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2023 Summer/Fall SPICE Course Guide

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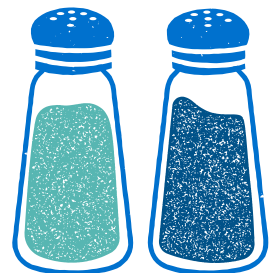
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Staying Safe Online

Wednesdays in July (5,12,19,26) 11:30am-1:00pm

Zoom Only



\$48 (\$60 non-member)

This interactive SPICE course will focus on internet safety, diving into different problems encountered online. We will learn about social engineering, cyber scams, and other bad actors who commit identity theft and fraud on the internet. We will discuss new technologies and threats using Artificial Intelligence (AI) including internet trolls, deep fakes, and red flags to identify threats, and lastly, how to stay safe and protect yourself online.

Tamara Kravitz has over 15 years of experience in adult learning development and over 6 years in cybersecurity and privacy. Currently, Ms. Kravitz is the Senior Cybersecurity and Privacy Training Director at Cybervance Inc, as a contractor for a large government agency. In this role, Ms. Kravitz is responsible for the cybersecurity and privacy training programs' oversight, strategic direction, and leadership. She has developed, designed, and launched a new hire cybersecurity awareness course, which won the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Award of Excellence. Ms. Kravitz also excels in project management utilizing agile collaboration and has experience designing and developing webinars, videos, podcasts, job aids, and instructor-led training.

Kravitz holds an MS in Instructional Technology from Towson University and a BA in Film/Video from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). She is also certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP)® and has a wide range of skills and training in various content management systems and e-learning/conferencing tools, as well as graphic design and video editing software. She is currently working on CompTIA Security+ certification.

The Music of Italy (Part 1 and 2)

Part 1: Thursdays in July (6,13,20,27) 10:30am-12:00pm

Part 2: Thursdays in August (3,10,17,24) 10:30am-12:00pm

Hybrid



\$48 (\$60 non-member) per 4 week session

La Patria della Musica...Music of Italy...What didn't Italy do for us musically....to start with they invented the symphony, the concerto and the opera. Frankly it makes sense! The nature of the Italian language is essentially musical, and the population then as now was always interested in musical endeavors. Spending 8 weeks exploring Italy's music from medieval times to modern, from sacred to secular, from great comedy to tragedy should enrich us all. Allow me to name drop some of the composers we will discuss. Palestrina, Peri, Rossi, Handel (Not Italian but almost Italian!) Vivaldi, Rossini, Bellini, (the composer not the cocktail) Donizetti, Verdi, Puccini and Respighi...just to name a few!

Jonathan Palevsky is the program director at WBJC bringing Baltimore classical music for our listening pleasure. He has been with the station in a variety of capacities since 1986. Jonathan is originally from Montreal and came to Baltimore in 1982 to study classical guitar at The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University. Jonathan's current off-air obsessions include cycling, skiing, playing guitar and hosting Cinema Sundays at the Charles Theatre.

Getting More Comfortable Using Your iPhone and iPad

Wednesdays in August (2,9,16,30)
10:30am-12:00pm

In Person

\$48 (\$60 non-member)



Join us for this extremely informative four-week course where you will learn all about the hardware associated with your iPhone and iPad while also learning all about the vocabulary associated with using them. You will gain a greater sense of comfort with the settings on these devices and the apps that can be downloaded to utilize on these devices to aid in your day to day lives. Have you ever misplaced your iPhone or iPad and retraced your steps? Well, you will learn about how to use the feature called Find My Phone so you never have to waste that kind of time again! If you'd love to chat with a friend but you aren't in a place where you have the privacy to do so, learning all about using the chat feature on your devices will allow for this contact regardless. Lastly, learning how to most efficiently access all of the sites on the internet that will allow you to gain access to the information you are seeking will become a skill that is second nature for you.

With a Master's degree in Jewish education, **Melanie Waxman** has been in the field of formal and informal education and leadership for over 25 years. Her positions have included Education director, Principal, Family educator, Youth Director, membership and programming as well as curriculum writer/consultant in a myriad of settings including congregations, agencies and camps. As a member of the Association of Reform Jewish Educators (ARJE) for 25 years, she has her Reform Jewish Educator status and earned several grants and honors in the areas of social action, leadership and education. Currently Melanie is the tech knowledge hub concierge at the Edward A Myerberg Center teaching technology to our seniors who would like to learn a little bit more about their smart devices. Melanie resides in Reisterstown and is the proud mother of Jacob Lee and Jonah Ross and wife of Richard.

