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April 21, 2002 (10:30 AM at Bornblum Solomon Schechter School)	Joyce Field , Vice President of Jewish Gen, Inc.	<i>Jewish Genealogy on the Internet (hands-on workshop)</i>
May 19, 2002	Dr. Mark Greenberg , Director of Resource Center for Florida History, University of South Florida	<i>Discovering Jewish Heritage Along the Mississippi River</i>
May 26, 2002	Abe Kriegel , Professor of History, University of Memphis	<i>A New York Jew in the Land of Elvis</i>

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Sep 1, 2002	<u>Exhibition</u> : <i>Selections From the Judaica Collection of Jack and Marilyn Belz</i> Curator of Exhibition: Leonid Saharovici; Special presentation by Jack Belz	
Oct 20, 2002	<u>Charles Ferris</u> , University of Memphis	<i>Jews North and South in the Mississippi Civil Right Movement</i>
Nov 14, 2002 (Jewish Community Center Book Celebration))	<u>Bill Aron</u> , Photographer	<i>Shalom Y'all – Images of Jewish Life in the American South</i>
Jan 12, 2003	<u>Dr. David Patterson</u> , Chair of Excellence and Director of Bornblum Judaic Studies at University of Memphis	<i>The Black Book of Lithuanian Jewry</i>
Feb 2, 2003	<u>Professor Renee Melamed</u> , Schechter Institute in Jerusalem	<i>Defying the Spanish Inquisition: The Crypto-Jewish Women of Castille</i>
Feb 6, 2003 (Thursday, 7:30 PM) Fogelman Executive Center, University of Memphis	<u>Professor Steve Aschheim</u> , Hebrew University of Jerusalem	<i>Rethinking Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust</i>
Jun 8, 2003 (7:00 PM)	<u>Stuart Rockoff</u> , Director, History Department, Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life	<i>Circuit Riding Rabbis: How Old Customs Can Meet Today's Challenges</i>

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Sep 21, 2003	Luis Cortest , Associate Professor of Spanish Language and Literature, University of Oklahoma	<i>Jews and Judeo-Spanish</i>
Oct 8, 2003 (Wednesday, 7:30 PM Faulkner Lounge, University of Memphis)	Arnost Lustig , Author & Filmmaker	<i>Lovely Green Eyes, Lustig's latest Holocaust novel</i>
Oct 26, 2003	Howard Schwartz , Professor of English at University of Missouri, St. Louis	<i>Tales of the Great Jewish Mystics</i>
November 10, 2003 (Monday, 7:30 PM)	Bryan Rigg , Author	<i>Hitler's Jewish Soldiers (JCC Jewish Book Celebration)</i>
November 13, 2003, (8:00 PM Germantown Performing Arts Center)	Jonathan Ross , one-man show	<i>Walking in Memphis (special performance dedicated to memory of Selma Lewis)</i>
February 1, 2004 (3:00 PM)	Professor Michael Morgan , Indiana University	<i>Jewish Thought After the Holocaust</i>
April 10, 2004 (Thursday, 7:30 PM Fogelman Executive Center, University of Memphis)	Reuven Firestone , Professor of Medieval Judaism and Islam, Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles	<i>Concepts of Holy War in Judaism and Islam and the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict</i>
May 2, 2004	Professor Zsuzsanna Ozsvath , endowed chair in Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas	<i>The Jews of Hungary</i>
Jun 6, 2004	Professor Helen Epstein , Author	<i>Researching where She Came from A Journalist's Approach to Genealogy</i>

