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BOCA RATON CHAPTER

Study Groups Guide &

Music Music Music Schedule 2019-2020

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STUDY GROUP OFFERINGS - BY MONTH

NOVEMBER	Time	Location
4 Frameworks	1:30	Sinai Residences
5 Immigrant Experience (Books & Film)	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
5 Canasta	1:00	Boca Comm. Ctr
6 Caribbean and the American Presidency	1:30	Sinai Residences
12 Current Literature	1:30	Villa Costa
12 Canasta	1:00	Boca Comm. Ctr
13 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.	7:00	SCCC
14 Israel Innovators	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
18 Shop 'Til You Drop	1:30	Sinai Residences
19 Canasta	1:00	Boca Comm. Ctr
21 The Reel Thing	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
DECEMBER	Time	Location
2 Frameworks	1:30	Sinai Residences
3 Canasta	1:00	Boca Comm. Ctr
4 Stand Up Comedy	1:30	Sinai Residences
8 Virtuoso Violin	4:00	Steinway
10 Immigrant Experience in Books & Film	1:30	Abbey Delray So
10 Current Literature	1:30	Villa Costa
10 Canasta	1:00	Boca Comm. Ctr
11 Arab World in Crisis	1:30	SCCC
12 Curtain Call	1:30	SCCC
13 China: Anti-Semitism & Holocaust	1:30	Sinai Residences
17 Canasta	1:00	Boca Comm. Ctr
18 Stand Up Comedy	1:30	Sinai Residences
19 The Reel Thing	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
JANUARY	Time	Location
6 Frameworks	1:30	Sinai Residences
8 Imperial Throne of Japan	1:30	SCCC
9 Curtain Call	1:30	SCCC
10 China: Anti-Semitism & Holocaust	1:30	Sinai Residences
12 Concert	4:00	Steinway
14 Immigrant Experience in Books & Film	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
14 Current Literature	1:30	Villa Costa
15 Stand Up Comedy	1:30	Sinai Residences

16 The Reel Thing	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
22 Arab World in Crisis	1:30	SCCC
23 Medical Miracles -Acupuncture	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
24 Broadway Musical and its Creation	1:30	Sinai Residences
26 Concert	4:00	Steinway
29 Caribbean and the American Presidency	1:30	Sinai Residences
30 Splendid Destinations	11:00am	Sinai Residences

FEBRUARY	Time	Location
3 Frameworks	1:30	Sinai Residences
5 Comedy of Life	1:30	Sinai Residences
7 Women of Accomplishment	1:30	Sinai Residences
11 Immigrant Experience in Books & Film	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
11 Current Literature	1:30	Villa Costa
12 Imperial Throne of Japan	1:30	SCCC
13 Splendid Destinations	11:00am	Sinai Residences
13 Curtain Call	1:30	SCCC
14 China: Anti-Semitism & Holocaust	1:30	Sinai Residences
15 Concert	4:00	Steinway
19 Comedy of Life	1:30	Sinai Residences
20 The Reel Thing	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
26 Arab World in Crisis	1:30	SCCC
27 Splendid Destinations	11:00am	Sinai Residences
28 Book Biz	1:30	SCCC

MARCH	Time	Location
2 Frameworks	1:30	Sinai Residences
3 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.	7:00	SCCC
5 Medical Marijuana	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
6 Women of Accomplishment	1:30	Sinai Residences
10 Immigrant Experience in Books & Film	1:30	Abbey Delray So
10 Current Literature	1:30	Villa Costa
11 Hamlet Art Tour	10:30am	Neustadter Home
12 Curtain Call	1:30	SCCC
15 Concert	4:00	Steinway
16 Shop 'Til You Drop	1:30	Sinai Residences
18 Caribbean and the American Presidency	1:30	Sinai Residences
19 The Reel Thing	1:30	Abbey Delray So.

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1 Comedy of Life	1:30	Sinai Residences
13 Shop 'Till You Drop	1:30	Sinai Residences
14 Current Literature	1:30	Villa Costa
16 The Reel Thing	1:30	Abbey Delray So.
23 Splendid Destinations	11:00am	Sinai Residences
30 Vaudeville !!	11:00am	Sinai Residences

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ARAB WORLD IN CRISIS

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm

Leader: Dr. Robert Rabil

Three Sessions: Dec 11, Jan 22, Feb 26

Location: SCCC

Members: \$45 in advance for series

Guests & single session: \$ 20

As the U.S.-led international war against ISIS makes headway, Washington has struggled to balance the conflicted interests, ambitions and concerns of multiple protagonists. Significantly, Washington, in parallel to planning the war, is striving to fill the future void created by ISIS once it is defeated. This planning is replete with danger including prolonging the Iraqi and Syrian strife. This lecture series sheds light on Washington's efforts to win the war against ISIS and stabilize Iraq and Syria, as well as on the polarized regional and international dynamics which could bring about new conflicts among and between Kurds, Turks, Syrians, Iranians, Arabs, and Israelis.

Dr. Robert Rabil is a tenured Professor of Middle Eastern Studies at FAU. He received his Ph.D in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University. He has served as Chief of Emergency of the Red Cross in Lebanon and was Project Manager of the US State Department-funded Iraq Research and Documentation Project. He has written extensively on Syria, Iraq, US-Arab Relations, Israel, reform in the Arab World, radical Islam and terrorism.

