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**NEW, BY POPULAR DEMAND:**

**JEWISH GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS**

A SPECIAL SIX WEEK COURSE

STARTING 10/28 7:15 - 8:15PM

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**SPECIAL EVENT NOV 11 AT 8:30**

**VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION**

OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

DIX HILLS JEWISH CENTER
555 Vanderbilt Pkwy  Dix Hills, NY 11746
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**CHAI Course Schedule:**

Mondays at the Dix Hills Jewish Center
Oct 28 / Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 / Dec 2

7:30 - 8:15pm  8:15 - 8:30pm  8:30 - 9:45pm
Class Sessions  Minyan / Break  Guest Scholar

Class sessions run six weeks.

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**Rabbi Howard Buechler**

**Presidential Mitzvot**

Using American Presidents of paradigms and at times the antithesis of Jewish Values, we will explore key Jewish concepts in light of Presidential actions. Washington and his address to the Jewish community of Newport; Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation; FDR and the Holocaust; Truman leading the UN Vote for the founding of the state of Israel; JFK and visioning "What I can do for my country"; LBJ and Civil Rights; Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

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**Rabbi Ian S. Jacknis**

**This is The Torah**

Based on the book This is the Torah by Rabbi Alfred J. Kolatch, author of The Jewish Book of Why, and following the question and answer format introduced in that book, this course will explore the origins of the countless laws, customs, and traditions that govern the writing and reading of the Torah and the many Torah rites and rituals currently practiced in the synagogue.

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**Rabbi Ian Silverman**

**Derech Eretz: The Holiness of Decency (Menschlichkeit) in Judaism**

Derech Eretz means propriety, decency, the “right balance,” the common-sense approach as the search for the Golden Mean as it appears in our sources. Explore the development of morality as it becomes a fundamental value in Judaism in contexts of governing, wisdom, emotional balance, sexual and gender matters, public debate, Israeli ethos—and more.

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**Rabbi Jonathan Waxman**

**Notable Jewish Women:**

Dona Gracia Mendes, 16th c. Sephardic leader; Rebecca Gratz, the model for Rebecca of Ivenhoe; Hannah Rachel Verbermacher, the Maiden of Ludomir, a Hasidic master; Henriette Szold, a founder of Hadassah and Youth Aliyah; Emma Goldman, anarchist and political activist; Regina Jonas to Sara Hurwitz, pioneer women rabbis.

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**Rhoda Miller**

**Jewish Genealogy For Beginners**

**NOTE:** Special Start Time of 7:15

Rhoda Miller, Ed.D., CG® has been a Certified Genealogist since 1998, specializing in Jewish research and Holocaust studies. Rhoda is a Past President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island (JGSLI) and continues as a board member. With JGSLI, she led the award-winning project of publishing the Images of America book, Jewish Community of LI. Rhoda is currently a Genealogist Researcher for Ancestry Pro Genealogists, on the Eastern European team.
WELCOME BACK TO CHAI, FALL 2019!! We warmly and enthusiastically welcome Rabbi Susie Moskowitz and the Temple Beth Torah family to our sponsoring congregations. Join us at the Dix Hills Jewish Center for six eclectic, contemporary and riveting programs from our impressive roster of Guest Lecturers, as described below:

SUSAN WEIDMAN SCHneider
Founder & Editor-in-Chief of Lilith Magazine
"Uneasiness with the Truth: Why It's So Hard to Report the Stories That Make Us Uncomfortable"  - Oct 28
Susan Weidman Schneider, long time editor in chief of Lilith magazine - independent, Jewish & frankly feminist - has shepherded the publication of a number of investigative reports that make us uncomfortable as Jews, but which nonetheless must be told: rabbinic sexual misconduct; addiction and substance abuse; violence in Jewish families. And of course, the recent spate of #MeToo stories about sexual harassment and abuse within the Jewish community. She'll speak about some of the risks - and the acknowledged benefits - in reporting stories Lilith magazine has broken in its 40-plus years of publishing.

RABBI TRACY KAPLOWITZ
Director of Operations of Jewish Welfare Board Jewish Chaplains Council
"When Nice Jewish Girls Grow Up to be Air Force Officers" - Nov 11
The entire community is invited to this very special Veterans Day Commemoration.

ARNOld FRANKlin
Associate Professor, History Director, Center for Jewish Studies Queens College, CUNY
"Messy History: How the Cairo Geniza Has Complicated Our View of the Past" - Nov 25
This lecture will focus on materials from the Cairo Geniza, a remarkable trove of medieval Jewish manuscripts that came to light at the end of the 19th century. Altogether, the Geniza contained a staggering 300,000 pages, including autograph masterpieces by such celebrated authors as Moses Maimonides and Judah Halevi as well as thousands of letters and documents reflecting the daily lives of ordinary Jews. Through a consideration of texts both sublime and mundane we will explore how the Geniza has transformed our understanding of the past, in many cases overturning long-held assumptions about Jewish society in the Islamic world.

IHLLEL GRUENENBERG
Israel Engagement Director and Adjunct Professor of Israeli History at the JTS and the New York campus of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.
"ORDER PLEASE, THIS IS NOT THE KNESSET HERE! The Past, Present and Future of Israel's Elections." - Nov 4
Israel's electoral process can seem somewhat bewildering. Despite this, the process of electing representatives to the Knesset (by extension the Prime Minister and cabinet) has remained mostly the same over the past 70 years, aside from a brief two-year period (1999-2001) in which the Prime Minister was elected directly. This talk will examine the basics of Israel's electoral process and the shifts in Israel's partisan-political constellation over the years. We will give particular focus to the outcome of the most recent elections in September 2019, and analyze their potential impact for the future of Israel and its relationship both with the Palestinian people and with Global Jewry.

LARRY RAFUL
"Jewish Ethics, Medical Ethics, Legal Ethics: Is there a Jewish Way to practice ethically?" - Nov 18
Larry Rafal is an adjunct professor of legal ethics at Touro Law School after serving 14 years as Dean and Professor of Legal Ethics at the school. He has taught ethics to law students and lawyers for more than 35 years.

RAbBI DENA KLEIN
Managing Director, The Jewish Education Project
"What's New About Hebrew School?" - Dec 2
The American Jewish educational system has relied on models created over 100 years ago to supplement the Jewish observances that were carried out in the home. Long after Jewish practice was no longer a foundational element of family life, we continued to rely upon these old models of education. Only in the last 10 years has the Jewish community started experimenting with new approaches that focus less on passing down religious traditions and more on Judaism's resonance as a source for inspiration and resilience in today's complex and fast-paced world.

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