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All Year

# IRP UPDATE

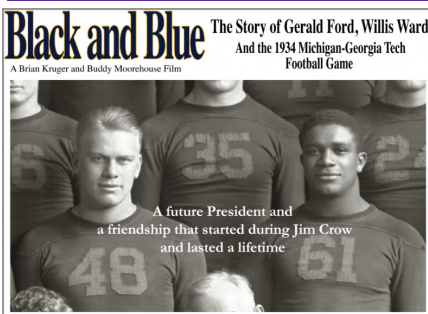
IRP of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit (JCC) provides adult learning and social environment with more than 20 lively, participatory discussion groups and special events held all year. Attendees refresh friendships and make new friends. The community is invited to check out IRP in West Bloomfield and Oak Park.

## SPRING TRAINING

### IRP MINI-SERIES KICK-OFF

### MOVIE & TAILGATE LUNCH

#### BLACK & BLUE: THE STORY OF GERALD FORD, WILLIS WARD AND THE 1934 MICHIGAN VS GEORGA TECH FOOTBALL GAME



The film chronicles the close friendship of President Ford and Ward, a three-time collegiate All-American in track and field and a three-year letterman in football in the early 1930s. On October 20, 1934, the Georgia Tech football team refused to play U-M if Ward suited up for the game.

#### Lunch will follow the movie

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020**

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**

6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield

**11AM**

DIETARY LAWS OBSERVED (VEGETARIAN MEAL)

IRP, BETH AHM, BETH SHALOM & ALI  
MEMBERS **\$12**

GENERAL PUBLIC **\$18**

For more information: [irp@jccdet.org](http://irp@jccdet.org) or 248.432.5406

**Reservations and payment, required by Thursday, February 27. No reservations or refunds made after this date.**

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or call the IRP office at 248.432.5406

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear IRP Members,

In December, my husband and I went on a much anticipated Caribbean cruise. And **yes**, we were on the ship that "made contact" with a second ship. On the one hand, there was some significant visible damage to our ship, a short delay, a harrowing experience for a few tables of people eating breakfast in the aft dining room and fortunately only one person who was treated for minor injuries. On the other hand, everyone was able to debark in Cozumel for the day, return and enjoy an evening at port on the ship and return to our original destination fully safe. And we made international news with a "shipwreck" story to carry with us for a lifetime.

Although our lives sometimes feel like we are in the midst of a shipwreck, one never thinks that they will actually be in a shipwreck (and survive too). I have now experienced both, and my reflections of this experience and how it was handled (and yes we were definitely lucky) proves that we can indeed live our life in despair or optimism. I am a half-filled cup person, so today is as great as we can make it and tomorrow will be even better.

I think that was the attitude of the founding members of IRP; their cup was full - full of ideas, hope and promise. They believed that this organization was worth the hard work; and here we are in 2020, 36 years later. We are now in the **Double Chai** year; the foresight of the early years has allowed us to become who we are today. As I look back with gratitude; I also urge everyone to look forward and think about what progress you want and what we need to grow over the next 18 & 36 years. The magic wand, your involvement, is in your hands; and we welcome all of your energy. I urge you to get more involved. Keep the cup brim full. Help us make news and history with the amazingly good things IRP has to offer. Shout from your roof-tops and bring your friends.

**B' Shalom,**  
**Sharon Levine**  
**248.432.5406**  
[slevine@jccdet.org](mailto:slevine@jccdet.org)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear IRP Friends,

I hope that winter is treating you well. Thank you to all who have renewed your IRP memberships for 2019-2020, and to those who have made additional contributions to our Special Friends and Sustainers campaigns.

As I write this, I have been listening to news broadcasts that reflect the unpleasant divides in our nation. We are constantly trying to make IRP a venue in which those with widely varying opinions on political, social, religious and other issues can come together with mutual respect. It is up to all of you to help create this kind of atmosphere in which all are welcome. Thanks for your efforts in doing so.

IRP discussion groups and programming continue all winter. Try attending a discussion group that you have not participated in before. Come once, and see if you like it. If you do, become a regular. It is a great way to brighten up some of the dreary days of February.

February is full of holidays. So I wish you (in chronological order) a happy Tu B'Shevat, Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day. Celebrate them all - take advantage of every reason for a celebration.

**All my best,**  
**Howard Friedman**  
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## TRANSPORTATION IDEAS

- Call a friend for a ride
- JFS Transportation Service: 248.592.2266
- GoGoGrandparents: 855.464.6872
- Uber or Lyft

## SUGGESTIONS?

Please leave a suggestion or comment for IRP in their box on the counter as you enter the JCC Conference Center.

