REBBE AND THE CHABAD-LUBAVITCH MOVEMENT

Rabbi Zushe Greenberg, Chabad Jewish Center of Solon

Thursday, June 25
1:30–3 p.m. ET

From a Hasidic movement in Eastern Europe to a worldwide Jewish force, this lecture traces the life and legacy of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Through history, ideas, and real-world impact, participants will explore his vision for education, outreach, and Jewish continuity, as well as his belief in the untapped spiritual potential of every individual. Discover how one leader reshaped Jewish life across continents, cultures, and generations.

Price: $10
Members receive $5 discount

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IN-PERSON LECTURE

THE FRANCO PRUSSIAN WAR, THE PARIS COMMUNE, AND THE UNIFICATION OF GERMANY

Irv Kushner, MD, Instructor of Lifelong Learning

Friday, June 26
10:30 a.m.–noon ET

On July 19, 1870, France declared war on Prussia. The following ten months, from July 1870 to May 1871, consisted of a brief war, a siege of Paris, and what was essentially the secession from France by the working class of Paris—the Paris Commune. Those ten months turned out to be a decisive watershed in European history. They changed the map of Europe, including the appearance of a new nation-state, Germany, and shaped the 20th century.

Price: $10
Members receive $5 discount

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IN-PERSON LECTURE

MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

Peter Haas, PhD, Abba Hillel Silver, Professor Emeritus, CWRU

Tuesday, June 30
1:30–3 p.m. ET

Over the last years, there has been increasing talk about needing to create a "new Middle East." The wars in Gaza and South Lebanon, the ongoing civil war in Syria, the violent Houthi regime in Yemen, and the political stalemate in Iraq have led to widespread social, political, and economic decline in the entire region. This has led other players to vie for influence, like Turkey, Iran, and Russia. What has been happening over the last few months, where is it leading, and what might emerge?

Price: $10
Members receive $5 discount

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REMOTE COURSE

WHAT IS JEWISH ART? MODERNITY, IDENTITY, AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Ori Soltes, PhD, Teaching professor, Center for Jewish Civilization, Georgetown University

Mondays, July 6–July 13
1:30–3 p.m. ET

How do we define "Jewish art"? Is that phrase based on subjects, style, symbols, or artist identity? This image-rich talk will ask where and when "modernity" begins and how its arrival affects the role of Jews in art. In the turning to an array of artists, from Pisarro to Chagall to Rothko to Judy Chicago to Anish Kapoor, we will note both the ever-expanding Jewish contribution to the modern and contemporary art worlds, and the preponderant position of women within that contribution, and ask what specifically makes such contributions "Jewish"-both conceptually and visually.

Price: $48
Members receive 15% discount

IN-PERSON COURSE

CAPTAIN'S DINNER: A SHIPWRECK, AN ACT OF CANNIBALISM, AND A MURDER TRIAL THAT CHANGED LEGAL HISTORY

Barbara Greenberg, JD, Magistrate for Bedford Municipal Court (retired)

Tuesdays, July 7–July 28
10:30 a.m.–noon ET

An early case studied in law schools' criminal classes is the case of *Regina v Dudley & Stephens, 1884*. As the title of a recent book by Adam Cohen suggests, this story is an opportunity for both a legal and moral conversation. We will examine the events that led to the trial, the trial, and its outcome from both the legal and ethical sides of this grand maritime tale. Please read this book prior to the beginning of the course.

Read: *Captain's Dinner*, Adam Cohen

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REMOTE COURSE

HEBREW SCRIPT IN ITALIAN RENAISSANCE ART

Gregor Christopher Meinecke, Associate scholar, Max-Planck-Institute, Florence, Italy, and PhD candidate, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Hamburg University, Germany

Tuesdays, July 7–21
1:30–3 p.m. ET

Sacred images in the Italian Renaissance art burst with Hebrew inscriptions. Whether in the hems of garments of Jewish figures or on slips of paper, the presence of Hebrew is abundant. Join us to explore famous and rare paintings of the Italian Renaissance with Hebrew script. Within Renaissance imagery, Hebrew ranged from a sacred script, erudition, and an anti-Jewish marker of exclusion. Exploring the breadth of Hebrew script and pseudo-script in Renaissance Italian art, this class delves into the Hebrew script depicted within the specific theological and historical contexts of early modern Europe.