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September 19, 2004	<u>Dr. Jean R. Freedman</u> , Oral Historian and Folklorist	12:15 PM: Oral History Workshop 2:00 PM: "S.O.S."— <i>Saving Our Stories</i>
September 26, 2004 (3:00 PM, Fogelman Executive Center, University of Memphis)	<u>Dr. Alan Wells, Noted AMA Ethicist, and Dr. Patricia Herberger</u> , Historian for the Advanced Center for Holocaust Studies, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum	<i>Medical Ethics After Auschwitz</i>
October 10, 2004	<u>Rabbi Joel Finkelstein</u> , Spiritual Leader of Anshei Sphard-Beth El Emeth Synagogue	<i>Early American Jewry: The Ongoing Legacy of Sephardic Jews</i>
November 7, 2004 (Book Week)	<u>Tova Mirvis</u> , Memphis author	<i>The Outside World</i>
November 10, 2004 (Book Week)	<u>Jonathan Sarna</u> , Brandeis University scholar	<i>American Judaism: A History</i>
January 9, 2005	<u>Tom L. Freudenheim</u> , Former Assistant Secretary for Museums, Smithsonian Institution	<i>Grandparents or Museums—Where Do We Learn About the Past?</i>
February 3, 2005	<u>Dr. Lawrence Schiffman</u> , New York University scholar and author	<i>Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls</i>
March 20, 2005	<u>Dr. Richard Siegel</u> , Executive Director of the National Federation for Jewish Culture	<i>Renaissance or Decline: Assessing American Jewish Culture after 350 years</i>
May 15, 2005	<u>Rabbi Shai Finkelstein, Cantor David Julian, Lynnie Mirvis, & moderator Mimi Grossman</u> , panel discussion	<i>Jewish Identity and the Significance of Life Long Learning</i>

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August 21, 2005 Dixon Gallery	<u>Vivian Jackson</u>	<i>Marc Chagall and Elvis Presley</i>
September 27, 2005 (7:30 PM)	<u>Elliot Chodoff</u>	<i>Disengagement in Gaza</i>
November 13, 2005 Opening event of MJCC Jewish Book Celebration	<u>Panel of local authors:</u> Dr. Louis Cantor, <i>Dewey and Elvis: The Life and Times of a Rock and Roll Deejay</i> ; Anna Olswanger, <i>Shlemiel Crooks</i> ; Dr. David Patterson, <i>Along the Edge of Annihilation: The Collapse and Recovery of Life in the Holocaust Diary</i> ; Dr. H. Pierre Secher, <i>Left Behind in Nazi Vienna: Letters of a Jewish Family Caught in the Holocaust, 1939-1941</i>	
January 26, 2006 (Thursday, 7:30 PM) Faulkner Lounge, University Center at the University of Memphis	<u>Zsuzsanna Ozsvath</u>	<i>Hungarian Jewry and the Holocaust</i>
February 26, 2006	<u>Eli Evans</u>	<i>Southern Jewish Insights into the Changing Religious Ethos of the South</i>
March 26, 2006	<u>Rabbi David Radinsky</u>	<i>The Jews of Charleston: From the 17th to the 19th Century</i>
May 28, 2006	<u>Panel Discussion</u> – Bluma Zuckerbrot, Gerri Patterson, Sharon Knafo, moderated by Dr. David Patterson	<i>The Current Situation in Israel</i>

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October 9, 2006 (Monday, 7:30 PM)	Robert Rosen	
November 5, 2006	Dr. Shmuel Shepkaru, Professor of Jewish Studies, University of Oklahoma	
November 19, 2006	<u>Marcie Cohen Ferris</u> , noted author and lecturer	
January 21, 2007 Belz Museum of Asian and Judaic Art	<u>Jack Belz</u> , A Tour and Talk of the Peabody Place Judaica Museum, with remarks by Leonid Saharovici	
February 5, 2007 (Monday, 7:30 PM)	<u>David Moss</u> , acclaimed Jewish artist	
February 25, 2007	<u>Elliot Chodoff</u> . David Bornblum/Lemsky Visiting Scholar in Israel and Middle East Studies, University of Memphis	
April 18, 2007 (Wednesday, 7:00 PM) University of Memphis, Mitchell Auditorium	<u>Dr. Holly Shulman</u> , Professor of Women's Studies, University of Virginia	
May 20, 2007	<u>Judy Ringel</u> , former senior editor of <i>Memphis</i> magazine	