## CONTACT US!

**Interested in learning more about IRP?**  
**Have a friend who may like to join?**

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# JCC, D. DAN & BETTY KAHN BUILDING

# FEBRUARY 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>IRP Kindness Corps</b> J. Marx <b>TBA</b>	<b>Short Story</b> 10:30AM, R. Lustig  1st & 3rd weeks, Feb 4, 18	<b>Art of Money Management</b> 10AM, L. Colosimo, L. Ellenbogen, S. Young  1st & 3rd weeks, Feb 5, 19	<b>Medical Issues</b> 10:30AM, P. Applebaum, R. Young, R. Zirkin  2nd & 4th weeks, No mtgs in Feb	
<b>Classical Liberalism &amp; Free Market Economics</b> 2pm, K. Greenhut  1st & 3rd weeks Feb 3, 17 <b>NEW GROUP</b>	<b>Implications of Science &amp; Technology</b> 10:30AM, T. Estrin, B. Rolnick  2nd & 4th weeks, Feb 11, 25	<b>History</b> 2:30PM, T. Estrin  1st & 3rd weeks, Feb 5, 19	<b>Current Events I</b> 1PM, P. Applebaum, B. Kaufman, R. Rosenfeld  Weekly, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27	
<b>Biographies</b> 3pm, L. Colosimo, M. Colosimo  2nd & 4th weeks Feb 10, 24	<b>Music Lovers</b> 1PM, L. Ellenbogen, M. Ross  2nd & 4th weeks, Feb 11, 25	<b>Photography</b> 10AM, A. Lewis, S. Raben  2nd & 4th weeks, No mtgs in Feb	<b>This Week from Aish</b> 2:45PM, R. Rosenfeld  2nd & 4th weeks, No mtgs in Feb	
		<b>National &amp; International Issues</b> 2:30PM, T. Estrin, A. Lupovitch, J. Shere  2nd & 4th weeks, Feb 12, 26	<b>DINNER &amp; CONVERSATION</b> No mtg in Feb	

# CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

# FEBRUARY 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Jewish Thought Through the Ages</b> 1PM, L. Ellenbogen, S. Saulson  Weekly, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>Opera</b> 1PM, M. Herman  1st & 3rd weeks, Feb 4, 18	<b>IRP Singers</b> 1PM, S. Gilbert  2nd & 4th weeks, Feb 12, 26	<b>Socrates Café ©</b> 1PM, C. Daien  1st week, No mtg in Feb	
<b>Film Study</b> 2:45PM, S. Gilbert, M. Kaplan-Estrin  3rd week, Feb 17			<b>Study of Poetry</b> 10AM, P. Aronson, M. Kaplan-Estrin  2nd & 4th weeks, Feb 13, 27	
	<b>PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS</b> are welcome to attend a total of three <b>(3) discussion group meetings</b> before joining IRP.  <b>NOTICE:</b> IRP Discussion Groups do not meet on the 29 <sup>TH</sup> , 30 <sup>TH</sup> , or 31 <sup>ST</sup> of any month.		<b>Current Events II</b> 1PM, C. Daien  2nd week, No mtg in Feb	

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARTS?

### FILM STUDY: 3rd Mon, 2:45 pm, Beth Shalom

**Feb 17** Select a film at previous session, view prior to meeting & then discuss during these meeting dates

### IRP SINGERS: 2nd & 4th Wed, 1 pm, Beth Shalom

**Feb 12, 26** Love to sing? Come JOIN us! Show tunes, Hebrew, Yiddish, Pop songs ... WE SING THEM ALL!

### MUSIC LOVERS: 2nd & 4th Tue, 1 pm, JCC

**Feb 11, 25** Listen and discuss music of all selections and genres

### OPERA: 1st & 3rd Tue, 1 pm, Beth Shalom

**Feb 4** *Otello*, part 1 by Verdi

**Feb 18** *Otello*, part 2 by Verdi

**NOTE:** Professor Marty Herman leads the discussions

### PHOTOGRAPHY: 2nd & 4th Wed, 10 am, JCC

**No meetings in Feb** Sharing photos & discussion; and plans for on-going photo-outings

## THE WRITTEN WORD

### BIOGRAPHIES: 2nd & 4th Mon, 3 pm, JCC

**Feb 10** Chapter 10: *Scientist* & Chapter 11: *Birds and Flight*

**Feb 24** Chapter 12: *The Mechanical Arts* & Chapter 13: *Math*

**BOOK: LEONARDO DA VINCI**, by Walter Isaacson - The #1 New York Times bestseller, based on thousands of pages from Leonardo da Vinci's astonishing notebooks and new discoveries about his life and work, Walter Isaacson "deftly reveals an intimate Leonardo" (San Francisco Chronicle) in a narrative that connects his art to his science. He shows how Leonardo's genius was based on skills we can improve in ourselves, such as passionate curiosity, careful observation, and an imagination so playful that it flirted with fantasy.