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Leader: Dr. Robert Watson**Two Sessions: Nov 13, Mar 3, 7:00 pm****Location: SCCC****Members: \$40 in advance for series****Guests & single session: \$25**

Nov 13: **A Primer on CAMPAIGN 2020:** What are the key states in 2020? What does the Electoral College map suggest? Which Democrats will be advantaged by the party rules and delegate system? Will we have an old-fashioned “brokered” convention this year? How are the details of the debates decided? This “primer” on the 2020 campaign will try to answer all your questions!

Mar 3: **STORIES FROM D-DAY: Remarkable Stories from the Longest Day:** June marked the 75th anniversary of the “longest day” in history. Join us for some behind-the-scenes insights into the planning of D-Day, the incidents that nearly derailed or delayed the entire invasion, the Allied deception campaign that duped the Nazi’s, the dreaded defenses of the Nazi’s Atlantic Wall, and stories of the heroes from that historic day!

As is his custom, Dr. Watson will preface his scheduled lecture with remarks and observations on current newsworthy events. There will be adequate time for questions and answers after the lecture. Robert Watson is a professor, author, media commentator and community activist who joined the faculty of Lynn University in 2007. He has published 41 books and hundreds of scholarly articles, book chapters, encyclopedia essays and newspaper columns. Dr. Watson has co-convened a half-dozen national conferences on the American Presidency as well as moderated political debates and forums on current issues. His work in the community includes founding and directing Think Act Lead, a non-profit think tank established as a free community service dedicated to civic education and political reform. A frequent media commentator, Dr. Watson has been interviewed by local, national and international television, radio, print and online outlets including CNN, MSNBC, “Time,” “USA Today,” “The New York Times,” the BBC and others. He has appeared on C-SPAN’s “Book TV,” “Hardball with Chris Matthews,” “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart,” CNN’s “Inside Politics with Judy Woodruff,” Fox’s “Special Report with Brit Hume”.

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CHINA: ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST

Fridays, 1:30 pm

Leader: Jerry Cooke

Three Sessions: Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14

Location: Sinai Residences

Members: \$45 in advance for series

Guests & single session: \$20

CHINA: ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST

Anti-Semitic views exist throughout the entire world, including Asia, and are growing. However, there is one country, China, that harbors little, if any, such views toward the Jewish people. While stereotypes and misinformation about Jews remain widespread in China these seem to have inspired admiration for Jews, rather than anti-Semitism. This series of lectures will review the long history of Jewish-China relations with a focus on the friendly policies and conduct of China vis-à-vis the Jewish people. We will examine the reasons for this unique Chinese attitude and determine whether this attitude is sustainable in the future.

December 13, 2019: Imperial China

- Confucius and The Israelites
- Jewish Merchants of The Silk Road
- Migration of Diaspora Jews to Kaifeng, China, and assimilation

January 10, 2020: Post-Imperial China

- Nationalist Chinese Support of Zionism
- Holocaust: Jewish Refugees Flee to Shanghai, China, and their reception
- Chinese Role In the UN Vote on the Partition of Palestine

February 14, 2020: Contemporary China

- Communist China and its relations with the State of Israel
- Chinese Philo-Semitism (“Love of Jews”) and Perils of Philo-Semitism
- Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Ranking of anti-Semitic Countries

CHINA: ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST *continued*

Jerry Cooke has been involved in various aspects of the international world for over three decades. He was an attorney at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and later with the Department of Defense. He actively negotiated agreements with the governments of our NATO allies, and with Japan, Russia, and the State of Israel. Jerry developed an intense interest in China and embarked on the study of Chinese history and culture, concentrating on the political, military and economic challenges that the China poses for the United States. For the past nine years Jerry has been lecturing extensively about China. His recent focus is on the relationship between Israel and China. Jerry holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Drexel University and a Law Degree from George Washington University.

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MEDICAL MIRACLES - TWO THOUSAND YEARS OLD

Thursdays, 1:30 pm

Leader: David and Jim Green(Acupuncture)

Leader: Dr. Michelle Weiner (Cannabinoids, CBD, Med. Marijuana)

Two Sessions: Jan 23- Acupuncture, March 5- Medical Marijuana

Location: Abbey Delray South

Members: \$30 in advance for series

Guests & single session: \$20

Acupuncture Treats

Jan 23: What is **Acupuncture**? Does it hurt? What kind of conditions does Acupuncture help the most? Does Medicare cover visits? Can pain really be treated without drugs or surgery? Will Acupuncture interact with my medications? I take blood thinners. Is Acupuncture safe? Are Acupuncturists properly trained/regulated by the state?

Medical Marijuana: Benefits and Myths

March 5: Cannabinoids, CBD, and Medical Marijuana: The State of Florida has now legalized the sale and use of Marijuana for medicinal use and is developing guidance for doctors and dispensaries. Join a discussion regarding the good, the bad and the misunderstood regarding medical Marijuana. What are the potential risks? What are the benefits? What conditions is it known to help and why are so many skeptical?

David and Jim Green

AP, DOM, Dipl, OM, the son and father Acupuncture Physicians of Green Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine. David Green AP DOM (Acupuncture Physician and Doctor of Oriental Medicine) is double board certified in Acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine. He holds a Diplomate in Oriental Medicine from the NCCAOM. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas and Graduate medical training from the Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine. He interned with Neurologist and Master Herbalist Di Fu AP MD (China) .. He worked with the CCAOM to test and certify student physicians. He is licensed to practice in the State of Florida and has been in private practice in Boynton Beach for over 10 years. He is a member of the Florida State Oriental Medicine Association. His clinical focus is Pain Management and Treatment of Infertility. His unique brand of Acupuncture has been featured in the Sun Sentinel, Palm Beach Post and on the CBS television show Good Morning South Florida. He believes in integrating conventional and natural approaches to healing.

