



## Support Israel in Boston, Upcoming Programs, Jewish Neighborhood Voices, Shul Visits and More – October 9, 2023

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### SUPPORT ISRAEL IN BOSTON

#### Gathering in Solidarity with Israel under Fire

Monday, October 9, 12:00 pm EDT (Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common)

Join the community in gathering to show our Israeli brethren our support at Parkman Bandstand in Boston Common. Event organized by Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP), Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston and IAC-New England.

#### Event details -

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#### Fund for Israel at War

CJP has launched the **Fund for Israel at War**. 100% of donated funds will go directly to assist victims of terror. CJP has already released \$100,000 to help organizations on the ground.

#### Donate here -

[https://give.cjp.org/give/525536/?utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8gOZCCFZuo0azQF8zaBKQdGAcCSLveZd6\\_d0V0waC554D5ms3kS7MKY-HlyHX9FnmkhRzMMuoFkwUmL90yJN57MAxqew&utm\\_content=277433797&utm\\_source=hs\\_email#!/donation/checkout](https://give.cjp.org/give/525536/?utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8gOZCCFZuo0azQF8zaBKQdGAcCSLveZd6_d0V0waC554D5ms3kS7MKY-HlyHX9FnmkhRzMMuoFkwUmL90yJN57MAxqew&utm_content=277433797&utm_source=hs_email#!/donation/checkout)

### 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 Triumph of Life, the Future of the Jewish People, and Our Role in Healing the World – Featuring Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg in conversation with Rabbi Elie Spitz**

Tuesday, October 10, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

If it's true that age refines a person, sanding away the irrelevant and showing the true character underneath, then Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, now in his 90s, is revealed as an exemplar not only of intellectual agility and wide-ranging curiosity but also of openness to new ideas, the ability to assess those ideas, keep the ones that are worth keeping, assimilate them into his life without compromising the older ones, and also, even beyond that, of warmth, sensitivity, delicacy, and goodness.

**Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg** serves as the President of the J.J. Greenberg Institute for the Advancement of Jewish Life (JJGI) and as Senior Scholar in Residence at Hadar. Rabbi Greenberg was ordained by Beth Joseph Rabbinical Seminary of Brooklyn, New York and has a PhD in history from Harvard University. He has had a long and notable career in the service of the Jewish people. He served in the rabbinate, notably at the Riverdale Jewish Center in the 1960s. He served as professor and chairman of the Department of Jewish Studies of City College of the City University of New York in the 1970s. Together with Elie Wiesel, he founded CLAL: The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership and served as its president until 1997. CLAL offered pluralistic Jewish learning for Jewish communal leadership and programs of intra-faith dialogue for rabbis of every denominational background. From 1997 to 2008, he served as founding president of Jewish Life Network/Steinhardt Foundation which created such programs as Birthright Israel and the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education. When Elie Wiesel served as chairman of the President's Commission on the Holocaust, Rabbi Greenberg served as its (Executive) Director. The Commission recommended and drew the blueprint for the creation of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on the National Mall in Washington. He served as the Museum's chairman from 2000-2002. In his new book, *The Triumph of Life* (forthcoming), he argues that the Holocaust and the Jewish assumption of power in creating the state of Israel are the beginning of a new era in Jewish history. Together, these two events usher in a third stage of Jewish religion, Lay Judaism, evolving out of Biblical Judaism and Rabbinic Judaism. Yitz and his wife Blu reside in Jerusalem.

**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. Rabbi Spitz spent the past 17 months teaching the Psalms with half-hour presentations for each Psalm.

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## **Dissent and Crisis - In the Heart of Jerusalem**

Sunday, October 15, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

A poetic virtual tour that uncovers roots of the contemporary crisis; from Notre-Dame through Musrara to the site of Mandelbaum Gate along the old borderline between Israel and Jordan. On the top of Notre-Dame Monastery while looking at an amazing 360 view of the city, we will read poetry that reveals the deep divide between Left and Right wing views of the old city and Temple mount – The poetry may be 70 years old and more- the issues are still relevant. Walking the alleys of nearby Musrara we will discuss through poetry and song the events that led to the Israeli Black Panther riots of the 1970s. A lot of that pain is still in the air in today's demonstrations. Our third and last stop is at what used to be the Mandelbaum Gate – the only passage between Israel and Jordan in the first 19 years of the state; a short story by Emile Habibi will uncover thoughts and feelings of Israeli Arab citizens about the divide.

