



Purim, Upcoming Programs, Shul Visits and More – February 20, 2023

PURIM

CELEBRATE

Brisket, Bourbon and Big Laughs: A Purim Feast to Remember

Tuesday, March 7, 4:15 pm EST (in person at Temple Tifereth Israel, 93 Veterans Road, Winthrop)

Tobin Bridge Chabad, Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop, and the Walnut Street Synagogue of Chelsea are getting together to celebrate Purim! Join us as our communities come together for a historic night of Purim feasting and festivities! Enjoy a delicious brisket dinner, musical comedy show, whiskey tasting, and of course a Megillah reading, inspiration and lots and lots of hamentaschen!

4:15 pm - Doors Open

4:30 pm - Megillah Reading

5:00 pm - Hamotzi – Purim Feast Begins

5:30 pm - Musical Comedy and Whiskey Tasting

Learn more and register here - https://www.tobinbridgechabad.com/events-1/brisket-bourbon-and-belly-laughs-a-purim-feast-to-remember?utm_campaign=bb781782-7585-4399-a199-fd99a6fe9c0a&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=71b85be2-7f97-4508-9778-a6aaece2b0b3

please note that this event has a charge

GIVE

From now until Purim Day (11:00 am on Tuesday, March 7), our community is partnering with Yad Chessed to raise funds to fulfill the mitzvah of Matanot LaEvyonim (gifts to people in need on Purim ay). If you would like to help people in need buy food on Purim Day, donations can be made online or through the mail.

Donate online - <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/yadchedsedpurim> Please insert “Walnut Street Synagogue” in the “Synagogue/School Affiliation” box

Donate by mail - Checks can be sent in advance of Purim to Yad Chessed at 440 Totten Pond Road, Suite 401, Waltham, MA 02451. Please include “Walnut Street Synagogue” in the memo line of the check.

LEARN

Dangerous Beauty: Esther and the Righteous Temptress of the Bible

Sunday, March 5, 1:00 pm EST (online in partnership with the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program)

Why does the Bible always affect redemption through sexual transgression? Who are the women who seduce and redeem? And how do they tempt their prey? Exploring the stories of the six righteous temptresses through the Bible and Midrash, Bavli and Yerushalmi, Victor Turner and Simone de Beauvoir, Rabbi Soloveitchik and Game of Thrones.

Gila Fine is a teacher of Aggada at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, exploring the tales of the Talmud through philosophy, literary criticism, psychoanalysis, and pop-culture. She is also a faculty member of the London School of Jewish studies, the Nachshon Project, and Amudim Seminary, and has

taught thousands of students at conferences and communities across the Jewish world. Gila's dynamic literary method and unique intertextual approach – ranging from folktales to fiction to film – bring the stories of the Talmud to life, revealing their relevance for our time. *Haaretz* has called her “a young woman on her way to becoming one of the more outstanding Jewish thinkers of the next generation.”
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dangerous-beauty-esther-and-the-righteous-temptress-of-the-bible-tickets-524075874047?utm_campaign=66b5c741d0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_04_55_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_source=CSP&utm_term=0_5ee28fcb1-66b5c741d0-386548940

please note that this program has a charge for those without a personal CSP membership

THE TASTE OF JEWISH CULTURE



Please join us as we continue our online exploration of Jewish food traditions and the historical connections between Jews and food with Jewish Food researcher Joel Haber. Our third session, *Crackers, Crepes and Cheese: Jewish Culinary Traditions From Passover to Shavuot*, will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm EDT.

More information and registration - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/the-taste-of-jewish-culture/>

CSP

We are pleased to be a partner congregation of the Orange County Jewish **Community Scholar Program (CSP)**. Please join us at an upcoming program!



The Bedouin and the Hebrew Bible

Dr. Clinton Bailey, live from Jerusalem, Israel in conversation with Dr. David Mendelsohn

Tuesday, February 21, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Do Jews owe their relationship with the God of the Bible to the Bedouin populating Israel's Negev? That's the theory of Israel's foremost expert on the nomadic people of the Negev, an American Israeli who has spent the last four decades living among the Bedouin and researching them. Clinton Bailey posits that Moses, who fled Egypt into the ancestors of the Bedouin, adopted their way of life and their deity as his own before leading the Jews to freedom.

Dr. Clinton Bailey is a leading authority on Bedouin culture, and has done fieldwork in Sinai and the Negev for the past 50 years. His B.A. is from the Hebrew University; his M.A. and Ph.D from Columbia University. His publications include, *Bedouin Poetry* (OUP 1991), *A Culture of Desert Survival: Bedouin Proverbs* (YUP, 2004), *Bedouin Law* (YUP, 2010) and, most recently, *Bedouin Culture in the Bible* (YUP, 2018). Bailey was born and raised in Buffalo, NY and made Aliya in 1958. In 1994, he was awarded the

Emil Grunzweig Human Rights Award for his efforts to obtain civil rights for Bedouin in Israel. **Dr. David Mendelsohn** supervises the entire academic program of Kivunim. His areas of expertise include Islamic Studies, History and Culture of Arabs with Israeli Citizenship, Bedouin Law and the relationship between language and culture in Arabic and Hebrew. His current research examines the influence of Hebrew on the dialects of Arabic spoken in Israel. Mendelsohn also lectures on the history and relationships between Middle East countries and militant organizations. David holds advanced degrees in diverse fields: a Ph.D. Classics / Linguistics, an M.A. in Archaeology / Linguistics and an Honours B.A. in Classical Studies. David is the recipient of one of Canada's highest academic honors, The Trudeau Prize, and is a world medalist in wrestling. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife Ronny and their three children.

