



Announcements - November 23, 2020

Synagogue Council of Massachusetts Gala

The Walnut Street Synagogue is pleased to be a sponsor of the **Synagogue Council of Massachusetts Gala** on Thursday, December 3. Register below.

https://www.synagoguecouncil.org/gala-winter-2020-landing-page?fbclid=IwAR12itwE52qY_zb6OZtDeS1cZ604VOzfoFJkmVXMeVZGhrMPbZmLTjAtiki

Brighter Connected

The **Chelsea Chanukah** exhibit, presented by **JArts Boston**, will be on display at Gallery 456, which is located at **456 Broadway**.

Bough, a site-specific photographic light installation, symbolizes the nine branches of the Hanukkah Menorah. Through deconstructed light, each bulb reveals a portion of a large-format photographic image of a eucalyptus forest captured in Montana de Oro State Park in Los Osos, CA. Most eucalyptus trees can survive more than 250 years in the wild and are one of the most familiar sights on the Israeli landscape. This forest highlights the significant role that both trees and light play into the Jewish faith.

The piece moves beyond the constraints of the photographic frame, inviting the viewer to observe the details – the image dissipates, dissolves, contracts, reveals a portion of itself then expands and coalesces once again with distance. The act of

movement towards and away from the imagery is an integral part of the experience. Join JArts on Wednesday, December 16 (night #7 of Hanukkah) for a live conversation with Cultural anthropologist **Ellen Rovner**, who has led JArts's sold-out Jewish heritage tours of Chelsea, and will talk about the history of Chelsea's Jewish community in connection with this exhibit.
(Registration information to follow.)

BRIGHTER CONNECTED will bring the light of Hanukkah to 8 Boston-area neighborhoods through works of art created in partnership between a local artist and a community/ies. It is a mitzvah (good deed) on Hanukkah to “publicize the miracle” of the oil that lasted 8 days. By bringing communities together to create art in celebration of the holiday and by showcasing their collaborative work in the windows of Boston neighborhoods, we hope to highlight not only the past miracle of Hanukkah, but also the present-day miracle of the strength, resiliency, and vibrancy of our Boston community.

https://jartsboston.org/hanukkah-2020/?fbclid=IwAR3MHR8Kk-6929UDHEA61JJnP9FWx_oR-z1iNs139L-_M-f1VWxBaGOZcVk

JLive Food

Last Thursday, Ellen Rovner and Rafaella Zabot-Hall joined Laura Mandel for discussion of traditional Jewish foods from a Chelsea historical perspective. A recording of the program is available below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4OMKDiVgQOk>

Giving

Please visit our Giving page to send tributes, recognize yahrzeits and make other contributions to help support the Walnut Street Synagogue.

<https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Donation-Form.pdf>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChelseaJews>