

## Congregation Anshei Israel ~ ADULT EDUCATION SERIES ~

# "THE WISDOM OF JEWISH TUCSON"

Wednesdays, Jan. 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 2014 7:00 - 9:30PM

This series will provide 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

Jan. 22 KEYNOTE:

**Hon. Stanley Feldman** presents "Growing Up Jewish in 1940s and '50s Tucson" Attorney and former Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme Court

Jan. 29 KEYNOTE:

**Dr. Richard Green** presents "Cosmology and Jewish Thought" Astronomer, Director, UA Steward Observatory

Feb. 5 KEYNOTE:

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild presents "Leadership and Jewish Values" Current mayor, City of Tucson and attorney

#### 8:00-8:45PM

Select one class for all three weeks:

- Rabbi Helen Cohn presents "Meditation as Prayer"
   Spiritual Leader, Congregation M'kor Hayim
- David Graizbord presents "Jewish Identity in America"
   Associate Professor of Judaic Studies, University of Arizona
- Handmaker Catering presents "Modern Kosher Cooking"
   with Director of Food Services and Executive Chef, Handmaker Jewish Services

#### 8:45-9:30PM

Select one class for all three weeks:

- Oshrat Barel presents "Israel Today"
   Community Shaliach and Director, Weintraub Israel Center
- Eileen Warshaw presents "Arizona's Jewish History"
   Executive Director, Jewish History Museum
- 3. Artist's Series:
  - Jan. 22 Julie Stein presents "Creating Contemporary Judaica" Ceramicist and Painter
  - Jan. 29 Andy Burgess presents "The Artist and Jewish Culture"
    Painter and Collagist
  - **Feb. 5 David Unger** presents "Judaism's Influence on Sculpture" Figure Sculptor

See other side for more information about each presenter and their topic.

3-week series: \$18 per person PLUS food or monetary donation for the Community Food Bank

RSVP by Jan. 17 Visit www.caiaz.org or call Michelle at 745-5550, ext. 225.

Refreshments provided by: Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and CAI.







### "THE WISDOM OF JEWISH TUCSON"

#### PRESENTERS:



Hon. Stanley Feldman

"Growing Up Jewish in 1940s & '50s Tucson" - A Personal History

There was segregation in Tucson at the time: Jews were not welcome in some restaurants, fancy guest ranches and hotels. Learn how a childhood and youth spent in Tucson contributed to Feldman's career path

that would lead to his becoming chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court.



**Dr. Richard Green** 

"Cosmology and Jewish Thought"
As a scientist, Green will discuss how cosmological data and traditional Jewish religious thinking each present conclusions or observations about the history of the Universe, while creating a number of fundamental questions.



**Mayor Jonathan Rothschild** 

"Leadership and Jewish Values"

With a long history of service with many nonprofits in the community, and as an advocate for social action, education, and the environment, Rothschild works to engage the community in creating a healthier Tucson, and will share some of the values in the Jewish

tradition that are most helpful to leaders and leadership.



Rabbi Helen Cohn

"Meditation as Prayer"

Rabbi Cohn is the spiritual leader of Congregation M'kor Hayim, a Reform congregation in Tucson. She has taught Jewish meditation in a variety of settings for nearly 20 years, and will offer an introduction to the general practice of meditation and explore ways

that meditation can be used to enter into Jewish prayer.



**David Graizbord** 

"Jewish Identity in America"
Prof. Graizbord is an historian of early modern
Jews. He will explore how American Jews' sense
of Jewish peoplehood has been shaped by the
peculiarities of Jewish life in the U.S. Among other
things, he will relate some of his ongoing research

which concentrates on young, non-Orthodox American Jews of "Generation Y" who identify as Zionists or significantly "pro-Israel."



**Handmaker Catering** 

"Modern Kosher Cooking"
Alan Sanchez has been in the food service industry for 30+ years, having worked at many 4- and 5-diamond rated hotels, resorts, private clubs and restaurants in Arizona and Hawaii, and has been with

Handmaker for more than four years. Michael Felde has been Executive Chef with Handmaker for almost 8 years. This class will include readily-available ingredients that can be substituted to put a twist on some traditional kosher dishes.



**Oshrat Barel** 

"Israel Today"

Raised in Beit She'an, a small city near the Jordanian border, Barel is the Director of Tucson's Weintraub Israel Center and Community Shaliach, a Jewish emissary who acts as an advocate for Judaism and Israel. With a clear understanding of the delicate

and complicated, but firmly-tied connection between Israel and the Diaspora – especially North America – Oshrat is committed to building strong, lasting relationships between the communities and individuals she represents.



**Eileen Warshaw** 

"Arizona's Jewish History"

Warshaw's interest in preserving the traditions and structures of the past has taken her to Ireland, Germany, Spain, Haiti and many areas of the United States to help restore historic synagogues and various houses of worship. This class will explore the legacy

of the pioneer fathers of Arizona, the women who followed them into the "outback" of the American Southwest, and the founding of a city, state and a Jewish community that is the foundation of today's thriving Southern Arizona Jewish community.



Julie Stein

"Creating Contemporary Judaica"
Julie creates distinct contemporary Jewish art and her works have been exhibited and sold in The Jewish Museum in New York, the Spertus Institute in Chicago, and at the Tucson Museum of Art. This class will provide an overview of the wide variety of

mediums available in creating personal ceremonial pieces, each with a long tradition in Jewish culture. Samples of artwork will focus on the symbols, design and language.



**Andy Burgess** 

"The Artist and Jewish Culture"

Burgess's work is a mixture of collage, cityscape drawings and abstract paintings, many with geometric shapes of familiar cities such as New York, Chicago and San Francisco. He will share the influence of New York and its Jewish culture and artists, as well

as that of Jewish life and learning growing up, including that of the summer camp in The Berkshires that he attended! He will discuss building his career, his art and inspirations from his travels, contacts with galleries and collectors, his studies and writings about art, and his exhibitions around the world.



**David Unger** 

"Judaism's Influence on Sculpture"
Unger began his formal study of sculpture at the age of II, with a fascination and an innate ability to work with his hands: molding, shaping, carving and chiseling. His style is a unique combination of angular, geometric and realistic figures with abstract

geometric forms, and his work is exhibited in galleries and private collections throughout the world. Unger will share how Judaism has influenced his art, from where his inspiration comes, and how Judaism often connects him with his past.