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Mark your calendars—the excitement starts now! This *Rosh Hashanah* marks the beginning of Israel's 60th year. The Greater Washington community is already beginning the celebration of Israel's remarkable accomplishments with the events listed in this brochure. There is truly something for everyone interested in Israel—arts and culture, history and politics, scientific and technical achievements, or just plain food, fun and games for the whole family.

Israel @ 60



Check out www.israel60dc.org for the most up-to-date information and links to Israel events throughout our area. On this Web site you will also find listings for classes on Israeli literature and Hebrew language, and opportunities for Israeli folk dancing nearly every day of the week. What better way to get ready for Israel @ 60!

Save the date: **Sunday, June 1, 2008.** Join the entire Washington community for a day of celebrations as the culmination of this special anniversary year. Details will follow.

Please check www.israel60dc.org and event sponsor Web sites for event details and current information.



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September

Mining Golda: My Journey to Golda Meir

September 9, 2007 7:30 p.m.
Ina and Jack Kay Theatre, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Tovah Feldshuh describes her journey to portray the famous Israeli stateswoman.
www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu

Archaeology Lecture: Dr. Susan Garfein

September 19, 2007 8:00–9:30 p.m.
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
“Priests, Politics and Josianic Reform.” Sponsor: JCC of Greater Washington and ASOR. \$10/\$14. www.jccgw.org

AIPAC's Greater Washington Area Briefing Series

September 19, 2007 7:00–8:30 p.m.
“A Look Ahead: The 2008 Elections and the Pro-Israel Community” with Rob Bassin, AIPAC's National Political Director. www.aipac.org

JCCGW Book Discussion Group

September 19, 2007
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
Israeli bestseller *Blue Mountain* by Meir Shalev is “passionate, ribald and tender...”
www.jccgw.org

Cafe Seret: Israeli Film Series

September 23, 2007 7:00–9:30 p.m.
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
See Israel from a different perspective—through film! Sponsors: JCC of Greater Washington and The Jewish Federation's Israel in DC initiative. \$5. www.jccgw.org

The Screening Room: *The Bubble*

September 24, 2007 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Washington DCJCC, Washington, DC
A hip Tel Aviv neighborhood is paradise for three friends until reality bursts the bubble. www.washingtondcjcc.org

October

Washington DCJCC Book Festival

October 6–16, 2007
Washington DCJCC, Washington, DC
www.washingtondcjcc.org

Israillustrators 2007: Illustrations from Israeli Children's Books

October 6–December 12, 2007
Washington DCJCC, Washington, DC
This colorful banner exhibition is sponsored by the Washington DCJCC and the Embassy of Israel. www.washingtondcjcc.org

Ruth Wisse

October 7, 2007 7:30 p.m.
Washington DCJCC, Washington, DC
In *Jews and Power*, Ruth Wisse explores the Jewish relationship with power from King David to recent confrontations. Sponsor: Nextbook. \$8/\$6.
www.nextbook.org/localprograms/dc.html

Why Should a Reform Jew Care About Israel?

October 7, 2007 9:00 a.m.
Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, MD
Rabbi David Nelson, Assistant Director of ARZA, addresses the Temple Beth Ami Israel Forum. Sponsors: Temple Beth Ami and ARZA. www.bethami.org

Israel in the Public Conversation of American Jews

October 7, 2007 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Temple Micah, Washington, DC
Lecture by Alvin Rosenfeld. www.templemicah.org

“L'Dor V'Dor”—Living Tradition Photographic Exhibition

October 9–December 11, 2007
JCC of Northern Virginia, Fairfax, VA
Selected photographs show daily life in Beit Shemesh and Yehuda Plains, our partnership community in Israel. www.jccnv.org

No Peanut Free Zone Here—Parenting in Israel

October 11, 2007 7:30–8:30 p.m.
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
Dr. Micha Balf discusses Israeli family life: parental authority; child safety and freedom; and military service. Sponsors: JCC of Greater Washington and Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning. \$8. www.jccgw.org

Exit Wounds presented by author Rutu Modan

October 11, 2007 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Washington DCJCC, Washington, DC
“With thin, precise lines and luscious watercolors, Modan creates a portrait of modern Israel...” \$8/\$6. www.washingtondcjcc.org/literary

Ariel Quartet

October 12, 2007
Corcoran Gallery, Washington, DC
Enjoy the award-winning sounds of a resident ensemble of the Jerusalem Music Centre. Sponsor: The Embassy of Israel. www.corcoran.org/index.asp

Ami Argaman

October 12, 2007 8:30 p.m.
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda, MD
Ami Argaman speaks about the Jewish community in Jerusalem at the turn of the 20th century. Sponsor: Machar, The Washington Congregation for Secular Humanist Judaism. www.machar.org

Archaeology Lecture: Dr. Zvi Lederman, Director,

Beth-Shemesh Excavation
October 16, 2007 8:00–9:30 p.m.
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
“Digging in the Land of Samson—Archaeology and The Birth of Ethnic Identity.” Sponsors: JCC of Greater Washington and ASOR. \$10/\$14. www.jccgw.org

ARZA Israeli Film Night: *Live and Become*

October 16, 2007 7:00 p.m.
Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, MD
This is the story of an Ethiopian boy who is passed off as an Ethiopian Jew to escape his ravaged country. Sponsors: Temple Beth Ami and ARZA. www.bethami.org

Yefim Bronfman and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra

October 18, 2007 8:00 p.m.
Music Center at Strathmore, North Bethesda, MD
The Grammy-winning Israeli pianist Yefim Bronfman is one of today's most important pianists gracing concert venues the world over. Sponsor: The Embassy of Israel. www.strathmore.org

