



## The Taste of Jewish Culture, Upcoming Programs, Shul Visits and More – April 24, 2023

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**Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day) begins Monday evening**  
יום הזיכרון

**Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) begins Tuesday evening**  
יום העצמאות

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### THE TASTE OF JEWISH CULTURE



**A Virtual Taste of Machane Yehuda Market**  
Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 pm EDT (online)

Shuk Machane Yehuda, Jerusalem's famous outdoor market, is the beating heart of the city. It reflects the history of modern Jerusalem, while providing food for (and by) the many diverse communities of people who regularly shop there. This virtual tour explores the shuk's highlights and hidden gems while reveling in the sensory overload that makes the market so special. 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.

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!



### **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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### **Finding God in Unexpected Places – Featuring Rabbi Jack Riemer in conversation with Rabbi Elie Spitz**

Sunday, April 30, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

At age 94 Rabbi Jack Riemer shows no signs of slowing down. Long retired from his full-time congregational rabbinic career, Jack still writes at least two sermons a week. In addition, he produces a torrent of articles, book reviews, and commentary for publication in Jewish newspapers and periodicals throughout the United States. Although he no longer walks very far unaided, his sermons reflect an Olympic marathon mind filled with a myriad of incisive insights, invariably buttressed by traditional Jewish teachings. The hallmarks of Rabbi Riemer’s sermonic brilliance are gently witty commentary on something happening in the world around us, resolved through creative readings of Jewish texts. Most readers will smile at his kind humor, warm inside with his loving understanding, and feel inspired and instructed by his suggestions for action and thought. Such is the genius of Rabbi Jack Riemer.

**Rabbi Jack Riemer** is a well-known author and speaker. He is rabbi emeritus of Congregation Beth Tikvah (now Shaarei Kodesh) in Boca Raton, Florida, and founded the National Rabbinic Network, a support system for rabbis across all denominational lines. He is the author of *Finding God in Unexpected Places: Wisdom for Everyone from the Jewish Tradition* and is editor of *The World of the High Holy*

*Days* (Bernie Books) and *Wrestling with the Angel* (Schocken), coeditor of *So That Your Values Live On: Ethical Wills and How to Prepare Them*, and contributed to *May God Remember: Memory and Memorializing in Judaism Yizkor* (both Jewish Lights). Widely sought after as a master storyteller and teacher, Rabbi Riemer is one of the most frequently quoted rabbis in the U.S. That's because of the winding paths he takes in describing the relevance of timeless Jewish wisdom in our modern world. He is often referred to as the "rabbi's rabbi" among Jewish clergy, because he has taught and mentored so many of his colleagues.

**Rabbi Elie Kaplan Spitz** approaches the familiar in unfamiliar ways. A spiritual leader and scholar specializing in topics of spirituality and Judaism, he teaches, writes and speaks to a wide range of audiences. He served as the rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel in Tustin, California, for over three decades and served as member of the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Law and Standards for twenty years. Rabbi Spitz is author of *Healing from Despair: Choosing Wholeness in a Broken World; Does the Soul Survive? A Jewish Journey to Belief in Afterlife, Past Lives & Living with Purpose* and *Increasing Wholeness: Jewish Wisdom and Guided Meditations to Strengthen and Calm Body, Heart, Mind and Spirit* (all Jewish Lights) and many articles dealing with spirituality and Jewish law.

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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 (chedsed) 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@yadchedsed.org](mailto:intake@yadchedsed.org) for a confidential conversation. Questions can be directed to [info@yadchedsed.org](mailto:info@yadchedsed.org).

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

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### **Farewell Mr. Haffmann film screening and discussion**

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

In observance of Yom HaShoah, Belmont World Film's 21st International Film Series, *Complicated Identities*, presents *Farewell Mr. Haffmann*. 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-8plPFwRIOAngV1FjDVXXeIE7CFvNOeLiBRY3cKJdYxA4Bkf52EYo8gyeKxNbFERCrdGShgPq2isWbm1yEdUnY1F2anzQ&utm\\_content=242516332&utm\\_source=hs\\_email#form](https://ma.cjp.org/antisemitism-initiative?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=242516332&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8plPFwRIOAngV1FjDVXXeIE7CFvNOeLiBRY3cKJdYxA4Bkf52EYo8gyeKxNbFERCrdGShgPq2isWbm1yEdUnY1F2anzQ&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](mailto: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/>

## 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>



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