

Lecturers and entertainment 2011

LECTURERS

Dr. Sandy Andron – Gifted Lecturer, professor, Andron is an excellent resource person to this part of the nation on Judaic topics, education issues and assorted topical issues of interest. He has given workshops and seminars worldwide for over 25 years.

Bob Cantara – Renowned Bridge instructor who teaches at United Federation of Teachers, NYC and Forest Hills Senior Center will join us on Trips 6 and 9 (Labor Day).

Martin Cohen – Adjunct Professor of History and Geography at City University of NY for past 18 years

Tom Friedmann – Novelist, scriptwriter and professor of English at OCC of SUNY and Syracuse University. He lectures on humor, literature and culture. Author of Damaged Goods and Hero Aziel.

Roz Knopf – Educator who will lead interactive discussions on current events and film shown movie nights

Mark Levy – He has performed and taught in the SF Bay area for the last 25 years, He is a singer and lecturer who specializes in older Jewish folk music, Klezmer history and theory and Jewish music history

Dr. Kenneth Libo – Teaches American history at Hunter College, Libo was the co-author with Irving Howe of “World of our Fathers”. Dr Libo has published book reviews for many periodicals, scripts for television documentaries and articles for the NYT’s.

Richard Macht – He has taught Jewish Mysticism, Israeli, Yiddish and German Literature at Dartmouth College. He now lectures in elderhostels, adult summer camps, etc on Jewish Mysticism, literature and Humor.

Howard and Claire Marks – Instructors at JCC in Manhattan, Riverdale and Westchester. BHEC’s most popular Bridge instructors (beginners, intermediate and advanced, duplicate Bridge championships) will lead many of our Bridge programs.

Laura Wetzler – Award winning singer writer, she tours in over 150 concerts and lectures each year. She sings Contemporary Folk/American originals, World Jewish roots music in Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino.

ENTERTAINERS

Cantor Karen Braunstein - She teaches and performs from a repertoire of Jewish, Broadway, jazz and classical pieces.

Cliff Brodeur – Entertainer, square and folk dancing instructor with over 40 years of experience. He has appeared at many major festivals including Jacobs Pillow Community Day, Hunter Mountain Country Festival, Toronto Promenade and more.

Ron Dagan –A singer guitarist for the past 30 years, his program is the bringing to life of songs!

Mitch Kahn- He has performed at dozens of NYC venues, including the Rainbow Room and Sardi’s.

Bill Walton- He has sung with the Opera company of Boston, Amato Opera and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He performs a variety of songs and musical selections from around the world

Plus Shlomo Shai, Boris Bekker, Linda Shell, Marcos Askenazi, Piano Duo Yelena and Vladimir Polezhayev, The Folksbiene Yiddish Theatre and more during the summer

Weekly Trip Highlights*

TRIP 1 - June 15 to June 29 (Russian program)

Lectures by Isaac Gurvitz, Russian “Contemporary Russian social-politic subjects” and Nora Kaplan, classical and popular music.

Entertainment by Boris Bekker, Sasson Akhbashev, Yelena & Vladimir Polezhayev – Piano Duo

Movie nights & bonfire night. “Talent Show” on Sunday, June 26 at 7:30 PM.

TRIP 2 - June 29 to July 6

Lectures by Marty Cohen, “The American Century, how America became a great nation in the 20th Century, and the effect it had on the rest of the world” and Laura Wetzler, Award winning singer-songwriter, lecturer, entertainer, recording artist. Topics: “Fabulous show-biz divas – the nice Jewish girls”.

Bridge instruction and competition with Howard & Claire Marks

Entertainment by Cliff Brodeur and Cantor Karen Braunstein

Movie nights with Roz Knopf & bonfire night.

TRIP 3 - July 7 to July 21

Lectures by Dick Macht, “The best Jewish Short Stories from Around the World, dealing with such things as reality and appearance, love and deception, secularization and faith” and Tom Friedmann, “We make America Laugh (and Think): Jewish humor in Cartoons, TV, Films”

Entertainment by Cliff Brodeur, Linda Shell

Movie nights with Roz Knopf & bonfire night.

“Talent Show” on Sunday, July 17 at 7:30 PM

TRIP 4 - July 20 to July 27

Lectures by Marty Cohen, “What really caused the Civil War, background leading to the Civil War, The War itself, and the after effects on the nation as a result of the war” and Tom Friedmann, “Jewish humor, TV characters, street and daily life humor”.

Bridge instruction and competition with Howard & Claire Marks

Entertainment by Cliff Brodeur and cantor Karen Braunstein

Movie nights with Roz Knopf & bonfire night.

TRIP 5 - July 27 to August 10

Lectures by Chaim Lauer, “Jewish heroes”, Dick Macht, “20th Century Yiddish and German Jewish Writers, battling with assimilation, alienation, decay of religious beliefs and the fall between cultures; focus will be on the wit, wisdom, culture and humor” and Laura Wetzler, “Yiddish and Israeli folk music”.

Entertainment by Cliff Brodeur, Ron Dagan – Singer, Jewish, Israeli and international show.

The Folksbiene Yiddish Theatre on Saturday, August 6 at 8:00 PM

Movie nights with Roz Knopf & bonfire night.

“Talent Show” on Sunday, August 7 at 7:30 PM

TRIP 6 - August 10 to August 17

Lectures by Dick Macht, "20th Century Yiddish and German Jewish Writers, battling with assimilation, alienation, decay of religious beliefs and the fall between cultures; focus will be on the wit, wisdom, culture and humor" and Sandy Andron, "The power of Chesed" as part of our everyday life.

Entertainment by Cliff Brodeur, workshop with Murray Spiegel (Passover Seder tradition).

Bridge instruction and competition with Bob Cantara

Movie nights with Roz Knopf & bonfire night.

TRIP 7 - August 17 to August 24

Lectures by Tom Friedmann, "Jewish humor, TV characters, street and daily life humor" and Sandy Andron, "Ethics through the use of American Media" .

Entertainment by Cliff Brodeur, Mitch Kahn, Boris Bekker

Bridge instruction and competition with Howard & Claire Marks

Movie nights with Roz Knopf & bonfire night.

TRIP 8 – August 24 to August 31

Lectures by Mark Levy "Klezmer 101",

Entertainment by Cliff Brodeur, Linda Shell

Movie nights with Roz Knopf & bonfire night.

TRIP 9 – August 31 to September 7

Lectures by Ken Libo , History and Jewish History.

Entertainment by Cliff Brodeur, Mitch Kahn

Movie nights with Roz Knopf & bonfire night.

Bridge instruction and competition with Bob Cantara.

*Subject to Change