



Upcoming Programs, Jewish Neighborhood Voices, Shul Visits and More – September 26, 2023

Sukkot begins Friday 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!



In the Pursuit of Happiness or of Meaning? Socrates, Kohelet and Victor Frankel on the Meaning of Life

Thursday, September 27, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

It is at times of great rupture or great joy that we are often faced with the fragility of life. And when faced with our mortality and transience of our time on earth we will frequently inquire of its meaning. Once a year on the festival of Sukkot we are forced into conditions of fragility and transience. Moving outside our homes to a temporary structure and remembering our journey in the wilderness conditions us towards asking questions of meaning. Two common responses to these existential questions are hedonism or the creation of meaning. Judaism entertains them both. Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) read on Sukkot is a musing on these responses – everything is vanity, drink be merry for tomorrow we will die. In other places meaning is created through shared narrative, law, order and belief in God. Utilizing ancient philosophy, modern psychology and the wisdom of our tradition and its text we will unpack the question of meaning in our modern lives and show how the Bible and its customs already anticipated this human challenge many centuries earlier.

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.

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/9tQOaQQ6qrFJh30u?utm_source=CSP&utm_campaign=dee6805159-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_04_55_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5ee28fcb1-dee6805159-386548940#/registration

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
at BETH EL SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE

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&_hsmt=273356072&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-BBsw1LQkMyQZlen-GNY4-pn1299TWdRgLomIG5megNImINtcnPm3pSZTx1SjwulcPMfldNRF4YooE1qj5Zh7ocdBETQ&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&_hsmt=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=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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