MEDICAL MIRACLES - TWO THOUSAND YEARS OLD *continued*

Dr. Michelle Weiner is double board certified in Interventional Pain Management and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and is one of the Pain Physicians for Spine and Wellness Centers of America. She completed her residency and fellowship training at the Univ of Miami. She is an advocate and a leader in the Florida Medicinal Cannabis industry. Dr. Weiner is passionate about educating the public and medical professionals on evidence supporting Cannabis, (its benefits for a multitude of different conditions) and on the Endocannabinoid System.

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STAND UP COMEDY

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm

Leader: Ira Epstein

Three Sessions: Dec 4, Dec 18, Jan 15

Location: Sinai Residences

Members: \$45 in advance for series

Guests & single session: \$20

Dec 4- Rita Rudner - Known as a soft-spoken observational comic, Rita Rudner amuses her audiences with her pithy soft-spoken hysterical one-liners delivered with sharp timing. She finds humor in everyday life and her light-hearted material centers on male-female relationships, the aging process, visiting the doctor, parenting, the challenges of technology and much more. Her jokes aren't just amusing, they are truths about everyday life together with her own funny observations. This presentation will explore her wit and humor through numerous audiovisual clips.

Dec 18- Jerry Seinfeld is one of the most successful and influential comedians of his generation. His ability to observe things that we just take for granted is his source of superior comedy and his material holds a truly timeless quality. This lecture will trace his development and analyze his comedic style with numerous audiovisual clips that will demonstrate that he remains a master of his domain.

Jan 15- Billy Crystal has been making us laugh for decades and has created one of the most prolific careers in the entertainment industry. Whether it through his standup comedy routines, his television shows, his acting in award-winning movies or his writing, directing or producing, he has proven to be a versatile comedic performer. This lecture will explore his impressive career as a comedian and actor through the use of numerous audiovisual clips.

Ira Epstein served as Professor and Chairperson of the Communication Skills Department at LaGuardia Community College, C.U.N.Y. He continues to serve as Professor Emeritus at LaGuardia. He continues to speak at synagogues, senior centers, universities, retirement communities, JCC's, libraries, Rhodes Scholar Programs and at meetings of national organizations such as The National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah and B'nai Brith.

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COMEDY OF LIFE

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm

Leader: Ira Epstein

Three Sessions: Feb 5, Feb 19, April 1

Location: Sinai Residences

Members: \$45 in advance for series

Guests & single session: \$20

Feb 5- Motherhood - This lecture is a comical tribute to mothers including skits by Erma Bombeck, Mike Nichols and Elaine May, Kaye Ballard, Bette Walker and poems, musical songs and parodies that put mothering in a funny perspective and lets us appreciate in a humorous manner what we owe our mothers.

Feb 19- The Comedy of Medicine: Doctors and Dentists- Not feeling well is no laughing matter – especially if you are the one who is suffering. But there is a growing body of research to support the theory that laughter may have therapeutic value to help relieve physical or emotional stress or discomfort. To quote from the book of Proverbs (17:22): “A cheerful heart is a good medicine; But a broken spirit drieth up the bones”. This lecture aims to look at the humorous side of visiting the doctor or dentist by means of numerous comedy routines, movie clips, witty quotes and songs and amusing cartoons. Remember: worrying will never change the outcome and stressed spelled backward is desserts! Consider this lecture as your prescription for good health.

Apr 1- Food - What is it about food and eating that inspires so much comedy? From movies to television to standup comedy routines there is no shortage of food-related humor. This lecture will sample the comedy of food by looking at what we eat, how we eat and where we eat by means of numerous audio visual clips.

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Thursday, 11:00 am*

Leader: Taylor Hagood

One Session: Apr 30

Location: Sinai Residences

Members: \$15

Guests & at door: \$20

* Note : 11:00 am

Houdini

April 30 : Houdini: One of the most talented and brilliant entertainers of all time, Houdini is the quintessential magician in the popular imagination. Born Erik Weisz in Budapest, the son of a Rabbi, he immigrated with his family to the United States where he excelled as an athlete and learned magic tricks. It was when he began to perform escapes that he became famous, however, and at the beginning of the twentieth century the world adored him as a man whom no chain or handcuff could hold, a hero defying the powers that be. With tireless energy Houdini toured the world performing, writing on magic, pioneering aviation and film, and debunking spiritualists. This lecture brings Houdini to life, telling his story from the perspective of a child of a magician, which Taylor Hagood is. This event will include a demonstration of the rope escape that Houdini first saw and that set him on the road to fame.

Dr. Taylor Hagood is a tenured Professor of American Literature and Director of the Study of the Americas Initiative at Florida Atlantic University, where he was also the 2013-2104 Lifelong Learning Society Distinguished Professor of Arts and Letters. A former Fulbright Professor at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, Germany, he serves as a Research Ambassador for the Deutsche Akademischer Austausch Dienst (German Academic Exchange Service). An internationally-acclaimed expert on the Nobel Prize-winning author William Faulkner, Hagood has spoken at such universities throughout the United States, Canada, England, Germany, and Italy while publishing multiple books and articles. He won the prestigious C. Hugh Holman Award for Best Book in Southern Studies for his book, *Faulkner, Writer of Disability*. He lectures at the Society of the Four Arts and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes in Jupiter and Boca Raton.

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WOMEN OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

Fridays, 1:30pm

Lecturer: Rose Feinberg

Two Sessions: Feb. 7, Mar. 6

Location: Sinai Residences

Member: \$30 *in advance for series* **Guests & single session:** \$20

The women in this series have all accomplished far more than what was expected for women of their generation and backgrounds. Each has led an interesting life, with challenges and difficulties they all overcame to reach their ultimate career goals. Both programs are enhanced with PowerPoint presentations that include pictures and video clips.

