



Support Israel in Boston, Taste of Jewish Culture, Upcoming Programs, Shul Visits and More – October 23, 2023

SUPPORT ISRAEL IN BOSTON

Israel Emergency Fund

Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) has launched the **Israel Emergency Fund** in response to the unprecedented and horrifying attack against Israel was launched over Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret. 100% of donations received will help support victims of terror and address the unprecedented levels of trauma caused by these horrific attacks.

Donate here -

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PLEASE WATCH OUR WEBSITE (walnutstreetsynagogue.com/2023-programs-october) AND THE WALNUT STREET SYNAGOGUE FACEBOOK PAGE AND JEWS OF CHELSEA - THEN AND NOW FACEBOOK GROUP FOR NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

THE TASTE OF JEWISH CULTURE



Oil, Almonds, and... Ears?! The Customary Foods of Chanukkah, Tu B'Shvat, and Purim
Monday, November 20, 7:00 pm EDT (online)

These three holidays all have popular foods associated with them, and plenty more that may be less familiar. By diving deeper into the dishes we eat to celebrate, we'll answer such perplexing questions as, "would we still eat latkes if there were no miracle of the oil," "what the heck is bokser anyway," and "did Haman actually have pointy ears?" 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 Charm of Santa Cruz – Exploring Seville, Spain’s Jewish Quarter

Tuesday, October 24, 1:00 pm EDT (online) **NOTE REVISED DATE**

Seville’s Santa Cruz quarter was formerly the city’s famous Jewish quarter. Its maze of streets and their evocative names give a good idea of what the city was like in 1492. During our live, virtual tour with Jose Luis Angeles, we will stroll around the Calle de la Judería, Callejón del Agua, Plaza de la Alianza, Marmoles the Roman Temple, and more. Located in the center of Seville, the charming, whitewashed facades, flowers, and patios of Santa Cruz give a feel for daily life of Sepharad. We will also see a small remnant of the wall that surrounded the Jewish quarter, and two of the city’s four synagogues that were converted into churches San Bartolomé and Santa María la Blanca.

About our guide: **Jose Luis Angeles**, better known as “Chel.” is a professional tour guide and Flamenco dancer & teacher. As a true lover of Seville, Chel inspires that same love in others through his tours. By sharing his passion for the history, legends, and culture of the beautiful city of Seville, Chel sheds light on the city that was once the capital of the civilized world.

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A Tapestry of Tradition, Tenacity, and Time – A Virtual Journey Through Jewish Belarus

Part 1 - Tuesday, October 24, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

Part 2 - Tuesday, October 31, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

Join us for an enriching two-part virtual tour of Belarus, a land steeped in Jewish heritage, history, and heart. Once home to nearly a million Jews, Belarus has been a cornerstone of Jewish life for over four centuries. From the Shtetls to Synagogues, from Yiddishland to the remarkable lineage of rabbis, artists, scholars, and everyday heroes, discover how our ancestors thrived even amidst adversity. Don’t miss this immersive experience, where we’ll dive deep into the facets of life that shaped the Jewish communities of Belarus – their customs, family life, education, jobs, and even the political and religious conflicts that shaped them. Prepare to walk the virtual cobblestones of a land that still echoes with the voices of our ancestors.

Evgenia Kempinski is a Russian Jew born and raised in St. Petersburg. Her family was originally from the Pale of Settlement – Poland, Ukraine and Belorussia, and endured the suppression of Judaism in the Soviet Union then the rebirth of Jewish culture and religious life in today’s St. Petersburg. She has been an official St. Petersburg tour guide for over 15 years and is the founder and owner of St. Petersburg Jewish Tours, a company offering Jewish travelers a unique experience of showcasing the best of Russia from a Jewish point of view. She currently lives in Haifa, Israel, still keeping close connections with St. Petersburg and its Jewish community.

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Under the Wings of the Sultan – The Rise of Jewish Communities in the Ottoman Empire

Sunday, October 29, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

The “Golden Age” of Jewish life in Spain came to a devastating end in 1492. In the wake of the infamous expulsion decree of that year, Jews from Spain dispersed far and wide with the largest number ultimately settling in the lands of the Ottoman Empire. This lecture traces the trans-Mediterranean journey of the exiled Spanish Jews to the sultan’s realm and the cultural and political dynamics that shaped the communities they created and developed over the subsequent centuries. In short, it explores how the descendants of Spanish Jews eventually became Ottoman Jews.

Dr. Devin E. Naar is the Isaac Alhadeff Professor in Sephardic Studies, Associate Professor of History, and faculty at the Stroum Center for Jewish Studies in the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington. Born and raised in New Jersey, Dr. Naar graduated summa cum laude from Washington University in St. Louis and received his Ph.D. in History at Stanford University. He has also served as a Fulbright fellow to Greece. His first book, *Jewish Salonica: Between the Ottoman Empire and Modern Greece*, was published by Stanford University Press in 2016. The book won the 2016 National Jewish Book Award in the category of Research Based on Archival Material and was named a finalist in Sephardic Culture. It also won the 2017 Edmund Keeley Prize for best book in Modern Greek Studies awarded by the Modern Greek Studies Association.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass

Thursday, November 2, 7:30 pm EST (online)

(presented by the Lappin Foundation)

The Walnut Street Synagogue is a community partner for the virtual *Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass* program, presented by the Lappin Foundation. Guest speaker Gregg Philipson will explore the root cause, the key players and the catalyst for the last and the most devastating pogrom before the mass murder and near destruction of European Jewry.

Event flyer - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Kristallnacht-Flyer-November-2023.pdf>

Register here - <https://lappinfoundation.formtitan.com/ftproject/event-registration?campaignid=7018X000001a0z4QAA>

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&_hsmt=258118072&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-82edGNbXkPO501V6avGb4y0aI9s9NhnP2ma4wQQuGfCqG1q-9W7xflDgT5uQQ2jtTeo-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=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! Please follow the link below for more information and to request **Individual/Family** or **Group (new)** tours.

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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