

The Friday Learning Series Goes to War

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In a three-part series beginning on Friday May 12 with sessions on two subsequent Fridays, May 19 and 26 from 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library, Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich will lead participants to war. In fact, he will lead them to three wars - each on its own day. He will be talking about the 1948 War of Independence, the Six-Day War in 1967, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War. At the root of these wars is the Israeli

and Arab claim to the same land as their ancestral rights. These sessions will go beyond the history lessons and reviewing the facts surrounding the wars. Rabbi Shlomo is examining them from a different perspective.



"It is true that many of the facts about each war are disputed and they even change with time," observed Rabbi Shlomo. He adds that while some of those disputed facts will be incorporated into the sessions, he is focusing on another aspect of these wars. "Wars have profound effects on a society. They shape and change the way in which people think about themselves. As a result, they change the political, military, social, and economic activities of the country," he added. Rabbi Shlomo has made the study of these wars a part of his academic expertise and he will be sharing his knowledge and conclusions in these three sessions. "I certainly welcome and encourage people to attend each session, but each session is designed to be an independent discussion," Rabbi Shlomo said. "Attend any or all sessions and you will learn about these wars in another way." These sessions are open to the community free of charge.

While you are marking May 12 as the first date of the series, be sure to mark May 19 and 26th beginning at 11:15 a.m. in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library as the next two. No RSVPs are required, but we would appreciate a call or email indicating your plans to attend so that we may set up the room accordingly. Respond to Mark Kirchhoff at (402) 334-6463 or mkirchhoff@jewishomaha.org.