Feb 7: THREE FEMALE JUSTICES: RUTH BADER GINSBERG, SONIA SOTOMAYOR, ELENA KAGAN

Discover how each woman's early life and subsequent steps led to her becoming a Supreme Court Justice. Learn about their personal lives and important contributions they have made as Justices.

Mar6:MARTHA STEWART & OPRAH WINFREY: TWO ACCOMPLISHED WOMEN

Learn how each woman's beginnings shaped her path to becoming a major decision maker who established various enterprises under her name, and the sacrifices each made to reach great success.

Dr. Rose Feinberg is a popular presenter at many programs and meetings for organizations and groups in South Florida. Rose earned her Doctor of Education Degree from Boston University and was a school administrator in Massachusetts for many years. Dr. Feinberg was an Adjunct Professor at several universities, including Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Feinberg's prior careers in education and business, as well as her professional training, have enabled her to research and create her many dynamic and informative programs.

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FRAMEWORKS

Mondays, 1:30

Leader: Dr. Terryl Lawrence

Five Sessions: Nov 4, Dec. 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2

Location: Sinai Residences

Members: \$75 in advance for series **Guests & single session :** \$20

Inspired Encounters with Art

Nov 4: Contemporary Architecture - The Bauhaus and its influences.

Dec 2: Painting and Printmaking - Pierre Bonnard and Edward Vuillard

Jan 6: Fashionable Photography - Richard Avedon, Irving Penn, and others

Feb 3: Landscape Design - Fredrick Law Olmstead and Christ & Jean Claude.

Mar 2: New York Images - The Ashcan School and Richard Estes.

Dr. Terryl Lawrence has a Ph.D from Columbia University. A painter and photographer, she continually exhibits her works and has won many awards...including a National Grant in the Humanities for research in Art History. Currently she is on the staff of LLS at FAU. She also is a Professor at the Digital Media Arts College Boca Raton, teaching drawing, art history and mythology.

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HAMLET ART TOUR

Wednesday, 10:30am

Leader: Sandra Neustadter

Location: The Home of Sandra and Edward Neustadter
Seagate Country Club at the Hamlet
5215 Estates Dr.
Delray Beach, Fl.
561-498-2044

One Session: March 11, 2020

Members: \$20 Limited to 25 people No guests

Enjoy a day like no other... at your personally conducted tour of Sandra and Edward's magnificent Home Collection. Included will also be choice pieces selected from their art gallery in Delray Beach.

Sandra Neustadter has been working in the art world for more than 40 years. She studied Art History and Design at NYU and New Art at the Museum of Modern Art. Her specialty was sculpture, and several of her pieces are on display in her home. After her marriage she and her husband, Edward, became serious collectors of American and European New Art. Many of their pieces have been on loan to museums for special exhibitions.

Sandra's career included many years as an art designer. She decorated the walls of many private homes and major corporations. She was responsible for selecting the art for the walls of the Dag Hammarskjold Building at the United Nations.

This rare showing at her home is a unique opportunity. Last year's tour sold out quickly. Sign up now to secure your place.

Note: At the gate give the Neustadter name as your host. Please plan on carpooling. Also, you need to leave your purses and packages in your car.

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CURTAIN CALL

Thursdays, 1:30pm

Leader: Rod MacDonald

Four Sessions: Dec.12, Jan 9, Feb.13, March 12

Location: SCCC

Members: \$60 in advance for series Guests & single session : \$20

In this series **Rod MacDonald** will examine the music, careers and enduring importance and contributions of these great musical artists . Videos and biographical materials will be used in the presentation.

Dec 12- Bette Midler

Jan 9- Barbara Streisand

Feb 13- Renee Fleming

March 12- Hello Dolly

As a singer/songwriter, **Rod MacDonald** has 21 songs in the Smithsonian Folkways Collection and 13 CDs. He was named "10 Magnificent Musicians of Palm Beach County" by the Palm Beach Post. He is also Music Americana Instructor at LLS .

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BROADWAY MUSICAL AND ITS CREATION

Friday, 1:30 pm

Leader: Charles Troy

Session: Jan 24

Location: Sinai Residences

Members Fee: \$15 *in advance*

Guests & at door : \$20

The Creation of Guys and Dolls

Jan 24-This 1950 show has been called the perfect musical. But how was its perfection attained? Learn the amusing—no, preposterous!—story of the creation of this classic, of how brilliantly songwriter Frank Loesser and book writer Abe Burrows worked around various obstacles to adapt Damon Runyon's stories of New York gamblers into a comic masterpiece.

Charles Troy is a graphic designer and former theatre lyricist. Over the last ten years he has developed more than 50 multi-media presentations on musical theatre subjects. These visual presentations combine scans of rare photos, his own original graphics, edited audio tracks and video clips, all coordinated with a script narrative that weaves the pertinent events into a dramatic tale.

Friday, 1:30 pm

Leader: Joyce Reider

One Session: Feb 28

Location: SCCC

Members: \$15 in advance

Guests & at door: \$20

Feb 28: Mrs. Everything by Jennifer Weiner- The history of our times: 2 sisters adjusting to life over the last 50 years, the people they meet, the challenges they face, the America changing around them. This is an opportunity to face our own lives through the prism of fiction.

Joyce Reider has been leading study groups for many years. She brings her national reputation and lively intellect into the classroom, ranging widely over the history, culture and literary merit of each work. So read, be stimulated and enjoy.

