## JANUARY - JULY 2020 PROGRAM GUIDE











#### A NOTE FROM THE CEO

Welcome to the East Valley JCC's first Program Guide! We are excited to share with you all the upcoming programs we have planned for January-July 2020.

In this booklet, you'll find a variety of programs for all ages, from classes and camps to films and holiday celebrations.

Due to your generosity and support, we have expanded our programming this past year, reaching more members of our community than ever! Our new programs include an interfaith series featuring local faith leaders, holiday baking classes, and a series featuring local authors, artists and musicians. More than 1,500 people attended last year's Klezmer Fest and we're thrilled to present the second annual Klezmer Fest on March 15.

Our Center for Holocaust Education and Human Dignity is now a member of the Association of Holocaust Organizations and is the only organization in Arizona to have a partnership with Boston University's Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies.

Updated information on all programs can be found throughout the year, including monthly mitzvah projects, on evjcc.org and by signing up for our weekly newsletters (one for adult programming and one for youth programming) at evjcc.org/newsletter.

Please help us continuing to strengthen and build our community by helping support a program of your choice at supportevjcc.org or by donating through our tax credit program, evjcctaxcredit.com.

We hope to see you soon at the EVJCC!

Rabbi Michael Beyo CEO, East Valley JCC

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#### **EVJCC HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

Passover April 9 - 16
April 8 (1 pm) • April 9 - 10 • April 15 - 16
Memorial Day May 25

#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER**

Last Day of Class: May 22





#### OPEN BEIT MIDRASH THURSDAYS • 9 AM - 1 PM

#### The Life and Tragedy of King David

JAN. 9, 16, 23, 30 • FEB. 6, 13, 20, 27 MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26; APRIL 2, 23, 30 MAY 7, 14, 21 • JUNE 4, 11, 18

JUNE 25: THE SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY "LONG LIVE KING DAVID"

**9 AM** 

**COST: FREE** 

Analyze and discuss texts related to King David.

#### **Ethical Wills**

JAN. 9, 16, 23, 30 • FEB. 6, 13, 20, 27 • MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26 APRIL 2, 23, 30 • MAY 7, 14, 21 • JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25

10 AM **COST: \$14** 

Examine ethical wills written by rabbis and other important Jewish leaders through the centuries to learn about their lives. personalities and the value of ethical wills.

With classes ranging from Jewish history and ethics to text studies and holiday baking, the East Valley JCC offers many opportunities to learn about Jewish life and experience the richness of Jewish tradition.



Reservations required for all Open Beit Midrash classes: evjcc.org/open-beit-midrash

Walking Through History
JAN. 9 • FEB. 6 • MARCH 5 • APRIL 2 • MAY 7 • JUNE 4

11 AM

**COST: \$14 •** (\$20 AFTER THE PRECEDING SUNDAY)

Join us on a journey through Sephardic Jewish history. Cost includes kosher lunch.

## Speaker Series JAN. 30 | DR. SIDNEY STARKMAN

11 AM

**COST: \$14** • (\$20 AFTER THE PRECEDING SUNDAY)

Hear local community leaders speak on a variety of topics. Cost includes kosher lunch.



#### THURSDAYS 11 AM

**COST: \$14 •** (\$20 AFTER THE PRECEDING SUNDAY)

Screening of Israeli films followed by discussion, Cost includes kosher lunch. Reservations required: **evjcc.org/open-beit-midrash** 



JAN. 23 | "Sustainable Nation" follows three innovators who are taking valuable lessons learned from Israel's water shortage to the rest of the world.



**FEB. 20** | "In Between" is a documentary about how a husband's choice to become a religious Jew affects his marriage.



APRIL 30 | "Covered Up"
tells the story of an ultra-Orthodox young woman
who starts to question her religion's attitude
toward women after requesting permission to
remove her wig after a divorce.



MAY 21 | "Ancestral Sin" explores testimonials and transcripts that reveal Israel's "development towns" in its first two decades of independence.



JUNE 11 | "Unsettling" a documentary that examines life in a West Bank settlement.



