



Pesach at Pearlstone

April 8-16, 2009

14-22 Nisan 5769



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Reisterstown, MD 21136

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Please read the enclosed information carefully. When you arrive at Pearlstone we will ask you to commit to the choices of Trips, entrees, spa services, and seders that you discussed with our programming director.



Bruchim Ha Ba'im

Dear *Chaverim*,

We are so happy to welcome you to our fifth "Pesach at Pearlstone." Our staff has spent many weeks planning and preparing to make certain that each and every one of you, from the youngest to our most senior and venerable participants, have a *zeisen* and *kasher* Pesach. We hope that you find our food delicious, facility comfortable, our ambience warm and *haimish*, and our staff attentive and welcoming.

Pearlstone was established by The ASSOCIATED Jewish Federation as a vehicle to strengthen Jewish identity and continuity and as a venue in which to celebrate Jewish family life. This holiday exemplifies our mission, and you, our guest families, are helping us fulfill it.

We have created a diverse selection of lectures, programs and trips for your personal enrichment and enjoyment and encourage you to participate in them all.

Best wishes for a *chag sameach*.

B'shalom,

Pacy Oletsky
President

Carol Pristoop
Executive Director

Dick Goldman
General Manager



Guest Roster (continued)

Nathan Weinberger	Fran Behrman
Eva Weinberger	Doug Behrman
Jojo Weinberger	Naftali Behrman
Danielle Stark	Gavi Behrman
Dov Stark	Shifra Behrman
Nechama Stark	Basha Behrman
Yitzy Stark	Andrea Lavine
Shani Stark	Mike Lavine
<u>Tova Stark</u>	Becca Lavine
<u>ZIV FAMILY</u>	Abby Lavine
Elinor Ziv	Eric Littman
Bill Ziv	<u>Racheli Littman</u>
Lisa Ziv	
Rob Ziv	
Allison Ziv	
Jacob Ziv	
Yael Ziv	



Guest Roster (continued)

Gloria Mirman	Roberta Redfern
Sandy Mirman	Baruch Redfern
<u>PANITZ FAMILY</u>	Rena Rotenberg
Seymour Panitz	Susan Schnerb
Barbara Panitz	Simcha Schnerb
Ora Chaiken	Ray Sylvia Stern
David Chaiken	Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz
Daniel Chaiken	Rivka Simenowitz
Sarina Chaiken	Tova Simenowitz
Debbie Pesach	Shlomo Simenowitz
Avi Pesach	Gene Sucov
Naama Pesach	Ellen Sucov
Arielle Pesach	Jonah Wahrman
<u>Benji Pesach</u>	Lucille Wahrman
Rabbi Pelberg	<u>WEINBERGER FAMILY</u>
Esther Pelberg	Evelyn Weinberger
Ilene Raubvogel	Ted Weinberger
Yehoshua Redfern	Eva Weinberger



Star-K

The Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center is Certified by the Star-K of Baltimore. We maintain two Eruvim, and are Glatt kosher and Cholav Yisroel. If you have any questions with regards to whether our foods contain particular ingredients or to the kosher status of our Eruv please feel free to ask a member of our staff or speak to our Mashgiach.

Seder Options

The Communal Seder

Cantor Redfern will lead us in a warm, music-filled evening of prayer, song, and thought. This seder is open to all who are joining us for Pesach this year, and will be held in the main dining room.

The Commentator's Seder

It took a year for Hashem to extract the Israelites from Egypt. Why couldn't He take them out on a big flying carpet? What was the true agenda in the confrontation between Hashem and Pharaoh. Was there a message behind each of the plagues? How did the death of the first born correspond to the creation of the universe?

Join the "commentator's seder" with Mr. Harold Gans, scientist and internationally acclaimed lecturer, and learn the answers to these questions and many more. Attain a deeper understanding of the story of the exodus through the eyes of the sages, and with the perspective of modern science and ancient Egyptian religious belief. Discover that the message of the exodus is as relevant to us today as it was 3,300 years ago. Attendees will be encouraged to share their insights and nigunim.



Pearlstone Staff

Carol Pristoop	Executive Director
Dick Goldman	General Manager
Frank Cleveland	Food Services
Cheryl Katz	Guest Services
Jessica Weinberg	Programming

Pesach 2008 Faculty

Rabbi Yitzhak Breitowitz	Scholar in Residence
Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz	Artist in Residence
Rabbi Aryeh Goetz	Pesach Rav HaMachsher
Cantor Yehoshua Redfern	Shaliach Tsibur/ Seder Leader
Laura Leventhal	Camp Director

We are all here to make this a Pesach of celebration, learning, and enjoyment. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay here even better.



