

Lunch & Learn

AT OHAVI ZEDEK

October 2023 – May 2024
All start at NOON in-person

Thursday, October 19, 2023:

Raul Hilberg and Holocaust Studies at UVM
// a talk by Professor Jon Huener

A pioneering scholar of the Holocaust, Raul Hilberg taught at the University of Vermont for more than thirty years. Jon Huener, Professor of History and Director of the Miller Center for Holocaust Studies at UVM, will discuss the lasting impact of Hilberg's work, the transformations in the history and memory of the Holocaust over the past decades, and the current state of teaching and research on the Holocaust at UVM and beyond.

Thursday, November 16, 2023:

Vermont's Demographic Transformation: Causes & Consequences
// a talk by economist Arthur Woolf

Vermont's 21st century demographic experience is, and will continue to be, very different from population changes the state experienced in the last half of the 20th century. Vermont is now one of the oldest states in the nation; it has one of the lowest birth rates in the country; and its labor force is lower today than it was fifteen years ago.

Economist Arthur Woolf takes a look at the causes and consequences of Vermont's demographic transformation.

Thursday, December 21, 2023:

Search and Rescue in the Central Mediterranean
// a talk & photo presentation by Jade Kaplan

Jade Kaplan will discuss her work in April 2023 as a volunteer midwife on the medical team of the humanitarian search and rescue ship *Humanity 1* in the Central Mediterranean. You'll learn about her experiences onboard, including her training as a volunteer; the crisis facing migrants desperate to reach Europe; and the rescue at sea of 69 refugees that occurred during her month onboard.

Thursday, January 18, 2024:

Artists & the Holocaust: Documentation, Memory, Elegy
// a visual presentation by Janie Cohen

Janie Cohen, past Director of UVM's Fleming Museum, will speak about the work of a number of artists who experienced the Holocaust directly or indirectly and the varied relationships of their experience to their art.

Cohen will discuss, among others, Henryk Ross, who clandestinely photographed life in the Lodz ghetto while serving as the Jewish Council's

official photographer, and Hannelore Baron, a New York artist who witnessed Kristallnacht as a child and escaped Germany with her family.

Thursday, February 15, 2024:

A Look at Burlington's Key Housing-Related Initiatives
// a talk by Planning Director Meagan Tuttle

Since 2021, the City of Burlington has been working to implement a 10-point housing action plan. The plan includes major housing-related initiatives for institutions (such as UVM); for the South End; and for City-wide implementation. Burlington Planning Director Meagan Tuttle will update us on these housing initiatives, and answer your questions.

Thursday, March 14, 2024:

Preserving & Sharing Yiddish Literature and Culture: The Role of the Yiddish Book Center
// a talk by Zvi Jankelowitz

Zvi Jankelowitz, the Yiddish Book Center's Director of Institutional Advancement, will share with us highlights of "Yiddish: A Global Culture," the Center's new permanent exhibition, and explain how the Center is at the forefront of technological advances, ensuring the accessibility of Yiddish books to Yiddish and non-Yiddish readers.

→ For details on our April and May Lunch & Learn talks, see the other side.

→ For details on our October 2023 – March 2024 talks, see other side.

Thursday, April 18, 2024:

The Two Lives of Henrietta Szold

// a talk by Linda Kopper

Henrietta Szold was one of the most important Jewish leaders of the 20th century. Her long life, from 1860 to 1945, spanned some of the most turbulent years in modern history. The events of that time shaped the lives of millions of people and are woven into the fabric of Szold's life story. Long-time OZ member Linda Kopper, who serves as President of Hadassah Vermont, will explore the "two lives" of Henrietta Szold, and discuss how her legacy lives on today.

Thursday, May 16, 2024:

The Forgotten History of Barre's Jewish Community

// an exploration by Dr. Carol Harris-Shapiro

With deep ties to Burlington and Montpelier, Barre's Jewish families nevertheless forged their own singular identity in a diverse environment of Yankees, Italians, French Canadians, Scots, Spanish, Syrians and other vibrant ethnic groups. Dr. (and Rabbi) Carol Harris-Shapiro will share some of the unique stories of Barre's Jewish residents and the life of their community, based on information she has gathered from interviews, books and articles, and genealogical research.

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Our NOON monthly luncheons are free and open to the community. Donations to help defray expenses are gratefully accepted.

Current plans are for all Lunch & Learns to be in-person in OZ's social hall, not on Zoom. However, we will provide separate seating for those who want to remain masked & not have lunch. **All are welcome!**

Questions? -- call Ohavi Zedek Synagogue at: 802-864-0218 ext. 1
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