# JEWISH LIFE & LEARNING

#### **HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING**



#### **Purim Celebration**

MARCH 12

**11 AM** 

**COST: \$14** • (\$20 AFTER MARCH 8)

Join us for a festive Purim celebration, which includes entertainment, delicious food and lots of laughs. Costumes encouraged. Cost includes kosher lunch. Reservations required at evicc.org/open-beit-midrash.



### Holiday baking classes with Chef Melinda

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PASSOVER • MARCH 24

7 PM

**COST: \$18** 

Join the EVJCC Challah Factory's Chef Melinda McNeil as she walks you through the steps to prepare delicious holiday treats. The class includes a lesson, a recipe and a chance to sample the goods. Registration required at **evjcc.org/jewish-learning** 



#### Yom Ha'atzmaut

APRIL 29

5 PM

**COST: \$5** 

Celebrate Israel's birthday with the East Valley community. Festivities will include live entertainment, food available for purchase and children's activities.

More information: evicc.org/yom-haatzmaut

#### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

The EVJCC is a meeting place for the following organizations and provides marketing and organizational support for them.



#### NA'AMAT USA, Mitzvah Chapter

NA'AMAT is an Israel-focused organization dedicated to serving women and children, from daycare and career training for atrisk teens to scholarships for women seeking careers in basic sciences and technology.

Contact: sueb1223@gmail.com

#### East Valley Hadassah Chapters

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., connects and empowers Jewish women to effect change and works to advance health and well-being, advocate for women, and build community in the U.S. and Israel.

Devorah Hadassah JAN. 22 • MARCH 25 • MAY 20 10 AM

Contact: ruth.devorah.had@gmail.com

#### Shalom Hadassah

Meets bimonthly in the afternoons. Contact: tieman11@q.com



Lone Soldier Project

The East Valley JCC's Lone Soldier Project supports the needs of active duty lone soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces and enhances awareness about lone soldiers in the Valley's Jewish community.

Projects include sending the soldiers holiday greetings, care packages and knitted hats, as well as raising funds for lone soldier centers in Israel. To schedule an educational workshop for a school or organization or learn about other ways to help lone soldiers visit evicc.org/lone-soldier-project or email lonesoldiers@evicc.org.



#### The EVJCC's Challah Factory

Offers delicious challah and baked goods made by Chef Melinda. The EVJCC's kitchen is under the kosher supervision of Rabbi Michael Beyo. To order, visit **evicc.org/challah-factory**.







#### Generations After Descendants Forum JAN. 15 • FEB. 12 • MARCH 18 11 AM

**COST: FREE** 

Community members are invited to join children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors for this monthly educational gathering. In partnership with the Phoenix Holocaust Association. Register: evjcc.org/generations-after

The Center for Holocaust Education and Human Dignity thrives as a dynamic, interactive and engaging program division within the EVJCC - continuing to teach this generation and future generations the importance of acceptance and peace.



## Lessons of the Holocaust Through Music JAN. 9

6 PM

\$36 VIP TICKETS WITH RESERVED SEATING
\$18 GENERAL ADMISSION IN ADVANCE • \$25 AT THE DOOR

A Holocaust commemoration program featuring music from "Breath in a Ram's Horn" by award-winning composer Daniel Asia, a professor of composition at the University of Arizona, and "The Mischlinge Exposé" by acclaimed pianist Carolyn Enger. In partnership with the City of Chandler. Held at Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler. Details: **evicc.org/holocaustmusic** 

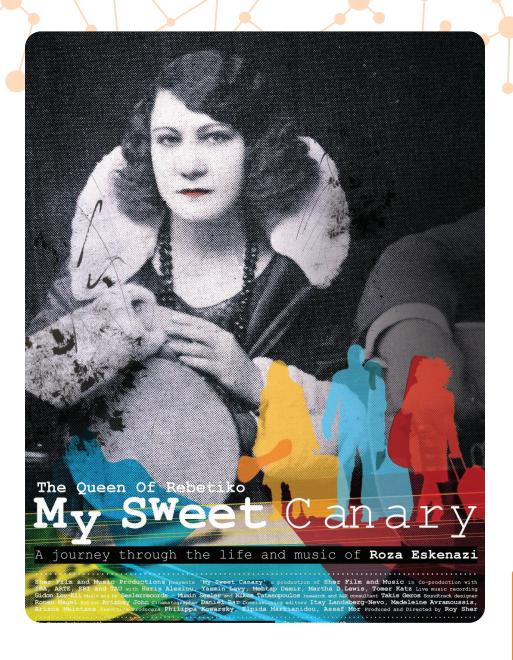


#### Voices Silenced: Piano Music of Composers Killed in the Holocaust JAN. 26

**4** PM

**COST: \$10** 

Presented by Arizona State University Professor Hannah Creviston. An evening featuring performances of piano music written by composers killed in the Holocaust. **evicc.org/holocaustmusic** 