**Everyone is welcome!**

### SHORT STORY: 1st & 3rd Tue, 10:30 am

**Feb 4** *Dog Bites*, by Richard Nulila

**Feb 18** *To the Measures Fall*, by Richard Powers

### STUDY OF POETRY: 2nd & 4th Thu, 10 am, Beth Shalom

**Feb 13, 27** Together we read, listen, discuss, learn, enjoy & sometimes we write.

## LET'S TALK...MONEY & SCIENCE

### ART OF MONEY MGMT.: 1st & 3rd Wed, 10 am, JCC

**Feb 5, 19** Dynamic round-table discussions and in depth research on various investments and the implications of the market

### IMPLICATIONS OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY: 2nd & 4th Tue, 10:30 am, JCC

**Feb 11, 25** Experience an enjoyable discussion about various forms of science and/or technology. Learn the newest and greatest in these fields.

### MEDICAL ISSUES: 2nd & 4th, Thu, 10:30 am, JCC

**No meetings in Feb**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE D & BEYOND?

**IRP GO TBA**

**IRP KINDNESS CORPS TBA**

*Acts of Loving Kindness & Volunteer Networking*

## THE WORLD AROUND US: HISTORY & CURRENT AFFAIRS

### CLASSICAL LIBERALISM & FREE MARKET ECONOMICS: 1st & 3rd Mon, 2 pm, JCC **NEW GROUP**

**Feb 3, 17** This group will explore the ideas of classical liberalism and how they might address current political, economic and social issues.

### CURRENT EVENTS I: Weekly Thu, 1 pm,

**Feb 6, 13, 20, 27** Current event presentations from respected new media sources, with topics including local, national and world news, politics, Israel and Middle East events; followed by group discussions. All opinions are respected. Everyone is welcome.

### CURRENT EVENTS II: 2nd Thu, 1 pm, Beth Shalom

**No meeting in Feb** Let's hear what is happening in the world and share our thoughts with great discussion. Please bring articles or topics of interest to share. All opinions are welcome.

### HISTORY: 1st & 3rd Wed, 2:30 pm, JCC

**Feb 5, 19** We invite you to join with us in our exploration of what has affected the current world situation

### JEWISH THOUGHT THROUGH THE AGES: Weekly,

**Mon, 1 pm, Beth Shalom**

**Feb 3, 10, 17, 24** A variety of in-depth study of topics related to Jewish thought and philosophy, using a variety of texts and then discussing them in depth. **NEW BOOK: *The New American Judaism: How Jews Practice Their Religion Today*, by Jack Wertheimer;** American Judaism has been buffeted by massive social upheavals in recent decades. Like other religions in the USA, it has witnessed a decline in the number of participants over the past 40 years, and many who remain active struggle to reconcile their hallowed traditions with new perspectives, from feminism and the LGBTQ movement to "do-it-yourself religion" and personally defined spirituality. Taking a fresh look at American Judaism today, the author sets out to discover how Jews of various orientations practice their religion in this radically altered landscape. **Everyone is encouraged to join us for lively discussions.**

### NAT'L & INTERN'L ISSUES: 2nd & 4th Wed, 2:30 pm, JCC

**Feb 12** "Lloyds of London" led by Lou Colisimo

**Feb 26** "U.S. Stock Market: Common Myths, Mistakes and Miscalculations" led by Stuart Rice

### SOCRATES CAFÉ @: 1st Thu, 1 pm, Beth Shalom

**No meeting in Feb** A time to get together and exchange thoughtfully developed philosophical perspectives, based on our unique experiences. Please join us for some lively but respectful conversation.

### THIS WEEK FROM AISH: 2nd & 4th Thu, 2:45 pm, JCC

**No meetings in Feb** Diverse topics via the Aish website; using daily topics from AISH that are interesting & diverse, providing active participation and will include multiple subjects at each meeting.

## GOOD EATS + GREAT CONVERSATION

### DINNER & CONVERSATION:

**No meeting in Feb**

## IRP SPRING MINI-SERIES: *SPRING TRAINING*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6 ~ ADVANCED RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT REQUIRED (SEE COVER PAGE)**

**KICK-OFF WITH A MOVIE & TAILGATE LUNCH**

**BLACK & BLUE:**

**THE STORY OF GERALD FORD, WILLIS WARD AND THE 1934 MICHIGAN VS GEORGIA TECH FOOTBALL GAME**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

**AS JOHN GALLAGHER SEES DETROIT - TODAY AND TOMORROW**

**JOHN GALLAGHER, RETIRED DETROIT FREE PRESS COLUMNIST AND AUTHOR**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

**TBA**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

**WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR DIET**

**JOEL KAHN, MD - CARDIOLOGIST AND PLANT-BASED NUTRITIONIST**

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## WELCOME ~ NEW IRP DISCUSSION GROUP

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2PM AT THE JCC**, IRP introduces a new discussion group **CLASSICAL LIBERALISM & FREE MARKET ECONOMICS**. This thought-provoking study of economics and politics from theory to societal consequences will be facilitated by Kerry Greenhut.

