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SPRING 2025 PROGRAMMING

FROM SHTETL TO STAGE: CHAGALL AND FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 | 11:00AM

Explore the Pale of Settlement, the setting for Fiddler on the Roof and Marc Chagall's upbringing, with Cantor Rodnizki. After lunch, Stefan Pienkny will delve into Chagall's life and art. Lunch includes a baked potato bar with all the fixings.

TRAILBLAZING WOMEN: SAGES, SCHOLARS, AND ATHLETES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 | 11:00AM

Rabbi Nichols shares inspiring stories of Jewish women, and Ragean Hill, Executive Associate Director at UNCC, discusses women's growing role in athletics. Lunch features a salad bar and lemon bars.

CAPTURING HISTORY: THE ART AND IMPACT OF PHOTOJOURNALISM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | 12:00PM

Peter Zay, award-winning photojournalist, shares stories from his 30-year career documenting historic moments and world leaders. Lunch features Greek-inspired dishes like chicken, potatoes, and baklava.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN FOCUS: HALACHA, ADVOCACY, AND ACTION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 | 11:00AM

Rabbi Erdheim discusses Jewish law and reproductive rights, followed by a screening of Under G-d and remarks from Brooke Adams, former Chair of the Reproductive Rights Coalition. Lunch includes turkey chili, kugel, and chocolate cake.

A HISTORY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING – CASE STUDY: CHARLOTTE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 | 11:00AM

Dr. Tom Hanchett, community historian, explores Charlotte's affordable housing history, complemented by Rabbi Knight's reflections on Jewish values and housing equity. Lunch includes a taco bar and churros.

PASSOVER PICNIC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 | 12:00PM

Celebrate Passover with a delightful outdoor picnic (weather permitting) and a holiday-inspired menu.

THE STATE OF BLACK-JEWISH RELATIONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 | 11:00AM

Rabbi Emerita Judy Schindler and leaders from the Black-Jewish Alliance explore the history and dynamics of Black-Jewish relations. Lunch includes teriyaki chicken, rice noodles, and a custard dessert.

SPICE POTLUCK: CELEBRATING YOM HA'ATZMAUT

FRIDAY, MAY 9 | 5:00PM

Celebrate Israel's Independence Day with a festive potluck dinner! Bring a dish to share based on your last name. Feel free to bring a wine bottle to share with your table.

JEWISH AND ARMENIAN MUSICAL TRADITIONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 | 11:00AM

Enjoy a captivating performance by Tanja Bechtler, cellist and founder of the Bechtler Ensemble, blending Jewish and Armenian musical traditions. Lunch includes lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and Italian desserts.

SEE YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE: HOW POP MUSIC CHANGED FROM SWING TO ROCK

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 | 11:00AM

Dr. Jason Mitchell, Lecturer of General Studies in Music at UNCC, explores the rise of rock and roll from the swing era and its cultural impact. Lunch includes deli sandwiches and sides like potato salad and coleslaw.

For registration and more details, please visit www.templebethel.org/spice