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Food for the Mind and the Soul: Two Presentations Not to Miss on Tuesday, December 8

Rabbi Samuel Spector of Congregation Kol Ami, will speak to us about **"Israel: A struggle between peoplehood and faith."** Rabbi Spector was born and raised in Seattle, Washington. He graduated from the University of California, San Diego with a B.A. in Judaic Studies and a minor in Behavioral Psychology. He received his masters degree in Hebrew Letters and Rabbinic Ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles.

Prior to coming to Congregation Kol Ami, Rabbi Spector served as the Associate Rabbi of Temple Judea in Tarzana, California, where he became recognized for his creation of young professional programming. Rabbi Spector has brought his love of working with children and young families to Congregation Kol Ami. He is passionate about adult education, Israel advocacy, social action, and social justice. He is an avid fan of baseball, Jewish history, and traveling, having been to over 40 countries.



And we are delighted to have the **University of Utah Chamber Choir** back for their **eighth annual holiday concert**. Because of the pandemic, Conductor Barlow Bradford has created a short video presentation for our program. Also, a link to the presentation will be available, so that you can enjoy it later with enhanced audio.

For those of you new to the Emeriti Club, students in the U Chamber Choir participate in the highest quality choral experience, advancing their vocal technique, knowledge of choral repertoire and musicianship. This choir, under Dr. Bradford's direction, is known for its beauty of tone, musical nuance, and clear, ringing sound. **To access this program, please see the links, phone number, etc., listed below.**



For security reasons, please do not share the following links or phone numbers

Zoom Information for our Tuesday, December 8, 12:00 noon Program

- For full participation on a computer, tablet, or smartphone:
 - Meeting link: <https://utah.zoom.us/j/94795438040>
 - For further information about attending Zoom meetings see: <https://bit.ly/35lJe1> or google: "Utah Emeriti Club" and click on the Zoom Instructions link.
- For audio only on any cell phone or landline phone:
 - A few minutes before noon, dial this Zoom phone number: +1 669 900 6833. You will then need the Meeting ID: 947 9543 8040 to continue as directed.
- Please note that the Zoom link and meeting ID will change for each of our programs

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

Jerilyn McIntyre



- ❖ **A special opportunity for Emeriti Club Members from the Utah Museum of Fine Arts.** Because of the pandemic, UMFA is currently not offering group tours (although it is possible for individuals to visit the museum on their own). However, UMFA is offering a virtual Zoom tour of their upcoming **Black Refractions** exhibit exclusively for members of the Emeriti Club, to take place Feb. 17 from 1 to 2 pm.
 - **To sign up for the tour, RSVP using this link:**
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FQcXwpX1vz-uFi6y2Dy7N3illdMa9yr2D9D5-M_8aw/edit?usp=sharing
 - Those who respond by **January 22, 2021** will be sent the Zoom link for the February 17 event. For Club members who can't join us on that date, the Zoom tour will be recorded, and the link will be available afterwards.
 - Featuring more than one hundred works by nearly eighty artists from the 1920s to the present, **Black Refractions: Highlights from The Studio Museum in Harlem** surveys nearly a century of creative achievements by artists of African descent. Here's more detail on the exhibit:
<https://umfa.utah.edu/black-refractions>.

- ❖ **Other lectures and exhibits to enjoy.** "Antarctic Dinosaurs" just opened at The Natural History Museum of Utah and will continue until April 4, 2021: <https://nhmu.utah.edu/museum/exhibits/antarctic-dinosaurs>. The **Frontiers of Science** series explores topical and important areas of research: <https://science.utah.edu/news/frontiers-of-science/>

- ❖ **More Book Recommendations!** We received so many suggestions recently that we're spreading them over several newsletters.
 - **Jan Brunvand:** [*Gods and Robots: Myths, Machines, and Ancient Dreams of Technology*](#) by Adrienne Mayor, a Stanford University scholar in classics and the history of science.
 - **Klancy deNevers:** [*Devil in the White City*](#) by Eric Larson—the story of a serial killer(the devil) along with the amazing creation of the Columbian Exposition in Chicago (the white city).
 - **Susan Olson:** [*White Fragility*](#) by Robin DiAngelo.
 - **Michele Margetts:** [*Circe*](#) by Madeline Miller, a vivid reimagining of the Greek myth seen through the eyes of Circe herself.