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September 4, 2007 (Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Rose Theatre, University of Memphis)	<u>Ever Again</u> , a film on the rise of Islamic and Neo-Nazi Antisemitism narrated by Kevin Costner with Rabbi Aron Hier from the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles	
December 2, 2007	<i>The Ten Lost Tribes</i> – a film and talk by Simcha Jacobovici	
January 27, 2008	Alan Berger	<i>Children of Holocaust Survivors</i>
May 18, 2008	Perre Magness, Memphis historian and author	<i>The Jews of Memphis</i>

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September 4, 2008 At Panhellenic Building, U. of Memphis	<u>Nina Katz</u> Holocaust Survivor	<i>Out of the Night: The Life and Legacy of Holocaust Survivor Nina Katz</i> ; Co-sponsored with Bornblum Judaic Studies at U. of Memphis
October 26, 2008	<u>Orthodox Stance</u> , a film about Jewish boxer Dmitriy Salita with discussion by filmmaker Jason Hutt	
November 9, 2008 at the Hillel House	<u>Program</u> with Hillel on the 70 th Anniversary of Kristallnacht; Co-sponsored with Hillel of Memphis & Memphis Jewish Federation	
December 2, 2008	<u>David Patterson</u> Chair of Excellence of Bornblum Judaic Studies at U. of Memphis	<i>Overcoming Alienation: A Kabbalistic Reflection of the Five Levels of the Soul</i>
January 22, 2009	Film: <u>The Monster Among Us</u> , A documentary on contemporary anti-Semitism; Co-sponsored with Bornblum Judaic Studies at the U. of Memphis and Memphis Friends of Israel; with discussion by filmmaker Allen Mondell, visiting scholar Elliot Chodoff, and David Patterson	
February 22, 2009	<u>Elliot Chodoff</u> Visiting Bornblum Lemsky scholar, U. of Memphis	<i>The War Against Hamas</i> (Part I of three-part lecture series on Israel)
March 15, 2009	<u>Larry Weinberg</u> Founder of Israel 21C	<i>From Rabbis and Rambos to Reality: Israel's Contributions to Humanity</i> (Part II of three-part lecture series)
March 31, 2009	<u>Avi Melamed</u> Noted author & Israeli political analyst	<i>The Future of Jerusalem</i> (Part III of three-part lecture series)
May 31, 2009	<u>Dr. Brenda Brasher</u> Noted author & scholar, Tulane University	<i>Post-Katrina Jewish New Orleans</i>

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February 18, 2010	<u>Dr. Sara Abosch</u> Bornblum Visiting Scholar in Judaic Studies, U. of Memphis	<i>How the Jews Became English: Fashioning a Community After Exile and Readmission</i>
April 18, 2010	Film: <u>West of Hester Street</u> , a docudrama Galveston between 1907 and 1914.	
June 6, 2010	<u>Leo Bearman, Jr. & Ed Young</u> Attorneys with Baker, Donelson, Bearman law firm	<i>Rabbi, You're Fired! The Bizarre Lawsuit of The Congregation of the Children of Israel vs. Jacob J. Peres</i>

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May 15, 2011 25 th Anniversary Program	<u>Michael Rosenzweig</u> President & CEO of National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia	

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September 11, 2011	Leo Bearman, Jr. Prominent attorney & teacher	<i>The United States vs. Holmes</i> , a maritime case decided in accordance with Jewish law
October 16, 2011	Escorted Bus Tour of Elmwood Cemetery with emphasis on Jewish internees.	
November 13, 2011	Panel: Moderator: Dr. Norman Shapiro; Panelists: Jimmy Ogle & Patricia LaPointe McFarland	<i>The History of the 19th Century Jewish Settlers in Memphis</i>
January 15, 2012	Bryan Stone Author, associate professor of History, Del Mar College	<i>The Chosen Folks: Writing about the Jews of Texas</i>
March 25, 2012	Jonathan Sarna Author, professor Brandeis University	Review of his latest book, <i>When General Grant Expelled the Jews</i>