Price: $74
Members receive 15% discount

REMOTE COURSE

THE BIRTH OF THE SYNAGOGUE IN THE ANCIENT WORLD: FROM GATHERING PLACE TO SACRED SPACE

Isaac M. Landes, PhD, Assistant professor of Rabbinic literatures and cultures, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York

Wednesdays, July 8–29 (No class July 22)
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. ET

When did Jews begin praying in synagogues, and what roles did these buildings play in Jewish life? This course explores the emergence and evolution of the synagogue in antiquity as a religious, social, and communal institution. Using archaeological and textual sources, we will examine synagogue architecture, art, and literature, and consider who funded and led these spaces. We will also compare Jewish synagogue culture with contemporaneous Christian and Samaritan traditions and explore the role of Rabbis in synagogue life. Explore whether there was a distinct “synagogal Judaism” that shaped Jewish practice in the late ancient world.

Price: $74
Members receive 15% discount

REMOTE LECTURE

THE FIRST JEWS IN AMERICA & THE BIRTH OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM (1649–1790)

Ronald Gibbs, MD, Clinical Professor and Knowles Distinguished Scholar, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Stanford University School of Medicine

Wednesday, July 8
1:30–3 p.m. ET

As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, the story of the nation's earliest Jewish settlers offers a fascinating window into the birth of American religious freedom. Who were these pioneers? How did they find their way to the colonies? How were they received, and what obstacles did they face? Explore the lives of early American Jews, their struggles against discrimination, and their contributions to colonial society and the American Revolution. Their experiences reveal how emerging ideals of liberty and religious tolerance took shape, conforming Jewish life in America as well as the broader promise of religious freedom for all.

Price: $10
Members receive $5 discount

IN-PERSON LECTURE

SUPERMAN: FROM CLEVELAND TO KRYPTON AND BACK AGAIN

Brad Ricca, PhD, Award-winning author

Thursday, July 9
6–8 p.m. ET

Join Siegal Lifelong Learning and the Great Lakes Science Center for a special program celebrating the Cleveland roots and connections of our hometown hero, Superman. The evening begins with a short introductory lecture by Brad Ricca, award-winning author of seven books including *Super Boys: The Amazing Adventures of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster—the Creators of Superman*. Ricca will highlight the city's ties to the Superman story and film history, followed by a screening of the 2025 version of *Superman*. Join us for an inspiring journey from Cleveland to Krypton—and back again—celebrating Superman and Cleveland pride.

Price: $10.95
Tickets can be purchased at greatscience.ticketapp.org/portal/product/59

Great Lakes Science Center
601 Erieside Ave, Cleveland

IN-PERSON COURSE

THREE STORIES, THREE WINDOWS: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM ISRAELI SHORT STORIES?

Shira Atik, Poet and Literary translator

Thursdays, July 9–July 30 (No class July 23)
10:30 a.m.–noon ET

Israel publishes more books per capita than any other country, and its writers have won international recognition, including the Nobel Prize for Literature and the Man Booker International Prize. This class explores three short stories by some of Israel's most gifted writers—Amos Oz, Savyon Liebrecht, and A.B. Yehoshua. Each story sheds light on a different facet of the Israeli experience, giving us a unique window into the culture, history, and mindset of the Jewish homeland. Reading materials will be provided prior to class and will be available in both English and Hebrew.

Price: $74
Members receive 15% discount

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IN-PERSON LECTURE

HOMETOWN HEROES: CELEBRATING OHIO'S FAMOUS FIGURES

Susan Sheehan Cannavino, Instructor of Lifelong Learning

Friday, July 10
1–2:30 p.m. ET

Discover the inspiring stories of remarkable individuals who shaped history and left lasting legacies—all with roots in Ohio. This engaging course explores the powerful friendship between Olympic legend Jesse Owens and German competitor Luz Long, forged during the 1936 Berlin Games. We'll also celebrate the creativity and generosity of actor and philanthropist Paul Newman, as well as the wit and warmth of beloved humorist Erma Bombeck, whose words captured the heart of American family life. Be captivated by the bold journalism of Dorothy Fuldheim, including her remarkable interview with Adolf Hitler.

Price: $10
Members receive $5 discount

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IN-PERSON LECTURE

THE ART OF THE CON: IDENTITY THEFT, FALSE ADVERTISING, SCAMS, AND ROBOCALLS

Jon Miller Steiger, JD, Former Regional Director, Federal Trade Commission

Tuesday, July 14
9:30–11:30 a.m. ET

Combining broad experience and up-to-the minute practical advice, Jon Miller Steiger will share lessons from his decades-long career as a federal lawyer fighting Scams and Identity Theft. As both litigator and Regional Director at the Federal Trade Commission, Steiger has seen first-hand how these tricksters operate and how you can protect yourself and your family. Along with compelling statistics and anecdotes about Scams and Identity Theft, Steiger will share red flags to watch out for and steps to take when, inevitably, the bad guys come after you and your family.

