

“The Jewish Community in Italy”
Sunday, January 21, 2-4 p.m.
Presentation by Dr. William Tortolano
Temple Sinai, 500 Swift Street

Dr. William Tortolano, a long time student of this distinctive community, will present a power point presentation with music and commentary, exploring the distinct culture of the Jewish community in Italy. Neither Sephardi or Ashkenazi, the Italian-Jewish community, centered in Rome for over 2,000 years, is one of the oldest in the world. Today, there are 17 synagogues in Rome, of which the Tempio Maggiore di Roma is the largest with 10,000 members. No trip to Rome is complete without a visit to this vibrant community. Refreshments served. Free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

THE NEWARK BOYS CHORUS: 5 p.m. McCarthy Arts Center Recital Hall, Saint Michael’s College, 1 Winooski Park, Colchester. The Newark Boys Chorus and Praise Dancer, Shahkylah Morris perform as part of the Saint Michael’s College Martin Luther King Convocation Week. The celebrated Newark Boys Chorus performs throughout the U.S. and internationally, including world-renowned venues such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, and cathedrals throughout Europe. Doors open at 4:35 p.m. Free and open to the public.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

LOCAL MILITIAS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR: 2 p.m. Ethan Allen Homestead Museum, 1 Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington. Award-winning author of books on American military history, Robert Grandchamp, will challenge your perception of the role the common American helped play in the American Revolution. Free admission. Donations appreciated. For more information: www.ethanallenhomestead.org.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE PUBLIC HEARING: 5:30-8 p.m. State House, House Chamber, Second Floor, 115 State Street, Montpelier. The Vermont Legislature holds a public hearing on Access to Primary Health Care. Witnesses can begin signing up to speak at 5 p.m. Witness testimony is limited to three minutes. For more information or to submit written testimony, contact the House Health Care Committee, 802828-2264, lstarr@leg.state.vt.us.

BLOOD DRIVE: 12-6 p.m. St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road. St. John Vianney Church hosts an American Red Cross blood drive. January is National Blood Donor Month.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

VT BIRD PRESENTATION: 6:30 p.m. Burnham Library Community Room, 898 Main Street, Colchester. Green Mountain Audubon Society presents “Vermont’s Birds and Our Agricultural Heritage.” Maeve Kim, Vermont bird expert and author of *Ivy’s Optics*, talks about changes in the land itself and how people have used the land, leading to changes in bird life and other wildlife. Free and open to the public. For more information: greenmountainaudubon.org.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

SOUTH BURLINGTON ROTARY CLUB: 7:30-8:30 a.m. Sheraton Burlington. Program: Maggie Leugers, Rotarian. For more information: southburlingtonrotary.org.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON DIVERSITY: 6:30-8 p.m. Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School cafeteria, 500 Dorset Street. An evening of dialogue and learning on diversity, equity, inclusion, and racial justice featuring University of Vermont staff members Troy Headrick, assistant director at the Office of Student Conduct, and Step UP Bystander Intervention Coordinator Annie Valentine. Community partners include the South Burlington Community Library, PACT, Big Picture SB, Muslim Girls Making Change, SBHS Refugee Outreach Club, and Healthy Schools South Burlington. Free and open to the public. Recommended for grades eight and up. For more information: Susie Merrick at 802-652-7035.

AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL: 7 p.m. Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Road, Jericho. The Jericho Energy Task Force hosts a showing of former Vice President Al Gore's documentary *An Inconvenient Sequel*. Question and answer session to follow along with a facilitated discussion led by Tom Hughes, the energy independent Vermont campaign manager for Vermont Public Interest Research Group. Refreshments served, but as a waste-free event, bring your own mugs and plates. For more information: contact Larry Lamb at lblamb@hotmail.com.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

MLK WEEK POETRY SLAM FESTIVAL: 7-9 p.m. McCarthy Arts Center Recital Hall, Saint Michael’s College, 1 Winooski Park, Colchester. Featuring some of the best upcoming and established poetry slam artists including Olivia Gatwood from New York, G. Yamazawa from

California, and the locally known Muslim Girls Making Change, with founding member SBHS senior Kiran Waqar.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

BIRD MONITORING WALK: 8-9 a.m. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington. All birders welcome on the monthly “Last Saturdays” monitoring walk outdoors on the museum's trails in forest and meadow. Coffee afterwards, indoors, at our viewing window. Most fun for adults and older children. Bring your own binoculars. Free. Pre-register at museum@birdsofvermont.org, 802-434-2167.

ONGOING

RADIO AMATEURS OF NORTHERN VT: 7 p.m. Second Tuesday of each month. Wheeler House, 1100 Dorset Street. RANV is a club consisting of 100 radio enthusiasts. A mix of technical and light-hearted topics, with a refreshment break for meeting friends and making new ones. Anyone with an interest in ham radio is invited to join. For more information, call Mitch at 802-879-6589 or visit the club's website at www.ranv.org.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHORUS: 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Saint Francis School, Winooski. Join men of all ages to sing a cappella, barbershop style. For more information: Dick Labreque, 802-864-5439.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY CHESS CLUB: 7 p.m. Thursdays. Lake Champlain Waldorf School, 122 Boswick Road, Shelburne. Novice and experts welcome. \$2. For more information: Dave Carter 802-324-1143.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY STAMP CLUB: 6:15 p.m. First Wednesday of each month. GE Healthcare, 40 IDX Drive. For more information: 802-660-4817.

SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS: VFW Post 782, 176 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington.

Open to the public. LINE DANCING 6-9 p.m., Thursdays – class at 6 p.m./dance at 7 p.m. BAR BINGO, Fridays, \$1 card. DANCING/LIVE BAND: 7-11 p.m. Saturdays, \$6. For more information: 864-6532.

VT ADULT LEARNING: GED testing three times a month. For more information: 846-7245.