One Short Document, One Long Debate: Israeli Declaration of Independence and the Ongoing Debate Over Israeli Core Values

Wednesdays in September (6,13,20,27) 10:30am-12:00pm



Hybrid

\$48 (\$60 non-member)

The importance of a declaration of independence for culture and society is well known. The importance of the Declaration of Independence for the State of Israel is much more significant and existential. The Declaration has even greater significant legal importance to a state which does not have a constitution. The Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel also has significant importance to Jews around the world. The Declaration was written under enormous political and military pressure. This document declared the fulfillment of the dream of the Jewish People against all odds.

The Document is short, but its modern liberal values are undergoing attack during the last decade. The debate about its ties with the Jewish religion is older than its ink. Its morals and meaning for the identity of Israelis are in constant tension.

In this mini course, we will take a look behind the scenes at the historical moment of the Declaration of Independence in 1948 as well as its impact on Israel today. We will read, watch and discuss the narrative of the declaration. We will dive deeper into the 'beauty and the beast' of this document and why it matters more than ever.

Rabbi Ofer Sabath Beit-Halachmi, according to rumor, is a descendent of King David. Although, without red hair or any other proof, you can find his creative liturgy in various reform prayer books and his children are all named after the dynasty. Ofer has a graduate degree in Talmud and Jewish Education. He served as a rabbi in Congregation "Shir-Chadash" outside of Jerusalem. Rabbi Ofer co-developed the "Aspaklaria" methodology of using the arts for Jewish education and community building. He curated numerous art exhibits in Israel and is a beloved teacher in congregations around the world. You can learn more about him and with him on his website: HebrewTrainer.com.

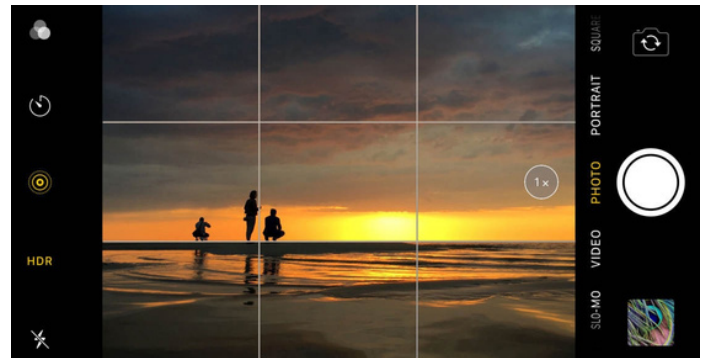
Workshop for Taking Better Photos Using Your iPhone

Thursdays in September
(7,14,21,28) 10:30am-12:00pm

In Person

\$48 (\$60 non-member)

Enrollment Limited to 25 People!



This will be a combination of lecture and hands on workshop with your phone. The goal is to have you be more comfortable and confident taking photos anyplace and anytime. Enrollment will be limited to 25 people.

Week One: We will work on getting you familiar with your picture taking instrument. You will bring you phone with you. We will take pictures of each other and identify what controls you have on your phone. We will discuss how low light can create dark, noisy, or blurry picture.

Week Two: We will work on looking at the light in the area you are going to take pictures to determine what your choices are in using the existing light to take pictures. Also, we will review how to share photos with the highest possible quality via email or text message.

Week Three: We will share our pictures that we have taken over the past two weeks and show what tools can be used to improve them- primarily using the tools in your phone.

Week Four: This session will explore the questions that you have at this stage of your picture taking experience. Anything is fair game during this time. We could explore things like: after taking pictures, what do you do with them? How do you organize them? Understanding why pictures that are printed on to paper look different than when you look at them on your phone. More sophisticated tools for working on your photos will be shared.

Richard Milner has had an active interest in photography since he was eight years old. He has worked as a professional photographer, held all the roles in film and video production, as well as been a producer of patient health education media for over 40 years.

He has participated in the evolution of photography from film -processed and printed in a darkroom –to the digital age-- where images are displayed on phones, tablets, and computers. His current interests include sharing his images with others as well as shooting and producing videos.

The Road to Revolution: America 1763-1775

5 Mondays in October (2,9,16,23,30) 10:30am-12:00pm



Zoom Only

\$60 (\$75 non-member)

In 1763 colonists across British North America could not have been prouder to be members of the British Empire. Fighting shoulder to shoulder with redcoat soldiers, the colonists had trounced their mutual enemies in the French and Indian War. In towns and cities across America, colonists toasted King George, his ministers, and his military. In New York City, grateful colonists erected a statute to their great king, a testament to the belief that their future lay with him.

On July 9, 1776, a crowd of American soldiers and sailors tore down this same statue, and melted down its precious lead into 42,088 musket balls to fire at the king's army. The two sides were now at war—delegates in Philadelphia had finalized the Declaration of Independence just five days earlier—and that war would rage for the next seven years.

