

## GEMS ON THE GO!

Stroll & Study & Socialize

# JOIN US!

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8**

11:00AM - 1:00PM | TOUR FEE \$25

### SHOFUSO JAPANESE HOUSE AND GARDEN – TOUR AND TEA CEREMONY

We will tour the inside facility as well as the outside garden. The tour will be followed by a tea tasting program with an explanation of tea culture in Japan and interactive tea making lesson. Participants will be given an in depth look at matcha culture, its history and how the tea is made. After that we will get to make a bowl of matcha and replicate an informal tea ceremony.

Lansdowne Dr. & Horticultural Dr. Philadelphia, PA 19131

**MONDAY, JUNE 19**

11:00AM - 12:30PM | TOUR FEE \$25

### LEST WE FORGET MUSEUM OF SLAVERY, IN HONOR OF JUNETEENTH

We will visit this special museum owned by J. Justin & Gwen Ragsdale, who will accompany us on this tour. The museum contains slavery artifacts that the Ragsdale family has been collecting from their ancestors' history, as well as the slavery time period and the Jim Crow era in America.

5501 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144

**MONDAY, JUNE 26**

11:00AM - 2:30PM | TOUR & LUNCH FEE \$75

### BARNES FOUNDATION AND THE GARDEN RESTAURANT

We will visit the ongoing collection of impressionism and post impressionism paintings. We will discuss the unique ways Albert Barnes believed that art should be displayed in a room and how his collection expanded during his lifetime, giving Dr. Barnes an opportunity to become an art educator. Following our visit we will enjoy lunch at the adjacent restaurant.

2025 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA 19130

More Information on our website: [GoldenSlipperGems.org](https://GoldenSlipperGems.org)

## Policies

### Covid-19 Information

**Proof of vaccination required to attend in-person classes.**

Vaccination is required for all Gems staff and instructors.

Program offerings may change if the Covid-19 situation changes.

### Cancellation

When appropriate, Golden Slipper Gems will issue a credit, not a refund.

### Credit

Credit will not be given after the first day of classes except in the event of illness or injury. Written documentation from a physician is required.

## Registration

### Please visit

[GoldenSlipperGems.org](https://GoldenSlipperGems.org), click "Locations" and go to "Main Line" to register.

**Couples or friends:** It is required that each individual of a couple or friends register separately.

**Payment:** Registration by credit card via our website. Checks may be mailed to our office if preferred.



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On the Main Line

**In person classes will be held at Adath Israel Synagogue**

250 N. Highland Avenue, Merion Station, PA 19066

**Golden Slipper Gems** is a great place to connect with friends and meet new people. Our diverse speakers will stimulate your passion for learning and you'll keep returning to sample all that we have to offer.

Learn more at [GoldenSlipperGems.org](https://GoldenSlipperGems.org)!

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# WELCOME TO GOLDEN SLIPPER GEMS JUNE PROGRAMS 2023

## ZOOM & IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

### 3 TUESDAYS June 13 - June 27

#### EKPHRASTIC CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP



10:00AM - 11:00AM | COURSE FEE \$29

**Instructor: Sara Wenger, MS, MFA, Adjunct Instructor, Arcadia University**

'Ekphrastic' comes from the Greek word 'description'. Ekphrastic writing invites participants to describe what they see in a piece of artwork. Through a series

of writing prompts, participants will share their emotional and aesthetic responses to specific pieces of art. NO PRIOR WRITING EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. Participants should be prepared to write short responses to various works of art. This is a fun way to talk about art and write for fun.

### 3 TUESDAYS June 13 - June 27

#### AN OCEAN OF AIR AND 4.5 BILLION YEARS OF WEATHER



11:15AM - 12:15PM | COURSE FEE \$29

**Instructor: Mike Kaczmarczik, Senior Cooperative Education Advisor, Drexel U**

This three-part series will give a new perspective on daily weather, the history of our planet and some of the most extreme atmospheric events that occur. We'll begin taking a swim through an ocean of air - our atmosphere. Discovering not only what is in the air we breathe, but what extraterrestrial forces drive its motion. Next, we will take a trip back in time, to the origin of Earth and the birth of our atmosphere. Making a few stops on our journey to present day, we will examine past climates and how they inform our changing climate today. Our final discussion will focus on awe-inspiring natural phenomenon driven by the weather. From supercell thunderstorms that spawn tornadoes to tropical cyclones and atmospheric rivers.

