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Seniors Living in the Jewish Tradition

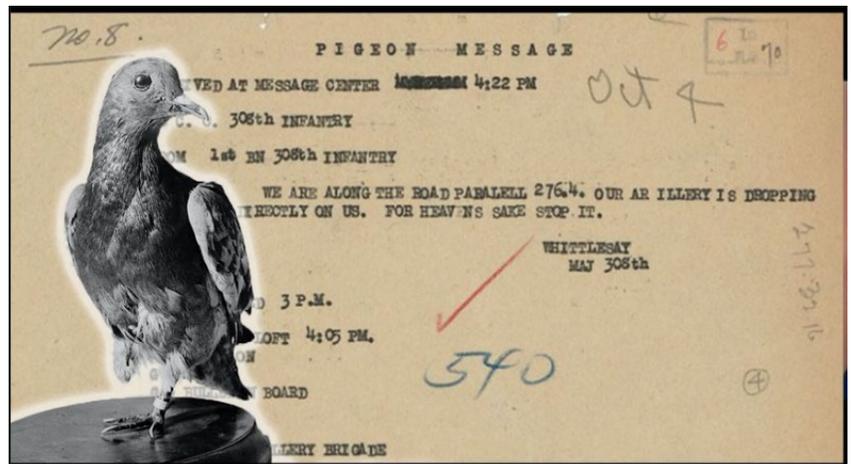
HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK ON CHANNEL 1963

Monday, November 22 at 1:30pm

WWI and the Lost Battalion: The Big Story of the Biggest Battle in US History

A One Day University Event

On October 2nd, 1918, at the height of the terrible Meuse-Argonne Offensive, a former stockbroker names Charles Whittlesey led his men “over the top” and into the teeth of German opposition. By the next morning, he and his men were surrounded, subjected to constant assault and artillery fire (some of it coming from



the American lines to their rear). What followed was one of the great tales of endurance of WWI, involving not just 4 Medal of Honor winners, but also the most famous **pigeon** in American history.

Discussion Questions:

- What was it about the “Lost Battalion” that made it such a compelling story, both in 1918 and today?
- What qualities are essential for a good commander—especially one faced with the challenges Major Whittlesey was faced with during the Lost Battalion’s ordeal?
- The Lost Battalion was part of the 77th Division, whose commander had issued strict orders that under no circumstances should any officer order a retreat. What do you think of such an order?

DANIEL BREEN—BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Daniel Breen is Senior Lecturer in Legal Studies at Brandeis, and a recipient of the Louis Brandeis Award for Excellence in Teaching. While his primary academic interests lay in law and politics of the Early Republic, he also holds a PhD in American History.



Tuesday, November 23 at 1:30pm

Ethiopia: The Land of Origins

A Community Scholar Program (CSP) Event

Ethiopia, in the Horn of Africa, is a rugged, landlocked country split by the Great Rift Valley. With archaeological finds dating back more than 3 million years, it's a place of ancient culture and great modern challenges. Within its borders, you'll find the world's fourth-holiest Islamic city, along with the oldest continuously-occupied town south of the Sahara. Compelling antiquities include the medieval rock-hewn churches of Lalibela and Gheralta, palaces and temples dating back 3,000 years, the magnificent 17th century castles of Gondar, and the oldest human fossils unearthed anywhere on the planet. Ethiopia's rich religious history includes Judaism, Christianity and Islam. According to Ethiopian tradition, one-half of the population was Jewish before Christianity was proclaimed the official religion in the 4th century. The Jews maintained their independence for over 1000 years in spite of religious persecution, enslavement, and forced conversions. Join us as we travel with our guide Dr. Benny Furst to the "Land of Origins".

BENNY FURST

Dr. Benny Furst earned his B.A., M.A., and a doctoral degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in political sciences, geography, and urban planning, respectively. A geographer, he worked for many years at the planning division of the Israeli Ministry of Environmental Protection, and today he is a teaching fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and in the Technion. He is a leading guide in Egypt, teaching about its many-layered history.

Wednesday, November 24 at 1:30pm

A Brief History of Classic TV: From Lucy Ricardo to Tony

Soprano

A One Day University Event

With Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, HBO Max, Apple TV+ and the rest, its impossible to keep up with all the TV---even

just the *good* TV---that is now being released. Once upon a time, however, practically everyone was watching the same shows at the same time. The characters, catch phrases, theme songs, and stories provided a common culture that we all shared and that both reflected and distorted our image of the national soul.



