

TAPESTRY ARTS & IDEAS

All events held at the Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center unless otherwise noted.

Meet the Authors



Avi Jorisch

Thou Shalt Innovate: How Israeli ingenuity repairs the world

Monday, September 9 • 7:00 PM

Free and open to the community

Join us as Avi shares his insights about how Israeli innovation can inspire us. 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. In a world that has more than its share of darkness, these stories are rays of light. Avi Jorisch is a seasoned entrepreneur and Middle East expert. He is a Senior Fellow at the American Foreign Policy. A thought leader in exploring global innovation trends, the Arab world, counterterrorism, and illicit finance, Mr. Jorisch previously served in the US Departments of Treasury and Defense.



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Alice Hoffman

Thursday, September 26 • 7:00 PM

Daniel M. Soref Community Hall

New Book: The World That We Knew

A novel of Resilience, Resistance & Rescue – with a Touch of Magic! **\$25/person includes book. \$35/couple includes one book. Register at jccmilwaukee.org/Tapestry.** Presented by the JCC, Boswell Book Company, the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center, and ABCD.

Free book discussion on *The World We Knew*, led by Dr. Amy Shapiro at the JCC on October 28 at 7 pm



Girls Night In with Lisa Barr

Thursday, December 5

New Book: The Unbreakables

Save the date for an engaging conversation with Lisa and the Good Book Fairy, Lauren Margolin, about their adventures as Jewish women creating careers in the literary world.

Jewish Education



Back to the Sources: Following Elijah the Prophet

In the Biblical account of Elijah, he never actually dies – he is taken to heaven in a fiery chariot. This detail has excited the mystical imagination: Since Elijah never died, maybe he wanders among us visiting the poor and performing miracles. He figures in Jewish rituals such as the Passover Seder, circumcision ceremonies, and the Havdalah ceremony marking the end of the Sabbath. In this innovative year long course, the key element will be the Biblical account in Kings 1 & 2, but we will also study Elijah's significance in Jewish ritual, in Islam, and in Christianity. We will read some of the amazing folk tales about Elijah, as well as Elijah's appearance in modern fiction and poetry. Who WAS Elijah? And . . . why do we still talk about him?

Instructor: Jody Hirsh

Location: Glazer Board Room

SEMESTER I

14 Thursdays, Oct 24 – Feb 13

9:30-11:15 AM

No class: 11/28, 12/26, 1/2

SEMESTER II

14 Thursdays, Feb 20-Jun 11

9:30-11:15 AM

No class: 4/9, 4/16, 5/28

FEES:

MEM \$120 per semester, \$200 for full year

COMM \$140 per semester, \$250 for full year



The Art of the Jewish Short Story: The Family Markowitz by Allegra Goodman

The Family Markowitz is a tour de force of innovation featuring 10 linked stories that chronicle a family story featuring the cantankerous matriarch, Rose, and her children and grandchildren. These are stories that could be anyone's family, but are told with extraordinary wit, charm and compassion. Please read the first story in the collection, "Fanny Mae," for the first session.

Instructor: Jody Hirsh

Location: Glazer Board Room

The first Friday of each month

10 Fridays, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3,

May 1, Jun 5

1:00-2:30 PM

MEM \$80 / COMM \$100

Introduction to Judaism

Do you want to fill in the gaps of your Jewish education? Do you want to learn more about Judaism and being Jewish? Are you considering becoming Jewish and want to learn about what being Jewish is and how you become Jewish? This lively course, co-sponsored by The JCC and the Wisconsin Council of Rabbis, will teach you all the basics: Jewish ritual, values, history, denominations within Judaism, calendar, holidays, and even basic Hebrew reading skills.

Instructors: Jody Hirsh, Joyce Gutzke, and local rabbis

Location: JCC Glazer Board Room

18 Tuesdays, Nov 12 - Mar 31

7:00-9:30 PM

MEM/COMM \$130 per single person, \$150 per couple