

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/meeting/register/tZUvf-GqqzwrHtbufQg4zgF6W58LFOMs3-Ds>

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!



Mainly Jewish: The Blessings and Challenges of Small Town Judaism

Tuesday, March 14, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

After growing up in a major Jewish community on the Jersey shore and attending Wellesley college, Rabbi Rachel Isaacs was the first openly lesbian Rabbi to be ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary. She began her career in the rabbinate in a place she never could have imagined with more moose and blueberries than Jews. In this session Rabbi Isaacs will discuss her unexpected path to the rural rabbinate, its unique challenges and blessings, the establishment of the Center for Small Town Jewish Life at Colby college, and the connection between the thriving of small town Jewish communities and the health of American democracy.

Rabbi Rachel Isaacs Rabbi Rachel Isaacs made history as the first openly lesbian rabbi admitted and ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Conservative movement's flagship institution. Named one of "America's Most Inspiring Rabbis," by The Forward in 2014, Isaacs was invited to offer the final Hanukkah benediction of the Obama administration in 2016. Isaacs serves as the spiritual leader of Beth Israel Congregation in Waterville, Maine and is the inaugural holder of the Dorothy "Bibby" Levine Alford Chair in Jewish Studies at Colby College. She is also founder and Executive Director of the Center for Small Town Jewish Life at Colby College, a groundbreaking institution committed to supporting small town and rural Jewish communities. Isaacs was born and raised in central New Jersey and graduated from Wellesley College. She lives in a 150 year old turquoise and lavender house in Waterville, ME with her wife, Melanie, and their daughters, Nitzan and Hadassah.

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The Neo-Hasidic Renewal of Judaism: Learning from the Hasidic Masters

Thursday, March 16, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

Across the Jewish world, in every denomination, there is a revival of the spiritual teachings of the 18th and 19th century Hasidic masters in a pluralistic context, hence the term "Neo-Hasidism." Join Rabbi Ingber as he samples these radical and deep sources, exploring our Jewish community's need for this kind of spiritual nourishment.

Rabbi David A. Ingber serves as the founding rabbi of Romemu, the largest Renewal synagogue in the United States. Rabbi Ingber founded Romemu in NYC in 2006, following his ordination by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Founder of the Jewish Renewal movement. Over the past decade plus, Romemu has grown into a weekly home for thousands of people, a growing membership of over 1,000 in its two physical locations (Manhattan and Brooklyn) and a growing online global membership. Rabbi Ingber also

founded Romemu Yeshiva, the first fully egalitarian Yeshiva (immersive learning center), dedicated to mystical and meditative Jewish learning and practice. Raised Modern Orthodox in New York, Rabbi Ingber studied at Ramaz, Yeshiva University, Beit Midrash L'Torah, Yeshivat Chaim Berlin, and Yeshivat Chovovei Torah Rabbinical School. He also studied philosophy, psychology and religion at New York University. Rabbi Ingber's distinct approach to Torah, rabbinical teaching, and ritualistic practice is informed by his own personal seeking and learning from a wide cross-section of sacred traditions and faiths. Rabbi Ingber was named by Newsweek as one of the top 50 most influential rabbis in the United States as well as by The Forward as one of the 50 most newsworthy and notable Jews in America.
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Golda, Why Now?

Sunday, March 19, 3:00 pm EDT (online)

In recent years, there's been a revival of interest in Golda Meir, both in the US and in Israel. A new movie about Golda is due to be released this summer starring Helen Mirren and a television series produced by Barbra Streisand is in production. In Israel, after many decades of deliberate disregarding her term of office as a prime minister her legacy as a state's woman and labor minister is being re-examined and gaining recognition. Furthermore, in contemporary pop culture her figure appears frequently, suggesting a new role model in a gender aware society. In this session, join us as we explore why Golda ran away from her parents' home in Milwaukee to live with her sister Shayna, brother-in-law Sam at a certain modest brick duplex located at 1606-1608 Julian Street in Denver, Colorado. The importance of Golda's Denver experience is documented in her 1975 autobiography *My Life*, where she states, "It was in Denver that my real education began...". Through the examination of unique artifacts from the Denver house, including pictures and documents, we will explore Golda's political legacy as a one of the only woman diplomats at the time and her relevance to today's culture.

Since 2016, **Sophia Berry** has been working as an Assistant Curator of Modern Art at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art (TAMA). Currently, she is on a two-year sabbatical in Denver, CO. Her position at TAMA includes responsibilities of managing exhibitions from our collections and external loans, researching the museum's collections, overseeing outgoing loans, writing catalogue texts, and leading restoration projects. Sophia's latest project was a special exhibition of works by Amedeo Modigliani in honor of the centenary of his death. Sophia has also curated a special display dedicated to Joseph Israel's *From Darkness and Light* (1871), which was recently discovered to have been Jewish property before the war.

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YAD CHESSED



Yad Chessed helps Jewish individuals and families who struggle with financial hardship pay their bills and buy food. As a social services agency rooted in the Jewish values of kindness (chessed) and charity (tzedakah), they are committed to helping those in need navigate a path toward financial stability while preserving their privacy and dignity. They provide emergency financial assistance, grocery gift cards and compassionate advice for those trying to make ends meet. Hundreds of families and individuals throughout the state rely on Yad Chessed to provide for their essentials, and even at times, a Jewish burial for a loved one. Members of our community, as well as others in the Jewish community, who need assistance may contact Yad Chessed by phone at 781-487-2693 or by Email at intake@yadchessed.org for a confidential conversation. Questions can be directed to info@yadchessed.org.

Support Yad Chessed - <https://givebutter.com/yadchessed>

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-8pIPFwRIOAngV1FjDVXXeIE7CFvNOeLiBRY3cKJdYxA4Bkf52EYo8gyeKxNbFERCrdGShgPq2isWbm1yEdUnY1F2anzQ&utm_content=242516332&utm_source=hs_email#form

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=bxlW8lOLfyg>

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.walnutstreetsshul@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/>

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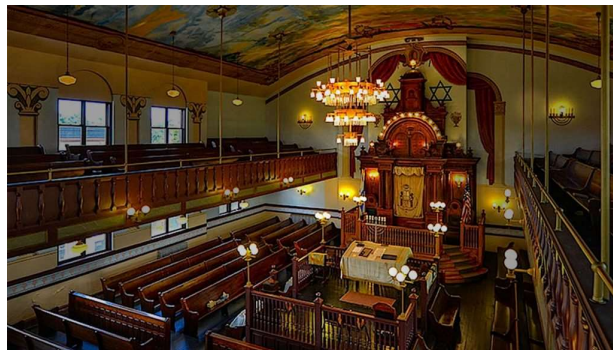
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