

Wednesdays

“Fascinating Sephardic Communities: A Film Series”

FREE to members of the ADJLC and the Sephardi Federation of Palm Beach County

Meeting in the Temple Shaarei Shalom Sanctuary. Please note - no refreshments.

Back by popular demand, this film series examines the places in the world where wandering communities of Sephardic Jewry took root. Discussion about the films spans the broadest understanding of what constitutes Sephardic and Mizrahi culture. Each film viewing will be preceded by a short introduction and followed by a question and answer period, as time allows. **Presented by Rose Pappo Allen.**

~ Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 1:30-3:00 pm - “The Last Jews of Libya”

Narrated by Isabella Rossellini, this film tells the story of the North African Jewish Community from Ottoman rule to Italian colonization and 20th century displacement. Written by Vivienne Roumani-Denn and based on the family memoir of Elise Tamman Roumani with interviews and archival footage.

Libya, 2007, 50 minutes - Arabic, Italian, Hebrew, English subtitles - Directed by Vivienne Roumani-Denn

~ Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 1:30-3:00pm - **Double Feature**

Girona, The Mother of Israel: The Jews of Catalonia: About Jews from northeast Spain, one of few world sites considered Jewish spiritual resting places and the home of Nahmanides, a Kabbalah scholar.

USA, 1989, 30 minutes - English, Italian, English subtitles - Directed by Patricia Giniger Snyder

Blue Like Me: The Art of Siona Benjamin: Story of an Israeli artist returning to Mumbai, India to rediscover her Bene Israel Jewish background and the effects of the 2008 terror attacks on the community.

USA, 2015, 28 minutes - English - Directed by Hal Rifken

~ Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 1:30-3:00PM - “Rhodes Forever”

A 500 year history of *Juderiya* on the Island of Rhodes, Greece. Gorgeous photography and incredible story of how part of the community was transplanted into the Belgian Congo after WWII.

Belgium, 2003, 60 minutes - Spanish, French, Italian, Greek, English subtitles—Directed by Diane Perelsztejn

~ Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 1:30-3:00pm - “Trezoros”

Trezoros (Treasures in Ladino) tells tragic story of Jews from Kastoria/northwestern Greece near the Albanian border. Archival footage and personal testimonies filmed in various cities of Greece, Israel and United States.

USA, 2016, 87minutes - Greek, Hebrew, Ladino, English - Directed by Lawrence Russo and Larry Confino

~ Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 1:30-3:00pm - “Braids”

This feature film is based on the true story of So’ad, a teenager imprisoned in 1947 for 3 years in Iraq for being a Zionist. The story illuminates the life of Jews in Iraq before 1950.

Israel, 1989, 90 minutes - Hebrew, English subtitles - Directed by Yitzhak Halutzi

Special Event – Group Outing

~ Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 7:30 pm - **Sarah Aroeste Concert**

Sarah Aroeste brings her 9 piece band for a rousing program of original Ladino music.

Temple B’nai Torah, 6261 SW 18th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33433

Group Discount \$25-\$36 (min. 15 people). Early Bird Dinner Option. Details to Follow.



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September 2018

Dear Friends,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to participate in our upcoming 2018-2019 season of programs. ***This will truly be an exciting season with many surprises!***

Your Membership Invitation/Renewal is enclosed and we urge you to respond, as soon as possible, to benefit from member admission rates and to help fund our activities.

Our successful partnership with the **Adult Jewish Learning Collaborative (ADJLC)** continues this year expanding even greater public awareness of our activities as well as providing significant event expense savings.

Echar Lashon and Viva Ladino scheduling has been streamlined to provide even closer association and interaction. Our Sunday **Vijitas de Alhad** include very special appearances from internationally known **Genie Milgrom** and **Dr. Devin Naar**. These are events not to be missed!

Thank you for your interest and support, ***especially to those who have been with us through so many years!*** We have become an extended family which truly cares about each other, and we look forward again to another year of being together.

“Asta ke mos vemos kon salud i vida.”

“Until we see each other, with health and life.”

Miriam Behar, Membership/Secretary

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Check out our new website!
www.sephardifederationpbc.org

2018-2019 Season Preview for the Sephardi Federation of Palm Beach County

Unless noted, all regular activities will be presented at Temple Shaarei Shalom, located at 9085 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33472

Sundays



“Vijita de Alhad” Sunday Visits

Our *Vijitas* combine an educational presentation with social time and Sephardic style refreshments.

Sundays at 2:00 pm

~ **October 14, 2018: “Jews of Greece” Elliot Colchamiro** ROOM #110-114

\$10/Members \$12/Guests ~ Elliot Colchamiro, a descendant of Romaniote Greek Jews of Janina and a Delray Beach resident, sits on the board of directors for Manhattan’s Kehila Kedosha Janina. He loves to share his heritage and has prepared a wonderful powerpoint with images and music on the history of Greek Jewry from the Roman era to the present time.