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CURRENT LITERATURE

Tuesdays, 1:30 pm

Leader: Ellen O'Connell 508-735-6440 ellenmoves@aol.com

Six Sessions: November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14

Location: Villa Costa 3210 South Ocean Boulevard Highland Beach, FL

Members Fee: \$60 for the series

Participants may bring a guest once during the series.

The guest fee is \$20.00 per session

The group shares insights, ideas and opinions based on exploration of current literature by authors whose work will stimulate lively conversation. This is a group that assumes each member will have read the selections and considered the issues each selection raises. Members of the group have been selected to lead each session.

November 12	"White Houses"	Amy Bloom
December 10	"A Gentleman in Moscow"	Amor Towles
January 14	"Orphans Tale"	Pam Jenoff
February 11	"The Book of Separation"	Tova Mirvis
March 10	"The Only Woman in the Room"	Marie Benedict
April 14	TBD	

The Group also meets for an optional lunch at noon at Delray Sands before each session. Please contact Carol Stone 561-241-7790.

Thursdays, 11:00 am *

Leader: Taylor Hagood

Four Sessions: Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 27, Apr 23,

Location: Sinai Residences

Members: \$60 in advance for series **Guests & single session:** \$20

* Note: 11:00 am

An Inside View of Four Southern Cities

Jan 30: Key West: Island City of Dreams: Key West, Florida, is one of the strangest and zaniest places in the United States. It also has a strong literary past. From Ernest Hemingway to Tennessee Williams, this island city (the largest one in the state at the turn of the 20th century) has a rich history of writers, artists, and just plain interesting folks. This lecture will give an entertaining educational tour of Key West, offering not only stories about the notable people who have populated this colorful city's past but also insights into the factors that have made this island city hospitable to the arts. These factors include a delicious tropical climate and atmosphere that foster the imagination as well as a concentration of strong individuals with creative, independent ways of thinking and a determination to be original.

Feb 13: Nashville: City of Contradictions: Few American cities have been as intriguingly contradictory as Nashville, Tennessee. On one hand, it has historically been referred to as "The Athens of the South," a city filled with excellent institutions of higher learning and the amenities of old southern aristocratic culture. At the same time, it is a city located in the middle of the Tennessee hills that, by third decade of the twentieth century, became the center of the country music industry, a down-home reputation that vexed the aristocracy. Since the beginning of the twenty-first century, Nashville has grown exponentially, becoming a city of new money and hipsters largely unaware its past. Along the way there have been fascinating people—from President Andrew Jackson to Grand Ole Opry star Uncle Dave Macon to singer Patsy Cline—and the stories about them include tales of love and regret, success and failure, triumph and murder.

Feb 27: Memphis: City of Lovely Tacky: It may be a sleepy city in the Mid-South, but Memphis, Tennessee, has contributed greatly to the world in ways both commonly known and not so commonly known. This lecture will tour this birthplace of rock-and-roll and center of soul by presenting the story of Sun, Stax, and Hi Records, which have made some of the most iconic recordings ever in American popular music by the likes of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Otis Redding, and Al Green. Hagood will also tell of the city's

SPLENDID DESTINATIONS *continued*

forgotten but important entrepreneurs, its freedom-fighters, and its writers, and no trip to Memphis can leave out its many barbeque joints. Above all, this lecture will capture the atmosphere of this unique city and its rollicking riverboat history.

April 23: New Orleans: City of Beautiful Corruption: New Orleans, Louisiana, was conceived in corruption as part of the “Mississippi Bubble,” formed to help the Duke of Orleans pay off gambling debts. From such a beginning, the city has lifted corruption and vice to an art form as lovely as the fern-strewn scrolled balconies that embellish the French Quarter. One of the most unique cities in the United States, New Orleans’ complicated racial structure brought into existence its own peculiar legal system, the Code Noire, while people of German, as well as French and Spanish descent, helped develop a rich culture which eventually led to the development of Creole cuisine and Dixieland jazz. The home of such famous people as Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Edgar Degas, and many others, it has played a major cultural role while also being an important seaport, especially in the 19th century. Hurricane Katrina tragically brought it back into the public eye in 2005. This lecture will focus on this colorful city, including less-known, as well as famous, stories about its history and its people.

Dr. Taylor Hagood is a tenured Professor of American Literature and Director of the Study of the Americas Initiative at Florida Atlantic University, where he was also the 2013-2104 Lifelong Learning Society Distinguished Professor of Arts and Letters. A former Fulbright Professor at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, Germany, he serves as a Research Ambassador for the Deutsche Akademischer Austausch Dienst (German Academic Exchange Service). An internationally-acclaimed expert on the Nobel Prize-winning author William Faulkner, Dr. Hagood has spoken at many universities throughout the United States, Canada, England, Germany, and Italy while publishing multiple books and articles. He won the prestigious C. Hugh Holman Award for Best Book in Southern Studies for his book, *Faulkner, Writer of Disability*. He lectures at the Society of the Four Arts and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes in Jupiter and Boca Raton.

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ISRAEL: WORLD INNOVATOR

Thursday, 1:30pm

Leader: Anne Goldberg

One Session: November 14

Location: Abbey Delray South

Members Fee: \$15 *in advance*

Guests & At door: \$20

Since 1948, when the world recognized the State of Israel, innovation in many fields has been a hallmark of this country and reflects on the ingenuity of its people.

Nov 14: Learn about many of Israel's inventions. Discuss the values supporting this small young country which enables its people to become world innovators.

