Session A: 2:15 - 3:15

A-1 Buchalter, Harvey  Say Chai to Yiddish: 18 Indispensable Words and Expressions
Yiddish words and expressions are steeped with emotion, humor, anguish, and a certain in-definable quality. There's a story - and some history - behind each of them. They are mostly 'Old Country', but a few were even minted by immigrant Americans. Learn them and you will never be at a loss for words. This local Yiddish scholar and translator has selected eighteen (chay) for you to savor. No knowledge of Yiddish is required.

A-2 Dardashti, Schelly Talalay  Online Genealogy - How to Search & Record Family History
Discover numerous online genealogy websites and search engines that offer billions of records. Learn about the costs of conducting online genealogy, how to do it safely, where records may be found, and more.

A-3 Davis, Jane  Jews in Jail: Why We Might Care
Jews are only 0.6% of the prison population, but many have to fight to be Jewish. It’s this battle that compelled Jane to delve into the system to find out more. She will present information on what is done by inmates, how their writings tell their stories. Come inside places that are rarely accessible. You’ll laugh, cry and wonder ‘why’?

A-4 Karni, Shlomo  Evolution of Jewish Defense Organizations: Ha-Shomer (1909) to IDF (1948)
Look back on the major Jewish defense and security groups, from the early ones in the first Jewish villages, through the Haganah, the Irgun, and the Stern Gang ‘til the creation of the IDF: their ideologies, formations, actions, and contributions to the nascent state of Israel.

A-5 King, Nancy  The Healing Power of Jewish Stories
Understand the origins of traditional Jewish storytelling that strengthened and helped Jews prevail over the centuries. Listen to a Central Asian Jewish story about the power of words as they sound, and about the process of healing. We will use clay to facilitate creativity while writing personal stories about healing, which we’ll share and discuss.

A-6 Muldawer, Judy & Michael  Jewish Songwriters of Tin Pan Alley
Explore American popular music from 1900 – 1950 with a focus on the numerous Jewish composers and lyricists who created the Great American Songbook. Handouts and a duo performance will augment the discussion.

A-7 Pack-Campbell, Andrea  Your Ancestors: Old Family from Far Away
An individual has $046 ancestors up to the 10th generation. The energy of our ancestors remains within our genetic influences whether we are conscious of them or not. Tune in to your ancestors! Their joys and aspirations are a part of us. Explore and celebrate the stories of our families.

A-8 Rubin, Gail  Show & Tell: Jewish Funeral Superstitions and Traditions
Jewish traditions related to death, funerals and mourning are rarely taught in Hebrew School. In this show-and-tell class, we’ll look at items used for funerals and discuss the historical, practical and ritual reasons for each. Items will include burial shrouds (tachrichim), ketubah ribbon, shivah candle, a water pitchper, a yartzeit candle, and more.

A-9 Schwartz, Paula; Tarica, Erin  Moments of Mussar: Balancing Our Lives
Life’s complexities emerge through the multiple lenses we bring to each of our experiences. Using the richness of the Mussar tradition, engage in conversation and meditation focused on listening to our true selves while maintaining awareness of the needs of others.

A-10 Shlachtzer, Rabbi Jack  People of the (Cook) Book
Jewish, are we what we eat? Explore the description of the apple (or was it a pomegranate) in the Garden of Eden. Consider the story of the lentil stew Jacob made for Esau. What was Maimonides’ recipe for haroset? Using classical Jewish texts including the Bible, Mishnah, Talmud, Midrash and Responsa, gain fascinations insights into the eating habits of our ancestors.

A-11 Yellin, Marc  The Talmud - A page (or two)
Welcome to the world of Talmud study. Learn what is on each page, where the components are, and why they are there. Discover key concepts, terminology, and methodologies. Identify the major Talmudic portions you should know. No previous knowledge of Hebrew or the Talmud is required.

Session B: 3:30 - 4:30

B-1 Brin, Rabbi Deborah  The Life and Poetry of Ruth Brin
Be inspired by the poetry of groundbreaking liturgical poet, Ruth F. Brin. Rabbi Brin will discuss how her life as a poet, scholar, teacher, and community leader have contributed to the Reform, Reconstructionist and Conservative movements. Listen to poetry from Harvest and also to excerpts from Bittersweet Berries: Growing up Jewish in St. Paul, Minnesota.

B-2 Cohen, Beth  Zingt zei mir a Lideleh in Yidish (Sing a Little Yiddish)
Do you love the sound and expressiveness of the Yiddish language and like to sing? Then even without musical or Yiddish knowledge, you will enjoy this class. Yiddish lyrics will be transliterated and translated on lyric sheet handouts. Listen to a few sample recordings and sing along with this experienced Chasid.

