



Presented by: David Bisno

Four Tuesdays: February 13, 20, 27, and March 5
9:30 a.m. – 12 noon, with supplemental films 1 – 3 p.m.

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With the Middle East in utter turmoil, during four intensive weeks we're going to ask important questions here in Santa Barbara. We won't settle the problems but, hopefully, we'll come to understand the competing claims, appreciate the history, and realize why a solution is so difficult. From Abraham to Herzl, from Arafat to Netanyahu, we'll ask:

What does the Bible have to do with it, anyway? Whose land has it been, anyway? Why can't these people just get along, anyway? Who is Jewish, anyway? ...and who has the Right of Return? Are all Muslims Arabs? Do all Arabs embrace Islam? Are all Israelis Jewish? Why Israel? Why the Jews? Can an "apartheid" government be "democratic"? Is there a solution? What might it look like?

It is suggested that you read one or all of these well-written books: *Israel – A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*, by Daniel Gordis, OR *My Promised Land*, by Ari Shavit, AND *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine*, by Rashid Khalidi. The books are available at Chaucer's and online.

Presentations will be accompanied by vivid, colorful, historical slides. You will be given an outline for each class to allow easy following. At 1 p.m. each afternoon, following lunch, we will view a riveting movie—the subject matter and narrative balanced between Palestinian and Jewish points of view. (Please see other side for information about lunch provisions.)

Take a deep breath. A challenge! We're all going to learn a lot.

----- **Preferred registration deadline*: February 6, 2024** -----

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: Whose Land Is It, Anyway?

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VISTAS members \$50; non-members \$75

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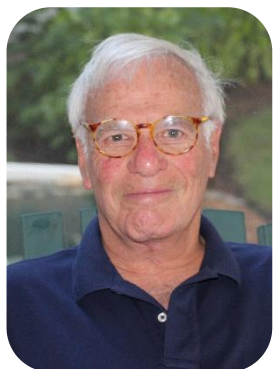
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Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

It is understood that attendance is limited to those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Enrollees are encouraged to remain on campus after the morning sessions in order to attend the afternoon film screenings, starting at 1:00 p.m. Thanks to the generosity of anonymous benefactors, a box lunch will be provided for all those who choose to attend the afternoon sessions.



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 on a myriad of topics within institutes for lifelong learning across our country and overseas for 30 years. He and his wife, Fay, were among the founders of Vistas in 1999. He has been a popular lecturer here in Santa Barbara ever since. David's intention is always to teach and stimulate discussion, not to advocate. Attendees of David's lectures have come to expect clear, understandable and entertaining presentations of nuanced and complex issues.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email (vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org) or text (805-967-6030). This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

VISTAS Winter/Spring 2024 Calendar

SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website (VistasLifelongLearning.org) frequently!

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
VISTAS Winter Social	Sunday, February 4	1:30 pm	The Music Academy
Fiction Book Club	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
The SB Civil Grand Jury: The Public's Watchdog	Mon. Jan. 8 and 15	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Not Just a Pretty Place: Science at SB Botanic Garden	Tues. Jan. 9	1:00 pm	SB Botanic Garden
Legendary Lovers in Opera	Tues. Jan. 23, 30, Wed. Feb. 7	9:30 am	The Music Academy
The Hapsburgs	Thurs. Jan. 25 and Feb. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Five Good Emperors	Mon. Feb. 5	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Celebrating 100 Years of the Granada Theatre	Mon. Feb. 12	1:00 pm	Grenada Theatre
Whose Land Is It, Anyway?	Tues. Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5	9:30 am	The Music Academy
The Climate Crisis: Where We Are, What We Can Do	Weds. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>The Lafayette Escadrille and The Millionaires' Unit</i>	Thurs. Feb. 29, Mar. 7	1:00 pm	Valle Verde Theater
Conserving the Gaviota Coast, in Pictures and Stories	Mon. March 4	9:30 am	Bethany Cong. Church
Annual Short Story Discussion Group, Section 1	Wed. Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27	1:00 pm	Valle Verde Social Room
Annual Short Story Discussion Group, Section 2	Thurs. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28	1:00 pm	Montecito Covenant Church
Heroes & Rogues, Series 5	Mon. Mar. 11, 18, 25	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
American Folk Music Revival of the 20th Century	Mon. April 1, 8, 15, 22	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
String Quartets in the Vienna in Beethoven's Time	Wed. April 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	The Music Academy
Will China (Still) Eat Our Lunch?	Thurs. April 4	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>Sinkable: Adventures with Shipwrecks</i>	Wed. April 24	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Golden Age of the Broadway Musical	Fri. May 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	The Music Academy
Artistic Renderings of Human Body / Women Artists	Mon. May 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Magic Behind TV Music	Wed. May 8	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
13,000 Years of Local Maritime History / Whales	Mon. May 13	9:30 am	SB Maritime Museum
The Immigration Conundrum	Wed. May 15, 23	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church