

**RI History: Up Close and Personal
Syllabus – March 12 – May 14, 2018
Monday mornings – 10 a.m. - noon**

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Five classes are held at Temple Beth-El. Five dates are marked with a red asterisk. Those are field trip days. Class that day will be held in the museum listed.

- March 12 Temple Beth-el
- 10 – 10:10 a.m. Class introductions
 - 10:10 – 10:25 a.m. Introduction to class content and format – *Barbara Barnes*
 - 10:25 – 10:50 a.m. First Collaborative Topic – **The National Register of Historic Places: What is it? How does it apply to the historic sites we will be studying and exploring?**
 - 10:50 – 11:00 a.m. Break; Meet Speaker
 - 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. **The John Brown House Museum – lecture**
Geralyn Ducady, Director, Newell D. Goff Center for Education and Public Programs, RIHS
Jennifer Wilson, Assistant Director, Newell D. Goff Center for Education and Public Programs, RIHS
 - 11:45 a.m. – noon Questions/Answers/ Adjourn
- *March 19
- 10 a.m. – noon Site visit and tour, **John Brown House Museum**
52 Power Street
Group Activity: The Complicity Web: John Brown and the Rhode Island Slave Trade
- March 26 Temple Beth-el
- 10 – 10:50 a.m. Second Collaborative Topic – **State Houses of Rhode Island: government then and now**
 - 10:50 – 11 a.m. Break/ Meet Speaker
 - 11 - 11:45 a.m. **The (current) Rhode Island State House – lecture**
Lane Sparkman, Education and Public Programs Coordinator, RI State House
 - 11: 45 a.m. – noon Questions/Answers

*April 2

- 10 a.m. – noon

Site visit and tour, **Rhode Island State House**,
Smith Street
Group Activity – Rhode Island Charter Museum

April 9

- 10 – 10:50 a.m.
- 10:50 – 11:00 a.m.
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
- 11:45 a.m. – noon

Temple Beth-el
Third Collaborative Topic – **Development/history/
Preservation of Benefit Street: a mile of history**
Break/Meet Speaker
The Stephen Hopkins House Museum – lecture
*Kim Clark, Museum and Site Manager;
Chair, Society of Colonial Dames*
Questions/Answers

*April 16

- 10 a.m. – noon

Site visit and tour, **Stephen Hopkins House
Museum**
Corner Hopkins and Benefit Streets
Group Activity – Pub Quiz/Benefit Street tour

April 23

- 10 – 10:50 a.m.
- 10:50 – 11 a.m.
- 11 – 11:45 a.m.
- 11:45 a.m. – noon

Temple Beth-el
Fourth Collaborative Topic – **Brief Overview of the
History of Woonsocket**
Break/Meet Speaker
The Museum of Work and Culture – lecture
Sarah Carr, Assistant Museum Director
Questions/Answers

*April 30

- 10 a.m. – noon

Site visit and tour, **The Museum of Work and
Culture**
42 South Main Street, Woonsocket, RI
Anne Conway, Museum Director
Sarah Carr, Assistant Museum Director
Group Activity – The Suitcase Activity

May 7

- 10 – 10:50 a.m.
- 10:50 – 11 a.m.
- 11 – 11:45 a.m.

Temple Beth-el

Fifth Collaborative Topic – **Street/town
Development of Hope, Thayer, Angell Streets
(compare and contrast with Benefit Street)**

Break/Meet Speaker

**Governor Henry Lippitt House Museum –
Lecture**

*Carrie Taylor, Museum Director (Preserve Rhode
Island)*

Samantha Hunter, Curator of Education, Lippitt House

*May 14

- 10 a.m. – noon

Site visit and tour, **Lippitt House Museum**

199 Hope Street

Group Activity – TBD