

TWIN CITIES ART SAMPLER

A Stimulating Series of Cultural Experiences
October 2011 – February 2012

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Exploring Jewish Religious Rites, Symbols, Traditions, Beliefs at Beth El Synagogue, Temple Israel, and Mount Zion Temple with lunch at the Jerusalem Restaurant

Consider exploring the Jewish religious tradition with visits to **Beth El Synagogue** in St Louis Park, **Temple Israel** in Minneapolis and **Mount Zion Temple** in St Paul. Judaism is the



“religion, philosophy, and way of life” of the Jewish people. Originating in the Hebrew Bible it is considered by religious Jews to be the expression of the covenantal relationship God developed with the Children of Israel. Judaism claims a historical continuity spanning more than 3,000 years. The largest



Jewish religious movements are Orthodox Judaism, Conservative Judaism and Reform Judaism. Beth El Synagogue is considered Conservative Jewish; Temple Israel and Mount Zion Temple are considered Reform. The Jewish religion will come alive as we explore it in depth with building tours and discussions of its history, beliefs, laws, holidays, worship rituals, traditions, and foods. In keeping with the day, we will be



dining at a Middle Eastern restaurant that has synthesized food traditions from many of the countries in the Middle East, the **Jerusalem Restaurant**.

When you register you may choose from one of these delicious options:

- 1) Shawirma Plate: slices of shawirma (mixture of beef and lamb), fried potatoes, and Jerusalem salad;
- 2) Chicken Plate: grilled chicken breast on a kabob, fried potatoes, and Jerusalem salad;
- 3) Combination Plate: slices of shawirma, hummos, falafel, fried potatoes, and Jerusalem salad;
- 4) Chef Plate: slices of shawirma, koura (lamb and beef sausage), chicken breast, fried potatoes, and Jerusalem salad;
- 5) Spinach Pie Plate: stuffed spinach pie, hummos, and tabouli salad.

Also included in our luncheon is beverage and baklava for dessert.

(Note: at Beth El Synagogue men will be asked to wear a yarmulke, which will be provided upon arrival. It is optional for women.)

Schedule:	10:00 am	Depart Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview
	10:30 am	Discussion and Tour of Beth El Synagogue
	12:00 pm	Tour and Discussion at Temple Israel
	1:20 pm	Dining at Jerusalem Restaurant
	3:00 pm	Tour and Discussion at Mount Zion Temple
	4:15 pm	Depart for home
	5:00 pm	Arrive City Hall (time approximate)

Cost: \$51.00 per person

Deadline to register: **October 3, 2011 (space permitting)**



Thursday, November 3, 2011

**The History Theater Presents: *Beyond the Rainbow – Garland at Carnegie Hall*
with lunch at the Lake Elmo Inn**



Judy Garland is a legend around the world and especially in her home state of Minnesota. With serendipitous timing, both the History and the Guthrie Theaters are offering plays centering around Garland's life, each has its own focus. Rather than choose between the two, the Art Sampler series is offering both, to give Judy Garland fans and historians an opportunity to experience two Judy Garland performances with two distinctly talented women playing Garland. The History Theater's *Beyond the Rainbow: Garland at Carnegie Hall* brings the incomparable Jody Briskey to the stage as Judy Garland at Carnegie Hall in her legendary 1961 Comeback Concert. Garland leads audiences through a whirlwind of memories starting with her childhood days in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and on to the studios at MGM, marriages and divorces, and finally to Carnegie Hall. It is a life packed with love, passion, courage, and resilience, featuring some of the greatest songs of the 20th century sung by one of the country's foremost interpreters of Garland's greatest hits. A discussion with the cast follows the performance. With legends in mind, we will be having lunch at another Minnesota legend, The **Lake Elmo Inn**. You may choose a signature sandwich, or, sumptuous salad entrée when you register: 1) Chicken Portabella Mushroom Melt (grilled chicken breast, sliced portabella, lettuce, Swiss cheese, mayo served on pumpernickel) with cup of soup of the day; 2) Reuben Sandwich (corned beef with sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, and Thousand Island dressing on pumpernickel) with cup of soup of the day; 3) Cranberry Turkey Sandwich (sliced turkey, Swiss cheese, lettuce, cranberry aioli served on cranberry wild rice bread) with cup of soup of the day; 4) Johnny Burger (eight ounces of angus burger grilled and topped with Swiss cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion and mayo served on a whole wheat bun) with French Fries; 5) Pecan Crusted Chicken Salad (mixed greens with oranges, dried cranberries, candied pecans and almonds topped with pecan crusted chicken breast and a zesty vinaigrette); 6) Strawberry Chicken Salad (grilled chicken, asparagus, walnuts, artichoke hearts and strawberries on mixed greens with a strawberry poppy seed vinaigrette. Additionally, because the legends say they were a Judy Garland favorite, there will be onion rings passed around the table. And of course, beverage of your choice and our traditional two "finger desserts".