Guest Roster (continued)

Miriam Gans	Laura Leventhal
Bess Gans-Shubin	Chaim Leventhal
Rose Glassner	Manya Luft
Aryeh Goetz	Lilly Mayer
Bracha Goetz	Isador Mayer
Harold Goetz	Yaffa Mermelstein
Binyomin Goetz	Martin Mermelstein
Shira Goetz	Jill Mirlis
Sam Gorman	Eli Mirlis
Luda Gorman	Shira Mirlis
Edith Judelson	Rikki Mirlis
Issac Kinek	Avigayle Mirlis
Shirley Kinek	Miriam Mirlis
Sinai Leventhal	Dassy Mirlis
Elya Leventhal	Reuven Mirlis
Yehuda Leventhal	Tibel Mirlis
Devora Leventhal	Sam Mirman/Hurwitz



Guest Roster

Bill Bashevkin	Bernard Creeger
Mildred Bashevkin-Shapiro	Glicka Creeger
Walter Becker	Oscar Creeger
Ray Becker	Sylvia Creeger
Roseanne Benn	Moshe Davids
Howard Benn	Shula Davids
Henry Bernstein	Fred Ehrlich
Samuel Blech	Nina Ehrlich-Rosenthal
Ilona Blech	Joy Fish
Sabina Bodenheimer	Murray Milkman
Arnold Bramson	Roberta Fretzin
Roslyn Bramson	Scott Fretzin
Yitchok Breitowitz	Audrey Fretzin
Sally Breitowitz	Hannah Fretzin
Moshe Breitowitz	Sophie Fretzin
Frayda Breitowitz	Molly Fribush
Abby Breitowitz	Harold Gans



The Pearlstone Pesach Camp

Laura Leventhal, Director

Jam packed with fun for our children. Camp will be in session twice daily during Chag, and once a day during Chol HaMoed. Check the enclosed schedule for daily times. Camp will meet in the downstairs Activity Center. Activities will include story time, arts & crafts, field trips, and indoor & outdoor games.

Davening & Lectures

Davening, Daf Yomi and lectures are scheduled to take place in room 100 which is located off the main lobby just to the right of the main staircase. The alternative programs are also in room 100. We encourage everyone to attend the lectures, programs and meditation sessions. You will find a schedule and descriptions of all our lectures in this booklet. Thank you to our scholar-in-residence Rabbi Breitowitz, artist-in-residence Rabbi Simenowitz and our shaliach tzibur, Cantor Yehoshua Redfern, as well as to all of our guests who are offering their wonderful lectures.

*How fortunate we are to be sharing
Pesach together, each guest brings so
much to our Pearlstone Community!*

Davening Schedule

Shacharis	Chag	9:00
	Shabbat	8:30
	Chol HaMoed	7:30

Mincha	4/8	7:10
	4/9	7:21
	4/10	7:22
	4/11	6:00
	4/12	5:30
	4/13	5:30
	4/14	7:00
	4/15	7:15
4/16	6:00	

Maariv	4/8	8:20
	4/9	8:30
	4/10	7:22
	4/11	8:30
	4/12	9:15
	4/13	9:15
	4/14	7:00
	4/15	8:36
4/16	8:37	

Candlelight	4/8	7:21
	4/9	8:30
	4/10	7:22
	4/14	7:00
	4/15	8:36



Settlers of Catan

3-4 players, 12+ yrs, 120 minutes

In Settlers of Catan, players try to be the dominant force on the island of Catan by building settlements, cities, and roads. On each turn dice are rolled to determine the current production on the island. Players collect raw materials to build up their civilizations to gain enough victory points to win the game.

Ticket To Ride

2-5 players, 12+ yrs, 90 minutes

With elegantly simple gameplay, Ticket to Ride can be learned in 5 minutes, while providing players with intense strategic and tactical decisions every turn. Players collect cards of various types of train cars they then use to claim railway routes in North America. The longer the routes, the more points they earn. Additional points come to those who fulfill Destination Tickets – goal cards that connect distant cities; and to the player who builds the longest continuous route.

Transamerica

2-6 players, 8+ yrs, 30 minutes

A very simple railway game. Each player has a set of 5 cities strung across the US that need to be connected by rail. Players place either 1 or 2 rails each turn. The player who can make the best use of the other players' networks is generally victorious.

Tsuro

2-8 players, 8+ yrs, 30 minutes.

A beautiful and beautifully simple game of laying a tile before your own token to continue its path on each turn. The goal is to keep your token on the board longer than anyone else's, but as the board fills up this becomes harder because there are fewer empty spaces left... and another player's tile may also extend your own path in a direction you'd rather not go. Easy to introduce to new players.

Zooloretto

2-5 players, all ages, 90 minutes

Each player uses small, large, wild and exotic animals and their young to try to attract as many visitors as possible to their zoo. But be careful - the zoo must be carefully planned. Before you know it, you have too many animals and no more room for them. That brings minus points! Luckily, your zoo can expand. A zoo of a family game in which less is sometimes more.



Manhattan

2-4 players, 8+ yrs, 60 minutes

In this short, tense game, players build skyscrapers in New York, with the exact building locations limited by the cards in their hands. Although everyone can contribute to the construction of a skyscraper, only the player who built its top floor can claim ownership. And ownership is important, because at the end of each round every skyscraper you own contributes to your point total, as does owning the most in a single area, and even owning the tallest one!

Poison

3-6 players, 8+ yrs, 45 minutes

A clever strategy card game. Players choose a potion card from their hand to add to one of three colored cauldrons, being careful not to let the pot go over a total value of 13. The player who causes the cauldron to go over 13 must take all of the cards within it, trying to avoid taking a potion mixed with poison. Be the player with either the most or none of any potion and you're safe - otherwise take the risk of receiving a deadly dose!"