Hevrat Shalom Celebrates Israel @ 60

October 19, 2007
Hevrat Shalom Congregation, Gaithersburg, MD
A family service with a musical presentation and narrative provides a perspective on the popular music of Israel from independence through today. www.hevratshalom.org

Monthly Israel Discussion Group

Starts October 20, 2007 12:30–1:30 p.m.
B'nai Israel Congregation, Rockville, MD
Discuss interesting articles about realities of Israel at 60. The group meets on October 20, November 3, December 14, January 12, March 29 and May 17. www.bnaiisraelcong.org

L.I.F.E. Lecture—“Israel: Prospects for Peace”

October 21, 2007 7:00–9:00 p.m.
B'nai Israel Congregation, Rockville, MD
Professor Bernard Reich addresses the increasing complexity of Israel's battle against terrorism and prospects for a sustainable peace. www.bnaiisraelcong.org

Cafe Seret: Israeli Film Series

October 25, 2007 7:00–9:30 p.m.
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
See Israel from a different perspective—through film! Sponsors: JCC of Greater Washington and The Jewish Federation's Israel in DC initiative. \$5. www.jccgw.org

Sigal Dekel Fashion Show and Trunk Show

October 24 and 25, 2007
These evenings showcase the innovative style of Israeli fashion designer, Sigal Dekel, graduate of the Shenkar School of Design. Sponsors: The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the American Committee for Shenkar College. www.shalomdc.org/calendar/calendar.html

39th Annual Hadassah Book and Author Luncheon

October 28, 2007 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda, MD
Authors of *Notes from a Minor Key*, *Terror*, and *Merchant of Death* discuss their books. Lunch and speaker, \$100. www.dchadassah.org

November

JCC of Greater Washington Book Fair

November 1–11, 2007
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
November 1: Indian-born Israeli author Sophie Judah shares stories about life within a community of Indian Jews. November 4: Israeli author Michal Govrin talks about her newest book, *Snapshots*. Sponsors: The Embassy of Israel and JCC of Greater Washington. www.jccgw.org

Reburial Ceremony for Stephen Theodore Norman

November 4, 2007
Adas Israel Cemetery, Washington, DC
Ceremony marking the reburial (in Israel) of Stephen Theodore Norman, grandson and last known descendent of Theodore Herzl. www.adasisrael.org

Meir Shalev

November 12, 2007 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Washington DCJCC, Washington, DC
One of Israel's leading writers, Shalev is the author of six novels, several children's books and works of non-fiction. Sponsor: Nextbook. \$8/\$6. www.nextbook.org/localprograms/dc.html

Eli Degibri

November 13, 2007
Blues Alley, Washington, DC
A former member of the Herbie Hancock sextet, Eli Degibri performs with legendary drummer Al Foster. Sponsor: The Embassy of Israel. www.bluesalley.com/calendar

Current Issues in Israeli and Palestinian Public Opinion

November 13, 2007 7:00–9:30 p.m.
Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, MD
Following a wine and cheese reception, Russell Stone, Director of American University's Center for Israel Studies, addresses the Temple Beth Ami Israel Forum. Sponsors: Temple Beth Ami and ARZA. www.bethami.org

Kibbutz in the 21st Century

November 15, 2007 7:30–8:30 p.m.
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
Dr. Micha Balf addresses changes in that unique Israeli institution—the kibbutz. Sponsors: JCC of Greater Washington and Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning. \$8. www.jccgw.org

Alon Yavnai

November 20, 2007
Blues Alley, Washington, DC
“Alon Yavnai fuses the straight-forward acknowledgements of American jazz, with his Middle-Eastern and South American roots.” Sponsor: The Embassy of Israel. www.bluesalley.com/calendar

Archaeology Lecture: Dr. Moshe Fisher, University of Tel Aviv

November 20, 2007 8:00–9:30 p.m.
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
“Greeks, Jews and Others at Yavneh-Yam: What's Behind Ethno-Archaeological Evidence?” Sponsors: JCC of Greater Washington and ASOR. \$10/\$14. www.jccgw.org

Washington Jewish Film Festival

November 29–December 9, 2007 7:00 p.m.
Washington DCJCC, Washington, DC
The DC premiere of new Israeli films including *Sweet Mud*, *The Bubble* and more. Sponsor: Washington DCJCC. www.wjff.org

December

Chava Alberstein

December 2, 2007 7:30 p.m.
Ina and Jack Kay Theatre, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Known for her sublime and distinctive singing range, Chava Alberstein is Israel's most accomplished singer and cherished folk icon. www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu

Education in Israel—The People of the Book Face Dilemmas

December 6, 2007 7:30–8:30 p.m.
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
Dr. Micha Balf explains why the Israeli educational system is buffeted by criticism, strikes, religious conflicts, and politicization. Sponsors: JCC of Greater Washington and Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning. \$8. www.jccgw.org

The Jerusalem Quartet

December 8, 2007
Library of Congress, Washington, DC
One of the most dynamic and exciting quartets currently performing, the Jerusalem Quartet has attracted a vast amount of international acclaim. Sponsor: The Embassy of Israel. www.loc.gov/loc/events/index.php

Archaeology Lecture: Dr. Theodore Lewis, Johns Hopkins University

December 12, 2007 8:00–9:30 p.m.
JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD
“The Effective Power of Words: Incantations in Ancient Israel?” Sponsors: JCC of Greater Washington and ASOR. \$10/\$14. www.jccgw.org

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