## Yom Hashoah Commemoration APRIL 21

**COST: FREE** 

The EVJCC's annual Yom Hashoah program includes lectures, workshops, the screening of the documentary "My Sweet Canary," a memorial ceremony and the exhibit "Lost Voices: Greek Jews and the Holocaust" from the Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives at Queensborough Community College. Details: evjcc.org/yomhashoah





#### TERRIFIC TUESDAYS TUESDAYS • 10 AM - 11:30 AM

#### Terrific Tuesdays

JAN. 21 | Musician Stu Siefer

FEB. 18 | Musician Dr. Michael Steingart

APRIL 28 | Terri Rettig of Chandler Center for the Arts

MARCH 24 | Travel writer Dan Fellner, "Curry and Kreplach: A Look at 12 Unique Jewish Communities Around the World"

MAY 5 | Screening of the documentary "Box for Life"

MAY 19 | Closing luncheon, location TBD.

Contact Adrian, adrian@evicc.org.

## **Spirituality**<a href="mailto:output">output</a> <a href="mailto:output">output</a> <

Phyllis Avalon Rosh, Ph.D., leads this Spirituality series, covering a different topic each month.

**JAN. 28** | What's Wrong With Me? All about shame and shame reduction

**FEB. 25** | How do You Deal With Feelings of Grief, Sadness and Depression?

MARCH 31 | What Will I Do When I Get Too Old to Take Care of Me?

**APRIL 7** | How do I Manage My Life and Make Myself Happy After Retirement?

Arts and cultural programming enriches the soul through art exhibits, musical performances and classes.



Cost: \$4 suggested donation Reservations: evjcc.org/terrific-tuesdays



On the second Tuesday of each month, docents from the Phoenix Art Museum give presentations about a different artist.

JAN. 14 • FEB. 11 • MARCH 10 • APRIL 14 • MAY 12

Phoenix Art Museum



Hear from local authors who share insight about their books, which are available for purchase and signing.

JAN. 7 | Ettie Zilber,
"A Holocaust Memoir of Love & Resilience"

**FEB. 4** | Marcia Fine, "Love and Death in Rhodes: A Novella of Biblical Proportions"

MARCH 3 | Yael Dennis, "Edible Entanglements: On a Political Theology of Food"

MARCH 17 | Kris Tualla, "The Hansen Series and World War II Series of Historical Fiction"

APRIL 21 | Ed Loughlin, "Selfish Service: Let a Century of Pop Culture Help Guide You to a Better Life"



#### KLEZMERFEST

MARCH 15
12 PM - 5 PM
TICKETS: evjcc.org/klezmerfest



Klezmer Music Festival featuring klezmer bands, activities for all ages, a Yiddish Experience and kosher food.



#### Jewish Genealogy Classes

**MARCH 4** | Starting Your Genealogy Research & Exploring U.S. Resources

MARCH 11 | Jewish Genealogy Resources

MARCH 25 | Heading Offshore and Using DNA

**APRIL 1** | Breaking Through Brick Walls **10 AM** 

\$40 FOR THE SERIES • \$15 PER CLASS

Judi Missel walks participants through the steps of researching their family's history. The series is geared toward beginners & it is advised to attend all four classes. Students should bring their own laptop. Register: evicc.org/jewish-learning



#### 2019-2020

Come join us for an afternoon at the movies! All movies begin at 3 pm at the East Valley JCC. Admission is free, a \$5 donation is suggested.

More details at evicc.org/movie-series.