Qwirkle

2-6 players, 8+ yrs, 60 minutes

While Qwirkle is as simple as matching colors and shapes, it is a game that also requires tactical maneuvers and well-planned strategy. The game consists of 108 wooden blocks with six different shapes in six colors. Using the blocks, players attempt to score the most points by building lines that share a common attribute - either color or shape. The block play is similar to Scrabble. Qwirkle is a quick game to learn, but you'll soon discover that you'll need to think strategically in order to score the most points.

Ra

3-5 players, 12+ yrs, 90 minutes

Ra is an auction game with an Ancient Egyptian theme. Each turn players are able to purchase three lots of tiles with their bidding tiles. Once a player has purchased his three lots for the round, the other players continue until they do likewise, which may set up a situation with a single uncontested player bidding on tiles before the end of the round occurs. Tension builds because the round may end before all players have had a chance to win their three lots for the epoch. The tiles give either immediate points, prevent negative points for not having certain types at the end of the round (epoch), or give points after the final round. The game lasts for three epochs. The game offers a short learning curve, and experienced players find it both fast-moving and a quick play.



Our Scholar

Rabbi Yitzhak Breitowitz

Rav Breitowitz was born in New York, and grew up in the Greater Hartford, Connecticut area. He received his bachelor of arts from Johns Hopkins University and obtained semicha from Ner Israel Rabbinical College, where his fellow students and teachers recognized in him unusual creativity and brilliance, as well as a unique ability to grasp



complicated material and communicate it clearly to others. He met and married Sally Naiman, and returned to Baltimore in 1983, to join the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Law, where he is now a tenured professor, specializing in bankruptcy and commercial law. Rav Breitowitz's scope and pace of activity are legendary. In addition to leading daily daf yomi classes, his women's shiur on Sunday morning attracts students throughout metropolitan Washington. A born pedagogue, he lectures regularly to the larger Washington community at the Board of Jewish Education, the JCC, the UJA-Federation and countless other venues. He has also taught at the Girls' Division of the Yeshiva High School. He is much in demand as a lecturer nationally, bringing his unique depth and breadth of scholarship to bear on a wide range of subjects, especially medical, business, professional and family ethics, and the interrelationship of halacha and the secular legal system. He has published widely on Jewish law and ethics. Among his articles are those on the right to die, physician assisted suicide, brain death, the status of frozen embryos, the desecration of ancient burial sites through archaeological excavations, business ethics, shalom bayit and

Our Artist

Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz

Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz is truly a renaissance man. Whether teaching, playing music, writing, farming, officiating as a rabbi, practicing law or working with his draft horses, he has consistently demonstrated how such diverse career and vocational choices can be seamlessly and meaningfully integrated. He brings passion and a deep sense of conviction (not to mention a wicked sense of humor) to everything he does.



He attended Yeshiva University and SUNY Stony Brook and received his *semicha* from HaRav Dovid Ostroff, Jerusalem. He also holds a J.D. with Excellence from Hofstra University School of Law. A lifelong Jewish educator, he currently serves as Executive Director of *Project Ya'aleh V'Yavo, Inc.* where he designs cutting edge environmental programs for Jewish youth.

He is a sought after public speaker and he has published more than 250 articles on topics ranging from farming to entertainment law. His syndicated column "Legal Licks" ran in *The Music Paper* for eleven years and his most recent article "Water Conservation and Halacha – An Unorthodox Approach" was published in the *Compendium of Halacha and the Environment*.

An accomplished guitarist in his own right, he has shared top billing with such artists as R' Shlomo Carlebach, Piamenta, Chava Alberstein, The Diaspora Yeshiva Band, Megama and countless others.

He divides his time between his home in Western Mass and Sweet Whisper Farms, his maple farm in Readsboro, VT, which was featured in the recent book "Jewish Fathers – A Legacy of Love" as "Vermont's only *shomer shabbos*, organic, horse-powered maple farm" as well as in Jewish communities throughout the country as a scholar/artist in residence. He has served as the adjunct Rabbi of Congregation Kneseth Israel of Ellington, CT, one of the last rural orthodox synagogues serving the region's Jewish farmers.

Cartagena

2-5 players, 8+ yrs, 45 minutes

Cartagena takes as its theme the famous 1672 pirate-led jailbreak from the fortress of Cartagena. Each player has a group of six pirates and the objective is to have all six escape through the tortuous underground passage that connects the fortress to the port, where a sloop is waiting for them. Each card bears one of six symbols (dagger, pirate hat, etc.), and you move a pirate forward by playing a card and moving ahead to the matching symbol in the tunnel, leapfrogging over those where another pirate already stands, but the only way to get more cards is to move backwards. This turns into a simple but smart game of patience and opportunity, well received by casual gamers.

