

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF HOUSTON

Patrons of the Arts

2011-2012



Celebrating 39 years supporting Arts, Culture & Education for the Jewish Community and for Houston

ON THE COVER: PROJECT Trio

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CONSCIOUSNESS
IS TO AN
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The magic of the arts
can renew the radiance
of Jewish life.

Mordecai M. Kaplan

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We appreciate your past support as a Patron –or Partner– of the Arts to help enrich our Houston community through arts, culture and education today and for future generations. Your gift helps the JCC continue to be a thriving, internationally recognized showcase for Jewish arts, culture and Jewish living and learning. We celebrate our Jewish heritage through an amalgamation of the traditional and the contemporary, local and global, in the realms of music and dance, theater, fine arts, film, literature, culinary arts, and study. We initiate, create and collaborate, both in the Jewish and secular arts communities, to present timely, entertaining, educational and inspiring programs for audiences ranging from children to seniors, with new, targeted programs specifically geared to teens and our “Get Cultured” young professionals.

To those who may be learning about the JCC Patrons of the Arts for the first time, we hope you will consider joining us in our fund-raising and our friend-raising. Please consider introducing your peers to Dance Month, Houston Jewish Film Festival (sponsored with The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston), the Horvitz Scholar-In-Residence Program, Deutser Art Gallery exhibits, music concerts, the Center for Jewish Living & Learning and, of course, the JCC Jewish Book & Arts Fair.

Thank you for your most generous support of our 2011-2012 season. We look forward to seeing you at events throughout the year.

With much appreciation,

Susan Farb Morris
Patrons Campaign Chair

JCC Houston Patrons of the Arts

can now enjoy **NEW** and **IMPROVED** benefits! Your Patron level selection will indicate how many JCC Arts & Culture series you can choose. Select from the following 5 series:

- **NEW! FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES**
- **DANCE MONTH AT THE KAPLAN THEATRE SERIES**
- **CJLL SCHOLAR SERIES**
- **JEWISH BOOK & ARTS FAIR SERIES**
- **JEWISH FILM SERIES**

See last page for chart of Season Benefits

SERIES 1



Family Performing Arts Series

A GREAT CHOICE FOR FAMILIES AND GRANDPARENTS!



You will receive five tickets to three performances throughout the year including the Oliver Lapin Family Day concert on Sunday, November 6, 2011, our community-wide Chanukah celebration featuring the Gizmo Guys on Sunday, December 25, 2011, and Shira Kline in Earth Worm Disco on Sunday, January 22, 2012.

SERIES 2

CJLL Scholar Series

CENTER FOR JEWISH LIVING & LEARNING

3rd Annual Rice University Jewish Studies Program Lecture Series

This series includes lectures by Rice University faculty on September 12, 19, and 26, 2011 at 8:00 PM and will focus on the Jews of Spain in the Medieval and Early Modern Period.

24th Annual Bunny and Leo Horvitz Scholar-in-Residence Program

The topic, Exploring American Judaism, will be presented by Dr. Adam Ferziger, Professor and Associate Director of the Graduate Program in Contemporary Jewry at Bar Ilan University, from February 6 - 23, 2012.



Visiting Scholar Series

A series of four lectures throughout the year on critical moments in the Jewish experience presented by Dr. Stephen Berk, the Henry & Sally Schaffer Professor of Holocaust & Jewish Studies at Union College.

SERIES 3

Jewish Book & Arts Fair Series

39th Annual Jewish Book & Arts Fair: October 30 - November 13, 2011

The JCC Jewish Book & Arts Fair presents 30+ programs offering the community a variety of opportunities to learn and experience Jewish literary, cultural and performing arts. Not a fundraiser, the Fair is one of the largest events of its kind in the U.S., attracting writers from around the world who represent a myriad of themes. Q&A's and book signings follow author talks. The Fair also features films, concerts and Oliver Lapin Family Day highlighted by children's book authors and interactive concerts and activities for children ages 3-11.

OPENING NIGHT

Sunday, October 30, 2011 • 7:30 PM



Dennis Prager



Rabbi Joseph Telushkin



Houston favorites Dennis Prager and Rabbi Joseph Telushkin appear together Opening Night in celebration of the 36th anniversary of their timeless book, *The Eight Questions People Ask about Judaism* (1975)... Later revised as *The Nine Questions People Ask about Judaism*, the most widely selling book on Judaism of the past three decades.



SERIES 4

Dance Month at the Kaplan Theatre Series

January 11 - February 11, 2012

Dance Month celebrates 32 years of presenting concerts, master classes, dance parties and *Tirkedu Houston*—an Israeli Dance workshop weekend, this year led by Israeli teacher/choreographer Elad Shtamer. This season features New York City-based *Gallim Dance*. Founded in 2006 by choreographer Andrea Miller, *Gallim Dance* has captured the attention of the dance community with an award-winning ensemble of dancers hailed for their quick wit, morphing physical quality and technical virtuosity.

