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## EX-DETROIT PROFESSOR RETURNS TO LECTURE

Bar-Ilan University Professor Tamar Ross, a renowned expert on Jewish thought, will be speaking on “The Role of Doubt in the Thinking of Rav Kook.”



Tamar Ross

Abraham Isaac Kook, the chief rabbi of the Yishuv (pre-state Israel) in the 1910s and 1920s, was a pioneering thinker of Religious Zionism

and bridged the different outlooks of religious and secular Jews. Ross will explore how this remarkable worldview came to be and its relevance to present-day Israelis and American Jews of all stripes.

A native of Detroit and the daughter of Rabbi Max Wohlgeleinter, Ross made aliyah with her family when she was a teenager. She is one of the founders, along with Blu Greenberg, of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance and author of the highly acclaimed book *Expanding the Palace*

*of Torah: Orthodoxy and Feminism.*

The lecture will take place noon Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Max Fisher Federation Building, 6735 Telegraph in Bloomfield Township. It is sponsored by the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University and Federation's FedEd program.

There is a \$5 charge for the event, which includes lunch. RSVP to (313) 577-2679 or [cohhnhaddowcenter@wayne.edu](mailto:cohhnhaddowcenter@wayne.edu). \*

## MUMFORD CLASS OF '66 50-YEAR REUNION

The 50-year reunion of the Mumford High School class of 1966 will take place Saturday, Nov. 19, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

For details, call Geri Fischman at (248) 933-2838. \*

## NYC BENEFIT AIDS CANCER CENTER

The Gifts of Art benefit, held Sept. 9 at the National Arts Club in New York City, had a strong Detroit connection. It was in memory of Detroit native Laura (Burdick) Sherman, who died from breast cancer last year. Her sister, Alice (Burdick) Schweiger, wanted to honor her and give back to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where Laura was treated.

“I called Sloan Kettering and asked if I could do a fundraiser in Laura’s name, and we partnered,” said Schweiger, who moved with her family to New York from Ann Arbor 17 years ago.

Needing a theme, Schweiger, who is a writer but also has been painting at the famed Arts Student’s League of New York, created Gifts of Art. “I got 21 artists who all study art at the league to sell two paintings each — half the proceeds were to be donated to breast cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.”

One of the participants is Schweiger’s friend and fellow Detroit native Emilie “EJ” Martin Palef. “I began painting at the League because of Emilie,” she explains. “Our 50th Mumford High School reunion was approaching and we discovered that we both lived in New York City. She was taking abstract painting at the League, and I joined her there — the rest is history.”

Wanting to raise as much money as possible for the fundraiser, Schweiger decided to have a raffle. The results were overwhelming; 60 grand raffle prizes were donated. Her daughter Melissa Schweiger Kleinman and son Eric Schweiger, who were both raised in Ann Arbor, have been very involved in the planning.

“We had people flying in from all over the country to attend, including a friend of mine from West Bloomfield,” said Schweiger. \*

## WELLNESS EVENTS AT FAMILY SERVICE

National Wellness Week free programs will be held at Jewish Family Service, 6555 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Speakers will cover a wide range of topics including:

- Protecting yourself from scams,

Thursday, Sept. 15, 3 p.m.

• Culinary art therapy, Friday, Sept. 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m. An RSVP is required for the culinary event because space is limited. Contact Megan Pudlik at (248) 592-2269 or [mpudlik@jfsdetroit.org](mailto:mpudlik@jfsdetroit.org). \*

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