

It's a great day at the J

Programs and events for PrimeTime Adults, Cultural Arts, Culinary Arts, JCC Cares and more



Sunday, July 13
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MAH JONGG MASTERS: WIMBLEDON EDITION WITH HIGH TEA

Sunday, July 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join our Wimbledon-themed Mah Jongg Play Day featuring an elegant high tea with sandwiches and scones. Brunch at 10 a.m. followed by friendly game. Play with your group or meet new players. Prizes for completing designated hands. Experience the perfect blend of mah jongg fun and English tennis elegance for a smashing afternoon.

NOT A TOURNAMENT

Early Bird: JCC Members: \$40 Public: \$45 until June 29

After June 29: Members: \$45 Public: \$50

JCC SUMMER DAY TRIPS & THEATRE

SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER ON LUXURY BUS TO LOS ANGELES

Wednesday, July 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

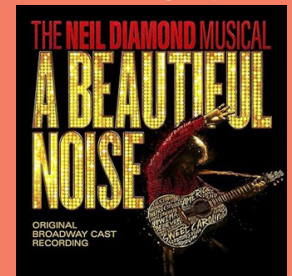
- Diane von Furstenberg: Woman Before Fashion
- Visions and Values: Jewish Life from Antiquity to America
- Away in the Catskills: Summers, Sour Cream, and Dirty Dancing
- Catered Lunch by Zeidler's Café

Discover fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg's extraordinary career and philanthropic contributions at this U.S. debut exhibition. Explore memories of vacations in the Catskills where Jewish families experienced a safe and welcoming place to enjoy time together.

JCC Members: \$125 Public: \$135 Register by 6/24

J TIX AT SCFTA

JCC Priority Center Front Orchestra Seating. Tickets assigned in the order of purchase and groups.



Sunday, August 10,
6:30 p.m.

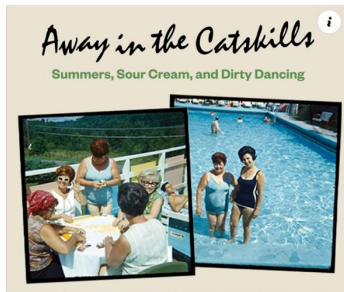
The Neil Diamond Musical is an inspiring, exhilarating, energy-filled musical memoir, that tells the untold true story of how America's greatest hitmaker became a star. Register early by June 25 or tickets may be sold out.

JCC Members: \$157
Public: \$170

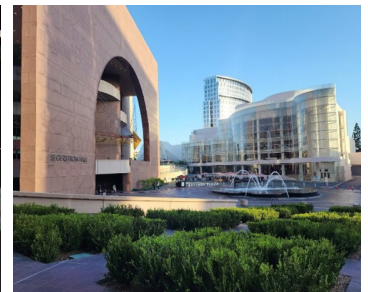
ALL UPCOMING SUMMER TRIPS



DIANE VON FURSTENBERG: WOMAN BEFORE FASHION
AT THE SKIRBALL AND AWAY IN THE CATSKILLS: SUMMERS,
SOUR CREAM, AND DIRTY DANCING AT THE SKIRBALL
Wednesday, July 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



DOCENT TOUR OF WORLD FAMOUS TERRA COTTA WARRIORS AT THE BOWERS MUSEUM
Thursday, July 24, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.



BACKSTAGE TOUR OF SEGERSTROM CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND VISIT ORANGE COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART & NAGUCHI GARDEN
Thursday, August 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

June

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, June 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join JCC Cares and the Southern California Bloodbank to donate blood and help save a life! Donating is safe, confidential, and easy.

MADE BY CHEF LIRON: RAINBOW CHALLAH

Order by Wednesday, June 4, 2 p.m.

Pick up on Friday, June 6, 12 - 3 p.m.

Traditional :\$10 Rainbow: \$12



ISRAELI FILM SERIES: PINK LADY

Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m.

In an ultra-Orthodox Jewish community in Jerusalem, Bati has a seemingly perfect life. She is happily married to Lazer and the young couple have three children. But their world starts to crumble when Lazer is blackmailed by an extremely violent ultra-Orthodox gang and Bati discovers his secret affair with his male study partner. Desperate to protect her family and keep the man she loves, she supports Lazer

as he attempts to "cure" his homosexuality, while uncovering her true desires on a journey to self-discovery and liberation.

Drama, 104 minutes, Director: Nir Bergman

JCC Members: \$10 Public: \$15

THEIR FAVORITE DISHES:

COOKING THE FAVORITE DISHES OF THE ISRAELI HOSTAGES

Alon Ahel's favorite cinnabons

Thursday, June 19, 6 p.m.

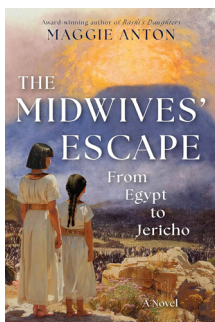
Join our shishinim, Anna and Yahelly, as they select recipes from the "Weeks of Longing" project -- a project that through food honors the hostages, some released, some still in captivity, and others who have died.

