

The Continuing Education Committees of Congregations
Gates of Prayer and Beth Israel
present



UNIVERSITY OF WEST ESPLANADE

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
March 23, 30 and April 6

March 23 **Judaism Comes Back To Life in Post-Communist Europe** **Dr. Mari Rethelyi, Loyola University**



Following World War II and the takeover of Eastern Europe by Communism, Jewish life seemed extinguished. Yet in recent years we have witnessed its revival. Learn about this positive phenomenon.

March 30 **The Changing Political Landscape of the Middle East** **Dr. Behrooz Moazami, Director of Middle East Peace Studies, Loyola University**



The fall of Mubarek in Egypt, regime change in Tunisia, protests in Iran... The Middle East is experiencing historic changes. Can there be democracy? How will Israel be affected? What might be next?

April 6 **Mordecai Kaplan and the Roots of Reconstructionist Judaism** **Dr. Michael Cohen, Director of Jewish Studies, Tulane University**



In the early 20th century Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan offered a unique view of the evolution of Judaism and the Jewish people. Raised in Orthodoxy, teaching at Jewish Theological Seminary, this seminal thinker laid the foundation for a fourth expression of Judaism in America and influenced all of Judaism.

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