

SUNY ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE &
THE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE/HILLEL PRESENT

JEWISH HERITAGE WEEK: THE JOY of JUDAISM

March 31-April 4, 2008

Join us to celebrate Jewish Heritage with a series of free events on campus.
All events are open to the public.

Monday, March 31 **“Searching for God in a Magic Shop,”** by **Arthur Kurzweil**
7:15 pm, Student Union, Room 3214

This enchanting presentation by magician and author **Arthur Kurzweil** explores the world of illusions and profound ideas of Jewish thought. This totally unique and entertaining magic show is designed not to fool or trick you, but rather to teach you how to see. Kurzweil, a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, is author of the classic, *“From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History,”* as well as *“Kabbalah for Dummies”* and many other titles.

March 31 – April 16 **Art Exhibit:**
“Art & Soul: Joy on Canvas,” by **Michael Muchnik**

Library Rotunda (hours: Mon.-Thur. 8 am-10 pm; Fri. 8 am-8 pm; Sat. 9 am-6 pm; Sun. 11 am-6 pm)

Through his artwork, **Michael Muchnik**, one of the foremost Jewish artists of our time, has taken the brush, paint, canvas and clay and implanted within them a spiritual life force. His imaginative and joyful depiction of traditional and mystical Jewish themes brought him critical acclaim and international prominence. Muchnik has exhibited his original paintings, bas-relief mosaics and lithographs throughout the world.

Tuesday, April 1 **Basketball Star Tamir Goodman, “the Jewish Jordan”**
12:30-2:30 pm (talk & clinic) • 7:00 pm (talk & game) Fieldhouse Arena

Tamir Goodman, dubbed “The Jewish Jordan,” by Sports Illustrated, will give a motivational talk about his experiences as the first observant Jew in pro basketball followed by a hands-on basketball clinic during the day. In the evening, he will deliver another talk and then get onto the court for a game with the Rockland Jewish All Stars vs. the RCC Hawks. Tamir recently returned from a multi-year stint of pro basketball in Israel to play for his hometown pro team, the Baltimore Nighthawks.

Wednesday, April 2 **Comedy Improvisation/Laughter Workshop,**
“Breaking through Barriers”

12-1:30 pm, Student Union Room 3214 • (co-sponsored by Women’s History Month)

Inspired by mystical Jewish teachings, Esther Rachel Russell, a screenwriter, actress, producer and laughter therapist, created this workshop of comedy and spirit to break through barriers and spread joy in our lives.

Thursday, April 3 **Traveling Matzah Bakery**

12:30-1:30 pm, Student Union, Room 3114

In preparation for the upcoming Passover holiday, participate hands-on in the process of making your own handmade matzah, from mixing, kneading and rolling to baking... and eating! Learn the significance of matzah and other holiday traditions.

Friday, April 4 **Create Your Own Judaica: Hands-on Art Workshop**

12:30-1:30 pm, Student Union, Room 3114

Jewish life is enhanced by beautiful objects that honor Shabbat and holidays. Create your own heirloom traditional piece of Judaica. Materials and instruction provided, just bring your creativity!

Details at www.sunyrockland.edu/go/centerforjewishlife
or call **Rabbi Dov Oliver 845-574-4422**.

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