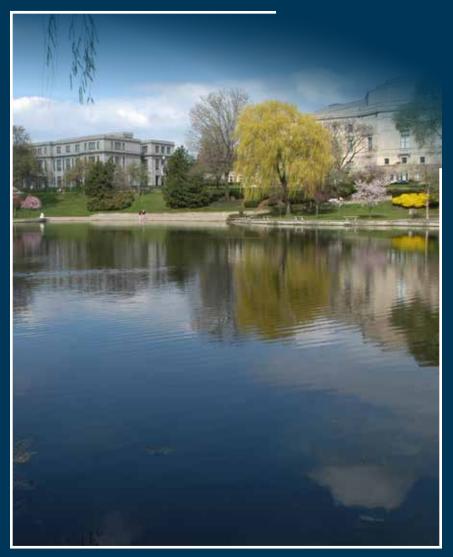


THE LAURA & ALVIN SIEGAL LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM

# 2018 SUMMER PROGRAMS



# FOR THE LOVE OF LEARNING

Owned by Case Western Reserve, the University Farm, comprises Squire Valleevue and Valley Ridge Farms, is a beautiful 389-acre property in Hunting Valley. Farm classes take advantage of this spectacular landscape for inspiration.

LOCATION: Squire Valleevue Farm, 37125 Fairmount Blvd., Hunting Valley

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# JEWISH LIVES BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES

The Jewish Lives series, published by Yale University Press, explores the stories of influential individuals whose Jewish experiences shaped their contributions to culture, science and politics. Local professors lead these book discussions. Respective book should be brought to each class.

#### WEDNESDAYS, 10 11:30 A.M.

**PER THREE-WEEK SESSION:** Member of Lifelong Learning cost: \$30/ Nonmember cost: \$40

LOCATION: Landmark Centre Building, 25700 Science Park Drive, Suite 100, Beachwood



## GERSHOM SCHOLEM: MASTER OF KABBALAH

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A towering intellectual figure, Scholem pioneered the study of Jewish mysticism as a legitimate academic discipline, revealing an extraordinary world of myth and messianism. Read and discuss Gershom Scholem: Master of the Kabbalah for a view into Scholem's inner life that illuminates his most important writings.

### MARK ROTHKO: TOWARD THE LIGHT IN THE CHAPEL

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One of the greatest painters of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Rothko immigrated to the United States from Russia as a child. His difficult integration, fraught with experiences of marginalization, led to his development as a major player in the social struggle of American artists. Read and discuss Mark Rothko: Toward the Light in the Chapel for a fascinating exploration of one of America's most famous and enigmatic postwar visual artists.

#### PRIMO LEVI: THE MATTER OF A LIFE

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Primo Levi was an Italian scientist and Holocaust survivor, but is best known as a writer and innovative thinker. His work combines a scientist's attentiveness to structure and detail, and a powerful and passionate moral imagination. Read and discuss Lang's biography Primo Levi: The Matter of a Life, for a philosophically acute analysis of Levi as a thinker, witness, writer and scientific detective.

## ACE CLEVELAND GEMS TRIP: BELLEFAIRE JCB

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Bellefaire JCB staff will provide an overview of the agency's work and small group tours of programs including the Monarch School for Autism, the Monarch Center for

# ALAN LEVENSON VISITING SCHOLAR



Alan Levenson is Schusterman/Josey Chair of Jewish History at The University of Oklahoma and Director of the Schusterman Center for Judaic and Israel Studies. Alan taught Jewish history, Jewish thought and Bible at Siegal College in Cleveland for 18 years, where he authored many essays and three books.

Alan Levenson's visit is made possible by the generous support of Karen and Richard Spector

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TWO WAYS TO LEARN WITH ALAN LEVENSON:

Register à la carte:
Fees are as listed

or Register for all events: Member of Llfelong Learning: \$55/ Nonmember: \$75

# THE GREAT HATRED: A HISTORY OF STRUGGLING TO UNDERSTAND ANTI-SEMITISM

> What is anti-Semitism and why does it persist? Theodor Herzl believed Jew hatred was a result of the Jews' economic activities. Benedict Spinoza attributed it to the Jews' self-imposed separation from their non-Jewish neighbors. Others considered anti-Semitism to be the product of suppressed Christian rage over Jesus' death (carried out by Romans but

blamed on Jews). But what about contemporary Iran's obsession with Israel and the Holocaust? Or anti-Semitism in Malaysia, one of several countries with few Jews, but plenty of animosity? Professor Alan Levenson unpacks the conundrum of this Great Hatred.

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## GREAT JEWISH DEBATES: A HISTORY OF MODERN DILEMMAS

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The issues most at stake in the Jewish world today have roots in the great debates emerging in the early modern era: Western Jews' relationship to Israel and Zionism, how to address anti-Semitism, and the contours of Jewish identity. These sessions explore a variety of answers that were posed in the early modern era and how they continue to reverberate today.

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## JEWISH LIVES SERIES KICKOFF JACOB: UNEXPECTED PATRIARCH

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Back by popular demand, our Jewish Lives Book Series explores the stories of influential personalities whose Jewish experiences shaped their contributions to culture, science and politics. Professor Alan Levenson kicks off this year's series with reflections on Yair Zakovitch's book Jacob: Unexpected Patriarch. A powerful hero of the Bible, Jacob is also one of its most complex and enigmatic figures. Join Levenson for an intriguing perspective and a dynamic view. This taste of our summer series will pique your interest for more! Coffee and pastries served.

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# EASTSIDE CONVERSATIONS

Loosely fashioned after the popular City Club Forum, these monthly sessions provide the community with a unique luncheon program in which contemporary issues are discussed. Led by local university faculty and laypeople, this forum provides participants the opportunity to engage in meaningful questions and conversations.

#### TIME: NOON 1:30 P.M.

PER SESSION: Member of Lifelong Learning cost: \$20/Nonmember cost: \$25 THREE-SESSION SERIES: Member of Lifelong Learning cost: \$52/Nonmember cost: \$67 Cost includes lunch. Space is limited—Registration required

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#### **RELIGION IN AMERICA TODAY**

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What is the landscape of religion in America today and does that help us understand what it means for the future of American Judaism?

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Recent events have proved that there is hardly a dull moment in Israel. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's protracted investigation has presented never-before-seen challenges to its rule of law. Professor Kalir, who taught and practiced law in Israel, will discuss the current state of affairs.

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