Ohev Sholom presents The Leah and Colleph Shaw Scholar in Residence Weekend

Congregation Ohev Sholom invites the community to attend the annual Leah and Colleph Shaw Scholar in Residence Weekend, Nov. 4, 5 and 6. Professor Eric Lee Welch will serve as the scholar. Professor Welch is a visiting professor at the University of Kansas in the history department’s Jewish studies program and is an expert in near Eastern archaeology, Hebrew Bible, ancient economy, state formation, historical geography and Semitic languages.

Join Ohev Sholom on Friday night for Kabbalat Shabbat services at 6 p.m. Following services there will be a Shabbat dinner. Immediately following dinner, Professor Welch will discuss “The Archaeology of the Story of David and Golliath.” The story of David and Golliath is one of the best known stories in the Bible. This talk highlights the lesser known facts about the story.

Shabbat morning will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the newly renovated Marshall Miller Sanctuary. During services Professor Welch will discuss “Illuminating Ancient Israel: Olive oil as Food, Fuel, and Symbol in the Biblical World.” This talk will draw on Professor Welch’s research into the production of olive oil and how it helped shape the politics and identity of ancient Israel, as well as olive oil’s highly symbolic place in Israelite culture and religion.

On Sunday morning the minyan will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the newly renovated Bodker Chapel. Services will be followed by Café Ohev, which includes a gourmet breakfast. The weekend theme will continue as Professor Welch discusses “Bigger than Goliath: The KU Excavations at the Biblical City of Gath.”

Cost for Friday night dinner is: adults $19 each and children (3 to 12) $8 each. For Café Ohev cost is: adults $7 and children (3 to 12) $3.50. There will be a special weekend rate of: $21 for singles, $42 for couples and $60 for families.

For questions or to make reservation call the synagogue office at 913-642-6460. For more information view ohev-sholom.com/calendar.

(Right) Professor Eric Lee Welch

KU Jewish Studies Program offers new courses at Edwards Campus

For the upcoming Spring 2017 semester, KU’s Jewish Studies Program will offer two new courses at the KU Edwards Campus, located at 12600 Quivira Road in Overland Park.

Dr. Fran Sternberg, lecturer in the Jewish Studies Program, will teach “Modern Jewish History” on Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This course explores the complex encounters between Judaism and modernity by examining the challenges to Jewish life from the 17th through the 20th century.

Cantor Benjamin Matis, newly appointed lecturer in the Jewish Studies Program, will teach “Music in Jewish Culture” on Tuesdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. This course will explore the role of music in traditional Jewish life, its genres and multitude of styles of the 2,000-year-old Jewish diaspora.

Spring 2017 semester courses start the week of Jan. 16 and end the week of May 5. More information about these and other KU Jewish Studies courses is available on the KU Jewish Studies Program website (http://jewishstudies.ku.edu/), via email (JewishStudies@ku.edu), or telephone (785-864-4664).

Kansas residents who are 60 years of age or older, who meet the requirements for Kansas resident tuition status, and who enroll as non-degree-seeking students (non-refundable application fee required) may qualify for a waiver of tuition. Jan. 7 is the deadline to apply as a non-degree-seeking undergraduate student for the Spring 2017 semester. More information about this can be found on the KU Registrar’s website (http://registrar.ku.edu/visitorsenior-citizen-waiver) and by contacting the KU Edwards campus (kuesuccess@ku.edu or 913-897-8539).

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