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October 7, 2012	Phil Steel Philadelphia Historian, a descendant of Commodore Uriah Levy, veteran of Valley Forge	<i>Early American Jewry, My Family</i>
November 12, 2012	Robert Wistrich Hebrew University, Jerusalem, the JCC Holocaust scholar, co-sponsored with Rhodes College	<i>From Ambivalence to Betrayal: The Left, the Jews, and Israel</i>
November 27, 2012 to be held at Rhodes College	Amy Singer Tel Aviv University co-sponsored with Rhodes College	<i>The Ottoman Occupation of Jerusalem</i>
December 9, 2012	Dr. Mark Kaplowitz Visiting Scholar of Judaic Studies, University of Memphis	<i>Spinoza and the Jewish Community</i>
January 13, 2013	Dr. Lee Shai Weissbach Professor of History, University of Louisville	<i>Synagogue Buildings, and the Patterns of American Jewish Life</i>
February 17, 2013	Phyllis Goldstein Author of <i>A Convenient Hatred: The History of Antisemitism</i> ; Co-sponsored with Facing History and Ourselves	
March 18, 2013 held at Temple Israel	Dr. A. B. Yehoshua Haifa University, Co-Sponsored with Rhodes and Temple Israel	<i>The Arab-Israeli Conflict Today</i>
April 28, 2013	<i>Memphis Jewish Heritage Bus Tour</i> Co-sponsored with Bornblum Judaic Studies, U of Memphis	Tour and anecdotes with Judy Ringel, author of <i>Children of Israel: The Story of Temple Israel, 1854-2004</i>
05/19/13	Robert Gillette Educator and Author, Co-sponsored with Bornblum Judaic Studies, U of Memphis	<i>The Virginia Plan: William B. Thalhimer & A Rescue From Germany</i>
June 9, 2013	Annual Meeting	Film: <i>Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray and Recognition of the Selma Lewis Scholars</i>

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September 15, 2013	<u>George Lapidès</u> Hall of Fame Memphis Sportscaster and Sports Reporter	George will share his insights into sports in Memphis and beyond	
October 30, 2013, at the University of Memphis Fogelman Center, Rm 136 at 7:00 P.M.	<u>Dr. David Jacobson</u> Author, Lecturer & Editor of prestigious <i>Palestine Exploration Quarterly</i>	<i>The Jerusalem Temple of Herod the Great</i>	
November 10, 2013	<u>Patricia Lapointe McFarland</u> Author of <i>Memphis Medicine: A History of Science and Service</i>	<i>Reforms & Research: Contributions of Jewish Physicians to Memphis Medicine</i>	
December 22, 2013	<u>Dr. Steve Tabachnik</u> Professor of English at University of Memphis	<i>Lawrence of Arabia and the Jews</i>	
January 12, 2014	<u>Rabbi Adam Grossman</u> Associate Rabbi, Temple Israel	<i>Truth, Justice and the Jewish Way: A Historical Analysis of Jews and the Comic Book Superhero</i>	
February 9, 2014	<u>Dr. Dan Unowsky</u> Professor, Director of Graduate Studies at University of Memphis	<i>Vienna 1900: Jews, Modern Culture, and Anti-Semitism at the Fin de Siècle</i>	
March 2, 2014	<u>Leonard Rogoff</u> Author, research historian for Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina	<i>Down Home Cantata: Jewish Life in Eastern North Carolina</i>	
May 18, 2014	<u>Dr. Paul Bierman</u> Gastroenterologist, Memphis	<i>The History of Ancient Israel as told through Jewish Coins from Antiquity</i>	
June 1, 2014	<u>Rabbi Samuel Stahl</u> Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Beth-El, San Antonio, TX	<i>The Future of Jewish Religious Denominations in North America</i>	