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=8702fcee-fb-Nm?utm_source=CSP&utm_campaign=8702fcee-fb-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_04_55_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5ee28fcb1-8702fcee-fb-386548940

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Israel at 75

Part 5 – What's in Store for Israel's Next 75 Years? - Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 pm EDT (online)
(presented by the Lappin Foundation)

Israel@75!
1948 - 2023

As Israel's 75th anniversary approaches, join Ido Aharoni for a look back at influential leaders, and a peek at what may lie ahead.

Global Distinguished Professor for International Relations at NYU's Graduate School of Arts and Science

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on Zoom

- November 1, 2022** Zionism: Herzl's Dream, Israel's Reality
- December 13, 2022** Part 1 - The Influencers: David Ben Gurion, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin
- January 10, 2023** Part 2 - The Influencers: Menachem Begin, Shimon Peres, Ariel Sharon, and Benjamin Netanyahu
- February 7, 2023** Israel Today: The Promise of a New Government
- March 14, 2023** What's in Store for Israel's Next 75 Years?

The series is free and everyone is welcome thanks to a generous grant from the Dr. David M. Milch Family Foundation.

For more information, contact Sharon Warner (swarner@lappinfoundation.org; 978-565-4450).

Community Partners

Brookly Village Jewish Community Congregation Ahava Achim Congregation Ahava Olene Congregation Shalom Hagim Congregation Sons of Israel Creative Council of Israel 19 New England Gotten Hotel School	Haddisah Lynn Swanscott Haddisah Charne Jewish Community Center of the North Shore Jewish Journal Jewish National Fund - USA Alexander Pevsner High School in Israel Shalom Taddisah	Stand With Us Temple Ahava Achim Temple Shalom Temple Pater David Temple Sinai Temple Israel Shalom Walnut Street Synagogue
---	---	---

REGISTER AT lappinfoundation.org

The Walnut Street Synagogue is pleased to be a community partner of the *Israel at 75* series, presented by the Lappin Foundation. In advance of Israel's 75th anniversary, Ido Aharoni, Global Distinguished Professor for International Relations at NYU's Graduate School of Arts and Science, will look back at influential leaders and take a peek at what may lie ahead. Everyone is welcome thanks to a generous grant from the Dr. David M. Milch Family Foundation.

Event flyer - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Israel-at-75-Flyer.pdf>
Register here - https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=8702fcee-fb-Nm?utm_source=CSP&utm_campaign=8702fcee-fb-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_04_55_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5ee28fcb1-8702fcee-fb-386548940

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

CJP Plan to Combat Antisemitism

Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) has developed a five-point plan to combat rising antisemitism in Massachusetts. They are seeking stories for their mobilization campaign to fight back. If you have experienced antisemitism in any form at any time, join them and say enough is enough! Stories can be of any length and can be submitted anonymously.

Learn more and submit your story - https://ma.cjp.org/antisemitism-initiative?utm_medium=email&hsmi=242516332&hsenc=p2ANqtz-

[8plPFwRIOAngV1FjDVXXelE7CFvNOeLiBRY3cKJdYxA4Bkf52EYo8gyeKxNbFERCrdGShgPq2isWbm1yEdUnY1F2anzQ&utm_content=242516332&utm_source=hs_email#form](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxIW8lOLfyg)

SHUL VIDEO

In the below video you will learn about the history of our historic shul and see all of our distinguishing elements on a virtual tour. This video is narrated by Dr. Samuel Gruber and was created by CSP as the first video in their Art and Architecture Series.

Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxIW8lOLfyg>

VISIT

If you live in the Boston area and have never seen our historic shul or if you plan to visit the area, we welcome you to see our shul in person and take a tour! For more information, please follow the link below.

Visitor Information - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/visit/>

SYNAGOGUE FAMILY

Do you have milestones such as marriages, births, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, special birthdays, graduations, etc. to share with our synagogue family? If so, please submit details to central.walnutstreetshul@gmail.com to be included in our weekly announcements. Photos are welcome!

VOLUNTEER

Do you have time to volunteer and help us grow? Please complete our Volunteer Interest Form. <https://form.jotform.com/202885558815165>

GIVING

Please visit our Giving page to send tributes, recognize yahrzeits and make other general donations to support the synagogue. Donations can be made online or through the mail. <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/giving/>

VISIT US ONLINE

Website

<https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/>

Facebook Page - Walnut Street Synagogue

<https://www.facebook.com/WalnutStreetSynagogue>

Facebook Group - Jews of Chelsea, MA Then and Now

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



Walnut Street Synagogue, 145 Walnut Street, PO Box 505265, Chelsea, MA 02150
Contact us at: central.walnutstreetshul@gmail.com