



The Taste of Jewish Culture, Upcoming Programs, Shul Visits and More – April 10, 2023

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>

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!



"I'm Sorry I Ate Your Fish" – The Sturgeon Controversy and the Fish that Divided the Ashkenazic World

Tuesday, April 11, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

The debate over the kashrut of the sturgeon at the turn of the 19th century Hungary began as a relatively minor Halachic dispute. Within a couple of years it erupted into a full-blown war of words replete with denunciations and threats of excommunication. Beyond the original fish question, at stake in this explosive controversy was the dynamic nature of Jewish law and whether or not long-established

conventional tools of halachic-based innovation were still acceptable in the modern world. In the end, the controversy laid the basis for the emergence of Hungarian-style religious reform and the rejectionist posture that came to be known as Orthodox Judaism.

Professor Howard Lupovitch is Professor of History and Director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University. He was educated at the University of Michigan, and Columbia University (earning a Ph.D. in History from the latter). Over his career, Prof. Lupovitch has taught at Cornell University, Colby College, the University of Western Ontario, and the University of Michigan, where he was also a fellow at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies. Prof. Lupovitch is the author, most recently, of *Transleithanian Paradise: A History of the Jewish Community of Budapest, 1738-1938*, and is presently completing a history of the Neolog Movement and researching a new history of the Jews of Detroit.

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The Jews of Summer – Summer Camp and Jewish Culture in Postwar America

Sunday, April 16, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

In the decades directly following the Holocaust, American Jewish leaders anxiously debated how to preserve and produce what they considered authentic Jewish culture, fearful that growing affluence and suburbanization threatened the future of Jewish life. Many communal educators and rabbis contended that without educational interventions, Judaism as they understood it would disappear altogether. They pinned their hopes on residential summer camps for Jewish youth: institutions that sprang up across the U.S. in the postwar decades as places for children and teenagers to socialize, recreate, and experience Jewish culture. Adults' fears, hopes, and dreams about the Jewish future inflected every element of camp life, from the languages they taught to what was encouraged romantically and permitted sexually. But adult plans did not constitute everything that occurred at camp: children and teenagers also shaped these sleepaway camps to mirror their own desires and interests and decided whether to accept or resist the ideas and ideologies their camp leaders promoted. Focusing on the lived experience of campers and camp counselors, Sandra Fox's new book, *The Jews of Summer: Summer Camp and Jewish Culture in Postwar America*, explores how a cultural crisis birthed a rite of passage that remains a significant influence in American Jewish life. Join us to hear from Sandra Fox about how camp life grew out of a cultural crisis and became a rite of passage in American Jewish life.

Sandra Fox, a visiting assistant professor of Hebrew Judaic Studies and Director of the Archive of the Jewish Left Project at New York University, is a scholar of American Jewish history, Jewish youth and childhood, and contemporary Yiddish culture. A Jim Joseph Postdoctoral Fellow, she received her doctorate from New York University's joint program in history and Hebrew Judaic studies in 2018. She is also the founder and executive producer of the Yiddish-language podcast *Vaybertaytsh*, and serves as peer-review editor at *In geveb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies*.

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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>

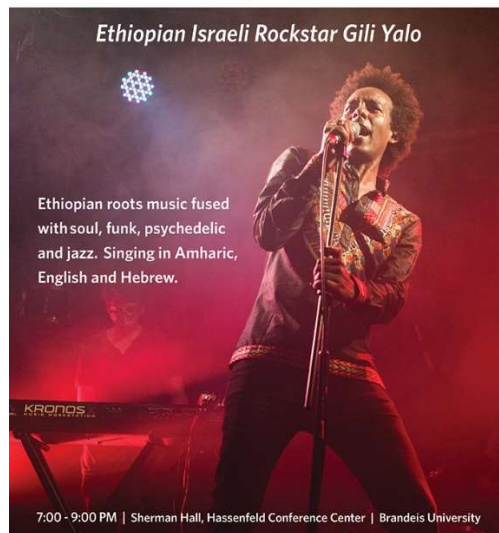
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Ethiopian Israeli Rockstar Gili Yalo in Concert

Sunday, April 23, 7:00 pm EDT (in person at Sherman Hall, Brandeis University)

FREE CONCERT

Sunday, April 23, 2023



REGISTER NOW TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT:
tiny.cc/concert-giliyalo



We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies, under the auspices of the New Directions on Contemporary Israel Affairs.

The community is invited to a free concert by Ethiopian Israel Rockstar Gili Yalo in Sherman Hall at Brandeis University.

Register here - <https://www.brandeis.edu/israel-center/homeland-and-diaspora/index.html#sunday>

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=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/>

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Website

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