March 2025 Program Guide

Everyone is welcome!





Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM





The Mirowitz Center offers a special place for older adults to connect and engage. Just take a quick look inside this guide, and you'll find a wide variety of online and in-person programs and events, all available at no or nominal cost. And we're conveniently located in the Covenant Place II Cahn Family Building on the Millstone Campus.

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Your Place to Connect





Get Your Game On! *Every Monday – March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 10 AM to 4 PM (free & in person)

Join us at the Mirowitz Center to play Mahjong, bridge, poker, or Mexican Train dominoes – whatever you like! Please plan to coordinate your group's schedule and any needed substitutions. All Mahj beginners are welcome – experienced volunteers are typically on hand to provide instructions and guidance. (If you're looking for other players, feel free to drop in to see what groups are available and/or are needing participants.) No cost to register, but RSVP required. Game on!



Tech Tutor: Hardware Helper *Every Monday – March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 10 AM to 2:30 PM (free & in person)

If you're looking for one-to-one assistance with technology devices or to acquire new skills, appointments are available at the Mirowitz Center! Tech Tutor's in-person sessions are led by tech teacher, <u>Larry</u> <u>Edison</u>. Sessions can be scheduled for 30 or 60 minutes. No cost to register, but RSVP required.

Program supported by a grant from the Women's Auxiliary Foundation for Jewish Aged.



St. Louis Cardinals of the '60s Tuesday, March 4 10 to 11 AM (free & in person)

Who can forget the excitement of the 1960s St. Louis Cardinals and legendary players such as pitcher Bob Gibson, third-baseman Ken Boyer, left-fielder Lou Brock and center-fielder Curt Flood? Certainly not Ed Wheatley – President of the St. Louis Browns Historical Society and author of the book, *St. Louis Cardinals: Everything You Need to Know*. Join Ed and relive those thrilling pennant races, two memorable World Series championships (1964 and 1967), and the unique challenges and triumphs that shaped this tumultuous decade. No cost to register, but RSVP required.



Program is provided with FEL (Friends Enjoying Life), the Mirowitz Center men's organization.





Crafty Needles *Every Wednesday – March 5, 12, 19 & 26 1 to 2 PM (free & in person)

Want to enhance your knitting or crocheting skills, or help teach others? Instructors make learning easy, accessible, and fun! From beginner to advanced, everyone can work on group projects, on their own, or just socialize with others. No cost to register, but RSVP required.



Mirowitz Center Community Singers *Every Wednesday – March 5, 12, 19 & 26 2 to 3:30 PM (free & in person)

Sing the songs you love! Singers and non-singers – all are welcome! No experience is necessary. Professional musician, <u>Robert Denison</u>, conducts this group. No cost to register, but RSVP required.



Anti-Virus & Malware – Removal Programs Thursday, March 6 12 NOON to 1:30 PM (free & in person)

Did you know that viruses are only one type of malware that can harm your computer? In this lecture <u>Mirowitz Center Trainer Daniel Landsbaum</u> covers anti-virus programs and malware-remover software, and explains how these tools can be used to prevent and eliminate malware infections. Learn how to keep your devices safe! No cost to register, but RSVP required.



Guiding & Writing Autobiographies

*Every Friday – March 7, 14, 21 & 28 and April 4 & 11 12 NOON to 1 PM (free & in-person)

Writing an autobiography is a great way to memorialize thoughts and emotions as well as your own experiences. <u>Dr. Maxine Mirowi</u>tz, registered yoga teacher and leader of the Storywriter's Guild, is back to help provide six weeks of guidance and inspiration as you write your personal narrative. No cost to register, but RSVP required.

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Movies @ Mirowitz *Every Friday 1 to 3 PM (free & in person)

Friday, March 7: "Queen Bees" (2021)

Friday, March 14: "Cabaret" (1972)

Friday, March 21: "Unsung Hero" (2024)

Friday, March 28: "When Harry Met Sally" (1989)

*14-foot screen and top-notch sound system No cost to attend, but RSVP required – see you at the movies!



The Week in Review Tuesday, March 11 10 to 11 AM (free & online)

The news can be upsetting and concerning – so join the conversation with a community that values knowledge, respect, and the art of informed opinions! Expertly moderated by <u>Harvey Gerstein and Marilyn Alton</u>, this is a forum for thoughtful discussion about the most pressing stories of the week. No cost to register, but RSVP required.



