



Taste of Jewish Culture, Crossroads and Connections, Upcoming Programs, Shul Visits and More – June 19, 2023

THE TASTE OF JEWISH CULTURE



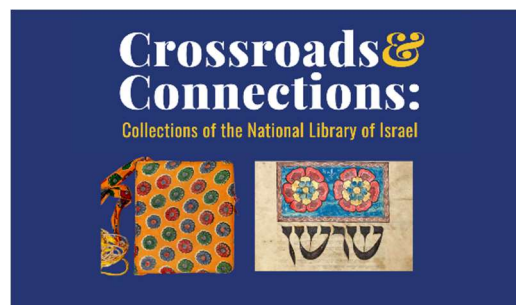
They Tried to Kill Us, We Won, Lets Eat! Jewish Food Conquers Antisemitism
Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 pm EDT (online)

Jews have been oppressed throughout history. But every pot has a silver lining. Let's look at the lighter side of darkness. How have Jews turned challenges into opportunities, and what delicious foods did we draw directly from the crucible of antisemitism? 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>

CROSSROADS AND CONNECTIONS



The Walnut Street Synagogue is pleased to partner with the National Library of Israel (NLI) and NLI-USA to present the **Crossroads and Connections** virtual exhibition. The NLI is home to the intellectual and cultural treasures of Israel and the Jewish people worldwide. In celebration of Israel's 75th anniversary year, NLI presents this exhibition of 18 highlights from their collection which represent cultural and religious creativity in Israel past and present. Two alternatives are available to access the exhibition -

video format and digital format which includes images of each item and additional links to relevant resources. Please follow the link below for more information and for access to the exhibition.

Crossroads and Connections exhibition - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/crossroads-and-connections/>

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 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.

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Navigating Complex Identities – Arab Citizens in Israeli Society

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

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.

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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-82edGNbXkPO501V6avGb4y0al9s9NhnP2ma4wQQQuGfCqG1q-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.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/>

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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