Anne Goldberg is an author, speaker and lifestyle consultant for seniors. She speaks on her original series, *The Art of Living Longer User Manual for Humans*. Anne has devoted her research to longevity and wellness for seniors since 2013 and her mission is to empower seniors to know they're old enough to have a past and young enough to have a future – at any age! Her health journey began at 17 when the association between headaches and preservatives in food was made. In the years since, Anne has been devoted to understanding the relationship between food and health. In her previous life, Anne spent 23 years as an executive recruiter in the actuarial sector, ten years raising her two sons and five years in the environmental sector promoting water and energy conservation products. *Savvy Senior Services* is the culmination of Anne's own search for meaning & purpose.

17 THE IMPERIAL THRONE OF JAPAN

Wednesdays, 1:30

Leader: Freya Homer

Two Sessions: Jan 8, Feb 12

Location: SCCC

Members: \$30 in advance for series

Guests & single session \$20

Will A Woman Head Japan's Constitutional Monarchy One Day

Jan 8 - Japan's Imperial Throne: Abdication, Enthronement, and Succession.-

Japan's parliament passed a one-time only law in 2017 allowing Emperor Akihito to become the first monarch to abdicate in 200 years. Because of declining health, the emperor felt he must step down. The emperor abdicated his throne April 30, 2019 and his oldest son, Crown Prince Naruhito, ascended the throne the following day, May 1, 2019. By law, only males are in the line of succession to the throne. The new Emperor Naruhito has one child, a daughter; who cannot succeed him. Today, many Japanese are asking: if the abdication law was changed, why not change the line of succession law to allow females to ascend the throne? We will explore the history of these laws and the mystery of their removal.

Feb 12- The Imperial Marriage: Is Life A Bowl Of Cherry Blossoms?

Imperial couples face heavy burdens of tradition which is clearly demonstrated in the marriages of two empress-consorts of Japan. Empress Michiko, married in 1959, and Empress Masako, married in 1993. The two women found themselves in equally daunting positions when they married two heirs to the imperial throne of Japan. Each of them experienced a painful sense of isolation that comes from living in a confining world governed by the Imperial Household Agency. Controlled at every turn, becoming caged birds longing to be set free led to tragic consequences. Ultimately today, the Japanese monarchy itself has been altered by the influence of Michiko and Masako.

Freya Homer is a lecturer at Nova Southeastern University Lifelong Learning Institute and it's outreach satellites. At the Morikami Museum and Gardens she instituted, implemented, and taught the Volunteer Training Program. She conducts tours of museum events for the media. She addresses special visiting groups, discussing the unique culture of Japan using all the features of the museum galleries and gardens to illustrate her talk.

18

THE CARIBBEAN AND THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY

Wednesdays, 1:30

Lecturer: Dana Sprott

Three Sessions: Nov 6, Jan 29, March 18

Location: Sinai Residences

Fee: \$45 in advance for series

Guests & single session: \$20

From George Washington to Donald Trump, this three part series covers the American Presidency and how the Caribbean region has influenced it. It is filled with fun facts and one of a kind presidential images. It covers the American Revolution, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, the construction of the Panama Canal and the purchase of the Virgin Islands. It even looks at the invasions of Granada and Panama.

Nov 6: George Washington to McKinley. This lecture will cover the role of the Caribbean in relation to the American Revolution, the Monroe Doctrine, the struggle of the North and the South over slavery, the dawn of the American Century---and the never ending question of Cuba.

Jan 29: Woodrow Wilson to FDR: The World Wars and the Caribbean. This lecture will investigate “dollar diplomacy” and the role of the presidency in America’s relationship with the Dominican Republic and with Haiti. How did America acquire the Virgin Islands? What was the role of the Caribbean during WWII?

March 18: Truman to Trump: The American Century---With Cuba as the dominating factor for 20 Presidencies, the region took center stage from the end of WWII. The Banana Economy, the Cold War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Mob and Gambling in the Bahamas, the history of Granada and of Panama are the stories of the Twentieth Century Presidents.

Dana Cohen-Sprott has a BS in Economics from Russell Sage College and an MBA in International Business from George Washington University. She is a Wolcott Fellow recipient. She has lived and worked in the Caribbean for three decades. She has found Jewish communities older than Manhattan that were unlikely places of refuge during World War II. She is a published writer, author, lecturer and researcher. She led the international team that pinpointed the location of the lost synagogue and Jewish burial ground on St. Maarten.

19

THE REEL THING

Thursdays, 1:30

Lecturer: Myrna Loman

Six Sessions: Nov 21, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 19, April 16

Location: Abbey Delray South

Members: \$90 in advance for series

Guests & single session : \$20

Utilizing both Foreign and Independent award winning films, we will examine the art of the filmmakers. The skill of the Director how he/she explores the narrative, as well as the collaborative artistry of the cinematographer, art design and how all creative elements are explored will be discussed.

Nov 21: **Fathers and Daughters:** (USA 2016): Unfolding via interwoven narratives, this touching drama traces the tumultuous relationship of a father, Russell Crowe and daughter, Amanda Seigfried, who are struggling to connect over the decades as they attempt to overcome the loss of a mother.

Dec 19: **Finding Your Feet:** (USA/ England 2017): A comedy/drama that follows "Lady" Sandra Abbott after she discovers that her husband of 40 years is having an affair with her best friend. She seeks refuge in London with her estranged sister as they "find their feet".

Jan 16: **Frantz:** (German/French 2016): In the aftermath of WWI, a young German woman grieves over the death of her fiancée in France. She meets a mysterious Frenchman who visits her fiancée's grave to lay flowers, and the mystery unfolds.