JCC Members: \$18 Public: \$24

JCC CARES POOL PARTY

Sunday, June 22, 1 - 4 p.m.

Join JCC Cares for a fun day of giving back. JCC Cares will be hosting a pool party and carnival for our friends from local non-profits. Volunteers are needed to help run booths, games, and activities.



BOOKS & BAGELS

THE MIDWIVES' ESCAPE: FROM EGYPT TO JERICHO WITH MAGGIE ANTON IN PERSON

Tuesday, June 24, 1 - 2 p.m.

Award winning author Maggie Anton presents her new historical novel filled with adventure, warfare and romance that is true to the Torah and to history. Book for sale and signing

JCC Members: \$10 Public: \$12

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Thursday, June 26, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join our friendly, vibrant women's discussion group! Share thought provoking conversations, personal journeys and embrace new possibilities with a supportive group of women.

JCC Members Only: Free

July

MAH JONGG: LEARN TO PLAY

Thursdays, July 10 - August 14,

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Learn to play with a small, friendly class at the JCC.

Instructor: Lezlie Schreiber. Sign up in advance to reserve your spot.

2025 Mah Jongg card available for \$15

JCC Members: \$200 Public: \$215 (six weekly classes/2 hours/week)

MAH JONGG: SUPERVISED PLAY

Thursday, July 10 - August 14, 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

Want to improve your Mah Jongg game skills? Practice & play in-person under the supervision of our Mah Jongg teacher, Lezlie Schreiber.

JCC Members: \$160 Public: \$175 (six weekly classes/1.5 hours/week)

CANASTA: LEARN TO PLAY

Tuesdays, July 8 & 15, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Learn to play this fun and popular game. Small classes with individual instruction. Lunch included at noon. Includes instruction book (valued at \$20). Instructor: Felicia Lurner, Certified Canasta Instructor with the Canasta League of America

JCC Members: \$150 Public: \$160 (2 class/4 hours each day)

PROFESSOR DON SCHWARTZ PRESENTS

CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS

Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 7 - 8 p.m.

This lecture series examines conflicts between the executive and judiciary in recent years, comparing them with historical examples.

It explores whether modern presidential actions push constitutional boundaries and threaten the balance of power intended by the framers of the U.S. Constitution.

JCC Members: \$50 Public: \$60 (3 lectures on Zoom)

BALANCE, FLEXIBILITY & BODY ALIGNMENT

Tuesdays, July 8 - August 19, 12 - 1 p.m.

In this physical therapist led class, you will learn exercises and techniques to improve balance and proper posture to improve body alignment and reduce stress on your joints.

Instructor: Caroline Teets, DPT- Registered Physical Therapist

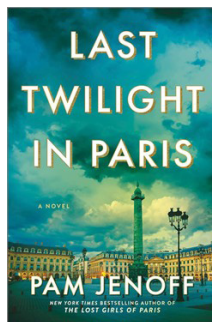
JCC Members Only: \$90 6 class series (No class 8/12)

BREAKFAST AT LIGHTHOUSE

Sunday, July 13, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join JCC Cares for a fun morning of giving back. Volunteers will help prepare and serve breakfast at Lighthouse Community Church.

Maximum 5 volunteers



BOOKS & BAGELS:

LAST TWILIGHT IN PARIS BY PAM JENOFF, NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLING AUTHOR

Tuesday, July 15, 10 - 11 a.m.

A Parisian department store, a mysterious necklace and a woman's quest to unlock a decade-old mystery are at the center of this riveting novel of love and survival, from author Pam Jenoff. Virtual appearance by author

Discussion led by Dana Susson, Esq.

JCC Members & Community: Free,

Participants meet at JCC

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Thursday, July 17, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join our friendly, vibrant women's discussion circle! Share thought provoking conversations, personal journeys and embrace new possibilities with a supportive group of women.

JCC Members Only: Free



DOCENT TOUR OF WORLD FAMOUS TERRA COTTA WARRIORS AT THE BOWERS MUSEUM

Thursday, July 24, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bowers presents over 110 newly uncovered treasures making their North American debut. This landmark exhibition features Terracotta Warriors, chariot regalia, jade and gold adornments, bronze vessels, and more. In collaboration with the Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Center and prestigious museums across Shaanxi Province, these artifacts offer unprecedented glimpses into China before and during the Qin dynasty.

Includes admission and private docent tour.

- Docent tour at 10:30 p.m.
- Lunch on your own at Tangata at the Bowers 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Explore the museum after lunch.
- Please carpool with your friends or we will find you a ride.

JCC Members \$28 Public \$33 Register by 7/17
(lunch not included)

MADE BY CHEF LIRON: S'MORES CHALLAH

Order by Wednesday, August 13, 2 p.m.,

Pick up on Friday, August 15, 12 - 3 p.m.

