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Subject: Springing into April- Lots IJCU & Partner events you won't want to miss!
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Dear Friends of the IJCU:

IJCU & its partners are hosting six- **yes 6!** - diverse & engaging events during the month of April. Please read on for details.

April 4: *Wrestling Jerusalem* followed by Q&A with the writer-actor

(part of 2019 JCC Jewish & Israeli Film Series)

7:00 to 9:30 pm, Muhlenberg College, Seegers Union, Event Space

Aaron Davidman embodies 17 different characters in and around the sacred city of Jerusalem as he takes us on an eye-opening journey into the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian story. Exploring universal questions of identity and human connection, the film is about one man's effort to embrace a multiplicity of conflicting viewpoints, chronicling a brave exploration of the complex humanity at the heart of one of the world's most troubling conflicts.

Price: \$12; JCC & IJCU members \$8; Muhlenberg students free.

Advance tickets and information about this and other films in the 2019 series available by calling 610-435-3571 or visiting www.lvjcc.org/film.

Clink link below to see program flyer.

IJCU thanks Muhlenberg College's Film Studies & Jewish Studies Programs, Political Sciences & Religion Studies Depts., Offices of the Provost and of Religious Life, and the Lectures & Forums Committee for their support of this program.

April 5: *Seeking Truth & Building Trust in an Era of Political Polarization*

(part of 2019 IJCU First Friday series)

Noon to 1:00 pm, Muhlenberg College, Seegers Union, Rooms 111-113

Hear insights on this timely topic by former Rep. Charles Dent, currently senior policy advisor at DLA Piper and visiting fellow at University of Pennsylvania Perry World House.

No reservations needed. Feel free to bring your lunch or purchase it at one of our convenient dining venues. Please note: alternate side of the street parking enforcement begins April 2.

April 9: *Face Forward: Moments of Youth in the Third Reich*

7:00 pm, Muhlenberg College, Paul C. Empie Theatre

Free public performance & talk-back with author Brendon Votipka celebrating the one-act play's 10th anniversary kicking off our annual high school conference, *Youth & Prejudice: Reducing Hatred, Lessons from the Holocaust*.

The play's plot centers around political events which mark the start of the reign of Hitler and the growth of anti-Semitism in Germany in the 1930s. Rebecca, Marian, and Ernst, three teenagers living in Nazi Germany, struggle to find their way while reflecting value choices that teenagers confront in every era.

To reserve your free seats go to: <https://www.muhlenberg.edu/faceforward>

For more information or to reserve seats via email IJCU@Muhlenberg.edu

or call 484-664-3470. Provide full name, # seats needed. Callers: please leave phone number in case we need to reach you.

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From our Community Partners ...

See complete 2019 JCC Jewish & Israeli Film Series schedule at www.lvjcc.org/film

April 2: *What Are Jews For? The History of the Idea of Jewish Chosenness*

7:00 to 9:00 pm, Moyer Hall, Miller Forum, Muhlenberg College

Prof. Adam Sutcliffe, Kings College, London

The biblical 'election of Israel' – the setting apart of the Jews by God, as recipients of divine protection, and bearers of special holiness – has been the focus of fascination and repeated reappraisal by both Jews and non-Jews throughout the modern era. This theological concept lies at the heart of a broader question: what is the particular purpose of Jews in the world?

In this lecture Professor Sutcliffe will trace the history of the 'Jewish Purpose Question' from its biblical and medieval roots, through key early modern thinkers such as Spinoza and Moses Mendelssohn, and up to the twenty-first century.

Kosher dessert reception following lecture.

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April 5 to 7: *Scholar in Residence- Israel & the eternal conflict - dead end or ways out?*

Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin, Independent Opinion Research & Strategy, Ltd.,

Co-founder +972 Magazine

April 5: *Where things stand: Israel & the eternal conflict*

5:45 pm Shabbat Dinner; 7:30 pm Services. Congregation Keneseth Israel, Allentown

April 6: *Democracy, Israel past & present, and links to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict*

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9:00 am Services and Kiddush, Temple Beth El, Allentown (no cost)

April 7: Why compare conflicts to advance peace?

10:00 am Brunch; 10:30 Lecture, Temple Beth El, Allentown

For pricing, information, and reservations call Temple Beth El (610-435-3521) or Congregation Keneseth Israel (610-435-9074). Or ... purchase tickets online [here](#).
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April 28: Spring Interfaith Dialogue Conference

Identity: God's Gift, Human Uses/Abuses & Religions' Challenges.

Do Our Faiths Raise Problems Or Give Guidance?

2:00 to 6:30 pm, Respect Graduate School, 2200 Industrial Dr., Bethlehem

"Identity" asks who we are, to what and to whom we belong, and how we are to regard others. Identity influences politics, racial attitudes, gender choices, attitudes toward rich and poor, immigrants and citizens, and religious views. Please join us as our presenters, Sheikh Mohammed Elshinawy, Rabbi Michael Singer and Dr. James D. Jackson, combine their knowledgeable leadership in their respective faith communities to begin deeper conversations and develop activities that will reflect God's gifts of justice and mercy.

\$10.00 Suggested Donation (Light Supper Included)

CEU Contact Hours: 4

For more info visit <https://www.respectgs.us/identity/>

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This conference is brought to you by Respect Graduate School, Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem Interfaith Group, the Lehigh Dialogue Center, and the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding of Muhlenberg College.

... Formerly called "Christians and Muslims Talking Together", our new title "Interfaith Dialogue" signals that the series includes Christian, Jewish, and Muslim perspectives. Naturally, we cheerfully encourage all communities to join in the Conference.

Thank you for your consideration and partnership.

The Rev. Peter A. Pettit, Ph.D.

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For further information, see attached brochures or contact the organizers or the IJCU office: ijcu@muhlenberg.edu 484.664.3470

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