



Terrific Tuesdays

November 2018

Coffee, cake & conversation: 10-10:30 a.m.

Presentations: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Sessions held at the East Valley JCC

Suggested donation: \$4

Coordinator: Adrian Bendick, adrian@evjcc.org

Nov. 6: The Connection Between Sholem Aleichem and David Labkovski

Speaker: Stephanie Wolfson, director of education and curation for the [David Labkovski Project](#)

Reservation required by Nov. 5.

Cost: \$10 (no one will be turned away for lack of funds)

Sholem Aleichem wrote wonderful, humorous tales of Jewish life in the shtetls (villages) within the Pale of Settlement in Russia. Aleichem's stories weave the lives of soulful characters who are grappling with the issues of the time from poverty to migration. Themes in his writings are eternal: Relationships between people, relationships with God and coping with a changing world. David Labkovski created a collection of illustrations based on Aleichem's stories, which will be on display as part of the exhibit "[Documenting History Through Art](#)," opening at the EVJCC on Nov. 8.

Stephanie Wolfson has a BA from George Washington University and an MA in Jewish Education and Community Service from Brandeis University. She has worked as a consultant to the Resource Center for Educators at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Stephanie helped launch an award-winning family education program at Congregation Or Ami and was the interim head of the religious school. She has served on the board of Love and Care and Help the Babies, Congregation Or Ami and Viewpoint School. As the director of education for the David Labkovski Project, Stephanie has spoken at the 48th Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches, the Calabasas Senior Center and for a multigenerational program at the Museum of Tolerance. Stephanie was a facilitator at the 2018 Litvak World Conference on the commemoration of the Great Synagogue and has worked with hundreds of students; using the art of David Labkovski as a tool to teach history.

Nov. 13: The Art of Tea

Speaker: Susan Sherbocker, Phoenix Art Museum docent

Legend has it that tea was discovered accidentally 5,000 years ago in China. Since then, artists have used a wide variety of styles and media to explore the customs, rituals and even historical events surrounding tea. Join artists across the centuries on a journey through the "art" of tea.

Susan Sherbocker is a semi-retired nurse. Originally from Pennsylvania, she completed her nursing training at Harrisburg Hospital School of Nursing. She completed advanced degrees at Arizona State University and the University of Wisconsin. She only kept one textbook from her undergraduate days: "Art History." She has a passion for art and was thrilled to find the docent-training program at the Phoenix Art Museum. As a docent, she volunteers conducting tours at the Museum as well as presenting outreach talks in the community for *Art All Around Us*.

Nov. 20: Happiness: The Greatest Thing You Can do for the Planet

Speaker: David Rosh, ACSW

Drawing upon Shawn Achor's *The Happiness Advantage*, David Rosh will touch upon his seven principles that fuel success and performance. The question is "What do I have to let go of in this moment to be profoundly happy?"

David Rosh, ACSW, began service as a priest and teacher. After earning a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University, he made his career as a psychotherapist, licensed marriage counselor and certified family therapist. His post-graduate studies and abiding interests are in transpersonal psychology. He served as a spiritual coach with Hospice of the Valley for eight years. For the past 19 years, has facilitated experiences of liberation and empowerment as a certified Grief Recovery Specialist with Banner Hospice. He is a certified Infinite Possibilities Trainer. He proudly states that his claim to fame is walking the "wild wozy" while engaged in Native American Vision Quest in the Adirondack Mountains of New York.

Nov. 27: Controversial Questions

Speaker: Rabbi Mendy Deitsch

Can I be good without God? Why is God referred to in the masculine? And lots more.

Rabbi Mendy Deitsch is a co-founder of [Chabad of the East Valley](#), which was established in 1997. Due to his dedication and strong belief, Chabad of the East Valley constructed a new facility, providing a permanent home for its members.