Keep sending me your book recommendations!

- ❖ **Finally, something really different but fascinating. Thanks to Ryck Luthi for calling it to our attention.** Vincent Van Gogh's paintings come to life in this magical exhibit at Atelier des Lumières in Paris: <https://1funny.com/magical-van-gogh-exhibit/>

Why Should You Consider Teaching Osher Classes?

Margaret and Bruce Landesman, Marriott Library and Philosophy, respectively



We have been teaching Osher courses for some years. It has been a terrific experience. The students are smart and thoughtful people who have had significant careers and life experiences. They have a lot to say and put forth interesting ideas that expand and enrich the discussion.

There are no exams or papers to grade. That makes it easier, but also harder. You are talking to people who know a lot and will keep you honest. We take a fair amount of time to prepare, but it pays off in enjoyable and rewarding experiences for us.

Osher offers classes and one-time events for people over 50. Classes typically meet once a week for six weeks – but shorter classes, one-time event, luncheon talks, and field trips to destinations of interest are also offered. Osher especially welcomes Emeriti instructors. **Course proposals are easy to submit online and are reviewed by the Osher curriculum committee four times per year.**

Things changed in March when Osher left the classroom for Zoom. That was a bit scary but has proved easy to get used to and equally enjoyable (and you don't have to worry about parking or about snow). **Osher staff, with you throughout each class, run the session for you and handle all the technical needs.** Things will probably go on this way for some time, but one should not fear teaching to avoid Zoom. The essential part of the experience remains. That makes it interesting but also enriching.

Many Emeriti are engaged in teaching Osher classes – talk to them.

For More Information Please Contact:

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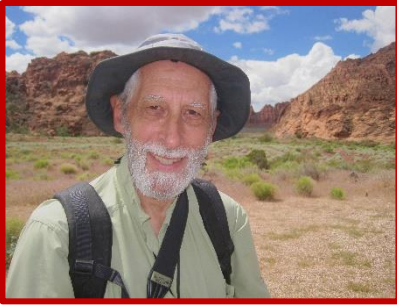
Online Course Proposal Form:
<https://bit.ly/35WVOJs>
Spring Term March 22 – May 30 –
Deadline for Spring proposals is Nov. 26

News from the Faculty Club

John R. Burton, Family and Consumer Studies, liaison between the Emeriti Club and Faculty Club.

The Faculty Club had originally scheduled a November social, but for reasons of safety it has been cancelled. University guidelines say: “The odds of catching the coronavirus are about 20 times higher indoors, and...indoor gatherings have been linked to several coronavirus outbreaks.” Our November social was to be indoors at the Marriott Research Park. The Faculty Club has also cancelled the children’s holiday party due to Covid-19. Plans for the adult holiday party are still under discussion. **Remember, all Emeriti Club members can join the Faculty Club for only \$50 per year.** If you and a partner attend one social with a buffet dinner and drinks (when they resume), you will receive the value of your annual dues.

Emeritus in Action



From Art Brothman, Pediatrics and Human Genetics: “**Bill Gray [Biology]** has been sending out emails ‘Life Goes On’ with magnificent descriptions and photos of the many (mostly UT) flowers he has studied over the years. He began when we all started with ‘lockdown,’ doing them daily, and now is doing them weekly - and has sent 90(!) to those of us in the Emeritus Hiking group plus many of his colleagues from various botanical societies. I can't tell you how much these emails have meant to me and know for a fact that multiple others who also receive them feel the same way...I believe this effort has been

a true gem and up-beat break from the constant discouraging news we've all been reading and listening to for the last six months.” **We hope all of you will join Art and the Emeriti Club Board in a toast to Bill for this wonderful, healing project and for all his work with the Emeriti Club Hiking Group over the years. Salute! Bill.**