B-3 Dardashti, Schelly Talalay  Our DNA: Who Are We Really?
Understand how the use of DNA genetic genealogy connects us with known relatives and unknown branches of our family tree. The focus will be on an overview of several chromosomal tests, and how Sephardic origins have been found in numerous Ashkenazi families.

B-4 Diez, Michele  A Taste of Dance
Sample the joy of community dance with a nibble of Klezmer, a nosh of Israeli, and a sip of Jewish sacred dance. If you want to learn some basic steps with variations to some old favorites or some new music, come dance with me. Beginners, intermediate, and advanced dancers are welcome. Wear soft-soled shoes please.

B-5 Fein, Judith  The Spoon from Minkowitz - a Book Discussion with the Author
Reading The Spoon from Minkowitz: A Bittersweet Roots Journey to Ancestral Lands is going to bring up tears, laughter, and memories of your own family and your ancestors. You will have questions and reactions, which you'll have the unique opportunity to discuss in an intimate setting with the author. This class is limited to 20 participants who may pre-purchase the $18 book from the JCC by calling 348-4518. Please be sure to include a second choice for this class in case the maximum enrollment number is reached.

B-6 Sandweiss, Naomi  A Mobster in the Family: Jewish Outlaws, Gangsters & Bandits
From Meyer Lansky to Bernie Madoff, some Jewish Americans followed illegal paths to the American dream. Meet Jewish gangsters, outlaws and mobsters. Consider the historical, social context of American Jews who pursued criminal careers.

B-7 Sokolove, Sam; Barberio, Steve; Kantrowitz, Rabbi Min; Koplak, Sara  A Mobster in the Family: Jewish Outlaws, Gangsters & Bandits
The Pew Research Center’s survey on U.S. Jews — the first comprehensive portrait of American Jewry in more than a decade — reveals: 31 percent of Jewish adults affiliate with a synagogue, one-third of Jews under age 32 don’t identify as Jewish by religion, U.S. Jews are intermarrying at a rate of 60%; and that most intermarried Jews are not raising their kids as Jews. This conversation with “frontline” community leaders will examine the implications of these national trends in Jewish New Mexico, and what is being done locally to address shifting issues of Jewish identity and affiliation.

B-8 Tafocy, Eddie  The Whole of Western Comedy is a Footnote to Harpo, Groucho and Chico
Enjoy reviewing the influence of the Marx Brothers on American humor via film clips, reflections and discussion led by a local author, instructor and comedian. Learn about their humble beginnings as sons of Jewish immigrants who hustled their way to the Yiddish theatre, vaudeville stage and beyond.

B-9 Taylor, John  The Los Lunas Mystery Stone
A large boulder inscribed with the Ten Commandments written in Paleo-Hebraic was “discovered” in a remote part of Valencia County in the 1930’s. How did it get there? Who wrote it? Explore various explanations of this most interesting artifact.
Welcome to the 11th annual A Taste of Honey, the Jewish community’s annual, exciting, social, cultural and educational event that offers an opportunity to savor Jewish life at its best. It brings together all of the New Mexico community to explore our understanding of Judaism and the Jewish experience. In that spirit, this year’s program features myriad topics ranging from the religious and intellectual to the spiritual and physical. We are offering a diverse group of presenters, beginning with a keynote address by author and travel writer, Judith Fein of Santa Fe.

Register by January 31st for the early-bird price. Then come enjoy stimulating conversations and discussion, and learn a NEW thing or two! Prompt registration is encouraged because space is limited, and some presentations will fill quickly. Indicate your first and second choices on the registration form. If you are able, contributions above the ‘ticket price’ are greatly appreciated and help ensure the continuity of this unique and valuable program.

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1:00 - 2:00 pm Keynote Address by Judith Fein

The Roots Beneath Our Feet - Discovering Our Ancestors in Ourselves

Award-winning international travel journalist, author and blogger Judith Fein is launching her new book, THE SPOON FROM MINKOWITZ: A Bittersweet Roots Journey to Ancestral Lands. Be prepared to laugh, be moved, challenged and inspired as Judith reveals insights and shows photos from her own recent journey to Russia and the Ukraine. With great intellect, humor and heart, she shares the world left behind by our ancestors, who seemingly passed into oblivion. But Judith discloses the secrets of how our ancestors still live within us, and how they continue to impact and influence our lives.

Violin accompaniment provided by Beth Cohen, chazzan / music director of Nahalat Shalom. Klezmerquerque (2/14-2/16) organizer.