This series provides our community an opportunity to share what we know: our passions and/or our “purpose” as Jews and about Judaism. A different keynote speaker will open the evening each week, followed by two classes led by a choice of noted Jewish experts in their fields.

7:00-8:00PM
Feb. 4  KEYNOTE:  Dr. Sharon Megdal  
Director, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center  
presents “Bridging Waters: Good Water Stewardship in Arizona, Israel & Beyond”
Feb. 11  KEYNOTE:  Boris Kozolchyk  
Attorney & Leading Expert on International Banking & Commercial Law  
presents “Jews & Modern Commerce”
Feb. 18  KEYNOTE:  Barbara Levy  
Fundraising Executive & Local Arts Development Director  
presents “Birthplace of the Arts in Arizona: What Makes Tucson so Special?”

8:00-8:45PM
Select one class to attend for all three weeks:
1. U of A Hillel SERIES:  
Feb. 4  Michelle Blumenberg  Executive Director, University of Arizona Hillel  
presents “An Overview of Jewish Life on Campus”
Feb. 11  Amalia Mark  Director of Jewish Student Life, University of Arizona Hillel  
presents “Are You Asking Big Questions?”
Feb. 18  Naama Cohen  Jewish Agency Israel Fellow, University of Arizona Hillel Foundation  
presents “Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Israel on the UA Campus”

2. Gila Silverman  PhD Candidate, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona  
presents “What’s Jewish About Healing?”

3. Torah Study SERIES:  
The Torah states “(the lessons of Torah) is not too baffling for you, nor is it beyond reach. ... the thing (lessons of the Torah) is very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to observe it.”
At Congregation Anshei Israel, lay members of the community teach Torah on a regular basis, including Shabbat services and Shabbat afternoon Torah study. Study of Torah is the Tree of Life of the Jewish People. In this class, three lay leaders share their insights into the teaching of Torah and the practice of Torah study.
Feb. 4  Aaron Leonard • Feb. 11  Eric Flank • Feb. 18  Phyllis Broad

8:45-9:30PM
Select one class to attend for all three weeks:
1. Ken Miller  Archeologist & Numismatic Specialist at Tel Gezer, Israel  
presents “The Religions & Cultures of Israel: Ancient & Modern”
2. Mike Feder  Arizona Diamondbacks Coordinator of Special Projects  
presents “Jews in/and Sports”
3. Dr. Pamela Heiman Dubin & Pattie Martin  
with Jewish Family & Children’s Services  
present “Successful Aging = Happy + Healthy”

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE ABOUT EACH PRESENTER AND THEIR TOPIC.
**PRESENTERS:**

**KEYNOTE: Dr. Sharon Medgal**  
“Bridging Waters: Good Water Stewardship in Arizona, Israel & Beyond”  
Professor Medgal will discuss how her professional journey led her to focus on water policy and management, and will explain how the geographic reach of her efforts to improve water management has expanded to include Israel and other parts of the world, along with how each of us can make important contributions to good water stewardship. With a PhD in economics from Rutgers and Princeton, Sharon moved to Arizona in 1978, never expecting that she would be fully immersed in water by the 1990s. Sharon is proud to represent Pima County as an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Central Arizona Project.

**KEYNOTE: Boris Kozolchyk**  
“Jews & Modern Commerce”  
Jewish ethics, morality, and law from the middle ages through modern times provide the foundation for much of our current structure of international business. Professor Kozolchyk will explore this relationship and its impact on the modern world.

One of the world’s leading experts on the utilization of commercial law as a tool for economic development, Boris was responsible for introducing the international standard banking practice as the method for the examination of letter of credit documents followed world-wide, and is the founder and president of the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade and the Evo DeConcini Professor of Law at the University of Arizona.

