Embark on a captivating journey through Jewish history, resilience, and achievement in this enlightening lecture series, presented in collaboration with OLLI at FIU and the VI! These lectures promise to offer a rich tapestry of Jewish life, influence, and triumphs across various spheres.

**Nazi Hunter Fritz Bauer - a Heroic Story**

Adolf Eichmann was apprehended by Mossad agents in Argentina and tried in Israel. Yet, the pivotal role of German-Jewish attorney general Fritz Bauer in divulging Eichmann’s location remains lesser known. Join OLLI Director and historian Anette Isaacs in commemorating Bauer, a true hero who confronted post-war Germany’s collective guilt and denial, and catalyzed the Auschwitz Trials of the mid-1960s.

*Wednesday, January 17 at 11:00 am*

**A Hollywood Brat’s Perspective on Jewish Impact on Entertainment**

Dr. Kurt F. Stone grew up in the heart of Hollywood. With a mother in the performing arts and a father as a leading industry financial expert, he brings a unique insight into the pivotal role Jews played in shaping the entertainment world. Join us for a captivating journey through untold Hollywood stories from a man who had more legends on his paper route than anyone in history.

*Wednesday, January 24 at 11:00 am*

**A Retrospective Look at the Israel-Hamas War**

Prof. Sam Edelman will explore with you the origins of Hamas and how it came to strike Israel without warning. Killing more than 1400 Israeli men, women, children and infants, Jews, Moslems, Christians, Arab Israelis, and foreigners in a gruesome manner. We will look at Israel's response and discuss what the possible solutions may be for the future.

*Wednesday, January 31 at 11:00 am*
**Two Popes and the Holocaust**
Mitchell Kraus' discussion will delicately delve into the historical realities surrounding the papacies of Pope Pius XI (1922-1939) and his successor, Pope Pius XII (1939-1958). We will explore the complexities and ongoing debates concerning Pope Pius XII's actions, while also considering the fresh perspectives brought to light by the unveiling of Vatican records in 2020.

**Wednesday, February 7 at 11:00 am**

**Sales and Simchas: Jewish Retailers in Florida**
From Jacksonville's Cohen Brothers to Tampa's Maas Brothers, delve into the stories of merchants turned department store magnates. Historian Sylvia Gurinsky traces the journeys of Jewish retailers on streets like Tampa's Franklin, Key West's Duval, West Palm Beach's Clematis, and Miami's Design District.

**Wednesday, February 14 at 11:00 am**

**Empire of Elegance: Estee Lauder's Trailblazing Legacy - a historical portrayal by Leslie Goddard**
Step back in time with Leslie Goddard as she brings the iconic Estée Lauder to life in this captivating historical portrayal. Immerse yourself in the world of beauty and entrepreneurship as you journey through Lauder's remarkable life, from her early beginnings to building a cosmetics empire.

*Please note that this program take place on:*  
**Monday, February 19 at 11:00 am**

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Present:
Tasting Time: Celebrate Anniversaries with a Sweet Twist!

Join us for an enlightening lecture series, presented by OLLI at FIU and the VI at Aventura, celebrating significant anniversaries in 2024, followed by indulgent desserts. This 6 week series features talks on the Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall with a German dessert, Ernest Hemingway's Florida-Cuban legacy with Key lime pie, and the Belle Époque era and Eiffel Tower construction with French macaroons. We will explore the Roots of American Music with apple pie, Jimmy Carter's Presidential journey with a peanut butter dessert, and Puccini's operatic masterpieces with Italian specialties. Don’t miss this intellectual and culinary delight!

The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall
This year we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, a milestone in Germany's rich tapestry. Delve into this poignant yet almost miraculous chapter of Berlin's captivating history with historian and OLLI Director Anette Isaacs. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the political and historical forces that shaped this era of remarkable change.
Wednesday, March 6 at 1:00 pm

125 Years of Hemingway:
Exploring His Florida-Cuban Legacy
Join Cesar Becerra in celebrating Ernest Hemingway's 125th birthday with a captivating exploration of his profound ties to Florida and Cuba. Through Cesar's dynamic presentation, you will gain unique insights into this 20th-century literary icon and understand why Hemingway's works continue to captivate readers globally.
Wednesday, March 13 at 1:00 pm

The Belle Époque and the Eiffel Tower
Join Batia Cohen and immerse yourself in the transformative era at the end of the 19th century. The Industrial Revolution culminated in the awe-inspiring construction of the Eiffel Tower 135 years ago, symbolizing a profound leap in human ingenuity and imagination.
Wednesday, March 20 at 1:00 pm
A Celebration of America's Music: From Plymouth Rock to Rock & Roll

Journey through time and celebrate the multicultural nature of the music of the United States. Since the Continental Congress of 250 years ago, immigrants have been weaving their musical traditions into the nation's fabric. Matthew Sabatella traces this musical evolution, from traditional folk and spirituals to genres like blues, jazz, and rock & roll, born from encounters among diverse people and the unique American experience itself.

Wednesday, March 27 at 1:00 pm

Jimmy Carter: From Plaines to Presidency

Explore the remarkable life of Jimmy Carter, who is set to celebrate his 100th birthday, with Sylvia Gurinsky. From a small Georgia town to global travels, and military service to Nobel laureate for peace, Carter's journey is one of transformation.

Wednesday, April 3 at 1:00 pm

Puccini's Melodic Tapestry: A Century of Timeless Opera

Anticipate an engaging exploration into the world of Giacomo Puccini's music. As we approach the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of his passing, Dr. Alan Mason offers an enlightening perspective on his timeless musical masterpieces.

Wednesday, April 10 at 1:00 pm

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