Ingenious

2-4 players, 8+ yrs, 60 minutes

The game is played on a hex board. 120 equally sized pieces, each consisting of two joined hexes, come with the game. There are symbols on each hex that make up the piece – some pieces have two identical symbols, some have two different symbols. The pieces go into a bag so that they get drawn randomly. Each player receives six pieces to start the game, which are placed onto a rack and visible to them alone. The goal of the game is, through clever placement, to obtain points in the different symbol colors. Points are claimed by placing a piece such that the symbols on it lie next to already-placed pieces with the same symbol. Pieces are placed onto any open spaces. So, if a player places a piece with a purple circle on it such that it sits next to an unbroken line of four other purple circles already on the board, then the player scores four purple points. A newly placed symbol can lie next to at most five individual rows of symbols.

Lost Cities

2 players, 8+ yrs, 30 minutes

Lost Cities is a two-player card game, similar to standard card solitaire. The object is to mount profitable expeditions to one or more of the five different lost cities. Card play is quite straightforward, with a few agonizing moments sprinkled through what is mostly a fast-moving game. If you start a given expedition, you'd better make some progress in it, or it'll score you negative points. If you can make a lot of progress, you'll score quite well. After three rounds, the highest total score takes the day.



Games Room

The following games will be available to our guests throughout the week of Pesach. The games room can be found downstairs on the left side of the Activity Center.

Apples to Apples

4-12 players, all ages, 30 minutes

Apples to Apples consists only of two decks of cards: Things and Descriptions. Each turn, the current referee selects a Description and players try to pick, from the cards in their hands, the Things that best match that Description. The referee then chooses the Thing that appeals most and awards the card to the player who played it. The unusual combinations of Things and Descriptions are humorous to the extreme, and will quickly have the entire room in an uproar. Once a player has won a pre-determined number of cards, that player wins.

Blokus

2-4 players, 8+ yrs, 30 minutes

Blokus is an abstract strategy game with transparent, tetris-shaped, colored pieces that players are trying to play onto the board. The only caveat to placing a piece is that it may not lie adjacent to your other pieces, but instead must be placed touching at least one corner of your pieces already on the board.

Carccassone

2-5 players, 8+ yrs, 90 minutes

In this fairly light tile-laying offering, players pull a tile from the pool and place it against one of the previously played tiles. If you start a new object (city, road, farm or monastery), you can place one of your control markers on the tile to denote your control. Markers called Meeples cannot directly compete when placed, so to achieve some gains you must place your marker and use later tiles to connect up to it. The goal is to have the most points at the end, which can be tricky to control considering your choice for each turn isn't the tile itself, but rather the placement of the tile that you drew.



Our Guest Lecturers

Harold Gans

Mr. Harold Gans is a graduate of Yeshiva Gur Aryeh and received a Bachelor of Science degree Cum Laude with honors in mathematics from Brooklyn College. He received a Master of Arts degree in mathematics from the Belfer Graduate School of Science, Yeshiva University, where he was a National Science Foundation Fellow. Mr. Gans resides in Baltimore Maryland with his wife, where he collaborates with an international team of researchers in studying the Torah codes. He is the author of "A Primer on the Torah Codes Controversy for Laymen," and author or co-author of three technical papers on Torah codes, presented at international scientific conferences and published in two peer reviewed professional scientific journals.

Bracha Goetz

Bracha Goetz is the mother and grandmother of a bunch of children, the author of several children's books, and mentoring coordinator at the Jewish Big Brother and Big Sister League.

Shira Goetz

Shira Goetz is a teacher for both young and old. She is a preschool teacher at Yeshivat Rambam and runs a "Jewish Joy!" program at senior facilities.

Jakir Manela

Jakir is the Farmer and Education Director of Kayam Farm at Pearlstone. He has worked to develop the Jewish agricultural and environmental education programs of Kayam, the Teva Learning Center, & the Coalition of the Environment and Jewish Learning (COEJL).

Cantor Yehoshua Redfern

Cantor Redfern received a cantorial certificate from the Belz School of Jewish Music, Yeshiva University. Additionally he has studied at Lincoln Square Yeshiva, New York City Talmud and Shulchan Aruch, Hebrew Arts School of Music and Dance; Jewish Music Teachers Training Kollel of San Diego, Yeshiva Ner Israel, Baltimore MD. Cantor Redfern studies chazanut and voice with Cantor Daniel Gildar, and has served as Shaliach Tsibur in congregations throughout the United States and Canada for over twenty years. He officiates at life cycle events, trains Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, instructs people in prayer chanting, Torah and Haftorah chanting, and trains students in proper use of the voice.

Rena Rotenberg

Graduate of Brooklyn College of the CUNY. Graduate work in Early Childhood education at Hunter College of the CUNY. Studied at JTS. MA from BHU. Founded Early Childhood Department at CJE. Certified Childbirth Educator. Author of curriculum guides for holiday cycle and Shabbat, Gmilut Hasadim Co-author of Torah Talk: An Early Childhood teaching Guide and Lively Legends- Jewish Values. Presently; Adjunct Instructor-Early Childhood Education at Stevenson University, Baltimore City Community College and Community College of Baltimore -Catonsville. Volunteer with hospitalized children at Sinai Hospital. Founding member & former president of National Jewish Early Childhood Network & National Association of Jewish Early Childhood Specialists.

