

A Tapestry of Jewish Thought

B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism

The B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism in North Carolina provides an opportunity for the attendee to confront, explore, and clarify questions about Judaism and Jewish life, in an individual, national, and global context. The participant experiences "Living Judaism" – a unique opportunity for a truly American-Jewish experience in a fellowship setting.

Attendees can participate in a variety of additional activities: religious services, visits to area folk art centers, enjoying the breathtaking beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains, athletic pursuits such as hiking and tennis, or just relaxing.

Curriculum

There are four lectures daily, with entertainment in the evenings. Early and mid-afternoons are for informal patio discussions with speakers, optional recreational activities, and "schmoozing." For more information, contact Bill Carr at 919-781-4207.

Accommodations and Reservations

Lodging at Wildacres is limited to the first 90 persons applying, thus ensuring a group small enough for pleasant socializing and full participation. Rates include tuition, room, and board. Reservations are accepted, and rooms assigned, in the order received. Rooms have two twin beds and private bathrooms. Towels and linens are supplied. Sport clothing is customary. Bring a sweater; evenings can be cool. Food is served family style with dietary laws observed. Please indicate any special problems (e.g., dietary, inability to climb stairs, etc.) on the registration form. Golf-cart transportation is available to and from the dining hall.

Faculty and Programs

Julie Galambush is a Professor of Religious Studies at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. She holds a B.A. in philosophy from Yale College and a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School. She was ordained an American Baptist minister in 1982, and served as an associate pastor until 1985, when she began her Ph.D. in Old Testament Studies at Emory

University. She taught for four years at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, before coming to the College of William and Mary in 1993. Julie's first book, *Jerusalem in the Book of Ezekiel: The City as Yahweh's Wife*, was published in 1992. In 1994, Julie converted to Judaism. Her second book, *The Reluctant Parting: How the New Testament's Jewish Writers Created a Christian Book*, was published in 1995. Julie and her family are members of Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, VA.

Julie's classes will be: Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Adam and Eve; First Century Jews: Why Christianity Made Sense to Some, and Why It Got Them in Trouble; The New Testament and the Jews: How the Author of Luke-Acts Created Christianity; Patio Discussion – The Father of Whose Faith: Abraham in the Letters of Paul.

Diane Levy is a Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, NC. A native of Philadelphia, she received her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from Temple University. She has been on the faculty of UNCW since 1977, serving as the founding director of the Honors Scholars Program and as the interim chair of the Sociology and Criminology department. She was named a Distinguished Teaching Professor in 1993. Supporting the University's global initiatives, she has led study abroad programs in Barbados, London, and the semester residential program at the University of Wales at Swansea. Her research and teaching interests focus on gender, work, and family, as well as issues relating to gender and tourism. Recently she taught a seminar on the Beatles in Social Context. Diane lives in Wilmington with her husband, Dr. Gary Faulkner.

Diane's classes will be: Intermarriage and the Jewish Family; Hooking Up: Dating in Your Grandchildren's Generation; Jewish Women in America: Stereotype and Reality; Patio Discussion – Baby Boomers: Retirement for the Generation that Never Quite Conformed.

Mitchell Bard is the Executive

Director of the nonprofit American Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE), and a foreign policy analyst who lecture frequently on U.S.-Middle East policy. He is also the director of the Jewish Virtual Library, an online encyclopedia of Jewish history and culture. For three years he was editor of the Near East Report, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's (AIPAC) weekly newsletter on U.S. Middle East policy. He holds a Ph. D. in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles, a master's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a B.A. in economics from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Dr. Bard is the author of 18 books, among them: *48 Hours of Kristallnacht: Night of Destruction/Dawn of the Holocaust*, published in 2008; *Will Israel Survive?*, published in 2007; and *Myth and Facts: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, published in 2006.

Dr. Bard's classes will be: Will Israel Survive?; Media Bias: Does It Matter, and What Can We Do About It?; Islam, Terrorism, and the Peace Process; Patio Discussion – College Campuses: The Last Bastion of Anti-Semitism in America.

Entertainment

Founded in 1995, Tennessee Schmaltz has been performing its special brand of klezmer music at simchas and concerts as far east as Hot Springs, NC, as far west as Huntsville, AL, as far north as Ann Arbor, MI, and as far south as Callaway Gardens, GA.

The band stays in this part of the world because they day jobs, too. Performers are: architect Manny Herz, nuclear physicist Dan Shapira, Hebrew school director Carolyn Silver-Alford, caterer Larry Hoffman, and journalism professor Rob Heller.

Tennessee Schmaltz takes special joy in blending all types of music: classical, pop, jazz, and bluegrass, with the traditional klezmer, Yiddish and Israeli repertoire. They look forward to sharing their music and fully expect some serious dancing and sing-along in return.