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September 14, 2014	Ambassador Dennis Ross Author & expert on the Middle East & Soviet Union	<i>The United States-Israel Relationship in Today's Middle East</i>	
October 14, 2014	Baila Miller Lecturer	<i>The Making of Modernism: The Jewish World, Art and Culture</i>	
November 9, 2014	Ralph Nurnberger Professor, Georgetown University	<i>How the Danes saved their Jews from the Nazis</i>	
December 14, 2014	Dr. Beverly Tsacoyianis Assistant Professor of Modern Middle East History	<i>Religion and Politics in the Arab Spring: A Case Study of the Islamic State</i>	
January 22, 2015	<i>An Evening at the Civil Rights Museum</i>	Tour and Dessert	
February 15, 2015	Dr. Dan Bahat Former Head Archeologist of Jerusalem & Professor of Archeology, Bar Ilan University		
March 22, 2015	<i>Memphis Jewish Heritage Bus Tour</i>	Tour and anecdotes with Judy Ringel, author of <i>Children of Israel: The Story of Temple Israel, 1854-2004</i>	
April 12, 2015	Dr. Joyce Antler Professor, Brandeis University; Author of <i>You Never Call! You Never Write! The History of the Jewish Mother</i>	Through a mixture of stereotypes, culture, & fable, the Jewish mother is demystified.	
May 31, 2015	Robyn Helzner Washington, D.C. cantor, vocalist & storyteller	<i>Kreplach and Dim Sum: Yes! There Are Jews in China!</i>	

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September 24, 2015	<u>Panel Discussion</u> introduced by Katie Smythe. Panelists: Liz Levitt Hirsch, who spearheads Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation; Barry Lichterman, President Emeritus of Friends of the Levitt Pavilion, Memphis; Henry Nelson, Strategic Partnerships Coordinator at Levitt Shell.	<i>How the Levitt Shell Came to Memphis</i>	
October 11, 2015	<u>Robert Goldsmith</u> Executive Director of the Blumberg Family Jewish Community Services of Dothan	<i>The Dothan Story</i>	
November 15, 2015	<u>Dr. Ralph Nurnberger</u> Professor, Georgetown University	<i>Yitzak Rabin: Personal Reflections on Israel's Man of War & Peace</i>	
December 13, 2015	<u>Dr. Stephen Stein</u> Professor, History Department, University of Memphis	<i>David's Sling: The Development of the Israeli Defense Industry</i>	
January 17, 2016	<u>Gene Dattel</u> Financial historian, author of <i>Cotton & Race in the Making of America</i>	<i>Beyond Ruleville: Journey of a Delta Jew</i>	
March 13, 2016	<u>Jonathan Judaken</u> , Spence L. Wilson Chair in the Humanities at Rhodes College	<i>Reckoning with Post-Holocaust Anti-Semitism in Europe</i>	
April 10, 2016	Film: <u>Draw Back the Curtain</u>	Documentary about resettlement of Jews from former Soviet Union in Richmond, VA	
May 22, 2016	<u>Robyn Helzner</u> , Washington, D.C. cantor, vocalist & storyteller	<i>Back in the USSR: the Struggle to Free Soviet Jews</i>	

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September 19, 2016	Complicit A Documentary Film	With Robert Krakow of the SS St. Louis Legacy Project Foundation and Memphian Dr. Clark Blatteis	
November 20, 2016 in the Temple Israel Chapel	Susan Adler Thorp Following her talk, a docent led tour of the gallery, highlighting the collection & the current Yad exhibit	<i>The Herta and Justin H. Adler Judaica Collection</i>	
January 22, 2017	David Glasser , Executive Director of the Ben Uri Museum in London	<i>Rewriting History: The Recovery of Nazi-Looted Art</i>	
February 12, 2017	Bluma Zuckerbrot-Finkelstein Director, Community Impact Jewish Community Partners	<i>The Recent Community Trip to Poland and Israel: Reflections and Reverberations</i>	
March 26, 2017	Dr. Stephen Whitfield Max Richter Chair in American Civilization, Brandeis University	<i>Jews Against the Ku Klux Klan</i>	
April 2, 2017	Opening of the Exodus Project Russian Archival Exhibit and Program	Lynnie Mirvis, Project Chairman; Russian choir from Plough Towers; Immigrants' stories	
April 30, 2017	Marlene Trestman Author, former Maryland Assistant Attorney General	<i>Fair Labor Lawyer: the Remarkable Life of New Deal Attorney and Supreme Court Advocate Bessie Margolin</i>	
May 21, 2017	Robyn Helzner Washington, D.C. cantor, vocalist & storyteller	<i>The Key to the Casa: Celebrating Jewish Life in Sephardic Spain</i>	