### 3 WEDNESDAYS June 7- 21

#### ONE BOOK ONE JEWISH COMMUNITY: WHO BY FIRE: LEONARD COHEN IN THE SINAI



10:00AM-11:00AM | COURSE FEE \$29

**Instructor: Rabbi Eric Yanoff, Adath Israel Synagogue on the Main Line**

*Who By Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai* is this year's One Book One Jewish Community for Philadelphia.

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At such a fraught time, it may offer a hopeful picture of how, in the crucible of the Yom Kippur War, one musician (himself at a critical moment in his life and career) responded to a moment of fear and concern in Israel's history. Rabbi Eric Yanoff joins us once again this year, to reflect on lessons for today that we may draw from the book and to learn the history from forty years ago with a new chronicle by Israeli journalist Matti Friedman.

### 3 WEDNESDAYS June 14 - 28

#### WHY WE SHOULD READ BANNED BOOKS



11:15AM-12:15PM | COURSE FEE \$29

**Instructor: Ellen Trachtenberg, Owner of Narberth Book Shop**

During the past several years, there has been a steady increase in the number of books being banned by schools and libraries in different regions of the U.S. What themes do these books have in common? What is accomplished by preventing access to certain titles? Booksellers, teachers, librarians and advocacy groups agree that blanket bans are not an appropriate response to topics that some find controversial. Indeed, after a book has been banned, the demand for it seems to grow. In these sessions, we will discuss several books at the top of the most frequently banned list.

### 3 THURSDAYS June 15 - June 29

#### JEWISH MUSIC IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN SOCIETY: DIVERSITY & UNPRECEDENTED EXPERIMENTATION



10:00AM-11:00AM | COURSE FEE \$29

**Instructor: Pavel Roytman, Cantor, Conductor, Klezmer Music Performer**

As far back as the 16th-century, Jewish music has adapted and transformed to changing musical interests and tastes. Today is no different, the emergence of technology has accelerated the process of change and triggered innovations in Jewish music. Over this course we will look at music created in experimental congregations, concert venues and youth groups. We will also explore new forms of media such as YouTube, showing the dynamic and evolving development of Jewish music.

### 3 THURSDAYS June 15 - 29

#### POLITICAL AFFAIRS: STATE, FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL

11:15AM - 12:15PM | COURSE FEE \$29



#### THURSDAY June 15 | FEDERAL



**Instructor: Dr. Matt Kerbel, Interim Associate Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, Professor, Department of Political Science, Villanova University**

Dr. Kerbel will focus his talk on the peak of the debt ceiling crisis if no solution is found before then. He will include discussions on indictments of the organizers of the attempted coup, the 2024 presidential cycle and President Biden decision on running for re-election. Dr. Kerbel will also comment on the Republican field starting to take shape.



#### THURSDAY June 22 | STATE



**Instructor: Charlie Day, M.A., Member Of The Speakers Bureau of Fair Districts PA**

This class will focus on how a state legislature such as Pennsylvania's can impact both state and federal government. We will discuss recent unfair electoral and legislative outcomes in PA and how little control the electorate has which leads to these results.

#### THURSDAY June 29 | INTERNATIONAL



**Instructor: Buntzie Ellis Churchill, Speaker, President World Affairs Council of Philadelphia 1983 - 2006**

Is America still a military superpower? Yes, but... China is our greatest economic competitor. Currently, the world's two largest economies are at disagreement over issues ranging from trade, technology, national security, and Taiwan. Under its current leadership, China's goal is to surpass the U.S. and be the global leader. How is it doing? With its investments in the military, China appears to be bracing for confrontation while we appear to be somewhat disinterested and not well prepared, even for our own defense.