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The ABCs of Judaism

*Every Second Tuesday – March 11 12 NOON to 1 PM (free & in person)

Judaism has its own "ABCs" – teachings to guide your life. Join the engaging and inspiring <u>Rabbi Ze'ev Smason</u> at his monthly in-person program. No cost to register, but RSVP required.

TOPIC: *Purim: Can Good Emerge From Dire Situations?*





Caring Together Support Group *Every Second Tuesday – March 11 2 to 3:30 PM (free & in person)

Caring for a loved one and finding it isolating? Led by <u>Joan Hirst, MA</u> of NORC-JFS St. Louis, this monthly group offers a safe space for connecting with others. Share caregiving experiences, access valuable resources, and receive peer support. Sign up for every month you plan to attend. No cost to register, but RSVP required.

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Grief & Bereavement Support Group *Every Second Wednesday – March 12 10 to 11 AM (free & in person)

Led by <u>Nikki Adams, MSW, LMSW</u> – a trained facilitator with Provident Behavioral Health – this monthly group is a compassionate and supportive space for older adults to navigate the journey of grief. Share experiences, find comfort, and build connections. Sign up for every month you plan to attend. No cost to register, but RSVP required.

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Hamantashen Baking for Purim Wednesday, March 12 1:30 to 2:30 PM (\$10 & in person)

Get ready to celebrate Purim with a hands-on baking experience! <u>Master baker Chana'la Rubenfeld</u> will teach the art of dough preparation, filling, and shaping delicious hamantashen, the iconic triangular treats of this Jewish holiday, without making a mess in your kitchen! Plus, you'll leave with a batch of your very own hamantashen to share. (\$10 fee for baking supplies). RSVP required.

Co-sponsored by Chabad of Chesterfield and provided with the GGs (Gals on the Go), the Mirowitz Center Women's Organization.

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Beyond the Spotlight: Jewish Values in the Theatre Thursday, March 13 12:30 to 1:30 PM (free & in person)

An engaging five-part series that explores emerging Jewish themes in the plays. Each session features insights from The New Jewish Theatre's artistic team, lively discussions with a rabbi, and a special discount on play tickets. Set against the backdrop of rising Nazism, *Cabaret* examines Jewish life, identity, and assimilation as the Holocaust looms. <u>Rabbi Amy Feder</u> of Congregation Temple Israel will lead this thought-provoking discussion. No cost to register, but RSVP required

Co-sponsored by The New Jewish Theatre.





How to Choose a New Computer Thursday, March 13 1 to 2:30 PM (free & in person)

This informational session addresses some of the most common questions surrounding how to choose a new computer: Where to start? What's a reliable brand? How much should you budget? <u>Mirowitz Center</u> <u>Trainer Daniel Landsbaum</u> also will cover operating systems and compare alternatives to the traditional computer such as tablets and Chromebooks. No cost to register, but RSVP required.



Improv for Life Theatre Group Thursday, March 13 2 to 3 PM (free & in person)

Whether you're new to improvisation, or have some experience, this class offers a supportive and playful environment with The New Jewish Theatre's <u>Rebekah Scallet</u> – a stage director, educator, and arts leader who has over 20 years of experience in theatre and improv. No scripts, no memorization, no pressure – just laughter and learning! No cost to register, but RSVP required.



Current Conditions in the Economy & Capital Markets Tuesday – March 18 10 to 11 AM (free & in person)

<u>Mike Ferman</u>, a former partner at RubinBrown Advisors and the founder and managing director of its financial planning and investment advisory practice, will discuss current conditions in the economy and capital markets, including the New York Stock Exchange and Wall Street. No cost to register, but RSVP required.



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St. Louis Symphony 2025 Tuesday, March 18 1:30 to 2:30 PM (free & in person)

Spring is just around the corner, and it's the perfect time to welcome back the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra! This beautiful concert – featuring <u>Assistant Concertmaster Hannah Ji</u> and <u>Associate Principal</u> <u>Violist Alejandro Valdepeñas</u> – promises to uplift everyone who's yearning for longer days, warmer temps and blooming flowers. No cost to register, but RSVP required.