**JAN. 5** | "Arbani" tells the story of a Druze man who returns to his native village after divorcing his Jewish wife.



**FEB. 9** | "Remember Baghdad" reveals the untold story of Iraq, told through the lives of four families trying to make sense of turbulent times.



**MARCH 8** | "The 90-Minute War" is a politically incorrect mockumentary about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



**APRIL 19** | "Ghetto Uprising: The Untold Story" tells the story of fighters in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising who until recently have not received any recognition.



**MAY 3** | "The Syrian Patient" offers a look at the relationships between the Syrian wounded and the Israeli doctors who treat them.



**JUNE 7** | A short-film festival features "Across the Line," "Barren," "Past Forward" and "I'm From the Jews."

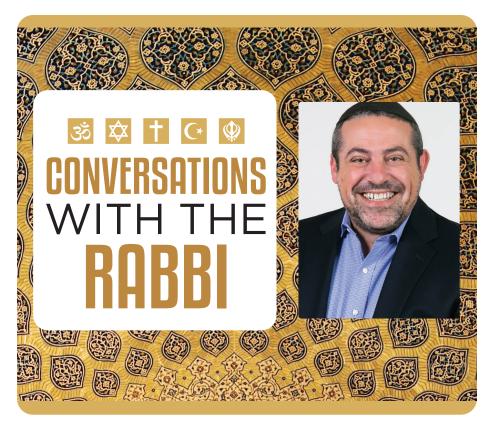


**JULY 12** | "City of Joel" is a documentary about a village near New York City built by the Satmar Hasidim and a turf war between the sect and their secular neighbors.



**AUG. 2** | "Sabena Hijacking: My Version" explores the human, military and political drama behind the 1972 Sabena hijacking.





#### Conversations With The Rabbi

**FEB 2** | Dr. Gary Smith, President of Queen Creek Stake of Jesus Christ Church of Latter-day Saints

MARCH 29 | Peggy & David Schlesinger of the Baha'i community

**TBD** | Rev. Dan Hoegler of the Lutheran Church 6 PM

**COST: FREE** 

Rabbi Michael Beyo speaks with local faith leaders. For more information and additional dates: **evicc.org/conversation**.





#### **Interfaith Series**

JAN. 16 | Anita Rangaswami - "Beliefs and Practices of Hinduism"

**FEB. 13** | Dan Hoegler: "Lutheran Church and Nazi Germany - The Theology that Enabled Cooperation"

**FEB. 27** | Larry Fultz, director of the Arizona Interfaith Movement - "The Importance of Interfaith Dialogue"

MARCH 19 | Ed Casper - "SGI Buddhism"

MARCH 26 | Pratibha Somaiya - "What is Haria Krishan?"

APRIL 23 | Peggy & David Schlesinger - "Baha'i Faith & Practices"

MAY 14 | Pastor Jody Topping - "Basic Tenets of Methodism"

JUNE 25 | Jannah Scott - "Presbyterian Faith and Practice"
11AM

**COST: \$14** • (\$20 AFTER THE PRECEDING SUNDAY)

Local faith leaders speak about their faith's history, tenets and current challenges. Cost includes kosher lunch. Reservations required: **evjcc.org/open-beit-midrash** 



#### **▼** Ladles of Love **▼**

JAN. 5 • FEB. 9 • MARCH 8 • APRIL 5 • MAY 3 • JUNE 7

**TIME: 9 AM - NOON: COOKS. NOON: DELIVERIES** 

**COST: FREE** 

Ladles of Love mobilizes volunteers once a month to cook and deliver kosher meals Valleywide to people in need. It's a great group mitzvah project. To volunteer or to recommend a recipient, visit **evicc.org/ladles-of-love**.



Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, calculations and a degree of chance! This free program is intended for players with prior experience. Bring a current Mahjong card and a set if you have one. No reservation necessary. More info at evice.org/mahjong





**BBYO TUESDAYS 7 PM COST: FREE** 



The East Chapter of BBYO, which offers meaningful experiences for teens. Contact: Jeff Hast, senior regional director of the BBYO Mountain Region, 480-481-1788



#### **Leaders in Training**

Camp Rimon's Leaders in Training program is a counselor-intraining program for campers entering grades 10-12. They serve as leaders in the camp community and have opportunities to earn volunteer hours. Contact: Sam Schuman, EVJCC camp. youth & family director, sam@evjcc.org.





