

Virtual Education Academy

Enjoy the recorded presentations featuring timely topics from area leaders and academics

Congregation Beth Israel is pleased to present Virtual Education Academy, a nine-week series of topical forums presented by members of our local academic community.

Participating synagogues include Beth David Synagogue, Beth El Temple, Temple Beth Hillel, Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Beth Torah, Congregation B'nai Tikvah Sholom, The Emanuel Synagogue, Congregation Kol Haverim, Temple Sinai and Young Israel West Hartford.

Wednesday, April 22

Yom Ha-Shoah Veba-Gevurah: On Jewish Heroism, Martyrdom, and Sacrifice

Dr. Avinoam Patt, Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies and Director, Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, University of Connecticut

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Wednesday, April 29

Camp David, 40+ Years Later: Strategy, Peace, Autonomy

Dr. Jeremy Pressman, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Middle East Studies, University of Connecticut

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Monday, May 4

Sholem Aleichem's Motl the Cantor's Son and How We Think about Immigrants

Dr. Joshua Lambert, Academic Director, Yiddish Book Center and Visiting Assistant Professor of English at the University of Massachusetts

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Thursday, May 14

Jewish Imagination in a Time of Pandemic: Apocalypse, Messianism, and Lament

Dr. Ron Kiener, Professor of Religious Studies, Trinity College

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Wednesday, May 20

Divine Love and Punishment in Deuteronomy and Beyond

Dr. Deena Grant, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies, Hartford Seminary

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Tuesday, May 26

Love the Stranger": Migrant Workers, Asylum Seekers, and Israeli Activists in Tel Aviv

Dr. Sarah Willen, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Connecticut

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Tuesday, June 2

Not Lost in Translation: The Greek Bible from Aristeas to the Rabbis

Dr. Sara Johnson, Associate Professor of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, University of Connecticut

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Monday, June 8

David Ben Gurion and the Making of the Jewish State

Dr. Sam Kassow, Charles H. Northam Professor of History, Trinity College

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Thursday, June 18

Separating out the Facts: The Origins of Christianity and the History of Judaism

Dr. Stuart Miller, Professor of Hebrew, History, and Judaic Studies and Academic Director, Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, University of Connecticut

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