Feb 20: **Stan and Ollie:** (USA/Canada 2018): With their glory days as Hollywood's premier comedy team behind them, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy begin a 1953 farewell tour of England and Ireland. The film reminds the audiences of the magic of their relationship.

Mar 19: **Maudie:** (Ireland/Canada 2016): Biographical love story starring Sally Hawkins and Ethan Hawke which recounts the life of folk artist Maud Lewis. The film captures the art of Maud as she paints and achieves fame in desolate Nova Scotia.

April 16 : **Evelyn:** (Ireland/English 2002): Based on real life events, the film follows the story of Desmond Doyle, (Pierce Brosnan) whose wife left him and their 3 children which results in their being placed in an orphanage. Doyle's struggle to reunite his family and prove his worth as a father takes him all the way to the Irish Supreme Court.

Please make sure to note: all films subject to change.

THE REEL THING

Myrna Loman is the Producer of the West Boca Theatre Company of the Levis JCC. She also serves on the Panel of the Carbonell Awards, the judging of So. Florida's professional theatres and the equivalent of the Tony Awards. Myrna is currently the moderator/instructor of numerous film series at the JCC, Boca Raton Museum of Art, charitable organizations, and adult communities. A past Chair of the BR Museum Docent Council, as well as a member of the Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series of JEC, Myrna lectures on various topics relating to film, popular culture, women and social issues.

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IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE IN BOOKS AND FILM

Tuesdays, 1:30

Leader: Ronelle Delmont

Five sessions: Nov. 5, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10

Location: Abbey Delray South

Members Fee: : \$75 in advance for series **Guests & single session:** \$20

Nov 5...SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS by David Guterson

DEC 10...MAMBO KINGS by Oscar Hijuelos

JAN 14...JOY LUCK CLUB by Amy Tan

FEB 11...MAO'S LAST DANCER by Li Cahan

MAR 10...THE NAMESAKE by Jhumpa Lahiri

Ronelle Delmont discusses five American Literary and Film gems that depict some aspect of an immigrant's experience. Choice scenes from each film will be shown and the plots and themes of each story carefully analyzed to compare book with film.

Ronelle Delmont, long-time resident of Greenwich Village, now lives in Pembroke Pines. After relocating to South Florida in 1987 Ronelle graduated from Florida International University in Miami with a degree in International Relations. She has been a staff writer for the Broward Community College newspaper, The Observer, and won a 1993 Journalism Award for her coverage of Ku Klux Klan and the Haitian refugee crisis. Ronelle has been a popular speaker throughout Dade, Broward & Palm Beach counties. She lectures regularly for FAU and FIU Life Long Learning Societies.

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BEGINNERS CANASTA

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 pm

Lecturer: Ronnie Rosen

Six sessions: Nov 5, Nov 12, Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 10, Dec 17.

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Room: Queen Palm West

Members: \$60 *in advance* *No Guests* *class limited to 25*

Did you always want to learn to play Canasta? Now's your chance. After 6 lessons, **you will be a Canasta player.**

Ronnie Rosen is an experienced Canasta teacher and member of the Brandeis Board of Directors. She has successfully taught Canasta at Spanish River High School Adult Ed and Woodfield Country Club.

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SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Mondays, 1:30

Leader: Myrna Goldberger

Three Sessions: Nov 18, Mar 16, Apr 13

Location: Sinai Residences

Members: \$45 in advance for series *Guests & single session : \$20*

Specialty Stores in American Consumerism

From Selfridge-to department stores- to warehouse stores-to outlet stores- to the internet, we have covered America's love to shop. This course will focus on stores classified as specialty shops because they market specific items and have built a culture surrounding them. What role do these stores play in our entrepreneurial history? What are the advantages and disadvantages of such enterprises? How did they originate and what have been their dreams and schemes? (Yes, there is some scandal involved.)

November 18: Starbuck's Story / Dunkin' Donuts

March 16: Trader Joe's

April 13: Victoria's Secret

Myrna Goldberger was educated at the University of Maryland, Loyola College and Johns Hopkins University. She has been an educator, lecturer, and performer for over 50 years. She is currently a lecturer for the Lifelong Learning Society at FAU, Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses. In addition, she presents programs to organizations, communities, special interest groups and private functions. Myrna is characterized as " dynamic, charismatic and well prepared" by her students.

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16. Israel: World Innovators.	\$15 _____	\$20 _____
17. Imperial Throne	\$30 _____	\$20 _____
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I

VIRTUOSO VIOLIN MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Sunday, 4:00 pm

Virtuoso Violin
Sunday, December 8
Location : Steinway Piano Gallery
Members fee \$20. In advance

Aleksandr Zhuk, Violin
Catherine Lan, Piano

Guests and at door \$25.

-- Violinist **Aleksandr Zhuk** from Russia and Pianist **Dr. Catherine Lan** from Taiwan perform

Born into a celebrated musical family in Moscow, Russia, **Aleksandr Zhuk** began studying violin at age six at the Gnessin Special School for Gifted Children. He has performed extensively throughout Europe and the United States as a soloist, chamber musician, and concertmaster of various orchestras. He has appeared at many major music festivals such as Spoleto, Schleswig-Holstein, Tuscan Sun.. During 2001-2004 seasons Mr. Zhuk has served as one of the concertmasters of the Miami's New World Symphony, a unique orchestra led by Michael Tilson Thomas consolidating the most talented young musicians from all over the world. Currently he is a member of the Florida Grand Opera Orchestra and the first violin of Sona Strings Quartet in Miami.. Since 2010, as a member of Russian Virtuosi of Europe, he has participated in critically acclaimed tours of South America, Europe and Russia. Mr. Zhuk holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the Utrecht Conservatory in the Netherlands and a Graduate Performance Diploma from the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, MD.