In this five-week course, University of Maryland historian Richard Bell explores the tumultuous thirteen years between 1763 and 1776. These weekly sessions will examine four of the extraordinary events that turned thirteen loyal British colonies into a united confederation willing to go to war to achieve independence.

Richard Bell, Ph.D. is Professor of History at the University of Maryland and author of the book *Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and their Astonishing Odyssey Home* which was a finalist for the George Washington Prize and the Harriet Tubman Prize. He has held major research fellowships at Yale, Cambridge, and the Library of Congress and is the recipient of the National Endowment of the Humanities Public Scholar award and the 2021 Andrew Carnegie Fellowship. He serves as a Trustee of the Maryland Center for History and Culture and as a fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

The History of Anti-Semitism: A Documented History (Part 1 and 2)

Part 1: Thursdays in October (5,12,19,26) 10:30am-12:00pm

Part 2: Thursdays in November (2,9,16,30) 10:30am-12:00pm



In Person

\$48 (\$60 non-member) per 4 week session

This course will explore the history of anti-Semitism in western society through an examination of some of the historical texts upon which it is based. We will trace the history of anti-Semitic writings from the ancient world, including Rome and the church, through modern writings up to the rise in anti-Semitism today especially in the Middle East, in Europe and in America.

Topics/content to be included: Anti-Semitism in the Christian Bible and the Church fathers. Islamic texts. Martin Luther and medieval European anti-Semitism. Nationalism, racism and Naziism. Anti-Semitism today: KKK, White Nationalism, anti-Israel.

Rabbi Floyd Herman is one of the Rabbi Emeriti of Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation. He served as the Rabbi at Har Sinai Congregation for more than 35 years. He continues his involvement in our newly merged congregation and in the community. He also enjoys golf and food. Rabbi Herman has taught before in our SPICE program on several occasions.

The Hit Movie Musicals of Stephen Sondheim with Ellen!

Mondays in November (6,13,20,27) 10:00am-12:00pm



In Person

\$64 (\$80 non-member)

Have continental breakfast and relax for a four week adventure into extraordinary movie musicals by Stephen Sondheim. Ellen heightens our musical pleasure by unfolding fascinating facts about Sondheim and his musicals. Discussion to follow.

Week 1 West Side Story (The new version which we will compare to the original.)

Week 2 Gypsy

Week 3 A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Week 4 Sweeney Todd

Ellen Katz's blood type is B- B for Broadway. She pursues her passion for Broadway and the best of the American Songbook by engaging others. Born in Baltimore, she received a BS in Music Education Magna cum Laude at the University of Maryland and taught in public and private schools. For over twenty years, she has been invited to share her engaging presentations at organizations including The Chautauqua Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Peabody Conservatory of Music, The Osher Institute at Towson University, Florida Gulf Coast University in Naples, CCBC, and SPICE at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation.

The Hit Movie Musicals of Cole Porter with Ellen!

Mondays in December (4,11,18)
10:00am-12:00pm

In Person

\$48 (\$60 non-member)



Have a nosh and revel in the fascinating life and career of Cole Porter.

Cole wrote music of unequaled sophistication. These movies capture his humor, wit and his life story.

Week 1 It's De-Lovely (his biography)

Week 2 Anything Goes

Week 3 Kiss Me Kate

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The 2024 Elections: A Turning Point?

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Hybrid

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Rarely has the nation been so divided. Will authoritarian politicians nominate an extremist candidate for president in 2024? Will Republicans embark on a culture war campaign? Will Democrats, unhappy with their leader, coalesce around an ultra-liberal alternative? Will Supreme Court rulings affect primary elections? Next year's presidential balloting could be the most important of our lifetime. We'll look at where things stand and what is likely to happen.

Barry Rascovar has been an influential voice on Maryland politics for four decades with the Baltimore Sun. Today, Barry teaches courses on presidential elections and foreign policy at various local lifelong learning programs. Barry is the author of "The Great Game of Maryland Politics" and "Marylanders of the Century." He holds honorary degrees from both Stevenson and Towson Universities.

And now, the Fun Part!

Policies and Registration

All SPICE courses must be registered for and paid for in their entirety.

SPICE fees are per head, not per household, with a 50% off fee for second registrants within the same household.

A minimum of 15 enrollees per course are required in order to hold the course. If a course must be cancelled, those registered will be notified and a SPICE credit will be issued.

Reservations may be made via email to sboxerbell@gmail.com or by telephone to Sherri Bell, SPICE Chair at 410-303-2483.

Payment may be made in one of three ways:

1. Check

Mail it to Sherri Bell

1 Clifton Court

Pikesville, MD 21208

Your check should be made payable to Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation with SPICE and the course name written on the memo line.

2. Credit card

Please note that the synagogue charges a 3.1% credit card use convenience fee.

3. Bill your synagogue account

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