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September 10, 2017	Greg Siskind , Memphis lawyer	<i>Jewish Genealogy</i>
October 25, 2017	Paula Burger , Artist	<i>Voices of Hope & Resistance: The</i>
7:00 P.M at the MJCC November 13,2017	Annabelle Gurwitch , Actress &	<i>Bielski Partisans, A Life</i>
7:00 P.M. at the MJCC 01/28/18	Author	<i>Unexpected</i>
	Rita Goldberg , Author	<i>Wherever You Go, There They</i>
		<i>Are: Stories About My</i>
		<i>Family You Might Relate to.</i>
		<i>Motherland: Growing Up with</i>
		<i>the Holocaust</i>
March 25, 2018	Dr. Michael Roizen	<i>Age Proof: Living longer without</i>
	-	<i>running out of money or breaking</i>
		<i>a hip</i>

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October 28, 2018 1 pm	<u>Myron Sugerman</u> , author	<i>The Chronicles of the Last Jewish Gangster - From Meyer to Myron</i>
November 18 , 2018	Memphis resident, <u>Rabbi David Radinsky</u>	A discussion of: <i>History of the Jews of Charleston, South Carolina</i>
December 9, 2018	<u>Tim Lorsch</u>	a narrative, musical performance of <i>The Suitcase</i> the story of the Lorsch family in Nazi Germany
January 27, 2019	<u>Dr. Josh Parshall</u> , Director of the History Dept. at Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life	<i>The Workmen's Circle in Southern Cities</i>
February 21, 2019	<u>JHSMM in conjunction with Memphis Jewish Community Center</u> will present a film.	<i>Who Will Write Our History?</i>
March 17, 2019	<u>Steven Weisman</u> , author	<i>The Chosen Wars: How Judaism became an American Religion</i>
April 14, 2019	<u>Chuck Fishman</u> , internationally known photographer	his photographs & experiences, <i>Roots - Resistance - Renewal: Polish Jews 1975 to the Present</i>

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Oct 6, 2019	<u>Steve Stern</u> , Author & Memphian	<i>They Didn't Know They were poor, My discovery of the Pinch and how it changed my life.</i>
Nov 7, 2019	<u>Cantorial Soloist Robyn Helzner</u> , vocalist & storyteller will share her new story	<i>Discover the Balkans: A Little known Oasis of Jewish Life</i>
Dec 8, 2019	Author <u>Kirsten Fermaglich</u>	<i>A Rosenberg by Any Other Name</i>
All program from Mar 22 to Apr 5, 2020 were canceled due to Corona Virus considerations.		

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Aug 23, 2020	<u>Schelly Talalay Dardashti</u> Journalist, Genealogist, & International Speaker & <u>Maria Apodaca</u> Founding member of Centro Sefarad New Mexico	<i>Discovering Sephardic Roots through DNA and Family History</i>
Sep 13, 2020	Authors <u>Susan Adler Thorp</u> , <u>Rabbi Micah Greenstein</u> & photographer <u>Murray Riss</u> will discuss their new book.	<i>Book: Beloved A View of One of the South's Oldest Jewish Cemeteries as photographed by Murray Riss</i>
Oct 4, 2020	The South Carolina Jewish Historical Society presents: <i>Remembering Ruth Bader Ginsburg;</i> Reflections on RBG by Professor Leon Friedman	
Oct 25, 2020	Author <u>Bill Haltom</u> will discuss his book:	<i>Why Can't Mother Vote? Joseph Hanover & the Unfinished Business of Democracy.</i>
Nov 15, 2020	Author <u>Margery Kerstine</u> , former Memphian, former Temple Israel Archive head, and former Jewish Historical Society (JHSM) President, will discuss her new book.	<i>Book: Merchants on Issaquena: Avenue of the Blues in Mississippi</i>
Jan 10, 2021	Kenneth Hoffman, Executive Director of the <u>Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience</u>	<i>Getting to know the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience</i>
Jan 14-15, 2021	The Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS) is showing the film, ROSENWALD during the dates shown to the left.	This documentary film highlights the amazing "Tikkun Olam" of Julius Rosenwald, a founder of Sears & Roebuck, in establishing schools for poor black children in the South.
Jan 18, 2021	Panel discussion via Zoom with film director, great-granddaughter of Mr. Rosenwald and others regarding the film.	
Mar 4, 2021	The Breman Museum of Atlanta will host Dr. Perry Brickman, retired oral surgeon of Atlanta, via Zoom to talk about his book:	<i>Extracted: Unmasking Rampant Antisemitism in America's Higher Education</i>
Mar 7, 2021	Panel Discussion with 4 Rabbis who grew up in Memphis, moderated by Sally Rosenberg.	<i>What made four young Memphians become a Rabbi?</i>
Apr 13, 2021	MJCC Lit Festival author, <u>Bess Kalb</u> will be speaking about her book	<i>Nobody Will Tell You the Truth but Me</i>

