

The Jewish Federation of the North Shore presents a free Lunch and Learn series

JEWISH ART:

PRESERVING THE PAST, PAINTING THE PRESENT

Much of Jewish ritual life is structured around remembering the past. Jewish memory, though, is not only about looking backwards; it is also a vehicle for enlivening contemporary Jewish life. Join cultural anthropologist and Jewish educator, Alanna E. Cooper, for an examination of the dynamic intersection between past and present through an exploration of Jewish painting, photography and music.

JEWISH PAINTING

Monday April 2: Delve into Rafael Uzan's colorful depictions of Jewish life in Nabeul prior to Tunisia's independence. Explore Mayer Kirshenblatt's lively portrayals of pre-war Jewish life in Apt, Poland. And behold the gripping images of pre-state Israel created by Abel Pann. In these depictions of worlds now gone, a new, vibrant Jewish culture comes to life.

JEWISH PHOTOGRAPHY

Monday May 7: Roman Vishniac's *A Vanished World* is the most well-known visual record of Jewish Eastern Europe on the cusp of destruction. Yet, a recently-discovered trove of his unpublished work suggests that the world he documented was much more dynamic than his popularized images suggest. As though responding to Vishniac's mythical narrative, contemporary photographers Zion Ozeri and Frederic Brenner seek to document the world's far-flung Jewish communities. In this presentation, join them on their quest to capture the vibrant range of Jewish life.

JEWISH MUSIC

Monday June 4: Drawing inspiration from the cultural vibrancy that prevailed during Spain's Golden Age, Israeli singer Etti Ankri breathes fresh life into the centuries-old verses of Judah HaLevi. Other creative, world-renowned Israeli musicians including Rita Yahan-Farouz and Idan Raichel, weave music and lyrics from far-away times and places, including Latin America, West Africa and Iran. Come experience this fusion of a bold, new Jewish sound aesthetic.



Alanna E. Cooper serves as the Director of Adult Education for the Jewish Federation of the North Shore. She holds a PhD in cultural anthropology and has held research and teaching positions at the University of Massachusetts, University of Michigan and Harvard. Her first book, *Bukharan Jews and the Dynamics of Global Judaism* will be published this fall with Indiana University press.



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OF THE NORTH SHORE

Mondays

12:00-1:15 PM

April 2, May 7 & June 4

JFNS, 39 Norman Street, Salem

Bring your lunch and join us for
three sessions of study and discussion

Pre-registration is required:

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