With some quick analyses of 5 TV shows---from the 1940's (when TV was still being broadcast live from New York) to the 1990's (when cable was providing a higher quality of program to a lower quantity of viewers)---we'll examine the evolution of what was once truly a *mass* medium in the days before streaming.

ROBERT THOMPSON – SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Robert Thompson is the founding director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University and Trustee Professor at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. He has written pieces for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, NPR's *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*, and others, and his commentary has been featured on hundreds of radio and TV programs, including CBS's *60 Minutes*, PBS's *American Experience*, and ESPN's *30 for 30*.

Thursday, November 25, at 1:30pm

Thanksgiving Variety Show

Residents at Heritage Pointe celebrate Thanksgiving with music, videos on the history and traditions of the holiday, and some looks at some of the best Thanksgiving Day floats from years past. (2.5 hours)

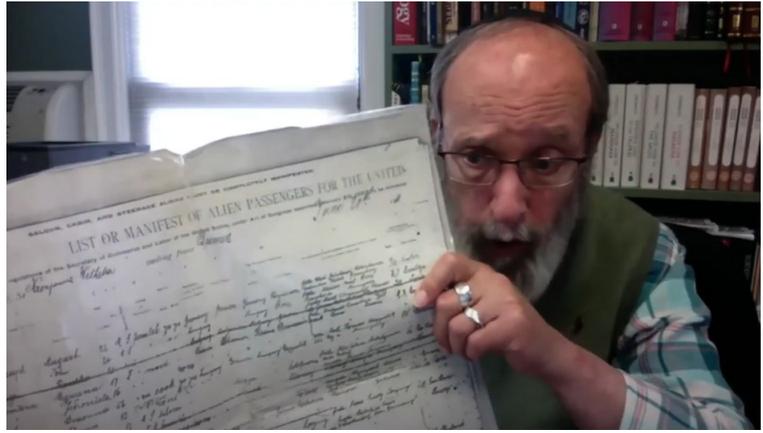


Friday, November 26 at 1:30pm

Jewish Genealogy as a Spiritual Pilgrimage

A Community Scholar Program (CSP) Event

Arthur Kurzweil, will explain how to successfully climb your family tree and why this pursuit can be a life-changing spiritual experience. Find out why there is no better time than now to begin or to continue your family history research--and how to do it! Often described as America's foremost Jewish genealogist, Arthur Kurzweil's name has become synonymous with Jewish genealogical research. His highly praised book, *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your*



Jewish Genealogy and Family History, has become known as the definitive guidebook to the field. Kurzweil has spoken before hundreds of Jewish groups on a variety of topics related to Jewish genealogy. A co-founder of the very first Jewish Genealogical Society in the 1970's, today there are nearly 70 Jewish Genealogical Societies throughout the world. Kurzweil has also authored two books in the for Dummies series: *Kabbalah for Dummies* and *The Torah for Dummies*. His other books are *On the Road with Rabbi Steinsaltz*, *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy* and *My Generations: A Course in Jewish Family History*, which is commonly used as a textbook at synagogue schools in the United States. Kurzweil was born in New York City, was raised in East Meadow, New York, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from New College at Hofstra University in 1971 and a Master of Library Science from Florida State University in 1972. (1 hr 15 min)

Friday, November 26 at 3:00pm

One Last Chapter: Changing Conceptions on the End of Life

A One Day University Event

If we've learned anything in recent months, it's that death can come at any time. Yet, most people would prefer to avoid the topic entirely. That strategy might provide short-term comfort, but not for long-term planning. Professor Carpenter maintains that everyone, no matter their age, should give death its due—learn about it, reflect on it, take charge and become informed.



The experience of dying and death in the United States has changed dramatically over the last 100 years. Technological and biomedical advances have transformed where and how we die, and attitudes and customs have shifted as a result. This class begins with an overview of the evolution of dying and death in the United States, highlighting changes in causes of mortality, the experience of dying, and attitudes about death as they're reflected in not only healthcare, but also the arts, media, and culture. We then close with a more

practical discussion about the importance of planning for the end of life and the innovative, evidence-based tools and resources that are available to help everyone master their last act.

BRIAN CARPENTER---WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Brian Carpenter is a professor of psychology at Washington University in St. Louis. His primary research interests focus on relationships among older adults, their family members, and their health care providers. In particular, he studies communication among those three parties, with an eye toward developing interventions to improve knowledge and enhance health literacy. Dr. Carpenter teaches at the undergraduate and graduate level that address the psychological needs of older adults, with an emphasis on end-of-life care and dementia, and has received the David Hadas Teaching Award at Wash U.
