



RitLab

Ritual Laboratory

Create. Schmooze. Nosh.

Thursday Nights at the Contemporary Jewish Museum

July 8 – Aug 26, 2010 | 6 – 8 PM

Free with Museum admission. Admission is \$5 after 5 PM on Thursdays.

Inspired by the coast-to-coast D-I-Y craft movement, the CJM presents a new series of casual after-work Thursday night Drop-Ins. **RitLab** invites you to take inspiration from the current exhibition *Reinventing Ritual* “into your own hands” by creating art with friends, food, drink, and a dose of schmoozing to sweeten the deal. Creative guidance provided freely.

July 8 | The Open Mind: Exploring the pursuit of lifelong learning

Design linoleum-print bookplates for your most treasured volumes. Carve into linoleum, and then ink and print onto stickers and papers, creating a collection of bookplates that can celebrate, personalize, and beautify. *Presented in collaboration with Berkeley Hillel and Lehrhaus Judaica.*

July 15 | Enter Stage Right: Welcoming new beginnings

Celebrate the cycles of life by crafting a mandala out of colorful tiles. Sketch a circular design inspired by a new beginning in your life, and then use a variety of mosaic styles, colors, and shapes to create a personalized piece of art. *Presented in collaboration with Jewish Milestones.*

July 22 | Dancing With Timbrels: Celebrating womanhood

Create personalized amulets that celebrate womanhood. Explore motifs common to this art form, and then use pendants, beads, and a variety of other materials to design your own amulet, incorporating inspired symbols and written inscriptions throughout the process. *Presented in collaboration with Congregation Beth Israel Judea Sisterhood, Hadassah Diablo Valley Chapter, International Museum of Women, and Sholom Women of Peninsula Temple Sholom.*

July 29 | An Everything Bagel: Recognizing diversity in today's culture

Design a glowing lantern that casts a welcoming light on everyone in your home or at your table. Using inspiration from Israeli-based kinetic artist Yaacov Agam, combine paper, wire, and your imagination to sculpt multi-color lanterns that invite peace and good cheer into your space. *Presented in collaboration with The Jewish Welcome Network.*

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August 5 | Musical Keys to the Present- Creating musical accompaniments for life

Craft your own instrument and use the power of music to harness the present moment. Choose a variety of both new and recycled materials for the body of your instrument, and then add personalized embellishments to make it your own. *Presented in collaboration with The Bowls Project by Jewlia Eisenberg and Charming Hostess at YBCA and supported by the California Institute for Integral Studies (CIIS) / Public Programs.*

August 12 | Home Sweet Home: Mapping your place in the world

Design your own metal-embossed art piece that points “homeward,” be it physical, spiritual, or metaphorical. Metal embossing techniques, including patterning, lettering, and coloring, will result in a work of art that serves as a reminder of the sacred spaces you call home. *Presented in collaboration with Tzavta, the Young Adult Community at Temple Emanu-El, Birthright Israel Bay Area, and San Francisco Hillel.*

August 19 | What's on Your Plate: Examining our relationship to food

Gather together as you learn to pickle, bringing intentionality to the journey from farm to table. Visit the gourmet pickle bar to learn the ins and outs of pickling, and then create a homemade stamp to artfully design jars, including labels, tops, and tags. *Presented in collaboration with Hazon, The Social Justice Committee at Temple Emanu-El, and Wilderness Torah. Nosh provided by Bi-Rite.*

August 26 | Over the Rainbow: Honoring gender inclusiveness and diversity

Create a miniature book to carry words to remember and live by. Explore the world of bookbinding, including artful papering and decorative finishing techniques. Then take it to the next level by adding calligraphic words of wisdom, from both traditional sources and your own imagination. *Presented in collaboration with Sha'ar Zahav, LGBT Alliance of the Jewish Community Federation, and Nehirim.*

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