Traditional: \$10 S'mores: \$12

COOK WITH US, HOMEMADE RAVIOLI AND MORE WITH CHEF LIRON REGEV

Thursday, August 21, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Create a restaurant-worthy meal at home featuring homemade butternut squash ravioli served with sautéed seasonal greens and candied nuts. Complete your dining experience with a classic crème brûlée for dessert. Bring a bottle of wine and make it a date night. Register by 8/19.

JCC Members: \$59 Public: \$70



BOOKS & BAGELS:

BEHIND EVERY GOOD MAN BY SARA GOODMAN CONFINO

Tuesday, August 26, 10 - 11 a.m.

A humorous and witty, heartfelt novel about a strong woman navigating motherhood, marriage, and self-discovery. Virtual appearance by author.

Discussion led by Dana Susson, Esq.

JCC Members & Community: Free, Participants meet at JCC

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Thursday, August 28, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join our friendly discussion group and enjoy stimulating conversations. Discuss changing lifestyle issues, possibilities, purpose and happiness and more. Most of all share with other interesting women who are each on their own journey.

JCC Members Only: Free

September

ROSH HASHANAH BAGS FOR SENIORS

Friday, September 19

Join JCC Cares to make and deliver Rosh Hashanah holiday bags to our JCC seniors. JCC Cares will provide challahs, apples, honey, and sweet notes from Jkids to fill holiday bags.

Pick up bags and supplies on Friday, September 19, to deliver to six assigned local seniors over the weekend.

HAVE FUN AT OUR MAH JONGG PLAYDAY & HIGH TEA JULY 13



August



BACKSTAGE TOUR OF SEGERSTROM CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND VISIT ORANGE COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART & NAGUCHI GARDEN

Thursday, August 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Segerstrom Center for the Arts 10 a.m. - 11:30 pm
- Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on your own at Georges Café in the Courtyard
- Naguchi Gardens 12:30 - 1 p.m.
- Orange County Museum of Art 1 - 2 p.m.

Knowledgeable docents will lead interactive walking tours through Segerstrom Hall, Concert Hall, and outdoor spaces. Discover the Center's history, architectural details, and upcoming programs while enjoying fascinating stories and interesting facts. Our experienced guides provide an entertaining and informative experience of all that Segerstrom has to offer.

JCC Members \$18 Public \$23 Register by 8/7
(lunch on your own)

Weekly Programs

JCC Members Only: Free

NEWS & VIEWS - Mondays, 10 a.m.

News and Views is a weekly open forum for members to learn and discuss local and world issues such as current events, politics, Israel and economy. In-Person and Hybrid

Facilitator: Bruce D. Spivack, Ph.D., MBA

MEN'S CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP

Fridays, 10 a.m.

Come for the friendships, stimulating discussions and the bagels. Our members come from many business and professional backgrounds, and have varied and freely-expressed opinions on topics of interest, both of a Jewish and secular nature.

Coordinator: Martin Dym, Ph.D.

GENTLE YOGA

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:15 or 10:30 a.m.

This gentle approach to yoga helps you increase flexibility, improve circulation and experience more energy during a relaxing Yoga experience. Instructors: Dianne Daucher RYT, Eli Vared RYT

MAH JONGG: CALLING JCC PLAYERS

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

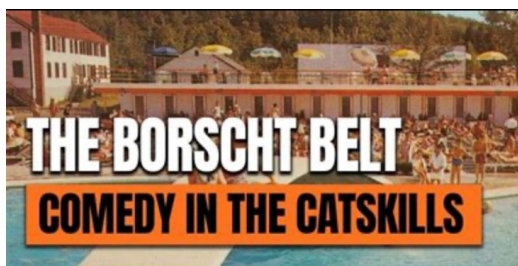
If you know how to play, join in at the JCC to play this popular game and meet other friendly Mah Jongg players.

CANASTA: CALLING JCC PLAYERS

Mondays, 12 p.m.

If you know how to play, join in at the JCC to play this popular game and meet other friendly Canasta players. Contact Mary Ann if you are interested: magholson@gmail.com

September cont.



LIFELONG LEARNING LUNCH

THE BORSCHT BELT: CATSKILLS COMEDY IN JEWISH AMERICAN CULTURE

Tuesday, September 16, 12 - 2 p.m.

Enjoy an entertaining presentation with humor and clips exploring how Borscht Belt comedians and Catskill resorts shaped Jewish entertainment, eventually influencing American comedy as a whole.

Presenter Samantha Goldstein holds a Ph.D. in Literature from UC San Diego. She brings 13 years of directing and acting experience in San Diego theater and film, with training in stand-up and improv. For over two decades, she has taught comedy, literature, and creative writing.

A collaboration of Merage JCC and Congregation Shir Ha - Ma'alot. Partially funded by a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Orange County

Location: Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot

JCC & SHM Members: \$20 Public \$25 Register by 9/9



JSTAGE PROUDLY PRESENTS

STAGE

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

Cinderella

October 25-November 2, 2025

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR
ADULTS AND CHILDREN
JULY 9, 10, AND 12

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