Classical liberalism was the dominant political/economic philosophy in American colonies and then of the U.S. into the 20th century. It is belief in liberty and protection of civil liberties under the law. In the 20th century a more "progressive" philosophy (social liberalism) became dominant – causing many changes to our country, some perhaps good but others not so good. This group will explore ideas of classical liberalism and how they might address current political, economic, and social issues. This group will meet on the **1ST & 3RD MONDAYS, 2PM AT THE JCC. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

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## IRP POP-UPS ~ HOLD THE DATES

**THE HISTORY OF BLUE NOTE RECORDS**

**MARK LIPSON**

RECORDING ARTIST, COMPOSER & PRODUCER WITH DETROIT MUSIC FACTORY & AN IRP MEMBER

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1PM AT THE JCC**

**THE ELUSIVE PURPLE GANG: DETROIT'S KOSHER NOSTRA**

**GREGORY FOURNIER**

AUTHOR

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, NOON AT THE JCC**

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## IRP: PAST & PRESENT

The first discussion group meetings began with five "study groups" the week of November 4, 1985. Today, three of these groups still meet, but their names have been tweaked. **1) THEN: THE BIBLE AS A NATURAL HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE**, led by Irving Panish z"l, Mondays, 1:30, OP - **TODAY: JEWISH THOUGHT THROUGH THE AGES**, Mondays, 1pm, OP **2) THEN: UNSPOKEN WORDS OF DOCTORS & PATIENTS: ETHICS IN MEDICINE**, led by Lou Ravitz z"l, Thursdays, 11, WB - **TODAY: MEDICAL ISSUES**, Thursdays, 10:30, WB **3) THEN: MEDIA WATCH**, led by Irwin Shaw z"l, Thursdays, 2pm, WB - **TODAY: CURRENT EVENTS I**, Thursdays 1pm, WB.

## IRP TRIBUTE FUND FOR PROGRAMMING

### IRP TRIBUTES

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**Brian Menczer**, cherished son  
of **Faye Menczer Ascher**

~ The Friday Lunch Group

**Ben Opegeym**

~ Rochelle & Aaron Lupovitch

~ Shoshana Wolok

### WHAT A PERFECT WAY TO HONOR AN OCCASION!

YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER MAKING YOUR DONATION TO THE  
IRP ANNUAL **SUSTAINERS' CIRCLE** OR **SPECIAL FRIENDS OF IRP**  
CAMPAIGN IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A MILESTONE OCCASION.

For a minimum contribution of **\$10 each**, a nice tribute card will be sent to the honoree or family and an acknowledgement letter will be sent to you; and each month IRP publishes all contributions in the monthly IRP Update. Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Weddings, Anniversaries, New Baby, Holidays, Speedy recovery, In memoriam, Yahrzeit ~ IRP Tributes go directly to the IRP for continued programming.

**YOU MAY DONATE ON-LINE:** [jccdet.org/adult/irp/](http://jccdet.org/adult/irp/)

## JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

### NATURAL / AUTOMATIC

January 12-February 13, 2020

Curated by Michael Ross, this group show consists of artists who make work that creates a version of reality with a dreamlike quality to each of these created environments.

THE **SIDE GALLERY** is featuring Nancy Wanchik, who specializes in mixed media collages using newspaper, tissue paper, watercolor and ink. She is based in the Metro-Detroit area and is influenced by Detroit's vibrant, fine, street and graffiti art scenes.



in Metropolitan Detroit

**PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS** are encouraged to sign up their little loved ones as early as the day they are born. For more information please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/JFamilyDet/events/> or contact **Becky Melamed** at [rmelamed@jccdet.org](mailto:rmelamed@jccdet.org) or 248.432.5633

## RECYCLE @ THE J

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Computers  
Cell phones  
LCD Monitors  
Mice (the computer kind)  
Speakers  
VCRs & DVD players  
Ink & toner cartridges  
Docking stations

Laptops  
Wires & cables  
Fax machines  
Copiers  
Microwaves  
Coffee machines  
And more .....

Check at the JCC Front Desk for recycling drop-off  
Mon-Thu: 8:30AM-9PM Fri-Sun: 8:30AM-6PM



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Mon-Thu: 11-6  
Fri & Sun: 10-12

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