



The Taste of Jewish Culture, Upcoming Programs, Shul Visits and More – April 17, 2023

Holocaust Remembrance Day begins this evening
יום השואה

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!



Mysticism in Islam and Judaism

Thursday, April 20, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Both Judaism and Islam place an emphasis upon a sacred revealed text as a central element in the mystical experience. We have Kabbalah and Zohar and Islam has Sufism. Join us as we consider the powerful place of these mystical imaginations in each religious tradition. What are the significant historical and theological connections between the two mystical traditions? Why were they distrusted by official authorities? How is Shabtai Zvi a clue as to what mysticism is trying to achieve?

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 3 children.

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The Remarkable History of Codex Sassoon

Sunday, April 23, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

The earliest, most complete copy of the Hebrew Bible is actually a book known as **Codex Sassoon**, named for its most prominent modern owner: **David Solomon Sassoon** (1880–1942), a passionate collector of Judaica and Hebraic manuscripts. Dating to the late 9th or early 10th century, Codex Sassoon contains all 24 books of the Hebrew Bible, missing only 12 leaves, and precedes the earliest entirely complete Hebrew Bible, the Leningrad Codex, by nearly a century. Significantly, Codex Sassoon contains faithful notes of the Masorah, commentary that ensures the biblical text's proper inscription and recitation. One such note refers to "the great teacher, Aaron ben Moses ben Asher" and his work on al-taj, the traditional honorific of the Aleppo Codex, suggesting the Masorete scribe who copied the Masorah of Codex Sassoon may have consulted the revered volume when it resided in Tiberias or Jerusalem in the 10th or 11th century. On 16 May 2023, when it comes to the block at Sotheby's with an estimate of \$30 to 50 million, Codex Sassoon could become the most valuable historical document ever sold at auction. Join us for a peak into the Codex and into its history with Sotheby's consultant Sharon Liberman Mintz.

Sharon Liberman Mintz is the Curator of Jewish Art at the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary and specializes in the fields of Illuminated Hebrew manuscripts and rare printed books. Over the course of 30 years at the Library, she has curated more than 40 exhibitions, authored ten exhibition catalogs and has lectured extensively on a variety of topics in the fields of Jewish Art and rare Hebrew books. As a consultant with Sotheby's since 1995, Sharon has cataloged and appraised Hebrew books for Judaica sales worldwide for over two decades. In February 2009, she collaborated on the cataloging and exhibition of the Valmadonna Trust Library, at Sotheby's, the finest private library of Hebrew books and manuscripts in the world. Sharon's publication, *A Journey through Jewish Worlds: Highlights from the Braginsky Collection of Hebrew Manuscripts and Printed Books* (2010), accompanied an international exhibition of magnificent Hebrew books that she co-curated. Her most recent publication, *The Writing on the Wall: A Catalogue of Judaica Broadides from the Valmadonna Trust Library* (2015), is an in-depth historical examination of this heretofore unexplored genre of Jewish culture.

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Collective Memory Through Mt. Herzl

Monday, April 24, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Please join us for a special CSP event commemorating Yom HaZikaron featuring Moki Schwartz on the topic of “Collective Memory Through Mount Herzl”. Moki will take us on a journey through Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, exploring how the collective memory of Israel’s fallen soldiers informs Israel’s present and inspires its future. This is a unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of Yom HaZikaron and the centrality of Mt. Herzl to the very understanding of this day. Named for Theodor Herzl, the visionary founder of modern Zionism, **Mount Herzl** is Israel’s national cemetery, housing the remains of Herzl himself. Also buried there are many of the Jewish state’s leaders over the years, and soldiers killed in battle. Among the figures interred at Mount Herzl are prime ministers Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin, presidents Chaim Herzog and Zalman Shazar, and other prominent Zionist leaders. Echoing the temporal proximity of Holocaust Remembrance Day to Yom HaZikaron (Israel’s Day of Remembrance) for its war casualties, Mount Herzl is only a stone’s throw from the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and museum. But the two sites are dedicated to two very different types of grief: On the one hand, the incomprehensible loss of the Holocaust, where one is crushed under the sheer volume of the destruction, and on the other, the more intimate, but nevertheless communal, sorrow for Israel’s perished in combat. This mourning is most acutely felt on Yom HaZikaron, when bereaved families slowly file in crowds through the gates of Mount Herzl to attend the state ceremony.

