



OLLI Omaha Showcase
Thursday, July 25, 2024 – 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Course Titles and Descriptions

The Holocaust and War: Wrestling with Faith

Samuel Bak's paintings of the Holocaust and war wrestle with faith, religious traditions, and with the assurance of a divine blessing for Jewish people. Bak is not blind to the ceaseless wars that plague this planet. The Holocaust, a genocide of humankind's creation, is for him, only one example of the disregard for the Ten Commandments. His work illustrates society's failure to adhere to divine exhortations for peace. This presentation and exhibit uses Bak's work to pose larger questions of hope in the face of the endemic violence that exists in every country and every culture.

Instructor: Alexandra Cardon, Chief Curator, Samuel Bak Museum: The Learning Center

Let's Talk Drugs

We will explore information about prescription drugs, over-the-counter products, vaccines, dietary supplements and other complementary therapies. Topics to be discussed will feature current drug information with a focus on drugs in the news. In addition, the proposed uses of complementary therapy will be covered, with a focus on verified efficacy, side effects, and potential dangers of the most chosen complementary therapies.

Instructor: Ally Dering-Andersen, Clinical Professor, University of NE Medical Center College of Pharmacy.

Andrew Higgins and the Boats That Won World War II

General Dwight Eisenhower once said: "Andrew Higgins . . . is the man who won the war for us. If Higgins had not designed and built those LCVPs (landing craft, vehicle, personnel), we never could have landed over an open beach." Learn about the fascinating and unlikely history of how Columbus, Nebraska- born Andrew Higgins came to invent and manufacture the landing craft needed for D-Day. When government efforts to develop a craft were lacking, he stepped up and went on to create and meet a demanding manufacturing schedule. The concept of landing thousands of soldiers on a beach was a concept new to warfare before WW2.

Instructor: Roger Lempke, Lt. General, Former Nebraska Adjutant General, retired