



## THE MANY FACETS OF JUDAISM / EXPLORING ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS

These programs, were sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, the Albert Wisner Library and the Orange County Human Rights Commission. "The Many Facets of Judaism," on February 4th, featured our local clergy with the purpose of informing the general public of the different denominations within Judaism, the ways each worship and practice, and providing foundations for better dialogs and understanding of how these movements differ and what they share in common.

On February 18th we explored the three major Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam and learned how they emerged and evolved. A rabbi, an expert in theology and an imam spoke about their faith and the most active challenges they face today. In addition we will learned how Chaplaincy strives to heal within the community.

Our moderator for each program was Roger Moss, a former president of "Community Together" a community development organization in Warwick. Roger has developed strategies to address anti-Semitism and to promote and improve social justice for Orange County immigrants, people of color, and farm workers.

The final segment, "Religious Communities in America Seeking to establish Civil Entities" will be presented Thursday, March 4th at 6:30 via Zoom. Our aim is to remind or introduce the audience to our American way of offering religious "freedom" tempered by the American legacy social and political order. The audience will better understand the tension between institutional religious practice and the civil order in which those practitioners must operate.

**REGISTER: [albertwisnerlibrary.org](http://albertwisnerlibrary.org)**



Above l-r: Roger Moss, Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein, who presented at both programs, Stuart Forman, Rabbi Joseph Kolakowski, who presented at both programs, Rabbi Rebecca Shinder. Left: Rabbi Pesach Burston. Right: Jason Villareal, who spoke of the origins of Christianity and Imam Kedar Malik, who spoke of the origins of Islam.

## Forward Focus: A 4-Part Series Exploring Religious Diversity in Israel Thursdays, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th at Noon via Zoom

This series brings experts, religious leaders, and changemakers from Israel to our Federation community, for a journey of learning and exploration, celebrating the diversity of Jewish life in Israel. Among the topics to be covered, include:

- ✧ The power balance between religion and state
- ✧ What Israelis are looking for when it comes to Jewish practice
- ✧ The evolution of life cycle events in Israel
- ✧ Shabbat programming and religious freedom
- ✧ Working with Knesset Members and ministers on religious diversity
- ✧ Russian-speaking Jews broadening the Jewish collective in Israel
- ✧ LGBTQ community and Judaism
- ✧ How philanthropy is powering change
- ✧ Federation's work to support and empower Israeli



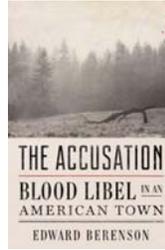
There is no fee for participation.

**Go here for more information about this series and to register: [jewishtgether.org/forwardfocus](http://jewishtgether.org/forwardfocus)**



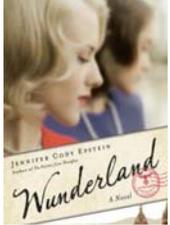
Sunday, 4/18/21 4PM  
Thelma Adams  
"Bittersweet Brooklyn"

A vivid, female driven immigrant family saga set against the birth of the Jewish mob in Brooklyn at the turn of the 20th Century.



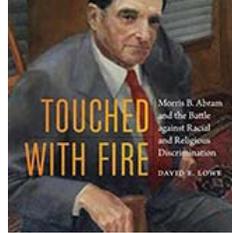
Sunday, 5/2/21 4PM now via Zoom  
Edward Berenson "The Accusation"

A chilling investigation of America's only alleged case of blood libel, and what it reveals about antisemitism in the United States and Europe.



Sunday, 6/6/21 4PM  
Jennifer Cody Epstein  
"Wunderland"

Traces the lives of three women across two generations and the repercussions of choices made in the dark days of wartime Germany.



Sunday, 7/11/21 4PM

David E. Lowe  
"Touched with Fire"  
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This 3-part series is action-based and aims to continue the work towards anti-racism in the Orange County Jewish community.

Open to all Jewish-identifying folks in the Orange County, NY community.

Stop the Hate Challenge 2021  
Theme: "Healing the Hate"  
Prompt: The challenge of our past remains the challenge of our future

Open to residents of Orange County, students in grades 7-12 currently attending public or private or being home schooled. You may submit an essay with maximum 1,000 words for grades 7-9, and 1,500 words for grades 10-12. Also accepting Poetry or a Podcast, Song or PSA no longer than 5 minutes.

\$200 cash prize for one winner from Middle School and one winner from High School. In addition, each teacher of the winning student will be awarded \$100.

Complete details:  
[jewishorangeny.org/2021StopHate](http://jewishorangeny.org/2021StopHate)





**Via Zoom: Tuesday March 23, 7:00pm  
Dr. Pamela Nadell, American University**

**Professor and Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's & Gender History,  
Director, Jewish Studies Program**

***“The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire:  
Out of Tragedy Comes Social Justice”***

We mark the 110th anniversary of the tragic fire in Manhattan's Garment District, a tragedy in which 146 workers, mostly young immigrant Jewish women perished. Yet, it was an event which galvanized the women's labor movement, transformed New York state workers' rights and factory safety legislation, and propelled women into the forefront of organizing, social justice activism, and a new trajectory of leadership in America.

***Come, celebrate Women's History Month with Temple Beth Jacob!***

**Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Orange County, MicroGrants Program. Co-hosted by Temple Beth Jacob Sisterhood, Temple Beth Shalom - Florida, Temple Sinai - Middletown, Monroe Temple Beth-El, Congregation Agudas Israel - Newburgh, and Congregation Beth Hillel - Walden.**

***All via Zoom - watch your emails/Facebook for the link!***

**Via Zoom: Thursday, March 25, 7:00pm,  
Alicia Svigals, Klezmer Violinist Extraordinaire**

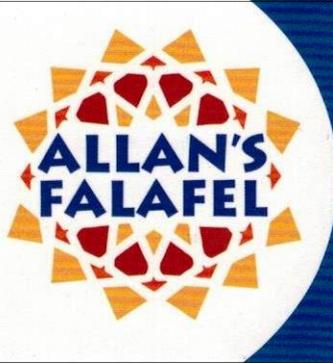
**Alicia Svigals, violinist/composer and co-founder of the Grammy-winning Klezmatics, is the world's foremost klezmer violinist!**

***“Inspired Voice and Texture:  
Violin, Poetry and Texts”***

As we mark the anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, and Women's History Month, we celebrate the Yiddish language, music and culture of the young women of that day, and which still inspires and energizes us. The amazing, unique sound of the Klezmatics, and the Klezmer violin and poetry of Alicia Svigals, is a wonderful climax of our commemoration!



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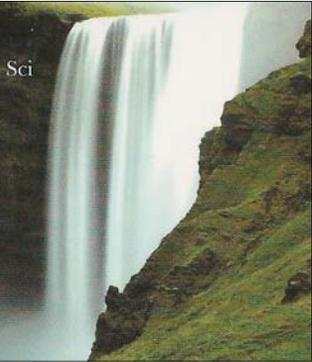
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