Catherine Lan- Recognized as a child prodigy she won her first competition at age 8. Since then she has been the recipient of many scholarships and prestigious awards and the winner of many competitions in the US, Canada, and Asia. She has made many orchestral appearances, performing concertos by Bach, Mozart, Liszt, and Chopin to name just a few. In 2006, Dr. Lan gave her harpsichord debut in Coral Gables with the Bergonzi String Quartet. She received her Doctoral of Musical Arts Degree in Piano Performance from Univ. of Miami (Masters in Music from Indiana Univ.). Currently, Dr. Lan is on the faculty at both Palm Beach Atlantic Univ. and Broward College, teaching piano, oboe, and music theory. She also serves as staff pianist at Bowdoin International Music Festival.

II

DUO BEAUX ARTS MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Sunday, 4:00 pm

Duo Beaux Arts 2 Pianos

Sunday, Jan 12

Location: Steinway Piano Gallery

Members : \$20. In advance

Tao Lin, Piano

Catherine Lan, Piano

Guests and at door \$25.

It's Beethoven's anniversary year and we will present a mostly Beethoven program to celebrate.

Steinway Artist Tao Lin has been a prize winner at the Palm Beach International Competition, William Kapell International Chamber Music Competition, and the Osaka International Chamber Music Competition. He has given recitals at the Kennedy Center, National Gallery, 92nd Street Y, Norway's Grieg Museum - to name a few. Mr. Lin has collaborated with the St. Petersburg, Miami and Bergonzi Quartets-as well as with colleagues Elmar Oliviera, and Eugenia Zuckerman. He is a prolific recording artist.

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III

IN CONCERT MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Rod MacDonald, guitar
Brad Keller, keyboard

Location: Steinway Piano Gallery

Session: Feb 15, 4:00 pm

Members : \$20. In advance

Guests and at door \$25.

From his start in NYC's Greenwich Village in the 1970s-- through 11 CDs and 100 performances annually throughout North America and Europe-- guitarist **Rod MacDonald** continues to dazzle audiences with his passionate singing and thought-provoking writing. His songs have been recorded by numerous other singers. His latest CD "Later That Night" reached #3 nationally on the Roots Music Folk charts in February 2015, with the song "Raven" at #1. In the meantime, he's been named one of "Ten Greatest South Florida Folk Singers Of All Time" by New Times. He has also been recognized as a Distinguished Faculty Member 2012 by FAU's Lifelong Learning Program, where he teaches Music Americana and where he has performed sold-out concerts of the Great American Songbook with Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, and Carole King/James Taylor.

Rod will be accompanied on the Steinway by **Brad Keller**, the regular keyboardist from the Humdingers who has played in several concerts with Rod at FAU. Brad has performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival, with Maynard Ferguson, with the Ink Spots, and is the Jazz Piano instructor at Palm Beach State College. He has taught music in Palm Beach County public schools for twenty years and is the co-author of the "Jazz Cats" books used internationally to introduce young students to Jazz.

IV

SINGING STRINGS MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Sunday, 4:00 pm

Singing Strings

One Session: Jan 26

Location: Steinway Piano Gallery

Members : \$20. In advance

Yasa Poletaeva. Violin

Olga Konovalova Piano

Guests and at door \$25.

Born in Russia, Violinist **Iaroslava (Yasa) Poletaeva** graduated from the Saint Petersburg Conservatory, and has performed extensively in Russia, Europe, the Philippines, and the United States. Her performances “reflect great musicality, depth of interpretation, and the technical expertise” that assures her worldwide recognition. Ms. Poletaeva’s accomplishments include several awards in international music competitions. In October 2017, Yasa Poletaeva received First Prize and Best Interpretation of a Composition by Franz Liszt in the Franz Liszt International Festival & Competition at The Ohio State University, for her performance with Darren Matias.

Olga Konovalova made her debut as a child prodigy at Ekaterinburg Philharmonic Hall and has performed throughout Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the United States. She received a Fellowship Diploma from Trinity College. She has played in Master Classes for Elmar Oliveira and composer Scott Wheeler. She has completed Professional Performance Certificate in Collaborative Piano at Lynn University. Olga earned her BM and MM from Urals State Conservatory in Russia.

V

MUSICAL INTERLUDES MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Sunday, 4:00 pm

Musical Interludes

Sunday, March 15

Location: Steinway Piano Gallery

Members : \$20. In advance

David Pedraza, Viola

Tao Lin, Piano

Guests and at door \$25.

David Pedraza, violist, was born in Mexico and started his musical studies at 14 under Jose Vazquez. From 2003 to 2005 he was part of the Youth Orchestra of the Americas under Placido Domingo, Carlos Prieto and Gustav Dudarne I , David holds a Professional Performance Certificate from Lynn University and recently finished his MA of Music at the same school on a full scholarship. He has performed in Mexico, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Spain and the UK . Currently he is part of the Vitali Quartet, Symphony of the Americas and Miami Symphony.

Steinway Artist Tao Lin has been a prize winner at the Palm Beach International Competition, Will i am KapellInternational Chamber Music Competition, and the Osaka International Chamber Music Competition. He has given recitals at the Kennedy Center, National Gallery, 92nd Street Y. Norway's Grieg Museum - to name a few. Mr. Lin has collaborated with the St. Petersburg, Miami and Bergonzi Quartets-as well as with colleagues Elmar Oliviera and Eugenia Zuckerman. He is a prolific recording artist.

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