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Temple Emanu-El of Palm Beach

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Guest Speakers

Friday, November 4th 7:30pm

Dr. Professor Baram, *University of Haifa*
"Arab Societies in Flux - Why Israel and the West
Should Look to Iraq"

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Liesel Appel, *Kristallnacht*

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Ra'an Gissin, *JNF Speaker*
"The Arab Spring", "The Summer Protest" & "The Iranian
Winter"- Can Israel Win?

Saturday, December 10th 9:15am

Robert P. Watson, *Ph.D.*
"Truman & The Bomb"

Friday, January 13th 7:30pm

Abe Foxman, *National Director, ADL*

Saturday, January 28th 9:15am

Professor Robert Rabil
"Religion, National Identity and Confessional Politics in
Lebanon: The Challenge of Islamism."

Friday, February 3rd 7:30pm

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Chancellor Arnold Eisen,
Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary

Friday, February 17th 7:30pm

& Saturday, February 18th 9:15am

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl,
Temple Beth Tzedec in Toronto

Saturday, February 11th 9:15am

Hannah Rosenthal, *US State Department*
"Special Envoy to Monitor & Combat Anti-Semitism"



Wednesday Morning Lecture Series

10:00am Moral Chaos in Ancient Israel by Barbara Steinberg

\$5 charge per person per session for non-Temple members for the Wednesday morning courses

November	30
December	7, 14
January	4, 11, 18, 25
February	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
March	7, 14, 21

11:00am Jewish Intellectual History - A historical overview of Jewish culture and society from late antiquity to modern times. Taught by Rabbi Asher Bar-Zev, Ph.D

Each session is a lecture and classroom discussion based upon the lectures of Professor David B. Ruderman of the University of Pennsylvania
 Part 1 : Between Cross and Crescent- Jewish Civilization from Mohammed to Spinoza (7th to 17th Centuries). Explores the historical context of Judaism's creative encounters with Christianity and Islam (Continued from Last Year)

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Part 2 : (16th to the 20th Centuries): Explores the problem of Jewish identity in the modern era.

12:00noon Trope Class: Torah and Haftarah Cantillation (symbols that serve as punctuation marks and accents) taught by Hazzan Feuer

November 30	December 7, 14	January 4, 11, 18, 25	February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	March 7, 14, 21
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Sunday Morning Torah Study Series

10:30am Taught by Barbara Steinberg & Rabbi Michael Resnick

December	4,
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Rabbi Bar Zev, Faculty

Dr. Asher Bar Zev received a Master of Hebrew Literature degree, and was ordained as a Rabbi at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He also holds a B.S. from the City College of New York, and a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the University of Massachusetts. He served as a chaplain in the United States Air Force, and has served as a Visiting Scientist at the Hebrew University. Dr. Bar-Zev's work has been published in journals of Scientific Research and Jewish Thought, and has written articles on Jewish Genealogy. Dr. Bar-Zev has been an international lecturer in the field of science, and of course Jewish subjects. He led congregations as a Rabbi for twenty two years. Subsequently, he had a career in the world of business. Since his retirement, he has continued to teach Jewish subjects, and turned his hobby of photography into a profession. His photographic work has been exhibited In New England and Florida.



Don Lapinsohn

Born and educated in Philadelphia, Don attended Villanova University for both undergraduate and graduate degrees, majoring in Finance. He continued with graduate work at the American College of Financial Services in Bryn Mawr, Pa. And is a member of the American Society of Pension Actuaries. Don has had a life-long avocation in the pursuit of knowledge regarding Jewish involvement in the American Civil War. Don is a frequent speaker at professional seminars, colleges & community groups.



Barbara Steinberg, Faculty

Barbara Steinberg has been associated with the Palm Beach Jewish Community since 1984. She was the founding Executive Director of the Friedman Commission for Jewish Education and the Head of School of the Meyer Jewish Academy for many years. She earned a BA in Psychology with a minor in Hebrew from UCLA, an MA in Ancient Semitic Languages from Columbia University, and an MA in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She currently works as a Financial Professional Associate at the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

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Liesel Appel, Friday, November 11th 7:30pm
Kristallnacht

Liesel Appel will recount a coming of age story of a generation of unknowing Germans who now feel guilt and shame. Her life story delivers a different look at the darkest time in our history, and a reflection on a time when a civilized nation becomes willing to scapegoat a minority standing by as their neighbours rights are eroded and patriotism becomes equated with non-dissent.



Dr. Professor Baram, Haifa University
Friday, November 4th 7:30pm
"Arab Societies in Flux - Why Israel and the West Should Look to Iraq"

A leading expert on Iraq's tribes and the Al Anbar Awakening, Amatzia Baram is a professor in the Department of the History of the Middle East and director of the Meir and Miriam Ezri Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies at the University of Haifa, Israel. Just before Operation Iraqi Freedom he spent a few weeks as a senior fellow at the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C. In 2005 he taught an honors course on Iraqi history at Melbourne University. Between 1984 and 1988 Dr. Baram was a member of a small team advising former Prime Minister Shimon Peres on Arab and Gulf affairs. Since then he has been advised various branches of the Israeli and U.S. governments under George H.W. Bush, Clinton and George W. Bush about Iraq and the Gulf. He has authored more than 70 articles in professional magazines and edited books. In 2003, three years before the Al Anbar Awakening, he wrote an Op-Ed in the New York Times urging the U.S. led Coalition in Iraq.