Co-sponsored by St. Louis NORC.



St. Louis County LibraryBetween the Covers Book Club*Every Third Thursday – March 2010 to 11 AM (free & online)

Reference Librarian Hillary Peppers facilitates an online book club every third Thursday of each month.

*Book selection for March: *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano

*St. Louis County Library also is at the Mirowitz Center from 10 to 11 AM every other Friday. Reserve all of your library selections and, while you're at it, get a copy of the book club pick! This month the Library will be here March 7th and 21st.





Intro to Selling Online Thursday, March 20 1 to 2:30 PM (free & in person)

Want to make some extra money while decluttering? Online marketplaces make it easy to sell almost anything – from unique collectibles and vintage fashion to handmade crafts! <u>Mirowitz Center Ray White</u> introduces different online platforms for selling all kinds of Items, plus cover some tips and best practices for avoiding scams. No cost to register, but RSVP required.







Sand, Ships, and Synagogues: Reflections on Archaeological Discoveries Tuesday, March 25 10 to 11 AM (free & in person)

<u>Sid Goldstein</u>, former Associate Director and Curator of Ancient and Islamic Art at the Saint Louis Art Museum, shares captivating stories from his archaeological journeys across Israel and Turkey – including a defining moment in his career while working in Sardis in Western Turkey. Sid will discuss the site's monumental ancient synagogue, the features of which continue to reshape our understanding of Jewish communities in antiquity. Don't miss this fascinating exploration of history, art and discovery! No cost to register, but RSVP required.

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MindMatters Support Group *Every Fourth Tuesday – March 25 10 to 11 AM (free & in person)

Monthly group led by Provident Behavioral Health facilitator Nicole (Nikki) Adams, MSW, LMSW. A safe, welcoming space to share experiences, feelings, and thoughts with other adults experiencing the challenges of aging. No cost to register, but RSVP required.

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The Beatles Launch the British Invasion **Tuesday, March 25** 1 to 2:30 PM (free & in person)

University instructor <u>Neil Davis</u> is back! This eight-part series picks up in late 1962, when The Beatles stepped into EMI studios for the first time, meeting producer George Martin. Over the next 18 months, the Fab Four released four No. 1 singles and two No. 1 albums. Who could have ever foreseen that four shaggy-haired young men from Liverpool would launch the British Invasion, charm reporters and fans, and change the music industry and world forever? No cost to register, but RSVP required.



The Rabbi is IN! *Every Fourth Wednesday – March 26 3 to 4 PM (free & online)

On the fourth Wednesday of every month, join <u>Rabbi Neal Rose</u> for an online discussion with a Jewish theme. No cost to register, but RSVP required.





Fighting Bigotry & Hatred: Lindbergh Legacy Thursday – March 27 1 to 2 PM (free & in person)

Charles Lindbergh may have been the "Pride of St. Louis," but his legacy is complicated. Last year, the *St. Louis Jewish Light* published a groundbreaking article about this very disturbing point: Lindbergh was an international celebrity with a loud microphone and a great admiration for Nazi Germany and Adolf Hitler, passionately arguing against U.S. involvement in World War II. This 90-minute panel discussion features <u>Shula Neuman</u>, who researched and wrote the article; <u>Ellen Futterman</u>, Editor-in-Chief of the *Jewish Light*; and <u>Helen Turner</u>, Director of Education at the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum. No cost to register, but RSVP required.

Co-sponsored by ADL Heartland, the American Jewish Committee, Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis, and St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum.



Mirowitz Center Exercise Classes *Every Monday through Friday 11:15 AM to 12 NOON (\$5 fee/class & in person)

All techniques and combinations are demonstrated both sitting and standing.

- Monday: "Fitness with an Edge" with instructor Charlie Foxman
- Tuesday: "Music, Movement & Dance" with instructor <u>Xinye Wu</u>, RPI
- Wednesday: "Strength & Conditioning" with instructor <u>Ryan Hodap</u>, RPI
- Thursday: "Tai Chi" with instructor <u>Scott Uselmann</u>, RPI
- Friday: "Chair Yoga" with instructor <u>Maxine Mirowitz</u>