**KEYNOTE: Barbara Levy**  
“Birthplace of the Arts in Arizona: What Makes Tucson so Special?”  
Levy will encourage you to think about the arts from different perspectives and will review the development of Tucson as an arts mecca, the value of arts in education, and the economic impact of the arts in Tucson. The vulnerability of the arts and what we can do as members of the community to ensure their continued presence will also be discussed.

With 40+ years experience in development, Barbara is a nationally-recognized consultant and speaker on board and organizational fundraising, and is the immediate past chair of the AFP International Ethics Committee and the Board of Trustees for the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, and is a retired, founding member of the Dean’s Board of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Arizona.

**Michelle Blumenberg**  
“An Overview of Jewish Life on Campus”  
Find out what it is like being a Jewish college student at the University of Arizona: how does Hillel interact with students, and what are all the options available on campus? Michelle has been the Executive Director of the UA Hillel since 1992. She has a Master’s degree in social work, and, prior to the UA, was the Assistant Director at the University of Michigan Hillel.

**Amalia Mark**  
“Are You Asking Big Questions?”  
Mark will explore the questions that Jewish students grapple with today and how we can add to the conversation. Amalia is a proud “East coaster” recently transplanted to Tucson. She can most often be found enthusing about Jewish life, yoga, good books, and great libraries, and is passionate about issues surrounding the environment, human rights and (in)equity, as well as creating and facilitating a critical social and cultural consciousness.

**Naama Cohen**  
“Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Israel on the UA Campus”  
Cohen will discuss the climate of Israel activity on the UA campus. From Kiryat Gat, Israel, Naama is the Jewish Agency Israel Fellow at the University of Arizona Hillel Foundation. She works with students helping them develop their Jewish identity and connection to Israel through various programs and opportunities.

**Gila Silverman**  
“What’s Jewish About Healing?”  
We will all face illness and loss at some point in our lives. What does Judaism offer that can complement what we receive from our health care providers? Learn about Jewish stories of healing from Torah and Talmud, as well as traditional and modern Jewish prayers for healing. Gila is a PhD candidate in Sociocultural Anthropology at the University of Arizona, and an affiliated scholar with the Arizona Center for Judaic Studies. Her dissertation research explores intersections of ritual, healing and Jewish identity among liberal (non-Orthodox) American Jews.

**Ken Miller**  
“The Religions & Cultures of Israel: Ancient & Modern”  
Each week, journey in time as we explore ancient and modern religions and cultures of Israel from the Patriarchal Period to the return from the Babylonian Exile; from Ezra to Independece; and Israel today. A graduate from the University of Arizona in Archaeology and Judaic Studies, and continuing his Graduate Degree at the UA in the Judaic Studies Department, Ken is on the staff at the archaeological excavations of Tel Gezer, Israel, as a Square Supervisor and the dig’s Numismatic Specialist (one who studies or collects currency), and has worked on other archaeological excavations in Israel.

**Mike Feder**  
“Jews in/and Sports”  
Learn about Jewish involvement with sports and how that involvement has impacted us and the world at large. Former General Manager of the Tucson Padres, Mike is currently the Arizona Diamondbacks Southern Arizona Coordinator of Special Projects. With 30+ years of baseball executive management, Mike has made a tremendous commitment to the Tucson community in his 16 years in town, serving on the boards of numerous organizations.

**Jewish Family & Children’s Services**  
“Successful Aging = Happy + Healthy”  
Each week, “time travel” ahead to examine the aging population and their opportunities for healthy aging: What your world looks like; explore the abundance of support; and discover ways to design your “best life.”

**Dr. Pamela Heiman Dubin**  
As a Care Manager with the JFCS SELECT Care Program, Pamela provides compassionate and professional guidance for clients, emphasizing quality of life, self-reliance and independence.

**Pattie Martin**  
Pattie Martin, M.Ed., began at JFCS as the SELECT Care Program’s Care Manager, moving to Director of Older Adult Services, and now is VP of Community Services. Pattie’s work with Seniors, “55 and Betters” is her passion.