Ellen Sucov

Ellen B. Sucov is a psychologist, retired from the Faculty of the Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh. She studied at Duquesne University, where she earned a B.A. in Music Education and a Ph.D. in Psychology. Dr. Sucov and her husband divide their time between Pittsburgh and Jerusalem. She has a son, a daughter, and eight Israeli grandchildren. Her first book, "*Fragmented Families: Patterns of Estrangement and Reconciliation*" won the National Jewish Book Council Award [2006] for the category "Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice."

Evening Entertainment Mon. 4/13 **DICK STEINER MENTALIST**



Dick Steiner is a magical entertainer and mentalist who has been captivating audiences across the nation for more than 20 years. His wholesome program filled with humor include strolling magic and a stage mentalism (mind-reading) show with lots of audience participation. Dick's mentalism show is 45 minutes of humor, amazing effects, and lots of audience participation. Audiences are fascinated by Dick's mind-reading ability and sophisticated presentation. Because Dick makes no claims or disclaimers, opinions abound about whether the sixth sense is real or the effects are accomplished through trickery, non-verbal communication, or psychological ploys. However, this much is certain. Everyone, no matter what their beliefs, will thoroughly enjoy this unique show and will remember it for a long time.

Evening Entertainment Sun. 4/12
MR. BANJO - JAY WACHTER



**“AN AMERICAN MUSICAL
TRIBUTE”**

With an endless repertoire of songs and on-stage charisma to match, Jay Wachter's programs are invariably replete with anecdotes, historical tidbits, stories and interesting trivia. Blending innate musical talent with wit and personal charm, Wachter has developed a highly unique on-stage performance style that in the words of one critic is "simply a delight to witness."

Banjo entertainer and award-winning humorist, Jay Wachter has been performing professionally for over thirty years. Recently, Jay and his band were named Maryland's "Official International Goodwill Ambassadors" and granted the state's "Tourism Partner of the Year" award for promoting Maryland and the United States abroad through their musical programs. Some of the tours were co-sponsored by the U.S. State Department, the state of Virginia, the city of Washington, D.C. and Delta Airlines among others. Along the way, the native of Baltimore, Maryland has developed a reputation both as a respected musician and a crowd-pleasing entertainer.

"Notorious for putting a smile on your face, a song on your lips, and a tap in your toe." -The Baltimore Sun

Meditation

Bring Out the Best in You Through Meditation
11:30 chag 11:00 Shabbos

Join in a group meditation session open to all ages, genders, and experience levels. If you've never meditated before, come learn how to quiet your mind to improve your emotional, spiritual, and physiological health. Learn how to strengthen your immune system, manage stress and fatigue, reduce anxiety, improve relationships, create inner peace, awaken intuition, lower blood pressure, become less judgmental, connect to spirit, and enhance sleep patterns.



Participants sit comfortably in a chair and learn how to meditate to experience inner calm, deep relaxation and an increased sense of well being, energy and creativity.

We know that spirituality has been integral to Judaism for thousands of years. Yet, few appreciate that Jews from Abraham and Sarah practiced meditation until about 150 years ago. Those who maintain this practice find it powerful enough to develop the most sublime *deveikus* (awareness). This session teaches meditation as a practice that involves *focusing the mind* -- it does not teach religious beliefs.

About the Presenter

As a former management consultant in Manhattan, a Towson University professor, and currently a mother of three young children, Lisa Ziv is no stranger to stress. She created Time InÔ, an organization that teaches children how to relax and build confidence through deep breathing, stretching, meditation and self-esteem exercises. Lisa is a graduate of the Chopra Center for Well Being's Meditation and SynchroDestiny courses.

Alternative Programs Schedule

All of our Lectures & Alternative programs will take place in Room 100 of the main building.

#1: 4/8 4:30pm Rena Rotenberg

Judaica Embroidery

Known in the days of the Temple, embroidery is a very ancient art form, a type of needlework. In this session, participants will learn some basic stitches so as to be able to make their own creations. Perhaps it will be a hallah cover, matzoh cover, etc.

Rena is an avid embroiderer, having made table cloths, hallah covers, wall hangings etc. and will bring some along for display.

#2: 4/9 4:00pm Shira Goetz

The Power of Prayer—Women's Lecture

Understanding how we relate to G-d

#3: 4/15 4:30pm Rena Rotenberg

Jewish Legends & Stories

What is the purpose of legends in Judaism? Why are they so important in our lives? What do we learn from legends? How can we take these messages and incorporate them into our daily lives?

#4: 4/16 3:30pm Bracha Goetz

The Secret to Happiness—Women's Lecture

The skills that can make you very, very rich!



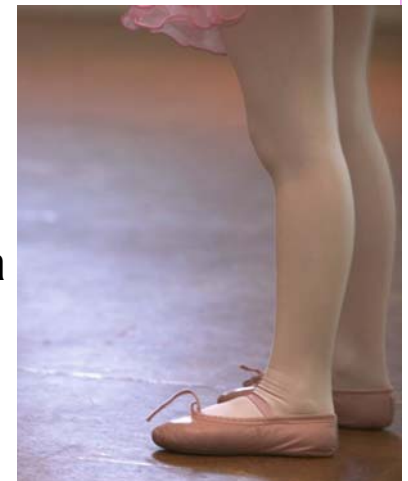
Evening Entertainment Sun 4/12

Bas Melech Performing Arts Program



Led by Mrs. Rivky Goldberg. These girls perform in a variety of venues around the Baltimore area, including the "Women's Showcase of Talent" show. The group includes

about 28 girls, in two groups. The performance will consist of a few segments including ballet, gymnastics, a violin soloist, and a piano soloist.