#### Camp Rimon Gadol

Grades K-9

Winter Camp DEC. 23, 2019 - JAN. 3, 2020 (NO CAMP ON DEC. 25 OR JAN. 1)

> Spring Break Camp **MARCH 9 - 20**

> Summer Pre-Camp MAY 26 - 28

> > Summer Camp JUNE 1- JULY 31

Summer Camp Open House **SUNDAY, MARCH 1** 

MEET THE DIRECTORS NIGHT MAY 19 | 6 - 7 PM

From summer camp and school break camps to teen leadership opportunities and family activities, we have many fun activities planned for children and teens throughout the year. For updates, visit **evicc.org/camp** and sign up for our weekly youth and teen newsletter at **evicc.org/newsletter** 



#### Summer Camp Special Event Dates

- LOCK-INS JUNE 10 & JUNE 24
- KIBBUTZ COMMUNITY BREAKFAST JUNE 11
- MACCABIAH WEEK OF JUNE 22
- AWAY TRIP (GRADES 6-9) JULY 6-9
- ROCK SHOW JULY 14
- FIELD TRIPS
- TALENT SHOW
- AFTER CAMP ENRICHMENT CLASSES
- FRIDAY MORNING CHALLAH BAKES

#### **SPORTS**

- GAGA
- SWIMMING
- MACCABIAH
- TEAM SPORTS
- FITNESS

#### ARTS/CULTURE

- CRAFTS
- DRAMA
- COOKING
- DANCING
- ELECTIVES

#### S.T.E.M.

- E-SPORTS
- CODING
- ROBOTICS
- VIDEOGRAPHY
- ELECTIVES

#### **COMMUNITY VALUES**

- SHABBAT
- ISRAELI CULTURE
- ISRAEL DAY
- MITZVAH PROJECTS
- WEEKLY JEWISH VALUES
- RENEWING FRIENDSHIPS
- MAKING NEW FRIENDS



#### Camp Rimon Katan

Ages 2 - Pre-K

Winter Break Camp DEC. 23 - 27

> Pre-Camp MAY 26 - 28

**Summer Camp JUNE 1 - JULY 29** 

YOUTH & FAMILY

MEET THE DIRECTORS NIGHT MAY 19 | 6 - 7 PM

From summer camp and school break camps to teen leadership opportunities and family activities, we have many fun activities planned for children and teens throughout the year. For updates, visit **evjcc.org/camp** and sign up for our weekly youth and teen newsletter at **evjcc.org/newsletter** 



#### **ACTIVITIES**

- WATER DAY (2'S)
- SPLASH PAD (3'S)
- SWIMMING (PRE-K)
- INDOOR SPACE FOR GROSS MOTOR PLAY
- FITNESS
- DANCING
- WEEKLY SPIRIT DAYS
- MUSIC
- ART
- MACCABIAH

#### COMMUNITY VALUES

- KIBBUTZ COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - JUNE 11
- FRIENDSHIPS
- MITZVAH PROJECTS

#### **CULTURE**

- ISRAEL: CULTURE, MUSIC, LEARNING
- JEWISH VALUES
- FRIDAY CHALLAH BAKE
- HEBREW INFUSED INTO CLASSROOM LIFE
- HEBREW WORD OF THE WEEK
- KABBALAT SHABBAT

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

- FIELD TRIPS (3S & 4S)
- STORIES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY (PRE-K)
- ROCK SHOW: JULY 23
- WEEKLY SPIRIT DAYS
- WEEKLY THEMES
- COOKING

#### **COMMUNITY VALUES**

- NAEYC-ACCREDITED
- **•QUALITY FIRST 4 STAR**
- LOW STAFF RATIOS
- STAFF LONGEVITY
- DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES
- LICENSED BY AZDHS
- •SERVING THE EAST VALLEY SINCE 1971



#### 2020 JCC Maccabi Games AUG. 2 - 7

SAN DIEGO, CA

**TICKETS: CONTACT SAM** 

The East Valley JCC will send its first delegation to the JCC Maccabi Games and JCC Maccabi Arts Fest! Jewsh athletes and artists, ages 12-16 are invited to be a part of this exciting national event. For more details, contact Sam Schuman, EVJCC camp, youth & family director, sam@evicc.org.



