



Upcoming Programs, Jewish Neighborhood Voices, Shul Visits and More – October 3, 2023

**Shemini Atzeret begins Friday evening.
Simchat Torah begins Saturday evening.**

Chag Sameach!

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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 God of Possibilities – God, Human Freedom and the Obligation to Heal the World

Thursday, October 5, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

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. This discussion constitutes a personal effort at articulating a meaningful notion of God that is spiritually fulfilling, intellectually uncompromising and morally compelling. The search ranges across the Jewish tradition from the fundamentals of Biblical monotheism to Maimonides’ rationalism and onto Hasidic mysticism. The result is a contemporary notion of God that can nurture personal humility, the development of an ethical personality and a commitment “to do that which is right and good.”

Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller recently celebrated his fortieth year of working with students and faculty as the Executive Director of the Yitzhak Rabin Hillel Center for Jewish Life at UCLA. He is currently Director Emeritus. He was ordained in 1971 at Yeshiva University where he completed a Masters in Rabbinic Literature. Chaim has been a lecturer in the Departments of Sociology and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at UCLA and in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University. He is currently a faculty member of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America and of the Wexner Heritage Foundation. He was the founding director of the Hartman Fellowship for Campus Professionals and a

founding member of Americans for Peace Now. In 2014 he initiated a fact finding mission for non-Jewish student leaders to Israel and the Palestine Authority which is now offered on ninety campuses. In 2020 a Festschrift entitled *Swimming Against the Current: Reimagining Jewish Tradition in the 21st Century* was published in Chaim's honor. He is married to Dr. Doreen Seidler-Feller, a clinical psychologist, and is the father of Shulie, a photojournalist and Shaul, an ordained rabbi who is currently serving as a Judaica consultant at Sotheby's while pursuing a doctorate in Jewish History at the Hebrew University.

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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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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 to learn more.

The Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center
OF AMERICAN ANCESTRY

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

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

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=bxIW8IOLfyg>

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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