Please use Official Reservation Application below. ✨

Hebrew Cemetery

By Lorrie Klemons, publicity

Shortly after your reading of this article, several groups from Charlotte will be off to the Holy Land for a fabulous experience. Ohr Ha Torah's group led by Rabbi Yossi and Mariashi Groner, Temple Israel's group led by Rabbi Murray and Barbara Ezring, and the Jewish Federation's Mission group. What is it about Israel that year after year draws Jews from the diaspora to trek to the Holy Land?

Recently, we celebrated the holiday of Shavuot, the celebration of our receipt of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. It was the moment when we Israelites became a people ... a Jewish people. This gifting of the Torah to us from God took place more than 3,300 years ago. Every year on Shavuot, we renew our acceptance of God's gift – and God re-gives us the Torah. The giving of the Torah was a far-reaching spiritual event – one that touched the essence of Jewish souls for all time. Our sages have compared it to a wedding between God and the Jewish people. One of the meanings of Shavuot is "oath" and on this day, God swore eternal devotion to us, and we in turn pledged every lasting devotion to Him.

So explains the connection between Jews in the diaspora and their yearning for the Holy Land. All Jews are connected by our common Torah...our blue print for holy living. Our guide to living a menschlekit life. We yearn for

the Holy Land as affirmation of our connection to our roots as a people. And we travel there in affirmation of our God who not only gifted us with the Torah, but who also gifted us with an ancestral homeland, where all Jews can find haven.

Here in Charlotte, we are blessed to have our very own parcel of holy and consecrated land, The Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery. Please visit it and support it as an affirmation of all that is holy and sanctified. Please consider becoming part of the people hood of the 600+ families that are members of the Hebrew Cemetery. Your tax deductible annual dues of \$72 will help maintain a dignified and sanctified resting place for all those who precede us in eternal life. If you would like to make a donation to memorialize a loved one, send your check payable to the Hebrew Cemetery to 4229 Peggy Lane, Charlotte, NC 28227. For more information about membership benefits, graves, prepaid funeral costs, endowments, and/or including the cemetery in your estate planning, contact Association President, Kevin Levine at 704-333-5155. Visit the Hebrew Cemetery website at www.hebrewcemetery.org.

Directions to the cemetery: Providence Rd. north into and through uptown; right onto Graham St.; follow Graham for about two miles; left at fork in road onto Statesville Ave.; travel about ½ mile, the cemetery entrance will be on your left. ✨



Women of the Jewish Community: Are You Being Hurt by Someone You Love?

Does your partner: hit, kick or push you, your kids, your pets? Destroy your property? Isolate you from family and friends? Control all your finances? Threaten you? Force you to have unwanted sex? Put you down in front of other people. Just one "yes" answer may mean that you are in an abusive relationship.

In our Jewish community, there is help: Informal support sessions at private locations where past and current victims can share and heal in a safe and confidential setting. Facilitated by volunteer counselors, it is free of charge. Contact Carol at 704-609-3120.



This service is offered by Shalom Bayit-NC, an all-volunteer group working to end domestic abuse in our Jewish community. Contact them at info@shalombayit.org or www.shalombayit-nc.org. ✨

OFFICIAL RESERVATION APPLICATION

B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism - August 10-13, 2009

NOTE: Reservation request MUST be made with this "Official Reservation Application"

Reservation Fee is \$335 per person, two in a room. Single Supplement - \$135. Reservations can be made with full payment accompanying this application. A full refund will be returned (less a \$25 administrative fee) if cancellations are made no later than July 10.

Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis.

Deduct \$10 per person for early registration (must be received by June 1)

PLEASE PRINT

My/our reservation(s) for _____ person/s PhoneEmailDate.....

Name Address

Name Address

Check box to indicate problems: unable to climb stairs unable to walk distances special dietary needs need transportation other

Please explain:

Mail this application, with your check payable to B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism to: Judy Jacobs, 3107 Morningside Drive, Raleigh, NC 27607. Phone: 919-781-8490

Donating an Old Cell Phone Can Save a Life

Shalom Bayit - NC, in conjunction with the North Carolina Women's Commission, is collecting cell phones for victims – or potential victims - of domestic violence. Old, used and unwanted cell phones will be reprogrammed to call 911 and used in the event of an emergency. Donating is as simple as dropping the cell phone and battery charger (in a plastic bag, if possible) at the reception desks of the following locations: Levine Jewish Community Center, Ohr Hatorah Congregation, Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, Jewish Family Services.

For more information contact Marsha Stickler at 704-756-9209 or e-mail at info@shalombayit-nc.org.