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October 3, 2021	<u>Author Roselle Kline Chartock</u> will speak about her new book.	<i>The Jewish World of Elvis Presley</i>
October 21-24, 2021	The Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS) Conference in Charleston, SC	<i>Expanding the Archive(s) of Southern Jewish History</i>
November 7, 2021	Film Director, <u>Donna Kanter</u> will speak on her new film	<i>The Presence of Their Absence.</i>
November 11, 2021 at 7:00PM	In partnership with the MJCC Literary and Cultural Arts Series, author, <u>Pam Jenoff</u> will speak about her book.	<i>The Woman with the Blue Star</i>
January 9, 2022	Panel Discussion with Dr. Gary Zola and other Jewish summer camp experts. Program will be moderated by Rachael Bril	<i>The History of Jewish Summer Camps in the South</i>
February 6, 2022	Sam Weinreich, Holocaust Survivor	<i>Coming to America: From Poland to Memphis. A Holocaust Survivor's story</i>
March 20, 2022	a Discussion with Author Anna Olswanger and Director Tom Whitur and moderated by Shoshana Y Cenker.	this film will be shown: <i>GREENHORN: A Story of Friendship in the Aftermath of the Holocaust</i>
May 15, 2022	Gary Rosenblatt, former editor and publisher of the Jewish Week of New York will share his experience "Confessions of a Jewish Journalist" moderated by David Krueger.	In honor of Bobbie and Herman Goldberger and Family for founding, publishing and editing the "Watchman" 1925-2021-

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September 11, 2022	<i>Dr. Drew Weissman, professor of medicine at the Perlman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss the discovery of a vaccine for Covid and its current status.</i>	<i>Discovery & Current Status of the Search for the Covid Vaccine & Current Status of the Search for the Covid Vaccine</i>
October 20, 2022	<i>Lisa Barr, author of Woman on Fire, in conjunction with the MJCC's Jewish Literary & Cultural Arts Festival</i>	<i>Woman on Fire</i>
October 23, 2022	<i>At 10:00am, an In-person program at Temple Israel: a docent- led tour of Righteous Among Men: Rabbi James A Wax, A Life Dedicated to Social Justice exhibit at the Temple Israel Museum.</i>	<i>Tour of Temple Israel Museum's new exhibit:Righteous Among Men: Rabbi James A. Wax. A life dedicated to Social Justice</i>
November 8, 15, 29, 2022	<i>Jewish Genealogy Workshop: to register, click here. Presented in conjunction with the MJCC Judaic Studies program.</i>	
December 11, 2022	<i>Greg Siskind, a local immigration attorney, will moderate and participate in a panel discussion about Ukraine with Dr. Lana Yanishevski and University of Memphis Professors Dan Unowsky and Andrei Znamenski.</i>	<i>Local Perspectives About Ukraine</i>
January 15, 2023	<i>In-person program with Karen Franklin, Co-Chair of the Board of Governors of JewishGen</i>	<i>Genealogy/Researching Family Histories</i>

