



Pre-Pesach Program, The Taste of Jewish Culture, Shul Visits and More – April 3, 2023

Passover begins Wednesday evening!

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Visit our Passover resources page -

<https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/pesach>

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



Egypt, the Exodus, and the Passover Story

Monday, April 3, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

We all know the story of the Exodus – we hear it each year in the Torah reading, we discuss it yearly at our Seders, and we have our conceptions of illustrations firmly embedded in our minds-eye. But when we look at the story through the lens of Egypt, with actual Egyptian artifacts, what can we see? Not the pyramids, and not the chain-gang slave marches of Hollywood, rather a glimpse of life, a peak at what could be understood in an ancient contemporary context. Join us as we examine some of our preconceived notions and therefore see the story in a different light.

Prof. Sharon Keller, who served as CSP's 15th Annual One Month Scholar in residence in January 2016 and who earned her doctorate at New York University (NYU) in the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies in the area of Bible and the Ancient Near East, is a member of the Classics faculty at Hofstra University. She has been an Assistant Professor of Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages at The Jewish Theological Seminary and at Hebrew Union College; she has also held appointments at NYU, and New York City's Hunter College—teaching biblical text courses as well as more general courses in biblical literature and history, as well as the courses in the art and archaeology of the lands of the Bible and the ancient Mediterranean world. She has written and edited numerous scholarly articles and academic books, most of which relate to the interplay between biblical Israel and ancient Egypt. Her most popular book, *Jews: A Treasury of Art and Literature* was awarded the prestigious National Jewish Book Award. Known for the enthusiasm and humor that she brings to all of her talks that make otherwise esoteric subjects easily accessible, Sharon is an in-demand lecturer and adult education course instructor throughout the United States.

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Pharaoh in Canaan – Egyptian Presence in Israel

Sunday, April 9, 2:00 pm EDT (online)

The name “Canaan,” which derives from the Bible and from ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern records, generally refers to the region of present-day Israel, western Jordan, Lebanon, and coastal and southern Syria and is more or less equivalent to the modern term “Levant.” Ancient texts from the region indicate that its population was of Semitic origin. The earliest mention of Canaan and Canaanites dates from the eighteenth century BCE, but the terms are now often applied to the region and its population in relation to earlier periods as well. Relations between Canaan and Egypt, its southwestern neighbor, are attested by textual evidence and archaeological remains dating as far back as the fourth millennium BCE. These relations were determined by political developments in both regions and thus were continually changing. Egypt’s earliest organized contacts with Canaan were associated with the importation of luxury goods sought by the rising Egyptian elite around the time of the unification of Egypt in the late fourth millennium BCE. It was at that time that cultural interaction between the two regions commenced, gradually increasing over the course of the third and second millennia BCE and varying to a great extent in accordance with political developments in both regions. Join us as we explore the archaeological evidence reflecting the relations between Egypt and Canaan, with a focus on the political and cultural implications of these relations. We will visit Jaffa, Megiddo and Beit Shean as well as a few more sites where important Hyksos and Egyptian jewelry have been found.

Nachliel Selavan. “The Museum Guy,” originally from Jerusalem’s Old City, has Bachelor’s degrees in both Tanach and Mass-Media along with a teachers’ certificate. He also holds an MA in education from Hebrew University’s Melton School of Jewish Education, and is currently completing a second Master’s degree in Ancient Jewish History at Yeshiva University, along with doing annual fieldwork in archaeological excavations. Nachliel’s unique approach to museum tours and storytelling combines Tanach, Jewish History and other disciplines, engaging visitors with the treasures of art and archaeology in an exciting and enthralling way. Nachliel has engaged Jewish communities in cities all over the world with guided educational programs in classrooms and museums, and lectures and tours for Jewish schools, summer camps, organizations and institutions including the WZO, National Bible Contest USA, the Jewish Agency and UJA Federation. He currently lives in Israel, and aside from guiding in the Israel and Bible Lands Museums, he is a part-time high school teacher.

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THE TASTE OF JEWISH CULTURE



A Land of Milk and Mufletta: At the Crossroads of Israel’s Cuisine and Culture

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 pm EDT (online)

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. Israeli chefs have recently

conquered the culinary world, but what about all those foods they left behind at home? What do these dishes say about Israel itself? From falafel to petitim, meorav Yerushalmi to mufletta, Joel reveals the culture behind the distinctive foods that make Israel so deliciously... Israeli.

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

Registration - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-taste-of-jewish-culture-tickets-460627538367>



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.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/>

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