

2022 – 2023 Adult Education Committee Report

August

A hearty 'todah rabah' to Gail Adler, who is our liaison to a consortium of synagogues who have allowed us to participate in many zoom programs for the last two years and which we continue to collaborate with as we begin a new programming year.

Another hearty 'todah rabah' goes to Ona Mastriano, who continues to write our monthly bulletin articles and provides the office with program information in order to publicize our programs.

We are starting the year with two excellent programs from our relationship with the consortium:

Jewish History Series – 8-part series, which will meet on 8 consecutive months on select Thursdays at 8:30

Jewish Travel Series – 6-part series of different destinations

Our Yiddush Club, hosted by Connie Smilowitz will continue this year.

September/October

We continue to offer the Natalie Ziplow classes led by Rabbi Small.

We offered two programs through the Jewish History Series:

September 15th - In Search of Ancient Israel: Historical Roots of the Biblical Narrative

October 6th - Women as Ritual Experts in Ancient Israel

November

We continue to offer the Natalie Ziplow classes led by Rabbi Small.

We have three consortium programs this month:

November 10th: Masada: Last Stronghold of the Jewish Resistance against Rome

November 17th: The Rise of Haredi Judaism and the Future of the Jewish People

We have one film, which is the first of a three-part series:

29th: Super Funny Jewish Men

Phil Schlossberg has worked tirelessly to bring together a program where the guest speaker will be Rabbi Gordon Tucker. We are getting closer to this program being offered and are looking at a date in March, 2023! Be on the lookout for more details on this program in future reports!

December

This month we offered programs through the consortium:

8th – Shirei Corona

11th The Jewish Community of Japan (tour)

15th Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls

We will light the Hanukkah on the 18th!

January

We continue to offer the Natalie Ziplow classes led by Rabbi Small.

Consortium programming:

5th Israel's Challenges in 2023: Iran, the Palestinians, Hezbollah, anti-Semitism, and the BDS Movement to Delegitimize the Jewish State

12th Film: From the Catskills with Love

26th The Barcelona Disputation - Conflict or Convivencia?

29th The Anne Frank House in Amsterdam

February

We continue to offer the Natalie Ziplow classes led by Rabbi Small.

Consortium Programming

2nd Film – WWII and Hollywood's Jewish Question

16th Blood Libel – On the Trail of an Anti-Semitic Myth

March

We continue to offer the Natalie Ziplow classes led by Rabbi Small.

26th: Thanks for Phil Schlossberg for working tirelessly to bring in Rabbi Gordon Tucker. Thank you to the Brotherhood and Sisterhood for donating time and food to breakfast before the program.

Consortium Programming

2nd: Who Wrote the Torah

12th: Tour of the Old Jewish Quarter of London

16th: Sephardic Experiences of the Holocaust

23rd: The State of Anti-Semitism and Hate in CT

April

We continue to offer the Natalie Ziplow classes led by Rabbi Small.

Consortium Programming

16th: Tour of Yad Vashem

27th: Final program in our Jewish History Program: Awake My People: Antisemitism and the Jewish Encounter with Modernity