Evening Kumsitz Saturday 4/11

FIRESIDE TALES OF THE CHASSIDIC MASTERS



Join Rabbi Simenowitz for a magical musical evening around the campfire with singing and stories which convey the timeless wisdom of our predecessors.

Lecture Schedule

All of our Lectures & Alternative programs will take place in Room 100 of the main building.



#1: 4/8 7:30pm Rabbi Yitzhak Breitowitz
The Seder as a Paradigm for Spiritual Liberation

#2: 4/9 12:00pm Rabbi Yitzhak Breitowitz
The Inner Meaning of the 4 Cups of Wine and Elijah's Cup

#3: 4/9 7:45pm Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz
Three Terrific Talmudic Tales

A mystic fleeing for his life from the Romans; An insurrection in the study hall; A woman's insight into her future husband's great potential.

#4: 4/10 12:00pm Rena Rotenberg
Tzedakah and Gemilut Hasadim

How does Judaism differentiate between Tzedakah and Gmilut Hasadim? In this session, we will explore what makes the difference between these 2 concepts. We will relate this to modern events and ways that everyone can incorporate these concepts/values into daily life and experiences as Jewish people.

#5: 4/10 2:30am Rabi Yitzhak Breitowitz
The Relationship of Halachah to the Secular Legal System



Lecture Schedule

#6: 4/11 11:30pm Harold Gans

Prophecy and History

Does prophecy conflict with science? Can an objective analysis of historical events shed light on the veracity of prophecy? Examine seven specific prophecies concerning the Jewish people and the logical conclusions that can be drawn from them. This lecture is based on the Aish HaTorah's "The Seven Wonders of Jewish History"

#7: 4/11 7:30pm Cantor Yehoshua Redfern

Nusach Hatfilah

#8: 4/13 7:00pm Jakir Manela

Mishna Zeraim

Study Mishna Zeraim and its teachings of Jewish agricultural law. Then take a tour of Kayam Farm at Pearlstone to see the precepts being demonstrated in "living" color.

#9: 4/14 6:00pm Harold Gans

Torah Codes

This is a new multimedia presentation with dramatic animation and video clips, and it includes the latest codes discoveries and developments, including much material never presented in previous Torah code lectures. Torah codes topics discussed include recent historical events such as 9/11, Osama bin Laden, the capture and execution of Sadaam Hussein, the Asian tsunami, the Columbia disaster, The November 2008 US presidential election, and a new startling discovery concerning the Mumbai terrorist attack. Mr. Gans has spent his life making and breaking codes. After 28 years working as a senior cryptologist at the National Security Agency of the US Department of Defense, he became involved in the Torah codes research. He spent three years investigating all the claims and counter-claims in detail.

Organic Pesach Cooking

Come on into the Pearlstone kitchen and learn to make a healthy organic Passover lunch!

Frank Cleveland is the executive chef of Pearlstone

Ropes Course

If you are feeling adventurous and ready to challenge yourself, come on out to the ropes course to climb to new heights!

Casey Yurow is the education director of Kayam Farm at Pearlstone.

Mishna Gan

Study the texts of the Mishna connected to agriculture and the halachic cultivation of food.

Jakir Manela is the director of Kayam Farm at Pearlstone.

From White Russia to the Green Mountains

The moving yet hopeful and inspiring tale of how our new sugar-house came to look like the synagogue in my great-grandparents *shtetl* in Belarus which was destroyed in 1942.

Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz is the artist-in-residence for Pesach at Pearlstone



Other Chol Ha Moed Opportunities

The Jewish Community Center Park Heights or Owings Mills

Complimentary JCC Guest passes & schedules are available in the office.

Loews AMC Cineplex 10100 Mill Run Circle Owings Mills, Showtimes: 410-423-0523 Services: 443-394-0060

Bowl America-Reisterstown

11973 Reisterstown Rd, Reisterstown, MD 410 833-3440

Reisterstown Sportsplex Ice Skating Rink

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Chasidic Insights into the Jewish Calendar

The springtime festivals (Pesach and Shavuot) provide great insight into the structure of the Jewish calendar and the way in which Jews look at the dimension of time. We will explore some classic Chasidic and mystical texts in order to see what our tradition says about this topic.

Rabbi Larry Ziffer is the executive director of the Baltimore Center for Jewish Education

Organic Lotions & Balms

Cook up your own personal lotions, soaps and balms for healing dry lips, skin and hair. All of the ingredients are organic, healthy, and can be purchased at local health food stores. Take home your products and the recipes so you can make more!

Becca Weaver is the volunteer MD coordinator of Kayam Farm at Pearlstone.

Reflexology

Reflexology (zone therapy) is an alternative medicine method involving the practice of massaging, squeezing, or pushing on parts of the feet, or sometimes the hands and ears, with the goal of encouraging a beneficial effect on other parts of the body, or to improve general health.