**Dr. Rachel Korazim** is a powerful speaker and a freelance Jewish education consultant specializing in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. She is involved with Jewish education worldwide; creating and implementing in-service training programs for educators, writing educational materials, counseling and teaching. As one of the founders and directors of a special program for Israeli soldiers from disadvantaged backgrounds, she was responsible for creating the educational framework

and training teachers for the implementation of the program. Born in Israel, she served in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) as an officer in the central training base for women and was later a member of the IDF delegation to Niger (West Africa). She is a graduate of Haifa University with a Ph.D. in Jewish education.

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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Jewish Neighborhood Voices Community Reception

Sunday, October 15, 2:00 pm EDT (Williams School, 180 Walnut Street, Chelsea)

**JEWISH NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES  
COMMUNITY RECEPTION**

**When:**  
Sunday, October 15 2 - 4 pm

**Where:**  
Williams Jr High School  
(180 Walnut St Chelsea, MA)

**Join the Jewish Heritage Center to:**

- Hear stories about growing up in Chelsea, Lynn, Roxbury and Dorchester in the last century
- Learn about 20th century Jewish history
- Be transported to a delicatessen of the '40s/'50s
- Meet Jewish Neighborhood Voices oral history narrators

The event will include a speaking program and audience Q&A starting at 2:30 p.m..

The event is free but advance registration is required. Go to [jewishheritagecenter.org/events](http://jewishheritagecenter.org/events) to learn more.

The Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center  
at AMERICAN ANCESTORS

The Walnut Street Synagogue is pleased to be a community partner of the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center (JHC) on their *Jewish Neighborhood Voices* project, an online exhibit with oral histories and photographs depicting Jewish life in Chelsea, Dorchester, Roxbury and Lynn from the 1920s through the 1950s. A reception to launch this exhibit will be held at Williams School in Chelsea (diagonally across the street from the Walnut Street Synagogue) on October 15. No charge, but advance registration is required.

**Register here** - [https://jewishheritagecenter.org/events/jewish-neighborhood-voices-community-reception-0?utm\\_campaign=FY23%20JHC%20Email&utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=273356072&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-BBsw1LQkMyQZlen-GNY4-pn1299TWdRgLomIG5megNlmlNtcnPm3pSZTx1SjwulcPMfldNRF4YooE1qj5Zh7ocdBETQ&utm\\_content=273356072&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://jewishheritagecenter.org/events/jewish-neighborhood-voices-community-reception-0?utm_campaign=FY23%20JHC%20Email&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=273356072&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-BBsw1LQkMyQZlen-GNY4-pn1299TWdRgLomIG5megNlmlNtcnPm3pSZTx1SjwulcPMfldNRF4YooE1qj5Zh7ocdBETQ&utm_content=273356072&utm_source=hs_email)

**Visit the online exhibit** - [https://jewishheritagecenter.org/jewish-neighborhood-voices?utm\\_campaign=FY23%20JHC%20Email&utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=273356072&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9sGIPvBfsNQwZ1BmOZnU5dybUQd18vKqUyO8ZauAWJ1uQyYw3FvQyCDkf4VfSOFUOi1JknjSnhcsMkXtqlm46USdIGNA&utm\\_content=273356072&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://jewishheritagecenter.org/jewish-neighborhood-voices?utm_campaign=FY23%20JHC%20Email&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=273356072&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9sGIPvBfsNQwZ1BmOZnU5dybUQd18vKqUyO8ZauAWJ1uQyYw3FvQyCDkf4VfSOFUOi1JknjSnhcsMkXtqlm46USdIGNA&utm_content=273356072&utm_source=hs_email)

## 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](mailto:intake@yadchessed.org) for a confidential conversation. Questions can be directed to [info@yadchessed.org](mailto: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-9W7xflDgT5uQQ2tjtTeo-6tGoLAXLabNBUchEb2ZHeUCavJJbGva9mvhc8ha60ydE&utm\\_content=258118072&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.facejewishhate.org/?utm_campaign=FaceJewishHate&utm_medium=email&hsmi=258118072&hsenc=p2ANqtz-82edGNbXkPO501V6avGb4y0al9s9NhnP2ma4wQQuGfCqG1q-9W7xflDgT5uQQ2tjtTeo-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](mailto: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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