~ **November 11, 2018: “Pyre to Fire” Genie Milgrom** Temple Beth Tikvah

\$12/Members \$15/Guests ~ Genie Milgrom has become an international crusader for the Crypto-Jewish movement after successfully uncovering her own Jewish heritage, from her Cuban Catholic mother. She traced 23 generations of grandmothers to ancient Portugal’s inquisition times. Her incredible search lit a fire in her soul to reclaim her Jewish identity and dedicate her life to helping others do the same. *A partnership event with the ADJLC at Temple Beth Tikvah’s Social Hall, 4550 Jog Road, Greenacres, FL 33467.*

~ **January 20, 2019: “The La Vara Story” Joe Halio** ROOM #110-114

\$10/Members \$12/Guests ~ Joe Halio, a NY geriatric doctor, is the son of Phyllis Halio and the late Hank Halio. His family history reflects a pinnacle of Sephardic life in Manhattan when Ladino was a vibrant *lingua* and close-knit neighborhoods prevailed. His maternal grandfather, Albert Levy, was editor of *La Vara*, one of the most famous American Ladino weekly newspapers. His father, Hank Halio, was a well-loved leader in the Sephardic community and author of *Ladino Reveries*, a most charming compilation of stories. This lecture is sure to be a nostalgic and enlightening journey of family, heritage and history.

~ **February 10, 2019: “Jewish Salonica” Dr. Devin E. Naar** SANCTUARY

\$12/Members \$15/Guests ~ Devin Naar is the Isaac Alhadeff Professor of Sephardic Studies at the University of Washington and recognized internationally as one of the most dynamic young scholars of Sephardic history and Ladino language. His book, *Jewish Salonica; between the Ottoman Empire and Modern Greece*, is an award winning masterpiece shedding new light on a compelling chapter of Jewish history, tracing the Jewish Diaspora and cultural adaptations from medieval Spain to Ottoman Salonica, Modern Greece and America. Dr. Naar unravels the transition of Sephardim as they struggled to keep their identity and faith in a changing, multi-cultural world and in face of harsh immigration policies. *A partnership event with the ADJLC at Temple Shaarei Shalom.*

~ **March 10, 2019: Member Appreciation Event** ROOM #110-114

We are pleased to continue this FREE BENEFIT for paid up membership. Members may purchase tickets for guests at \$10 per person with a limit of 2 guests per member. All attendees will enjoy refreshments, plenty of time to socialize, and an educational presentation of Sephardic theme to be announced at a later date.

Reservations will be required for all events to ensure adequate seating and refreshments.

Please follow the reservation requirements included in flyers and invitations for each event. Thank you for your cooperation as we endeavor to make each event as pleasant as possible for all.

Sundays at 2:00 pm cont’d.

~ **April 14, 2019: Last Vijita of the Season** ROOM #110-114

\$10/Members \$12/Guests ~ Entertainment details to follow. Save the Date!

Sunday at 12:00 Noon Rafina Greek Taverna

~ **December 9, 2018: 26th Annual Luncheon** **\$30/Members \$35/Guests**

This special festivity includes our **Annual Hanukah Party** and **Board Installation**. Entertainment is provided by international musical performer *Thierry Khalfa*. This year we will be at the beautiful **RAFINA Greek Taverna**, 6877 SW 18th St., Boca Raton, FL 33433. Invitations /details to follow.

Tuesdays



Tuesdays 11:00 am—3:00 pm

~ **“Echar Lashon kon Viva Ladino”** ROOM #117-119

Ladino Speakers’ Club and Ladino Language Study Group

For more information contact Miriam Behar at (561)495-8536

We’ve combined the social immersion experience of *Echar Lashon* with the fun, classroom experience of *Viva Ladino* to help improve skills of reading, writing and speaking the Ladino language. **Choose to attend either or both.** \$1 donation covers coffee and cake.

~ **Viva Ladino: 11:00am – 12:30pm (lunch break 12:30-1:00 pm details to follow)**

October 2, November 6, December 4, 2018; January 8, February 5, March 5, 2019.

~ **Echar Lashon: 1:00 – 3:00pm**

October 2, November 6, December 4, 2018; January 8, February 5, March 5, 2019.

Tuesday at 12:00 Noon

~ **April 2, 2019: “Model Seder en Ladino”** ROOM #110-114

\$12/Members \$15/Guests This Passover event has become a treasured tradition on our calendar of events! Details to follow. Save the Date!