Steve Steinberg received his certification from the Baltimore School of Reflexology, and is a member of the International Reflexology Association

Judaic Art

There is no need for talent or creativity, just a willingness to get your hands dirty and work with friends to create a lasting piece of the emotion and spirit of Pesach at Pearlstone!

Jessica Weinberg is the Programming Director of the Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center.

Gardening Workshop

Spend some time out on the farm. Enjoy the beautiful weather and learn some techniques for successful organic gardening. No holiday restrictions will be violated.

Jakir Manela is the director of Kayam Farm at Pearlstone.



Lecture Schedule

#10: 4/14 9:00pm Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz From Hollywood to Baltimore via Vermont

The inspiring story of a successful entertainment attorney and his hilarious adventure-studded journey back to Judaism and the simpler life.

#11: 4/15 12:00am Ellen Sucof Healing Fragmented Families

Dr. Sucof will discuss her book, "*Fragmented Families*," and present various aspects of family conflict. Her website, www.fragmentedfamilies.com contains key definitions, stories of real families, excerpts from the book, and suggestions for dealing with estrangement in the family. She urges you to access the website, search for ideas that may be relevant to your own experience, and come to the talk with your own questions and impressions.

#12: 4/15 3:00pm Rabbi Yitzhak Breitowitz The Splitting of the Red Sea as the Culmination of Redemption

#13: 4/16 12:00pm Rabbi Yitzhak Breitowitz Is the Torah Blue State or Red State? Jewish Perspectives on the Political Process

#14: 4/16 5:00pm Rabbi Yitzhak Breitowitz Brain Death, Organ Donation, and the Mottel Brody Case



Chol Ha Moed Day Trips

Sunday, April 12th 9:15-5:00

Baltimore, MD

Morning- Jewish Museum of Maryland

The Jewish Museum of Maryland is one of the country's leading centers for exhibits on Jewish history and culture. The Museum has two galleries that host changing exhibits of local and national interest. We combine art, rare objects, historical photographs, oral histories, videos, and hands-on activities in engaging, informative exhibitions.

Drawing on Tradition: The Book of Esther depicts the Book of Esther as you've never seen it before. Featuring the bold and edgy illustrations from JT Waldman's *Megillat Esther*, this epic tale of exile and redemption is sure to amaze and intrigue.



Afternoon— Orioles vs. Tampa Rays Baseball Game at Camden Yards

Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful weather and the great American pastime! Our seats are at field level and require no stair climbing, so all of our guests can sit, relax, and see the 2008 World Series challengers take on our Baltimore Orioles!



Monday, April 13th 9:15-4:30

Washington, DC

Free Roaming Day

Choose from over 50 free attractions in the city to visit. We will arrange to drop you off and pick you up! Take in the exquisite Cherry Blossom Festival, enjoy a picnic on the Mall, or maybe visit the newly re-opened Smithsonian National Museum of American History. There is so much to see in our nation's capital!



Healing Power of Psalms

For centuries the Biblical Book of Psalms has been a touchstone of those who seek peace and solace. The full range of human emotions is encountered in King David's outpourings of the soul. Words, images, and cadence connect us to the Source of healing. Join us as we unleash the healing power of the Psalms to renew body and spirit.

Rabbi Gila Ruskin serves as the part-time rabbi of Temple Adas Shalom in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Rabbi Ruskin has worked in diverse roles and settings such as: congregational rabbi, mental health chaplain, pastoral counselor, curriculum development and professional development coordinator for Jewish educators, university instructor, day school instructor, afternoon Hebrew School instructor, adult education instructor, spiritual educator in an Oncology unit, leader of multiple teen tours to Poland and Israel, and coordinator of programming for Jewish and African American high school students. Creative and interactive approaches to Biblical texts are her passion..

Tai Chi

A series of 19 movements and 1 pose that together make up a meditative form of exercise to which practitioners attribute physical and spiritual health benefits. T'ai Chi does not require a particular level of physical fitness or coordination. Some studies have found the practice to reduce stress and relieve certain ailments. T'ai Chi focuses on circulating, developing and balancing the chi a kind of spiritual energy residing in every living thing. For those with physical limitations, movements may be done seated. No special clothing or equipment is required.

Netsitsah Manela has been teaching various forms of martial arts for a number of years. She is the wife of Jakir Manela, Kayam Farm Director, and resides here at Pearlstone in our Fidler's Grove Cabins with their 1 year old son Lev Yodea. Nets is a full time mom, and a part time student of midwifery. She helps out as a farm assistant, and has an extensive knowledge of herbal remedies.

Digging Up Your Jewish Roots

In less than an hour we will learn the secrets of using the internet to dig up our roots and discover new family members. It's everything you wanted to know, but never asked!

Dick Goldman is the general manager of the Pearlstone Center. He is also president of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland and has been doing genealogy as a hobby for over 50 years; creating a family tree containing over 5,000 of his relatives.

Pure, Safe, & Beneficial Skin Care

Talk and demonstration about how to look younger using all natural skin care products. Tips on nutrition and discussion about why so many products on the shelves contain harmful, carcinogenic products and how you can avoid them but still get anti-aging results. Her philosophy is that everyone has something beautiful about them and she will help you find it and make the most of it.