Price: $20, Breakfast included
Members receive $5 discount

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10190 Fairmount Road, Newbury

REMOTE COURSE

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC: WOMEN'S RHETORIC AND THE ROAD TO SUFFRAGE

Renea Frey, PhD, Associate Professor, Writing Program Director, Xavier University

Thursdays, July 16–August 6
10:30 a.m.–noon ET

How did nineteenth-century women move from being excluded from public speech to becoming reformers and eventually voters? This course explores the intertwined histories of women's rhetoric, education, literacy, and activism in the United States through short primary texts from writers and reformers such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Angelina Grimké, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Matilda Joslyn Gage, and Ida B. Wells, considering how their words shaped movements for abolition, reform, and suffrage. These women rhetoricians will be examined within the context of women's education and literacy using Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, as a case study representing national trends.

All readings provided.

Price: $95
Members receive 15% discount

IN-PERSON LECTURE

ROBOTS THAT CARE: HOW TECHNOLOGY CAN STRENGTHEN HUMAN CONNECTION

Alexis E. Block, PhD, Assistant Professor, Electrical, Computer and Systems Engineering, CWRU

Monday, July 27
10–11:30 a.m. ET

Robots are moving beyond factories and into the human spaces of our lives: hospitals, homes, classrooms, and even moments of emotional need. In this talk, Dr. Alexis Block shares how her lab designs technologies that sense feelings, understand social touch, and physically interact in safe, supportive ways. From comforting robotic hugs to wearable devices that help others know when we want connection, this research asks a big question: how can machines strengthen human relationships rather than replace them? Through stories, videos, and research, you will explore a future where technology helps us care for one another with understanding and empathy.

Price: $10
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REMOTE COURSE

POWER, IDEOLOGY, AND CONFLICT: U.S.–ISRAEL–IRAN RELATIONS IN A CHANGING MIDDLE EAST

Josef Olmert, PhD, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, University of South Carolina

Tuesdays, July 28–August 25
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. ET

This timely course explores the evolving triangle among the United States, Israel, and Iran, with particular attention to the strategic assumptions and policies of the current administration. Examine the ideological foundations and governing structure of the Iranian regime, and trace the shifting history of Israel–Iran relations since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Through analysis of competing narratives, regional power dynamics, and military escalation scenarios, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the political, economic, and social forces shaping today's Middle East—and what the aftermath of a major conflict could mean for the region and beyond.

Price: $120
Members receive 15% discount

IN-PERSON LECTURE

THE MIDDLE EAST DECODED: REALITIES AND CURRENT POWER DYNAMICS

Ori Soltes, PhD, Teaching professor, Center for Jewish Civilization, Georgetown University

Wednesday, August 5
1:30–3 p.m. ET

Examine current developments across one of the world's most volatile regions—from Iran to Turkey, Syria and Lebanon, Israel and Gaza, and Egypt—within the context of its historical and geographic complexities. Explore how issues of identity, aspiration, and external interference intersect with religion, politics, ethnicity, nationality, and economics. Rather than offering solutions, participants will deepen their understanding of why solutions remain so elusive and why trying to find a solution reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of the region's complexity.

Price: $10
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IN-PERSON COURSE

SACRED SPACES: EXPLORING CLEVELAND'S LOCAL SYNAGOGUES

Thursdays, August 6–September 3
11 a.m. –Noon ET

Discover the rich history and diversity of Jewish life in Cleveland through guided visits to local synagogues. Participants will explore the architecture, symbols, and stories behind some of the area's most meaningful Jewish spaces. Learn about the building's history, unique monuments and memorials, the congregation it serves, and the denomination and traditions practiced there. Gain insight into the synagogue's role in Jewish religious, cultural, and communal life. Deepen the understanding of the vibrant and diverse Jewish communities that have shaped Cleveland's past and present.

August 6: B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 27501 Fairmount Blvd, Pepper Pike
August 13: Park Synagogue, 27500 Shaker Blvd, Pepper Pike
August 20: Green Road Synagogue, 2437 South Green Rd, Beachwood
August 27: Shaarey Tikvah Synagogue, 26811 Fairmount Blvd, Beachwood
September 3: Temple Beth Shalom, 50 Division Street, Hudson

Price: $50
Members receive $5 discount

Participants will meet at the synagogue's main entrance. No transportation is provided.