Schedule:

9:00 am	Depart Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Ave No
10:00 am	History Theater presents: <i>Beyond the Rainbow: Garland at Carnegie Hall</i>
12:30 pm	Post show discussion
1:15 pm	Luncheon at Lake Elmo Inn
2:45 pm	Depart for home
3:30 pm	Arrive Robbinsdale City Hall (approximate)

Cost: \$69.00 per person

Deadline to register: **October 3, 2011 (space permitting)**



Friday, January 27, 2012

**The Art of Fine Dining at Technique Restaurant
with a Tour of Le Cordon Bleu Cooking School**



At the end of a cool January, what could be more warm and enticing than a tour of the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts and a gourmet lunch in their new location for the *Technique Restaurant*. Few institutions possess the prestigious reputation of Le Cordon Bleu. Founded in Paris in 1895, this internationally known school for the culinary arts has become synonymous with expertise, tradition and refinement. Our tour of the school will include classrooms, kitchens and hidden nooks and crannies that only the cooks can find. Our four course lunch will include: Caesar salad, Potato Leek soup, entrée of pork or salmon (make your selection when you register) with butternut squash risotto and asparagus, and for dessert, upside down apple tart.

Schedule: **9:45 am** **Depart Robbinsdale City Hall**
 10:35 am Tour of Le Cordon Bleu
 11:45 am Gourmet Lunch in Technique Restaurant
 1:45 pm Depart for home
 2:30 pm Arrive Robbinsdale City Hall (time approximate)



Cost: \$35.00 per person
Deadline to register: **January 13, 2012 (space permitting)**

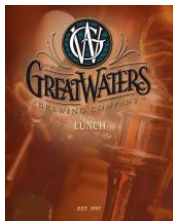
Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Park Square Theater presents *Ragtime* with Mid-morning Refreshment and Lunch at Great Waters Brewery

Park Square Theater has become one of the Twin Cities most innovative theaters and they are creating another masterpiece when they present *Ragtime*, based on the award-winning novel by E.L.Doctorow. It's 1906 and the air is filled with syncopated new music. This deeply moving Tony Award winning musical tells the story of three groups in America, represented by Coalhouse Walker Jr., a Harlem musician courting the woman he loves; Mother, the matriarch of a WASP family living the good life in



New Rochelle, NY; and Tateh, a Latvian Jewish immigrant artist bent on achieving success. The story presents the immigrant struggle, the battle for equality by African Americans in Harlem, and the awakening need for autonomy for women. As each of these characters face loss and disillusionment with the American Dream, their stories intertwine and their common history creates hope, foreshadowing the rapidly changing cultural identity of early 20th Century America. Prior to the performance, we will meet with Mary Finnerty, Education Director, and the actors for a Build a Moment experience. This includes re-creating scenes from the play to see how they are artistically formed to create the experience and the emotion for the audience.



Shawn from **Great Waters Brewery** will be hosting us for coffee and rolls before the play and lunch afterwards. If you are quick, you'll have time to peruse the specialty shops in the Hamm building. When you register you may choose from the following: 1) Walleye Sandwich: breaded walleye filet served on a hoagie roll topped with tartar sauce; 2) Great Waters Reuben: thinly sliced pastrami and turkey with sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and Thousand Island dressing on grilled marbled rye; 3) Hawaiian Chicken Sandwich: grilled chicken breast with pineapple and mozzarella on a Kaiser roll; 4) Philly Style Steak Sandwich: sirloin steak topped with pepper jack cheese and a medley of sautéed green pepper, red pepper and onion served on a hoagie roll; 5) Great Waters Club: turkey, bacon, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion and garlic aioli on ciabatta bread. All sandwiches will be served with the delicious Great Waters French Fries and beverage. Save just a bit of room for cookies – our dessert.