Two concerts feature Houston Artists. *Triple Focus* presents three professional companies—Wyld Styl, Theresa Chapman and Infinite Movement Ever Evolving; and *Mixed Bag* hosts pre-professional groups. As is tradition with the JCC's successful outreach programs, dancers will go out into the community for residencies that reach hundreds of students, elementary through high school.

SERIES 5

Jewish Film Series

HOUSTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

March 6 - 18, 2012

New, promising, entertaining and exceptional award-winning films are featured in this annual festival that screens a mix of juried documentaries, shorts and feature films created to educate, inform and entertain. In collaboration with The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the festival brings a multiplicity of Jewish lives and stories to the big screen covering a diverse range of social, religious and historical topics. The films of the HJFF have won Oscars, Ophirs (Israel), Ariels (Mexico) and other prestigious awards from around the world. Many have screened at Sundance, Cannes, and the Berlin and Toronto International Film Festivals, just to name a few. With multiple venues across town, the Festival shines the spotlight on Jewish and Israeli culture, art and history.

SUMMER ISRAELI FILM SHOWCASE

June - August, 2012

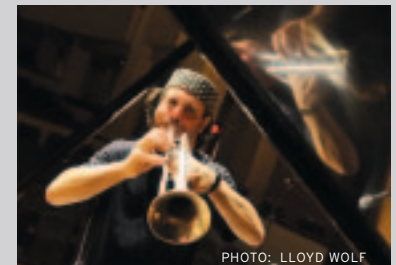
In collaboration with the Consulate General of Israel to the Southwest and The Israeli House this showcase offers film-goers an opportunity to enjoy the latest and greatest Israeli feature films. The Israeli film industry is booming and this summer showcase affords Houston an opportunity to sample some of the most popular offerings on a timely basis.

CONCERT
Brother Moses Smote the Water

Welcome back The Klezmatics
LIVE IN CONCERT with
Joshua Nelson

Saturday, February 19, 2012

(details to follow)



The Klezmatics: On Holy Ground
from the 2010-2011 Film Season

PROJECT Trio: The Maurice Amado Foundation Music Residency

November 8 - 12, 2011

Saturday, November 12 • 8:00 PM (Concert)

Downbeat Magazine describes PROJECT Trio as “packed with musician-ship, joy and surprise!” Greg Pattillo (flute), Peter Seymour (bass) and Erik Stephenson (cello) burst onto the scene with their landmark videos right out of the internet generation, making an impact on audiences of all ages. Hailing from Brooklyn, NY, these three virtuosic composer/performers complete PROJECT Trio, a passionate, high energy chamber music ensemble that blends their classical training with an eclectic taste in musical styles. PROJECT Trio will present master classes and workshops in area schools and universities and a concert at the Jewish Book & Arts Fair. PROJECT Trio is a musical experience that defines a new level of entertainment.

Monajat (Fervent Prayer) Galeet Dardashti

Sunday, September 18, 2011 • 7:00 PM

Congregation Brith Shalom | 4610 Bellaire Blvd.

\$18 JCC / CBS members / JCC Patrons; \$26 public

Monajat (Fervent Prayer) is a multimedia concert inspired by the poetic prayers of Selihot, recited during the month preceding the Jewish New Year as a means of deep reflection and spiritual preparation.

Galeet Dardashti, a composer, singer, and scholar of Iranian descent, re-imagines this ritual in collaboration with an acclaimed ensemble of musicians, an electronic soundscape, and dynamic video projections.

The September 2011 U.S. tour, commissioned by the Foundation for Jewish Culture, includes performances, talks, and workshops in six hub cities, of which the JCC Houston was chosen. This concert is

presented in collaboration with Congregation Brith Shalom.



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Deutser Art Gallery

The Deutser Art Gallery is a non-profit exhibition and education space created to promote awareness, appreciation and interest in visual arts that reflect the diversity of the Jewish people. Opening the season is the art quilt work of Israeli artist, Maya Chaimovich, whose colorful works give us a sense of wonder about the natural world, as well as the modern world of Israel. Subsequent exhibits will showcase watercolors by Lisa Sheinbaum, wildlife photography of Stephen Kaufman and the American Library Association exhibition, *A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs*. Curated by David Lehman and developed by Nextbook Inc., *A Fine Romance* celebrates American popular songs, 1910-1965.

Patrons Special Event

Thursday, September 1, 2011 • 6:00 - 9:00 PM

McMurtrey Gallery | 3508 Lake St.

Sneak peak of Houston abstract artist Howard Sherman's upcoming exhibit. Hear Sherman speak about his work and take this unique opportunity to ask the artist questions. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres served.

Patrons Brunch

Sunday, October 23, 2011 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Kick-off the arts, culture and education season with a festive brunch, guest authors and artists. All Patrons invited.

Private Book & Arts Fair Event

Private Book Fair event with a featured author and signed book. Gold-Level Patrons and above invited. Date and time TBD.

Film Festival Opening Night Party

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 Silver-Level Patrons and above invited.

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