



## 2024-25 Highlights in Jewish History Second Saturdays of the Month, 11:00 - 12:00 noon

*Free and open to all*

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Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 989 1896 0695

Join us for lively discussions of important events in Jewish history with Dr. Joseph Goldman. Dr. Goldman is a noted historian and taught at the university level for over 40 years. He holds PhDs in Political Science and History.

### Saturday, July 13, 2024

#### **The Words and Voices of Ancient Judaism**

Since their discovery in 1947, The Dead Sea Scrolls are Judaism's treasures. How so?

### Saturday, August 10, 2024

#### **The Haredim and the Birth of Religious Zionism**

Rav Abraham Kook challenged Secular Zionism with "Religious Zionism" to justify Israel for "Frum Believers" to engage in politics for their future. What is "Religious Zionism"?

### Saturday, September 14, 2024

#### **Rav Nachman of Breslov: Grandson of the Baal Shem Tov and Founder of the Breslov Chassids**

Rav Nachman of Breslov spread Chasidism, simplified Kabbalah, and Torah to teach unlettered Jews how to speak to God "as you would with a best friend."

### Saturday, October 12, 2024 (Yom Kippur) NO Highlights

### Saturday, November 9, 2024

#### **Not Without Neighbors**

In Lithuania and Ukraine, Jews were murdered one by one in places like Ponar and Babi Yar. Locals watched and even joined in to see their Jewish neighbors perish. We will take a closer look at who these "neighbors" were who stood by the Nazi executioners and why so many rejoiced while Jews were being massacred.

### Saturday, December 14, 2024

#### **Volodymir Zelensky: Comedian, President, Voice of Ukraine**

The world knows the Ukrainian "Winston Churchill" today. Who knew a "Yiddish Komiker" could rise to wartime leadership and become a 21st-century hero of Ukraine and the world?

**Saturday, January 11, 2025**

**Mendel Beilis: Accused of the Blood Libel in Tsarist Russia, the Trial and the Acquittal**

When a child is murdered, the Jew Mendel Beilis is accused and his trial sets off a firestorm.

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

**Natan Sharansky: Soviet Jewry Activist in the 1960s and Israel Prize Winner in 2018**

Sharansky found himself a "Refusenik" and helped liberate Soviet Jewry and went on to political greatness in Israel.

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

**The Kishinev Pogrom: Turning Point to the Holocaust?**

In 1903 an Easter Riot erupted when a radical publicist ordered the Jews to be attacked. In the aftermath, Teddy Roosevelt admonished Nicholas II over human rights. Historians see this Pogrom as another pointer on the path to the Holocaust in the same century.

**Saturday, April 12, 2025 (Erev Pesach) NO Highlights**

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

**Golda Meier: Housewife, Founder, Politician, Prime Minister**

How did a Milwaukee housewife become Prime Minister of Israel?

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

**The Odesa Massacre**

In 1906 and 1941 Jews were massacred in the largest Jewish town this side of Warsaw and New York. Why did history repeat itself?