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February 19, 2023	<i>This film explores how the Blues tie into the incredible mix of cultures in Israel, including Arab, Ethiopian, and Moroccan -- all Jewish and all Israeli, united through the universal tie that bids us together.... music. Experience the sights, sounds and the unexpected in this musical and spiritual journey. The runtime of the film is 67 minutes. This film will be shown in partnership with the Morris and Mollye Fogelman International Jewish Film Festival.</i>	<i>The Jews and the Blues</i>
April 16, 2023	<i>Our panel of Memphians will share their memories of their parents' and grandparents' stores on Beale Street.</i>	<i>Children of Beale Street</i>
May 7, 2023	<i>We will show Egg Cream, a 16 minute documentary, followed by a panel discussion with Memphians who are former New Yorkers, Rivky Klein and Enid Weiser. They will share their fond memories of Jewish food experiences in New York. The panel discussion will be followed by a tasting of delicious New York-inspired Jewish food treats.</i>	<i>Egg Cream and the New York Jewish Food Experience</i>

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October 22, 2023	74-minfilm. In the aftermath of the Holocaustt, secret meetings began to negotiate the incomprehensible - compensation for survivors of the largest mass genocide in history,. Survivors were in urgent need, but how could reparations be determined for the unrecedented destrution and suffering of a people? Reckonings explores this riveting story.	
November 19, 2023	Eden Siskind, speaker: How HIAS, the world's oldest refugee organization, has transformed from a resettlement agency helping Jewish refugees to an international humanitarian organization, assisting displaced persons of all faiths using Jewish values. In conversation with Memphian Eden Siskind, Assistant Program Director, Latin America and the Caribbean.	HIAS: Then and Now

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Jan 14, 2024	Join author and Lawyer Marlene Trestman as she discusses the remarkable history of the Jewish Orphans Home of New Orleans. Founded in 1855 in the aftermath of a yellow fever epidemic, the Home was the first purpose-built Jewish orphanage in the nation. By the time the Jewish Orphans Home closed in 1946, it had sheltered more than sixteen hundred parentless children and two dozen widows from New Orleans and other areas of Louisiana and the mid-South.	Most Fortunate Unfortunates: The Jewish Orphans' Home of New Orleans and its Tennessee Ties
Mar 10, 2024	South Carolina authors Rachel Gordon Barnett and Lyssa Kligman Harvey will share stories that illuminate the richness of the southern Jewish table.	Rugs & Bonnets: Stories of food, tradition in Jewish South Carolina
Apr 14, 2024	Technion Israel Institute of Technology is a major source of innovation and brainpower that drives the Israeli economy and is a key to Israel's reputation as the world's "Start-Up Nation." Technion's people, ideas, and inventions make immeasurable contributions to the world. Technion and some of these amazing developments.	Technion Israel Institute of Technology "From Visionary Education to a World of Impact"

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Oct 13, 2024 JHSMM Ghosts of a Holy War/ Yardena Schwartz Author Talk: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN26-5_rF2k	Award-winning author Yardena Schwartz will launch her new book, <i>Ghosts of a Holy War: The 1929 Massacre in Palestine That Ignited the Arab-Israeli Conflict</i> . In conversation with Rabbi Sarit Horwitz of Beth Shalom Synagogue. This book features David Shainberg, native Memphian who was killed in the Hebron Massacre in 1929. .	Ghosts of a Holy War
November 17, 2024 JHSMM Operation Benjamin Program: https://youtu.be/RxVKA1eVkh0	Rabbi Akiva Males will discuss the history and mission of Operation Benjamin, the organization devoted to preserving the memories of American-Jewish soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending the cause of freedom. Operation Benjamin aims to locate Jewish personnel at American military cemeteries all over the world who, for various reasons, were buried under markers incorrectly representing their religion and heritage. Memphians Jeanne and Dr. Bruce Alpert will share their personal experience and the role of Operation Benjamin as they discovered the fate of Jeanne's family member, Lt. Joseph M. Sugarmam, Jr. * In honor of Veteran's Day, American veterans in attendance will be recognized at this program	Operation Benjamin

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