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## Oshman Family JCC in Palo Alto Presents 2024–2025 Cultural Arts Season

Featuring Ruth Reichl, Huu Bac Quintet, Six13 A Capella,  
Ronnie Marmo as Lenny Bruce and more

**PALO ALTO, CA—July 25, 2024—**The Oshman Family JCC is pleased to announce a diverse line-up for the 2024–2025 Cultural Arts season. Experience the magic of storytelling with bestselling authors and producers, get lost in the melodies of internationally renowned musicians and immerse yourself in the captivating performances of world-class theatre artists.

The OFJCC will host culinary trailblazer and former *Gourmet* magazine editor **Ruth Reichl** where she'll tell us everything she knows about food and her journey from chef to restaurant critic. Experience the captivating **Kommuna Lux**, the Ukrainian band utilizing music's transformative power to embark on a significant global journey. Then, join us for a unique fusion of Chinese and Vietnamese heritage with jazz with multi-instrumentalist, **Huu Bac** and his quintet.

Begin the holiday season with a festive Hanukkah concert with the critically acclaimed six-man a cappella vocal band, **Six13**. Follow the concert with a Broadway-style performance honoring the life and struggles of the controversial comedian, **Lenny Bruce**. Don't miss this special behind-the-scenes look into the world of relationships and matchmaking with **Aleeza Ben Shalom** from Netflix's *Jewish Matchmaking*, then spring into the air with the **Flying Karamazov Brothers** as they dazzle you with their eccentric lunatics, theatrics and laugh-out-loud comedy.



## An Evening With Food Icon and Author, Ruth Reichl

Saturday, 9/14/24 | 7:00 PM

Culinary icon and author Ruth Reichl is one of the most influential voices in the food world. In addition to being a bestselling author, Ruth Reichl has been a judge on Bravo's "Top Chef Master" and hosted The Food Network's *Eating Out Loud*. She was Editor-in-Chief of *Gourmet Magazine* from 1999 to 2009. Ruth broke new barriers in documentary features by teaming up with director Laura Gabbert to produce and headline the film *Food and Country*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2023. The work stems from Ruth's connections and insights into the fate of small farmers, ranchers and chefs as they wrestle with the immediate and systemic challenges behind an ever-more-consolidating food industry. As a culinary trailblazer, Ruth speaks about everything food, from her start as a chef and later as a restaurant critic, to the changing landscape of food writing, current trends in cuisine and issues of food policy.

Tickets are for \$65 for general admission. More information can be found at [paloaltojcc.org/reichl](https://paloaltojcc.org/reichl) or by calling (650) 223-8649. [More](#)



## Kommuna Lux Concert

Thursday, 9/26/24 | 7:00 PM

Experience the dynamic energy of Kommuna Lux, the Ukrainian band bringing the sounds of Klezmer, Balkan and Ukrainian folk to stages around the globe. When adversity struck their homeland in 2022, they transformed their shock into action, realizing their music could inspire. Their European tour wasn't just a musical journey; it was a heartfelt mission to raise funds and support for Ukraine. Their passion and talent captivated audiences in Germany and Poland, making them the top choice for Klezmer music. After their triumphant US tour in 2023, they established a 501-c3 nonprofit, creating an even more accessible way to stand with Ukraine.

Tickets are for \$60 for general admission, \$45 for students and seniors. More information can be found at [paloaltojcc.org/lux](https://paloaltojcc.org/lux) or by calling (650) 223-8649. [More](#)



## Huu Bac Quintet

**Saturday, 9/28/24 | 7:00 PM**

Huu Bac Quach, a renowned composer and multi-instrumentalist, established his quintet in the vibrant city of Montreal. The ensemble uniquely blends his Vietnamese and Chinese heritage with elements of jazz. Supported by a highly reputable team of musicians from the Montreal jazz scene, Huu Bac presents his original compositions, inspired by his extensive travels across Asia, Europe and South America. His music, characterized by its beauty and intensity, showcases his proficiency on a range of instruments including the dan bau (Vietnamese monochord), the erhu (Chinese fiddle), the quena (Andean flute) and the jazz guitar. The Huu Bac Quintet offers a unique musical dialogue, effectively bridging Asian, North and South American cultures in a dynamic performance.

