

Arts & Ideas

More than a fun night out, a beautiful painting on the wall, or a good read on the bedside table, arts and ideas is a connection – through generations, across geography, and beyond our differences. Through performance, conversation, and exhibitions, we find a new language for exploring what unites us. Our cornerstone program, Tapestry explores Jewish history, tradition, life, and future in a way the entire community can appreciate.

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Season 5780: Innovation

We often think of spring as a season of new beginnings but for many fall has its own feeling of fresh starts and new opportunities. In the world of the Arts, fall is often the time that a new season begins and that is definitely the case for the JCC's premier arts and ideas program, Tapestry.

In our upcoming season, we will be exploring the concept of innovation through many lenses – Jewish life, Jewish history, the Arts, here in America, and also in the State of Israel – the possibilities are endless. We will also examine the balance between innovating and looking to the future while also learning from and preserving the past.

September will start us off with a bang as we begin with a visit from Avi Jorisch, the author of *Thou Shalt Innovate: How Israeli ingenuity repairs the world*. Avi is a thought leader in exploring global innovation trends, the Arab world, counterterrorism, and illicit finance, and currently serves as a Senior Fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council. *Thou Shalt Innovate* introduces us to Israelis who exude light in the face of the darkness, people who have chosen hope and healing over death and destruction. Be sure to join us for this season kick-off program which is free and open to the community.

In October, we look forward to welcoming Leora Tec and Witek Dabrowski for an innovative joint presentation-performance titled *Remembrance of Things Past: Keeping the Stories of Jewish Poland Alive*. They will present the work of Brama Grodzka - Teatr NN, a cultural institution and theatre dedicated to preserving the memory of the Jews of Lublin, Poland, and staffed entirely by non-Jewish Poles. They will describe how their two divergent backgrounds led them to the same ultimate goal of Jewish remembrance, and how their histories and meeting ultimately became a part of that story.

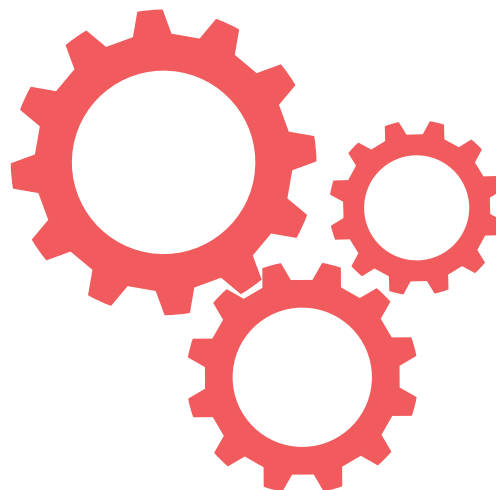
Of course, it's not a Tapestry season without the Milwaukee Jewish Film Festival which will be celebrating its 22nd year in mid-September at the Marcus Northshore Theater in Mequon. Our Free Jewish Film classes will carry you through the rest of the year by bringing together diverse films presented as a themed series. Beginning in November, a series called Beyond Boundaries: Jewish Innovation will explore the world of Jewish innovation, looking closely at some individuals who have delved beyond the norm to do or create something new.

It should come as no surprise that this year's theme for the Milwaukee Jewish Artists Laboratory will also be innovation. Now in its ninth year, the Milwaukee Jewish Artists Laboratory

gives Milwaukee based Jewish Artists an opportunity to share their work, to interact with the larger Jewish and general community, and to contribute to an annual Artists' Lab exhibit based on the theme of innovation. This year, the Lab will be expanding its sphere of influence to offer two classes for artists and non-artists alike. *Exploring Innovation* will be offered on 5 Monday evenings and will examine the topic of innovation through a Jewish and an artistic prism. *Challah Studio* will provide you with a ball of dough (and a glass of wine) and give you a chance to learn about different shapes and artistic techniques beyond the three-strand braid, and also have the chance to experiment.

And of course, the Tapestry staff and their dedicated committee are working on some signature programs that are still under wraps. Look for a complete season brochure to be online and mailed to homes as September approaches.

We look forward to sharing another season with you - celebrating, exploring, and building a community through the arts. To learn more about how you can become a supporter of Tapestry, please contact Elyse Cohn at ecohn@jccmilwaukee.org or 414-967-8188.



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