



Day of  
**DISCOVERY**

Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning in Kansas City

**Sunday, August 23, 2020**

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**VIRTUAL EVENT**

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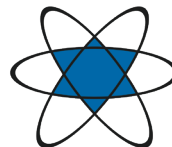
We are excited to announce that the 2020 annual Day of Discovery program will take place **VIRTUALLY** this year using the online Zoom platform. Day of Discovery is a unique opportunity for the Jewish community to discover and explore the richness, diversity and joy of Jewish learning in Kansas City. Please join us!

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# DAY OF DISCOVERY 2020 • VIRTUAL EVENT SCHEDULE

## Session I (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

### **Jewish on Demand: Representation and Difference in the Streaming Era**

Henry Bial, Professor of Theatre and Dance, University of Kansas

### **Antisemitism in 2020: Old Tropes, New Challenges**

Gavriela Geller, Executive Director, JCRB|AJC

### **The Aleph Bet of Learning to Read Hebrew**

Orit Kamara, Owner of "IvritByOrit"

### **Fantastical Stories of Midrash: Credible or Incredible?**

Rabbi Yitzchak Mizrahi, Director, Vaad HaKashruth

### **Networking in Place: Maintaining Meaningful Relationships While Social Distancing**

Alana Muller, Speaker, Workshop Facilitator, Coach and Author

### **What was Paul Contesting about the Role of Torah in His Letter to the Galatians?**

Mark D. Nanos, Ph.D. (University of St. Andrews, Scotland)  
Lund University, Sweden

### **Wise Aging and Mindfulness in Today's World**

Rabbi Beryl Padorr, Congregation Ohev Shalom

### **Taking Care of You!: The Importance of Emotional Wellness During These Challenging Times**

John Pryor, LPC, Jewish Family Services, and Susie Hurst, M.A.,  
Director of Family Life Education, Jewish Family Services

### **Holocaust Education in 2020**

Jessica Rockhold, Executive Director, Midwest Center for Holocaust Education

### **Jump-Start Your Jewish Meditation Practice**

Lara Steinel, Music Director, Congregation Kol Ami

## Session II (11 a.m. - Noon)

### **The Cosmic Joke: Judaism, Mysticism and Comedy**

Sarah Aptilon, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Johnson County Community College

### **The Cairo Genizah: Sacred Trash and Treasures**

Rabbi Javier E. Cattapan, Congregation Beth Torah

### **Jewish Life as Reflected in Russian and East European Film**

Prof. Vitaly Chernetsky, Associate Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures,  
University of Kansas

### **An Insider's View of Netflix's "Unorthodox"**

Rebbetzin Esther Friedman, Co-Director of Chabad TLC and Director of KC Kosher Meals on Wheels

### **Hezbollah-Israeli War 2006: Setting the Stage for Today's Middle East**

Bill Greenberg, Retired Army Officer and Teacher, Ft. Leavenworth, KS

### **Pope Pius XII - Friend or Enemy of the Jews?**

Rabbi Herbert J. Mandl, Ph.D., Rabbi Emeritus, Kehilath Israel Synagogue

### **Technology, Ethics, and the Essence of Humanity**

Rabbi Neal Schuster, Senior Jewish Educator, University of Kansas Hillel

### **Positivity Bias - Tools to Reframe Our Experiences During These Turbulent Times**

Rabbi Zalman Tiechtel, Director, The Rohr Chabad Center for Jewish Life, University of Kansas

### **Be a Safe Place for Them to Come Home to. Be a Safe Place for Them to Fall Apart**

Barbara C. Unell, Co-author, Discipline with Love and Limits and co-founder, Raised with Love and Limits Foundation; Sondra Wallace, Mental Health Coalition and You Be You Coordinator; Molly McGurk, LCSW, LSCSW, Director of Mental Health Jewish Family Services

### **A Bissel This and a Bissel That. Preserving Our Jewish Heritage Through Food**

Debby Winkel, Community Volunteer and Passionate Cook

### **Basic Law: Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People—Wondering**

#### **What the Problem Is**

Dr. Rami Zeedan, Assistant Professor of Israel Studies, Jewish Studies Program,  
University of Kansas

## Session III (2-3 p.m.)

### **Holiday Treats for the Body and Soul; Honey Cake and Holiday Music**

Hazzan Tahl Ben-Yehuda, Director of Congregational Learning,  
Congregation Beth Shalom

### **Jewish Temporalities**

Dr. Samuel Hayim Brody, Associate Professor in the Department of  
Religious Studies, University of Kansas

### **Propaganda and the People: Lessons from Nazi Germany**

Shelly M. Cline, Ph.D. Historian and Director of Education, Midwest Center  
for Holocaust Education

### **Conversation with Your Palestinian Neighbor**

Alan Edelman, Ahmed Awad, Ameneh Pazireh, Sheila Sonnenschein and Ken  
Sonnenschein, leaders in the Jewish and Muslim communities and participants  
in a recent interfaith peace pilgrimage to the Holy Land

### **The Tragic Irony of Halakhic Development: How the Agunah Crisis Was Born From the Best of Intentions**

Rabbi Mark Glass, Congregation BIAV

### **Religious Zionism 101**

Rabbi Moshe Grussgott, Kehilath Israel Synagogue

### **IsraelGBTQ+: Queer Issues in Israeli Society**

Ira Kirschner, Assistant Director, University of Kansas Hillel

### **Treasures of the Klein Collection at The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah**

Abby Magariel, Educator/Curator Michael Klein Collection, The Temple,  
Congregation B'nai Jehudah

### **In Dire Straits: The Second Lebanon War and its Echoes**

Jacob Stoil, Assistant Professor, US Army School of Advanced Military Studies;  
Rebecca Shimoni-Stoil, Times of Israel's Washington correspondent

## Lunch & Discussion (12:30-1:30 p.m.)

### **LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL ISSUES AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE 2020 ELECTION**

We will look at the role that racial justice, community health and the economy will play in the 2020 election, then discuss how the outcome of the election may impact these issues.

#### **PANELISTS:**

#### **Black-Jewish Relations in the Time of Black Lives Matter**

Rabbi Doug Alpert, Congregation Kol Ami

#### **How COVID is Changing the Way We Think About Clinical Care and Research**

John Lantos, MD, Pediatrician and Bioethicist,  
Children's Mercy

#### **Natural Experiments and Labor Market Indicators: An Economist's Perspective on COVID-19**

David Slusky, De-Min and Chin-Sha Wu Associate Professor  
of Economics, University of Kansas

#### **PANEL MODERATOR:**

Stephen Steigman, Director, 91.9 Classical KC and  
ClassicalKC.org and Chief of Broadcast Operations,  
KCUR 89.3, NPR, Kansas City

Brandi Fisher, formerly executive director of MainStream  
Coalition, is the Lunch and Discussion Session Coordinator.

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