REMOTE COURSE

BULLET HOLES BY NORRIN M. RIPSMAN

Norrin M. Ripsman, PhD, Author & Monroe J. Rathbone Distinguished Professor, Department of International Relations, Lehigh University

Fridays, August 7–August 21 (No class August 14)
10–11:30 a.m. ET

Bullet Holes explores gun violence and America's political divide through the story of Gary and Pauline Perlmutter, a couple from across the political divide hosting their son Manny's bar mitzvah in suburban Philadelphia. The recent death of Manny's twin in a school shooting strains their family's fragile harmony. Told from nine distinct perspectives, the novel challenges readers to look beyond ideological boundaries. The program begins August 7 with an introduction to the author and his writing, followed by an August 21 discussion using a reader's guide. Themes include political polarization, the Second Amendment, Jewish identity, intermarriage, grief, aging, and dementia.

Read: *Bullet Holes,* Norrin M. Ripsman

Price: $48
Members receive 15% discount

IN-PERSON COURSE

THE CLEVELAND CURSE WITH AUTHOR DAVE EIFERT

Dave Eifert, Author

Mondays, August 10–17
1–2:30 p.m. ET

Week one of this two-part discussion will delve into the author's motivation for writing his debut novel, his writing process, the challenges of getting published, and the demanding—but enjoyable—experience of promoting the book. The book's structure and key themes will be introduced. In week two, participants will engage in an interactive discussion of the book. Attendees are strongly encouraged to read the book in advance of week two to enrich the conversation. Attendees are encouraged to share their own stories and experiences with the Cleveland Browns and other "curse"-related topics.

For Week 2, read: *The Cleveland Curse*, Dave Eifert

Copies will be available at week 1 for purchase or loan.

Price: $48
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REMOTE COURSE

JEWS IN IMPERIAL RUSSIA DURING WORLD WAR I: RELIEF WORK, REFUGEES, AND REVOLUTION

Polly Zavadivker, PhD, Jewish Studies Director, and Associate Professor of History, University of Delaware

Wednesdays, August 12–19
1:30–3 p.m. ET

The First World War marked a profound turning point in Eastern European and Jewish history, which only recently gained sustained scholarly attention. Examine the dramatic upheaval experienced by Jewish civilians in the Russian Empire, focusing on the extensive relief efforts created to support displaced communities. Mass displacement reshaped nearly every aspect of Jewish life, including education, labor, family structure, gender roles, and material culture. Explore how wartime relief networks fostered new leaders and institutions that continued to shape Jewish communal life in the interwar period and, later, during the challenges faced by Jewish communities in the Holocaust.

Optional reading: *A Nation of Refugees: Russia's Jews in World War I,* Polly Zavadivker

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IN-PERSON COURSE

VOICES OF MEMORY AND IDENTITY: THE ART OF JEWISH AND ISRAELI POETRY

Nadav Linial, PhD, Professor of Modern Hebrew Language & Literature, CWRU

Wednesdays, August 12–26
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. ET

Are there uniquely Jewish poetic forms, symbols, or lenses through which to see the world? Explore modern Hebrew and Yiddish poetry through the lens of language, nationhood, religion, and memory. Examine how poets grapple with belonging, displacement, faith, and cultural renewal—and how poetry became a vessel for shaping Jewish modern identity. Uncover the defining features, central themes, and evolving aesthetics of Jewish and Israeli verse. Then, inspired by these masterworks, participants may create original writing of their own. All materials will be provided in translation to English.

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IN-PERSON LECTURE

CLEVELAND BEFORE COUNTRY

John Skrtic, Chief of Special Projects and Collections,
Cleveland Public Library

Friday, August 14
10–11:30 a.m. ET

Step into the rich history of Cleveland at Cleveland Before Country, a celebration of storytelling, memory, and community heritage. Join John Skrtic, who has spent over 35 years with the Library overseeing its 12 million items and archiving the people and places of the region. He will explore how Cleveland is a city of neighborhoods, families, and change, where every resident carries a unique piece of its story. Discover what it takes to build a community archive that captures real lives, overlooked narratives, and everyday histories. Learn how these local stories connect to Cleveland's broader history and the Library's vast archival collections. Experience how the city's people, places, and moments come together to create a living, shared story that belongs to everyone.

Price: $10
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IN-PERSON LECTURE

THE GEESE IN OUR BACKYARDS: MIGRATION SCIENCE, FLIGHT DYNAMICS, AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF HUMAN FEEDING

Mary Kazmir, Instructor of Lifelong Learning

Friday, August 28
10–11:30 a.m. ET

Canada geese are remarkable athletes shaped by millions of years of evolution, yet modern landscapes—and human habits—are changing their biology and behavior in surprising ways. This talk explores the science of migration, the physics of long-distance flight, and how human feeding can disrupt wing development and navigational instincts. Through clear explanations and field observations, participants will learn why some geese stop migrating, how flight formations conserve energy, and how well-intentioned actions can unintentionally harm wildlife. A fascinating scientific look at one of North America's most familiar birds.

Price: $10
Members receive $5 discount

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