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IN THE MATTER OF LISE MEITNER
 AND J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER-
 WHEN RELIGION, GENDER AND POLITICS
 WROTE THE SCRIPT

Presenter: David Bisno, M.D.
 Tuesdays, March 29, April 5, 12, 19
 9:30am—12:30pm
 Maravilla Clubhouse
 Tuesdays, Mar 29 & April 12
 1:00-3:00pm - MOVIE
 Maravilla Theater
 5486 Calle Real

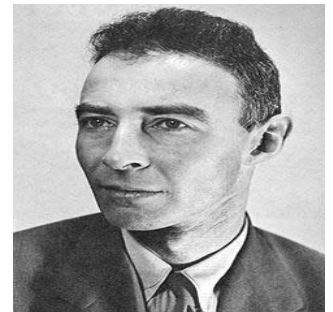


Lise Meitner

The story starts in Vienna, travels to Berlin, disappoints in Stockholm, develops at Berkeley, is tested in the sands of New Mexico and is destroyed in the halls of Washington. Viennese Lise Meitner fled Nazi Germany in the middle of the night, July 1938, carrying nothing but a small valise... leaving

behind everything she owned and upon which she had labored her entire career. Eight years later Meitner, co-discoverer with Otto Hahn of nuclear fission, watched as her colleague of 30 years ignored her and accepted the Nobel Prize alone for their joint research. That story leads directly to 'The Matter of J. Robert Oppenheimer,' his brilliant mind, his charismatic personality, his perseverance in using Lise's discovery to build an atomic bomb... and his destruction in our nation's capital due to the power of the state and in large part to what had happened at Berkeley.

A continuation of *Fin-de-Siècle Vienna*, our discussion of these two intersecting tales of genius and stupidity, loyalty and betrayal, will be rich with drama, films and music. The story will also include Neils Bohr, Werner Heisenberg, Marie Curie, Klaus Fuchs and Haakon Chevalier. Required will be your reading, prior to the start of class, of Ruth Sime's *Lise Meitner* and as the class progresses, any one of a number of books on 'Oppy.' Also, a provocative challenge as well as good camaraderie and delicious apfelstrudel await.



J. Robert Oppenheimer

ENROLLMENT FORM: Meitner & Oppenheimer

VISTAS Members \$40 per person — Non-members \$60 per person

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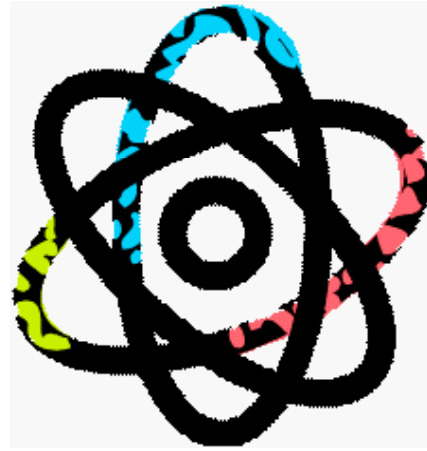
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Deadline for registration: March 15, 2011

BIOGRAPHY

David Bisno, M.D., a retired ophthalmologist with degrees from Harvard, Dartmouth, and the Washington University School of Medicine, has been an enthusiastic discussion leader for 18 years within lifelong learning institutes around the world. He returns to VISTAS from New England with his wife, Fay, eager to, once again, engage Santa Barbara 'silver-haired scholars' with a new, fascinating, provocative topic... with some of the roots here in California.



VISTAS Spring 2011 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Speak Up California	Tuesday, Mar 15	1:30-4:30pm	Valle Verde Theater
Documentary Club	Thursday, Mar 24	2:00PM	Maravilla Theater
Alice in Wonderland	Monday, April 11, 18	9:30-12Noon	Goleta Library
Those Sizzicks	Monday, May 2, 9, 16	1:30-4:30pm	Valle Verde Theater
Rivers of the World	Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18	1:30-4:30pm	Valle Verde Theater
Figaro	Tuesday, May 24, 31	1:30-4:30pm	Valle Verde Theater
Documentary Club	Thursday, May 26	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Panama Canal	Tuesday, June 14, 21, 28	1:30-4:30pm	Valle Verde Theater



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