Chancellor Arnold Eisen,
Friday, February 3rd 7:30pm &
Saturday, February 4th 9:15am
Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary

Arnold Eisen is the seventh chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary. An expert on American Judaism, Chancellor Eisen has worked closely for the past 20 years with synagogue and federation leadership around the country to analyze and address the issues of Jewish identity, the revitalization of Jewish tradition, and the redefinition of the American Jewish community. Dr. Eisen appears courtesy of The Abraham Project.



Abraham Foxman,
Friday, January 13th 7:30pm
National Chair of the ADL

Join Abe Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, for a 'no-holds-barred' assessment of the state of Anti-Semitism here, in Europe and in the Muslim world. Join us for this sobering, yet vitally important report from one of the most compelling authorities on the issue.



Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl
Friday, February 17th 7:30pm
& Saturday, February 18th 9:15am

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl has been senior rabbi of Beth Tzedec Congregation since 1993. The focus of his rabbinate has been a commitment to family education and life-long learning. Rabbi Frydman-Kohl has intellectual interests in the areas of Jewish philosophy and mysticism and often draws upon these Jewish theological sources for his teaching.

In June 1992, the Rabbi was awarded a Coolidge Fellowship by the Association for Religion and Intellectual Life to pursue research in an inter-faith community at the Episcopal Divinity School at Harvard University. In 2003 he was awarded the degree of a Doctor of Divinity. In 2004 he received his doctorate in Jewish Philosophy from the Jewish Theological Seminary and was named Senior Rabbinic Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl is the author of scholarly articles in the area of Jewish philosophy and mysticism. Some recent publications include "Oy, Canada" in Conservative Judaism, "Kohanim and Levites" in the Etz Hayim Humash and "The Transmission of the Jewish Tradition" in Ecumenism Magazine.



Dr. Raanan Gissin, Saturday, December 3rd 9:15am
Jewish National Fund Speaker

Dr. Raanan Gissin was the Senior Advisor to former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. In recent years he has become one of Israel's leading spokesmen for the foreign press and the international community on security, strategic issues, terror, the Iranian and Radical Islamic threats, the political-economy of globalization, and the peace process. His distinguished career with the Israeli Defense Forces began in 1979 with his position as a Strategic Analyst in the Planning Branch. During most of the 1980's, which included the war in Lebanon and the "Intifada" he served as IDF Spokesman. In the first Gulf War of 1991, Colonel Gissin was responsible for over 1,000 journalists covering the war from Israel. Also in 1991, he served as a special advisor to the Israeli Delegation at the Madrid Peace Conference and the subsequent negotiations with Arab and Palestinian delegations in Washington D.C. In 1996, he was appointed spokesman of the newly created Ministry of National Infrastructures.

Dr. Gissin is one of the leading Israeli commentators and analysts on major Arab Satellite Networks (Al Jazeera, El-Arabia, BBC-Arabic and Abu-Dhabi TV and El Hura.)

Dr. Gissin is a fellow professor at the Bar-Ilan University, School of Communications and Media. He is also the Middle East Commentator with weekly analysis on IBA TV News on Israel's English Speaking Channel (Channel 33 Broadcasting via Satellite and Cable).



Robert G. Rabil, Ph.D.,
Saturday, January 28th 9:15am

Dr. Robert G. Rabil has a master's degree in government from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in Near Eastern and Judaic studies from Brandeis University. He was a visiting research fellow at the Hebrew University. He served as chief of emergency of the Red Cross in Lebanon and was project manager of the U.S. State Department-funded Iraq Research and Documentation Project. He has written extensively on Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Israel U.S.- Arab Relations, Reform in the Arab World and radical Islam and Terrorism. He is a frequent speaker at major university campuses. Dr. Rabil is an associate professor and director of graduate studies in the political science department at Florida Atlantic University and a popular lecturer in the Lifelong Learning Series.



Hannah Rosenthal, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism
Saturday, February 11th 9:15am

Hannah Rosenthal was sworn in as Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism on November 23, 2009. Sparked by the work and experience of her father, a rabbi and Holocaust survivor, and her own experience studying to become a rabbi, Hannah Rosenthal has led a life marked by activism and a passion for social justice.

Before joining the State Department, Ms. Rosenthal was Executive Director of the Chicago Foundation for Women, where she led one of the largest women's funds in the world. Prior to that, she was Executive Director of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs for five years, where she worked on domestic and international policy for the organized Jewish community in North America.

Ms. Rosenthal served as Midwest regional director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services during the Clinton Administration. She was involved in community organizing, and the antiwar and civil rights movements in the 1960s.



Robert P. Watson, Ph.D., "Truman & The Bomb"
Saturday, December 10th 9:15am

After teaching at several universities for 15 years, Dr. Watson joined the faculty of Lynn University in 2007. At Lynn, he developed, and now directs, the American Studies program. Watson has published over 25 books and hundreds of scholarly articles, book chapters, encyclopedia essays, and newspaper columns on topics in American politics and history. A frequent media commentator, he has been interviewed by CNN, the BBC, MSNBC, USA Today, The New York Times, Time, and many other media outlets, and his commentary has appeared on C-SPAN, Book TV, The Voice of America, The Daily Show with John Stewart, and Hardball with Chris Matthews, among other shows. Watson writes a column on politics for the South Florida Sun-Sentinel, tapes regular political roundups for WBZT 1230 (Clear Channel) and WBTV Channel 2 (PBS), and serves as the political analyst for three south Florida media outlets: WPTV Channel 5 (NBC), WIOD News Radio 610 (AM), and WFTL Talk Radio 850 (AM).

Robert graduated from Virginia Tech. He and his wife, Claudia, reside in Boca Raton with their two children.



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