Tickets are for \$40 for general admission, \$35 for seniors and students. More information can be found at [palaltojcc.org/huubac](https://palaltojcc.org/huubac) or by calling (650) 223-8649. [More](#)



## Six13 Hanukkah Special

**Sunday, 12/15/24 | 4:30 PM & 6:30 PM**

The groundbreaking, six-man a cappella group, Six13, will bring their unprecedented style and energy to the Oshman Family JCC on Sunday, December 15. Juxtaposing the traditional and the contemporary, Six13 is anchored by a strong Jewish identity, fueled by soulful harmonies, intricate arrangements and their signature dynamic, full-band-like sound, and driven by a mission to connect Jews around the world with their heritage through music. Eight award-winning albums have landed Six13 among the top Jewish music artists on iTunes and Spotify. They've been featured in national television and press like *The Today Show*, *The View*, *CBS*, *CNN*, *Huffington Post*, *Time Magazine* and more. They've even performed at the White House for a private audience of President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama and three Supreme Court justices (including RBG Z"L).

Tickets are \$50 for general admission, \$30 for student and child admission. More information can be found at [palaltojcc.org/six13](https://palaltojcc.org/six13) or by calling (650) 223-8649. [More](#)



## **I'm Not a Comedian... I'm Lenny Bruce**

**Saturday, 1/25/25 | 7:00 PM**

*"The best portrayal of my father I have ever seen."*

–Kitty Bruce (Daughter of Lenny)

Director Joe Mantegna and actor Ronnie Marmo bring this Broadway-style dramatical theater production chronicling the life and death of Lenny Bruce to the OFJCC. *I'm Not a Comedian... I'm Lenny Bruce* takes you into the life of the most controversial comedian and sheds light on his pain, sharply funny social commentary and completely original, freestyle comedy that left a lasting impact on today's poetry, politics, music and film.

Tickets are \$60 for general admission, \$45 for students and seniors. More information can be found at [paloaltojcc.org/bruce](http://paloaltojcc.org/bruce) or by calling (650) 223-8649. [More](#)



**Aleeza Ben Shalom LIVE  
The Jewish Matchmaker**

**Wednesday, 2/19/25 | 7:00 PM**

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable evening of love, laughter and insightful conversation as Aleeza Ben Shalom, the host of Netflix's *Jewish Matchmaking*, takes the stage in Palo Alto. On Wednesday, February 19, Aleeza will be sharing exclusive behind-the-scenes secrets, discussing her groundbreaking dating show, and providing live matchmaking on stage. Prepare to be mesmerized by her expertise and the enchanting atmosphere of the event. The event promises to be highly memorable, with live matchmaking, an opportunity for attendees to have their burning questions answered, and special surprises in store. Aleeza's magical je ne sais quoi will captivate the audience, leaving them inspired and entertained.

Tickets are \$65 for general admission, \$120 for the VIP Meet-n-Greet with a book included. More information can be found at [paloaltojcc.org/matchmaker](https://paloaltojcc.org/matchmaker) or by calling (650) 223-8649. [More](#)



## THE FLYING KARAMAZOV BROTHERS

Saturday, 4/26/25 | 7:00 PM

*"The Karamazovs deliver visual and verbal one-liners, all while creatively tossing about anything they can get their hands on!"*

*–The Wall Street Journal*

Featuring self-proclaimed eccentric lunatics, The Flying Karamazov Brothers spice things up with laugh-out-loud comedy, wild theatrics, arcane errata and astonishing juggling feats. For 50 years, the Karamazovs have captivated their audiences with their incredible juggling skills and cheap theatrics. Formed at UC Santa Cruz in 1973, the Karamazovs have been seen around the world, on Broadway, on television and on the big screen.

Tickets are \$55 for general admission and \$45 for students and children. More information can be found at [palaltojcc.org/flying](http://palaltojcc.org/flying) or by calling (650) 223-8649. [More](#)

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The Oshman Family Jewish Community Center (OFJCC) on the Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life serves the South Peninsula through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs. The OFJCC is a multi-generational Jewish neighborhood where all are welcome, and which seeks to enrich lives, build community and inspire Jewish journeys. The OFJCC provides a common ground for individuals, Jewish institutions and other local groups, organizations and individuals to work, learn, play and celebrate

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