

The Center for Jewish Life at Rockland Community College presents

Jewish Heritage Month 2014

All events are open to the public and free. Kosher refreshments served at most events.

Tuesday, March 11, 12:30-1:30 pm
Student Union, Room 3114

Pre-Purim Hamantaschen Baking Workshop

Learn to make hamantaschen, the traditional pastry for the upcoming Purim holiday in this hands-on workshop. Poppy seeds, prunes or chocolate chips – what's your favorite filling? Led by Karen Schild, personal trainer.

Thursday, March 20, 12:30-1:30 pm
Faculty Dining Room, Cultural Arts Center



"Jewish Theater Through the Ages" by LIPA

International Jewish superstar and RCC student Lipa Schmeltzer will take us on a theatrical journey that begins in Biblical times and travels from the shtetel to the heyday of NY's Yiddish theater to today's Jewish stars of Broadway.

Thursday, March 20, 7:00 pm
Ellipse, Technology Center

Lecture by Alice Golembó, grand-niece of Golda Meir, Israeli Prime Minister (1969-74)



Introductory remarks by Shahar Azani, Consul for Media Affairs, Consulate General of Israel. Actress Alice Golombo resided with her great-aunt Golda Meir in the Prime Minister's residence in Jerusalem. She was an actress and consultant for the Broadway play, Golda. Alice's performance combines theater, humor, history and personal insight into the private life of one of world Jewry's most famous women.

Co-sponsored with Holocaust Museum & Study Center as the Annual Sam & Shifra Colman lecture.

Tuesday, March 25, 12:30-1:30 pm
Student Union, Room 3114

Pre-Passover Craft Workshop: Decorate your own wooden mezuzah or candlesticks and discover the connection between these ritual items and the upcoming Passover holiday! Led by Shevy Oliver.

Thursday, March 27, 11 am -1:00 pm
Ellipse, Technology Center



Film: Fill the Void (90 mins.)

Post-film discussion facilitated by Sheila Goldstein, Professor of ESL, Co-sponsored with Women's History Month. *Fill the Void* tells the story of a Hasidic family in Israel. Eighteen-year-old Shira is about to be married off to a promising young man. When her older sister dies in childbirth, the pain and grief that overwhelm the family postpone Shira's intended match. As her widowed brother-in-law grapples with caring for his newborn son, Shira is forced to confront her deepest feelings and make a life-altering decision. Winner of numerous international awards, including 7 Israeli Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actress.

Thursday, April 3, 12:30-1:30 pm
Ellipse, Technology Center

Performance by ARI LESSER: first time in Rockland!



Ari Lesser is a popular singer-songwriter, rapper and spoken word artist whose reggae and hip hop music brings Jewish concepts to life for English-speaking audiences. He steps into character and raps from the perspective of various Biblical characters.

His music videos have gone viral on YouTube, including *Ten Plagues*; *Purim Poetry Slam* and the powerful, myth-busting *Here is Israel*.

Holocaust Commemoration Week

Tuesday, April 29, 12:30-1:30 pm
Ellipse, Technology Center

Play: The King of Denmark Comes to Billings



Co-sponsored by the Holocaust Museum & Study Center. A staged reading by storyteller Mark Judelson, accompanied by five actors, followed by a conversation with the cast, Mark Judelson's original play tells the story of the people in

Billings, Montana, who courageously responded to a series of hate crimes and incidents committed against their Jewish, Native American and African American neighbors. Thousands of people mobilized to ensure the safety of their fellow citizens.

Jewish Heritage Month committee

Rabbi Dov Oliver & Tzipora Reitman, Chairs

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Tuesday, May 6, 12:30-1:30 pm, Ellipse
Holocaust Survivor Testimony by Hanna Kleiner Wechsler



Born in Nowy Korczyn, Poland, Hanna Kleiner was a young child when she and her parents were deported to the Krakow ghetto. Obtaining false papers, the family escaped to Hungary and lived in relative peace until the Germans conquered Hungary in March 1944. Months later they were transported to Auschwitz. Due largely to her mother's bravery and selflessness, Hanna survived. She will share her story.

May 15-30, Technology Center Rotunda (2nd floor)
Exhibit, "Cartoonists Against the Holocaust: Art in the Service of Humanity"

A 22-panel exhibit featuring rare political cartoons from American newspapers in the 1930s and 1940s about the plight of the Jews under Hitler. *Sponsored by the Holocaust Museum & Study Center.*



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