Schedule: 8:30 am Depart Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Ave No
 9:15 am Build a Moment
 9:50 am Coffee and Roll at Great Waters Brewery
 11:00 am Park Square presents: *Ragtime*
 1:45 pm Lunch at Great Waters Brewery
 3:00 pm Depart for home
 3:45 pm Arrive Robbinsdale City Hall (time approximate)



Cost: \$68.00 per person
Deadline to register: **December 14, 2011 (space permitting)**

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

The Guthrie Theater production of *End of the Rainbow* with Lunch at Peter's Grill

On the McGuire Proscenium Stage, the **Guthrie Theater** is presenting the American premiere of *End of the Rainbow*, by Peter Quilter. With both the History Theater and the Guthrie staging plays focusing on Judy



Garland, this is an opportunity for you to see both, and let you immerse yourself – or see just one. Each offers two extremely talented actresses portraying Judy Garland at different points in her life. A smash hit in London, *End of the Rainbow* was nominated for four Olivier awards. Olivier award winner Tracie Bennett repeats her London performance of Judy Garland in the final years of her career. The play will move to Broadway in March 2012. Our seats for this stunning performance are in Area One seating. Lunch will be hosted by

Peter's Grill, well known for preparing cuisine for the rich and famous in Minnesota and the nation. So, it is a fitting destination before the show. What was Judy Garland's favorite food? Steak and kidney pie! Our menu will be as close as we can get: dinner salad, meat loaf with mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetable, roll and butter, beverage (she loved Coca Cola) and carrot cake for dessert.



Schedule: 10:30 am Depart Robbinsdale City Hall
11:00 am Lunch at Peter's Grill
1:00 pm *End of the Rainbow* at the Guthrie Theater
3:00 pm Depart for home
3:30 pm Arrive Robbinsdale City Hall (approximate)

Cost: \$73.00 per person

Deadline to register: January 25, 2012 (space permitting)



Note: Everyone is encouraged to have updated emergency medical and personal information with them in a purse or wallet. In the senior office, there are bright pink forms to fill out and carry with you. Please stop in and pick one up or do so when you go on your next trip with us.

Refund of registration fees will be allowed only up to the registration deadline. If you need to request a refund, there will be a \$5.00 service charge. Refunds are given after the registration deadline only if a replacement is found from the waiting list. Person seeking refund may also substitute another person, but ONLY if the Recreation office has no one on the waiting list.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

In person – at Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Avenue North
Monday-Friday, **8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

By mail – send registration form and check to Robbinsdale Recreation Services,
4100 Lakeview Avenue No., Robbinsdale, MN 55422

By phone - 763-531-1278 Monday-Friday, with a major credit card **8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

ART SAMPLER Registration/Waiver Form

(This form must be completed for both in-person and mail-in registration)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

I am registering for the following trips: (check each one in the space provided)

<p>____ Wednesday, October 12, 2011 Exploring Jewish Religious Rites Lunch at Jerusalem Restaurant Cost: \$51.00 per person FOOD CHOICE: ____ Shawirma Plate ____ Chicken Plate ____ Chef Plate ____ Combination Plate ____ Spinach Pie Plate</p>	<p>____ Thursday, November 3, 2011 Beyond the Rainbow – History Theater Lunch at Lake Elmo Inn Cost: \$69.00 per person FOOD CHOICE: ____ Strawberry Chicken Salad ____ Chicken Portabella Melt ____ Johnny Burger ____ Reuben Sandwich ____ Pecan Chicken Salad ____ Cranberry Turkey Sandwich</p>
<p>____ Friday, January 27, 2012 Tour of Le Cordon Bleu Lunch at Technique Restaurant Cost: \$35.00 per person FOOD CHOICE: ____ Pork Entrée ____ Salmon Entrée</p>	<p>____ Tuesday, February 7, 2012 Ragtime – Park Square Theater Lunch at Great Waters Brewery Cost: \$68.00 per person FOOD CHOICE: ____ Walleye Sandwich ____ Steak Sandwich ____ Reuben Sandwich ____ Club Sandwich ____ Hawaiian Chicken Sandwich</p>
<p>____ Wednesday, February 29, 2012 End of the Rainbow – Guthrie Theater Lunch at Peter’s Grill Cost: \$73.00 per person</p>	

Amount Paid: \$_____ (Checks payable to the City of Robbinsdale)
 (If you need to request a refund, there will be a \$5.00 service charge.)

I have a need for special bus seating. (Explain)

WAIVER

Your participation requires your signature below. Thank you.

The undersigned acknowledges that recreational programs involve inherent risks of personal injury. It is agreed that participation in this trip program is voluntary and at the participant’s sole risk. The City shall not be liable for any claims, demands, injuries or damages whatsoever to the participant or participant’s property arising out of the participant’s participation in the program. The undersigned releases and discharges the City, its employees or agents from all such claims, demands, injuries or damages, except those directly caused by the gross negligence of the City, its employees or agents.

In case of emergency contact/relationship: _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

**Robbinsdale Recreation Services
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