

Israeli Folk Dance Café Evening

Jewish Studies 98 and 198 – Israeli Folk Dance DeCal

ASSIGNMENT

You will be required to go to one Café Evening-style event as part of the 2nd unit curriculum of this class. You must be in attendance for 2 hours. After your attendance, read/watch the following resources about two of Los Angeles's most famous Café Evening venues in the 1980s:

1. Video about Café Danssa: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuMW4_uAakE
2. Article about The Intersection: http://www.phantomranch.net/folkdanc/coffeehs/the_i_remember.htm
3. Look at pictures of the two venues.

The Intersection here: http://www.phantomranch.net/folkdanc/coffeehs/the_i.htm

Danssa here: http://www.phantomranch.net/folkdanc/coffeehs/cafe_danssa.htm

Write a ***maximum 6 sentence*** response comparing and contrasting your experience, Café Danssa, and The Intersection. Especially pay attention to the following things: (1) the teachers/leaders – how were alike or different?, (2) the owners, (3) the physical layout of the rooms, (4) other types of dancing done there (i.e., non-Israeli), (5) non-dance elements (the food, talking, etc., and (6) your personal reaction to each of the venues.

Due ***Tuesday, April 20, 2010***. Submit via ***bSpace***.

HOW TO FIND A CAFÉ EVENING

It is highly recommended that you go to Café Simcha, in nearby Kensington. The Jewish Studies Department will pay your admission fee (\$5) for the one night you attend to satisfy the course requirement. They will have your name on a list, and you will simply state your name at the door. Their information is:

Café Simcha, Wednesday Nights, 8-11:30 PM (Instruction will be about 8-9:15)

Location: Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington

Admission: \$5 (Jewish Studies will pay the admission fee for one night)

Website: <http://www.cafesimcha.org>

Transportation: You may take the # 7 AC Transit bus to the event. Carpooling with other students (or facilitators) who have a car is also an option.

You may attend a different Café Evening. Also, special one-time-only Israeli Dance evenings are permitted. However, the Jewish Studies Dep't. cannot pay your admission at a different venue, and finding transportation may be more difficult. In the Bay Area, there are the following regular events:

1. Every Monday night in Sunnyvale (South Bay). See <http://louitucker.com> for details.
2. Every Thursday night in Palo Alto (South Bay). Email sababadance@yahoo.com for details.
3. Once a month in SF. Email rosannah@earthlink.net for details.

Also, there are some one-time-only events coming up. (More will be announced in class.)

1. First Saturday of every month, 7:30 P.M.-1 A.M. Mountain View, CA. Email Karinani@gmail.com or see the Facebook event.
2. "Nostalgia night" is currently in the works, by Mark Tischler and Loui Tucker. More details TBA if it happens.