Bill invites you to add your name to his email list by emailing him at cyberflora80@gmail.com, but he wants you to know that although life does go on, the “Life Goes On” emails may only last another month or two. Bill has other things in mind, for instance he writes, “The main 'other thing' that has me enthralled is a forest of ancient junipers in the West Desert near the Nevada border. Some of the trees are huge and we know a number that are more than a thousand years old.” Hopefully, Bill will tell us more about the ancient junipers soon.



Golden Mariposa

Emeriti Club Programs 2021

Date/Time	Speaker	Topic	Venue
Tues., Jan. 12, 2021 12:00 noon	Thomas L. Miller, MD. Chief Medical Officer, U of U Health	COVID-19 19 Utah	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., Feb. 9, 2021 12:00 noon	Jason Cryan , Executive Director, Natural History Museum of Utah	Scientific Research in Museums: The Academic Road Less Taken	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., March 9, 2021 12:00 noon	Sandra Hollins , Utah State Representative, District 23	Black Lives Matter Movement/Ending Systemic Racism	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., April 13, 2021 12:00 noon	Geralyn Dreyfous , Oscar- winning film producer	Film as a Strategy for Social Change	Zoom or Luncheon
Tues., May 11, 2021 12:00 noon	TBA	A Special Celebration	Zoom or Luncheon

Bits & Pieces from the Editor's Notebook



- The **Emeriti Club website** has a new look and a new address. See what you think at: <https://emeriti.utah.edu/> or google "Utah Emeriti Club."
- If you have questions about **Medicare Open Enrollment**, you can contact **Steve Bithell, Retiree Benefits, Human Resources** at steve.bithell@hsc.utah.edu or **801-792-3268**. Steve writes: "I am always happy to help folks evaluate plans, make changes, or simply inform them of the benefits they have. "
- Please contact **Ryck Luthi** if you know of emeriti who should be included in the "In Memoriam" column, particularly those who may have passed away in other states or countries. Ryck's contact information is in the Emeriti Club Board Directory in each newsletter.

In Memoriam

Roy Alex Keir
Spouse of Marilyn Keir
Mathematics
October 14, 2020

Ed Firmage
Law
October 3, 2020

Jeffery Peters
Anesthesiology
September 29, 2020

The Passing of other University friends and colleagues is noted on an Alumni Association webpage at: <https://bit.ly/3mSRb9Z>

Please cut here ✂*****

DUES PAYMENT FORM

Voluntary dues for 2020/21- \$12.00 Single, \$24.00 Couple

\$12.50 Single, \$25.00 Couple with credit card payment (includes \$.50 per person surcharge)

To pay by credit card, go to: <https://academic-senate.utah.edu/professors-emeriti-club/>

Name _____ @\$12.00 Dues \$ _____

Spouse/Partner _____ @\$12.00 Dues \$ _____

Total Dues \$ _____

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Emeriti Hiking Group News



The hiking group has not had any organized hikes lately, but thanks to friendships made over the years, individuals have been connecting for hikes in twos and threes. Now is the in-between season, and this fall photo depicts our good fortune in having trailheads 15 minutes from the mouth of Parleys Canyon. It is a visual reminder to get out and stay fit. The foothills are great when there is not enough snow to be up higher. In October sixteen gathered at Mormon Flat in Little Emigration Canyon for a picnic farewell to Krishna and Arata Sinha who moved to Boulder. It was a perfect, warm fall day as goodbyes were said.

A bit of scouting has been done for prospective camping sites and trips for 2021. One possibility would be **summer camping in Lamoille Canyon of the Ruby Mountains near Elko** and the other **spring camping or glamping in Nine Mile Canyon with a guided tour of the petroglyphs**. Planning will depend on the Coved situation. **If you are a new member of the group and are not on the hiking group mailing list and would like to be, contact Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu.**

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