



High Holidays, Community News, Taste of Jewish Culture, Upcoming Programs, Shul Visits and More – September 5, 2023

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Please visit our High Holidays website for complete details on High Holiday services in our historic shul, our Yizkor book and pre-holiday programs.

<https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/high-holidays-20235784/>

SUMMER 2023 APPEAL

Our Summer Appeal is ongoing. We welcome your support at any level. Donations can be made online or through the mail. Thank you for your continuing support!

More information and Online Donations - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/summer-2023-appeal/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fourth Street next to the Walnut Street Synagogue will be named "Herbie Kupersmith Way" in recognition of our chairman's lifelong commitment to the shul and to the city.

Read the Chelsea Record article - <https://chelsearecord.com/2023/08/31/portion-of-fourth-street-named-in-honor-of-herbie-kupersmith/?fbclid=IwAR1aT-sVEgHqgPFYIijXPpGADIAJ1KqvqCjrWvVjCeOM4TfbyoA-xBH7daM>

THE TASTE OF JEWISH CULTURE



Not Just Apples and Honey: Rosh Hashana Foods and Their Many Meanings

Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 pm EDT (online)

We all know that we “dip the apple in the honey” on Rosh Hashana. But there are so many more symbolic foods that Jews around the world eat on the holiday. What do all of these foods mean? Why is symbolism such a big part of this holiday? How legit are newly-coined symbols at the Rosh Hashana table? And most importantly, what do these traditions say about our people? 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!



Language, Longing, and Belonging – *The Art of Leaving*

Tuesday, September 5, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

Ayelet Tsabari's memoir, *The Art of Leaving*, traces Tsabari's journey from her childhood home on the outskirts of Tel Aviv to Vancouver and Toronto, from her native Hebrew to her adopted English, and alongside the story of her grandparents' migration from Yemen to the land of Israel in the 1930s. An astute observer of the lives of Mizrahi Jews in Israel and beyond in her award-winning short story collection. *The Best Place on Earth* (2016), in *The Art of Leaving* Tsabari delivers a powerful coming-of-age story that reflects on identity and belonging and explores themes of family and home, both inherited and chosen.

Ayelet Tsabari was born in Israel to a large family of Yemeni descent. She is the author of *The Art of Leaving*, winner of the Canadian Jewish Literary Award for memoir, finalist for the Writer's Trust Hilary Weston Prize, and an Apple Books and Kirkus Review Best Book of 2019. Her first book, *The Best Place on Earth*, won the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature and the Edward Lewis Wallant Award, and was long listed for the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award. The book was a New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice, a Kirkus Review Best Book of 2016, and has been published internationally. She is the co-editor of the anthology *Tongues: On Longing and Belonging Through Language* and has taught creative writing at the University of Guelph, The University of King's College MFA, Tel Aviv University, and at Bar Ilan University.

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In the Footsteps of "Conversos" – A Virtual Jewish Walking Tour of Lima, Peru

Thursday, September 7, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

Did you know that there was a secret Jewish community in Lima during the 16th and 17th centuries? And that many natives of Lima are of Jewish descent without knowing it? The presence of Jews in Peru dates back to the Spanish conquest in the 16th century. The new world proved inhospitable to these Iberian Jews, however, many of whom were forced to convert by the Peruvian Inquisition, which was established in 1570. As a result of this persecution, there is little reliable data on the country's Jewish population until the Inquisition's end in the early 19th century, after which Peru enjoyed an influx of German and Russian Jews. Join us for a live walking tour and discover the secret Jewish community of Lima, Peru in the 16th and 17th centuries. We will learn about this hidden story by walking through downtown Lima and stopping at historic sites, including the location of the first synagogue. We will also hear about some of Lima's famous Jews, and how the community is faring today.

Our guide for this adventure, **Vanessa**, was born and raised in Lima, Peru. She has been a professional tour guide and an ambassador for the city of Lima since 2006 and has been a virtual tour guide since 2020. With over 15 years of guiding experience, guiding is her passion. Vanessa loves to share her knowledge of the history, architecture, cuisines, culture, and more about Lima with her travelers.

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Teshuva as Confession of Sin: Jewish Guilt or Christian Absolution

Sunday, September 10, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Religion has been accused of many evils. One of them being the disproportionate obsession with sin, remorse and shame. Today we know that shame and guilt can have many unhealthy psychological consequences for the individual. How do we square the negative effect of shame with the process of repentance? Is there a difference between the Christian and Jewish perspectives on the penitential aspect of religion? Using a wide variety of sources from the Bible and ancient commentaries to modern psychologists and popular writers such as Erich Fromm, Brene Brown and Sheryl Sandberg we will go on a journey of exploration into how guilt and shame can be used constructively towards the transformation of the self.

Dr. Tanya White is a sought after international lecturer, writer and educator with a focus on Tanach and Contemporary Jewish Thought. She is a Senior lecturer at Matan Women's Institute for Torah Studies and gives weekly classes in other institutions including Pardes and the London School of Jewish Studies (LSJS). Tanya acts as scholar in residence to diverse communities in the U.S., Switzerland and the UK. She is a graduate of the Matan Hasharon Scholars program and holds a B.S.c from the London School of Economics (LSE) in International Relations and an M.A. in Jewish studies and philosophy from LSJS and SOAS London. She holds a doctorate in Jewish Philosophy from Bar Ilan University, and is the recipient of Schupf Fellowship for outstanding students. She was elected as a "Sacks Scholar" in the inaugural cohort program of Rabbi Sacks Scholars 2023/24. Tanya is the mother of four daughters and lives with her husband and family on a moshav in central Israel.

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First Impressions: Mendelsohn on Tunisia and Chaddad's Artistic Vision

Monday, September 11, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

CSP is excited to invite you to an exclusive event with Dr. David Mendelsohn. Fresh from his journey to Tunis for the art opening of Rafram Chaddad's "The Good Seven Years" held at B7L9 art space, Dr. Mendelsohn will share his firsthand experiences of the art event and his inaugural visit to Tunisia.

Dr. David Mendelsohn's 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 Honors 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 three children.

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Which Fruit Did Adam and Eve Eat in Eden on Rosh Hashanah?

Thursday, September 14, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

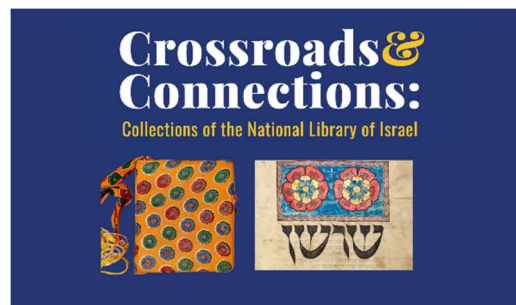
Dipping apples in honey is a common practice but is just one in a range of symbolic foods different communities eat on Rosh Hashanah. Why an apple? We could dip any fruit into honey to symbolize a

sweet new year. Our sages had five theories, and they all give deep insight into the nature and purpose of the day. Come take a bite.

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 Dr. Zarum earned a Ph.D. 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 M.A. in Adult Education, with distinction, at the Institute of Education in London. As well as Dean of LSJS, Rabbi Dr. Zarum currently serves as the Scholar-in-Residence at the Central Square Minyan in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

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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 - walnutstreetsynagogue.com/crossroads-and-connections

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.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/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/WalnutStreetSynagogue>

Facebook Group - Jews of Chelsea, MA Then and Now

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