#### Coding and Programming Class STARTING JAN. 2020

**8 WEEK COURSE** 

**COST: \$85** 

Students adventure through code as they begin exploring coding fundamentals using block based coding in Pencil Code and Scratch. No prior typing experience or coding experience required. Sculpt your coding muscles in this adventure & leave having learned to code!!



The East Valley JCC has offered a safe, secure learning environment for over 40 years and many of our current parents are former parents! The NAEYC-accredited Early Childhood Learning Center welcomes families from all backgrounds. For updates, visit evicc.org/eclc and sign up for our weekly youth and teen newsletter at evicc.org/newsletter.

## THESE PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY. Reservations: pam@evjcc.org.



#### Playdate in the Park

JAN. 12 |Tu B'Shevat in the Park
FEB. 9 | Sports in the Park
MARCH 15 |Playdate at the Klezmer Fest
APRIL 26 | Israel in the Park

10 - 11:30 AM COST: FREE

Join the Early Childhood Learning Center in East Valley parks for crafts, snacks and activities at this J in the Community event. Contact **pam@evicc.org** for locations.



## Open House/Pancake Breakfast

9:30 - 11 AM

COST: FREE, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Registration for the 2020-21 school year opens Jan. 16, 2020. For the 2019-2020 year or to schedule a tour, contact Pam Morris, ECLC director, pam@evicc.org.



#### **Purim ECLC Dinner**

FEB. 26 5 PM

COST: \$25/FAMILY OF 5; \$7/INDIVIDUALS

Join ECLC families for a festive meal and Purim celebration. **Reservations required**.



#### Family Kabbalat Shabbat

MAY 8 9:30 - 10 AM

COST: FREE

Join with our ECLC classrooms for a morning of song and traditions. **Reservations required**.



#### Splash at the J Water Day for Lag B'Omer

**MAY 12** 

9 AM - 12 PM COST: FREE

A morning will be filled with water play fun. **Reservations required**.

#### CALENDAR FOR ECLC FAMILIES

All Early Childhood Learning Center Families are invited to join us for all of the amazing programming we have for the year. Contact Pam Morris, ECLC director, for more information: pam@evjcc.org



## Classroom Tu B'Shevat Celebrations

Children learn about the Birthday of the trees through a variety of activities. (2s-Pre-K)

## Clifford Birthday Celebration FEB. 14

Celebrate the birthday of this beloved character with food, dance, stories and more. (Toddlers-Pre-K)

## Purim Spirit Week







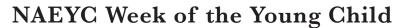
Different dress-up themes every day leading up to Purim. March 2 is a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. (Infants-Pre-K)

## My Family Pictures MONTH OF APRIL

We want to hear from our families and have their stories fill our walls. Families will be asked to share photos, traditions, stories and more. (Infants-Pre-K)

## Pre-K Seder in the Desert

A special morning for our oldest ECLC students, retelling the story of Passover with traditional foods. Family and friends welcome to join. (*Pre-K*)



**APRIL 13** | Music Monday

**APRIL 14** | Tasty Tuesday

**APRIL 17** | Family Friday

A week of celebration coordinated by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. (Infants-Pre-K)

#### Israel Spirit Week APRIL 27 - MAY 1

#### Parent Appreciation Week WEEK OF MAY 4

During this week, we focus on honoring our families and all they provide for our school.

## **Teacher Appreciation Week**

This week is focused on our wonderful teachers who provide a safe, nurturing environment for children to grow and develop.

#### LAST DAY OF CLASS: MAY 22

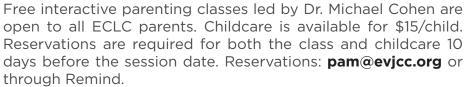
#### **Parenting Classes**

JAN. 13 | My Biggest Parenting Challenges

MARCH 23 | The Electronic World

MAY 3 | Parent Choice

6:30 PM • LIGHT REFRESHMENTS 6:40 PM • TOPIC AND DISCUSSION 7:50 - 8 PM • EVALUATIONS



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