Leah Goldseker, has been a fashion model for over 30 years and a television host doing fashion and style segments for ABC-TV in Baltimore, Maryland as well as a host for ABC's Senior Living Program. She is also a make-up artist and skin care specialist. Leah graduated from UCLA with a degree in Psychology and a graduate degree in Education. She has done many programs on fashion, make up, and how to dress for success.

Israeli Dancing

Whether you're a beginner or a folk dancing fiend, this class will teach you something new about the dances of our heritage. Basic and complex steps and combinations will be broken down and demonstrated.

Originally from Lexington, Kentucky, **Madeline Brownstein** started folk dancing when she learned her first Israeli dance at age 10 in her youth group and has been hooked ever since. She has been dancing in the Baltimore/Washington area for about 7 years and has been teaching in Baltimore for three years. Madeline lives in Baltimore with her husband and two children.

Yoga & Meditation

A gentle process for connecting to the quiet present moment of the heart. Yoga & Meditation allow us to look past these dissatisfied mindsets into a deeper experience of joy, peace and gratitude. The class begins with gentle yoga exercises, and gradually transitions through breathing exercises, deep relaxation and meditation.

Josh Rothschild is the director of Stress Management Consultants and the founder of The Center for Heart Hypnotherapy

Patsy Kuo is registered with the Yoga Alliance and a member of the Kripalu Certified Yoga Teachers Association. Patsy expresses her passion through yoga, dance, meditation, devotion and love. Her uplifting classes draw from diverse yoga traditions including Iyengar, Kripalu, Anusara and her spiritual work with Swami Shankarananda.



Chol Ha Moed Camp Trips

Sunday April 12th

Adventureland Amusement Park Frederick, MD

The Baltimore Jewish Community has made arrangements to rent out the park. Pesach at Pearlstone guests are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy amusements and kosher concessions throughout the day.



Monday, April 13th 9:15-4:30

National Zoo Washington D.C.

Part of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoo is the nation's zoo. It is a 163-acre zoological park set amid Rock Creek National Park in the heart of Washington, D.C. Visit the Zoo to see 2,000 individual animals of 400 different species. The National Zoo is a beautiful urban park offering family fun and excitement, stimulating education programs, and a peaceful place to enjoy nature.



Tuesday, April 14th 9:30-12:30

Mitchell's Golf - 7 & up

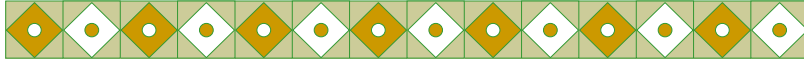
Enjoy a round of miniature golf on one of 3 state of the art courses.

Ultimate Play Zone - 6 and under

11,000 sq. feet of pure clean fun. It's a unique play experience with 7 top-of-the-line inflatable play stations and 3 wonder centers including a magical castle and pirate ship. Your kids will bounce, pretend, and climb away excess energy in a healthy, safe, and supervised setting.



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*Pearlstone Mini
Health and Renewal Institute*

Tuesday, April 14th 9:00am-4:00pm

Over the past year, Pearlstone has been developing a series of retreats called “The Pearlstone Health and Renewal Institute.” These retreats incorporate aspects of Jewish wisdom, values, and practices with holistic approaches towards medicine, nutrition, meditation, physical activity, and environmental awareness.

This year, it is our pleasure to offer our Pesach at Pearlstone guests a small taste of what has become a spiritual and emotional experience for all of our Health and Renewal Institute participants.

The sessions for our mini institute are divided into 4 categories in an attempt to appeal to the interests of all of our guests: Active, Creative, Intellectual, & Other.

*Please Note that all gender-specific sessions are marked as such on the schedule, and will be offered by facilitators of the same gender.



Schedule for Pesach at Pearlstone Health & Renewal Institute

Time	Active Outdoors or Rm. 200	Creative Activity Center	Intellectual Library	Other Room 100
9-10	Trail Hikes With Kayam Farm Educators	Morning Music With R. Shmuel Simenowitz	With R. Larry Ziffer of Baltimore CJE	Tai Chi with Netsitsah Manela
10-11	Gardening Workshop With Jakir Manela	Organic Lotions & Balms With Becca Weaver	Digging Up your Jewish Roots with Dick Goldman	Reflexology With Steve Steinberg
11 -12:30	Ropes Course With Casey Yurow	Judaic Art With Jessica Weinberg	Mishna Gan With Jakir Manela	Organic Pesach Cooking With Frank Cleveland
12:30-1:30	Musical Café Lunch with Walter Becker's Harmonica Society			
1:30-2	Stern Memorial Dedication			
2-3	Yoga/Meditation Men With Josh Rothschild	Israeli Dancing Women with Madeline Brownstein	With R. Shmuel Simenowitz	Pure, Safe, & Beneficial Skin Care with Leah Goldseker
3-4	Yoga/Meditation Women With Patsy Kuo	Israeli Dancing Men with Noah Glushakow-Smith	Shleimut/Wholeness: The Healing Power of the Psalms With R. Gila Ruskin	