



Virtual Taste of the Machane Yehuda Market, Upcoming Programs, Shul Visits and More – May 29, 2023

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!



The King, the Priest, the Heroine and the Prophet – Passionate portraits of lesser-known biblical characters

Part 1 - Tuesday, May 30, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

Part 2 - Tuesday, June 6, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

Part 3 - Tuesday, June 13, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

Part 4 - Tuesday, June 20, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

We all know a lot about Adam and Eve, the patriarchs and matriarchs, and the leaders of the Exodus. This course is not about them. It is about more obscure characters in the Torah who nevertheless made a huge impact. Through close textual reading and analysis of rabbinic texts we will learn the untold stories of four fascinating people: (a) Malkitzedek – the king who sold his soul; (b) Jethro – the opinionated priest who enabled Revelation; (c) Elisheva – the long-lived, but unsung, heroine of the Israelites; and (d) Bilaam – the wayward prophet who lost it all. Scott Lang wrote in his memoir, “Look Out For The Little Guy!” – we’ll be doing just that...

Rabbi Dr. Raphael Zarum is Dean of the London School of Jewish Studies (LSJS) and holds the Rabbi Sacks Chair in Modern Jewish Thought at the school. He is a rabbinic leader, lecturer and author with a passion for teaching traditional Jewish texts and innovative educational programming for young and old. Rabbi Zarum earned a PhD in Theoretical Physics from King’s College London, leading to the publication of a number of papers on Quantum Chaos Theory. He also completed an MA in Adult Education, with distinction, at the Institute of Education in London. As well as serving as Dean of LSJS, Rabbi Zarum currently serves as the Scholar-in-Residence at the Central Square Minyan in Hampstead Garden Suburb. He studied at Yeshivat HaKotel in Jerusalem and the Kollel of the Judith Lady Montefiore College in London where he received rabbinic ordination. Rabbi Zarum is a graduate of the prestigious Jerusalem Fellows program at the Mandel Leadership Institute in Israel. He was the first Head of faculty of the Florence Melton Adult Mini School UK and was Director of Text-Based Jewish Education at the UJIA Centre for Informal Jewish Education. He is the creator of the Torah L’Am crash course and is the author of the ‘Torat Hadracha’ and ‘Jampacked Bible’ educational study guides.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYPceusrTotH9ECEBP1iVTf9D_laO_5avEw?utm_source=CS&utm_campaign=3473e65728-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_04_55_COPY_05&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5ee28fcb1-3473e65728-386548940#/registration

Navigating Complex Identities – Arab Citizens in Israeli Society

Part 1 - Arabs With Israeli Citizenship – Policy and Identity - Thursday, June 1, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Part 2 - Between Palestinian and Israeli Identity - Thursday, June 8, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Part 3 - Non Muslim Arab Minorities Within Israeli Society - Thursday, June 15, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Part 4 - The Dusky Mirror in Contemporary Israel – Reclaiming Origins - Thursday, June 22, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Part 1 - Arabs With Israeli Citizenship – Policy and Identity - Often overlooked by both Jews and non-Jews outside of Israel, 20% of Israeli citizens belong to diverse ethnic minorities, with Muslim Arabs constituting the largest group. Commonly referred to as “Israeli Arab,” “Arab Israeli,” or “the Arab Sector,” these communities are frequently misunderstood and conflated with Palestinians by non-Israelis. In this enlightening program, we will delve into the key characteristics of these communities and examine the evolution of their identities from 1948 to the present day, fostering a deeper understanding of the diverse fabric of Israeli society.

Part 2 - Between Palestinian and Israeli Identity - Explore the distinctions between Arabs with Israeli citizenship and Palestinians, as well as the intricate relationships between these two communities, in this insightful session. By delving into the unique case of East Jerusalem, we’ll unravel the complexities of Palestinian identity and examine the factors that contribute to identity splits. Our discussion will encompass municipal politics, clashing ideologies, generational differences, and the concept of “Palestinians by choice.” We’ll address the pivotal question of how individuals navigate their realities, whether by choosing to integrate within Israeli society or maintaining a separate identity.

Part 3 - Non Muslim Arab Minorities Within Israeli Society - In this engaging session, we’ll delve into the diverse identities of Christian, Druze, Bedouin, and Muslim communities, examining their unique characteristics, as well as their similarities and differences in the context of their Arab origins. We’ll explore the roles these communities play in Israeli politics and their influence on cultural identities, providing a comprehensive understanding of the rich tapestry of Israeli society.

Part 4 - The Dusky Mirror in Contemporary Israel – Reclaiming Origins - Building on the insights gained throughout this month’s sessions, we’ll shift our focus to the fascinating phenomenon of Arab Jews in Israel. From the Black Panthers and Shas to Mizrahi and Arab Jews embracing their roots, we’ll examine pivotal moments and influential leaders who have shaped the present landscape. This session aims to deepen our understanding of the interconnected dynamics within Jewish-Muslim-Arab-Israeli-Palestinian relations, shedding light on the complex tapestry of identities that define the region.

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 PhD in Classics / Linguistics, an MA in Archaeology / Linguistics and an Honours BA 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 three children.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrfu6sqDojHtbY5HTcSjdEn35VANJs_C96#/registration

The Legacy of the Sassoon Family – 100 Years of Art, Trade, and Philanthropy

Monday, June 5, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Please join us for a special event with Dr. Sharon Keller based on the new exhibition at New York City's Jewish Museum, "The Sassoons." On view from March 3 through August 13, 2023, the exhibition features over 120 works from paintings to illuminated manuscripts, Chinese art, and Judaica collected by Sassoon family members and borrowed from numerous private and public collections. Don't miss this opportunity to explore the rich legacy of the Sassoons and their enduring impact on art, culture, and society.

Dr. 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. 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.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlId-mvpzovGNwIBGhHE3ZaAogy69BHwp1W?utm_source=CSP&utm_campaign=10de0e7e8a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_04_55_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5ee28fcb1-10de0e7e8a-386548940#/registration

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 plan to combat rising antisemitism in Massachusetts. They have also recently launched their Face Jewish Hate campaign. Their campaign combines the real-life stories of antisemitic incidents happening in Greater Boston to draw attention to this issue and a resource center focused on educating, mobilizing and empowering our community. |

Learn more -

https://www.facejewishhate.org/?utm_campaign=FaceJewishHate&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=258118072&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-82edGNbXkPO501V6avGb4y0al9s9NhnP2ma4wQQuGfCqG1q-9W7xfIDgT5uQQ2tjtTeo-6tGoLAXLabNBUchEb2ZHeUCavJJbGva9mvhc8ha60ydE&utm_content=258118072&utm_source=hs_email

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/>

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>



Walnut Street Synagogue, 145 Walnut Street, PO Box 505265, Chelsea, MA 02150
Contact us at: central.walnutstreetshul@gmail.com