Moki Schwartz is a Jerusalemite, married to Rachel and father to Harry, Michael and Natalie. Moki is a senior faculty member and lecturer at Kivunim – the academic gap year program for North American students in Jerusalem. Moki teaches an annual course on the History of Zionism and the Making of the Modern Middle East. Moki holds a Master’s degree in Philosophy and Religion from Hebrew University in Jerusalem and a Double Bachelors in History and Archeology from the Hebrew University. Moki is a passionate teacher and tour-educator, who is committed to the success and wellness of his students. Moki is a competitive long distance runner and has served as First Lieutenant in an elite special force’s unit in the IDF.

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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>

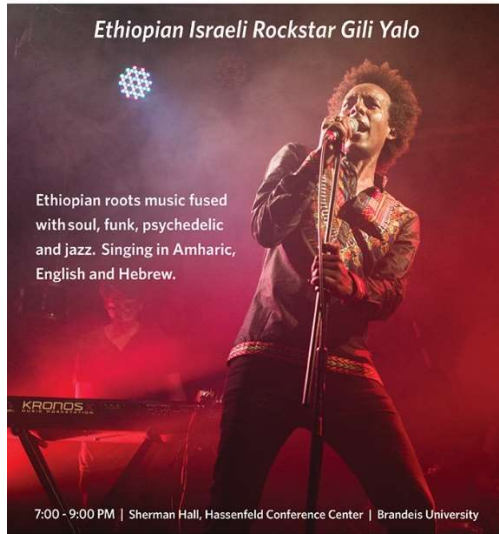
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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 Schacterman Family Philanthropies, under the auspices of the Ben Dayan Lecture on Contemporary Israel/AFSA.

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>

Farewell Mr. Haffmann film screening and discussion

in person - Monday, April 24, 7:30 pm EDT (Majestic 7 Cinema, 81 Arsenal Yards Blvd, Watertown)

online - Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 pm EDT to Sunday, April 23, 7:30 pm EDT (48 hour window to watch film)

In observance of Yom HaShoah, Belmont World Film's 21st International Film Series, *Complicated Identities*, presents *Farewell Mr. Haffmann* with online and in-person alternatives offered. The film is set after the Nazi occupation of Paris, when a talented jeweler, Joseph Haffmann, arranges for his family to flee the city and offers one of his employees the chance to take over his store until the conflict subsides. The agreement turns into a Faustian bargain, one that will forever change the fate for all. Following the in-person showing on April 24 in Watertown, Matthew Creighton, a lecturer at Boston University's Elie Wiesel Center, will lead a discussion.

More information and tickets - <https://belmontworldfilm2023.eventive.org/films/farewell-mr-haffman-63fec895612cb2004409d304>

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

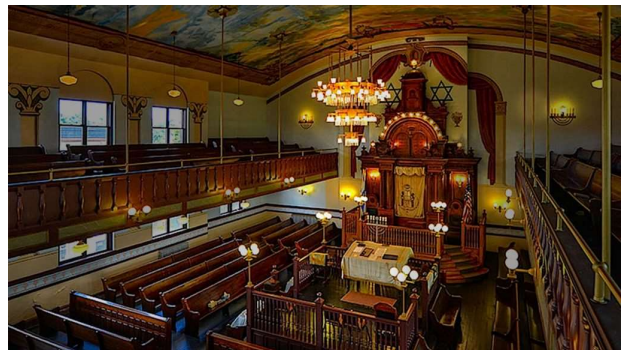
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