



## Chanukah, Year End Giving, Upcoming Programs, Individual/Family and Group Shul Tours, Support Israel in Boston and More – December 11, 2023

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# HAPPY CHANUKAH!

## CHANUKAH IN CHELSEA

### **Chelsea Public Menorah Lighting**

Monday, December 11, 6:00 pm EST (in person at Chelsea Square)

*(hosted by Tobin Bridge Chabad and the City of Chelsea in partnership with the Walnut Street Synagogue and Temple Emmanuel)*

Join us for the seventh annual Chelsea Chanukah celebration in Chelsea Square (Winnisimmet Park on Broadway between Second and Williams Streets in front of the Chelsea Police Station) as we light the giant menorah and celebrate Chanukah as a community with latkes, jelly doughnuts and dreidels.

## YEAR END GIVING

We stand with Israel in the fight against terrorism and pray for the safe return of all hostages. Many of us have contributed to relief efforts to support the war's victims in Israel and will continue to do so. As the secular year comes to a close, we hope you will also consider strengthening our Jewish identity and presence here in Chelsea. Your support enables us to maintain and secure our historic synagogue, conduct services and provide high quality programming, ourselves and in conjunction with our strategic partners.

<https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/giving/>

## 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!



**Berlin's Hanukkah Glow: From Darkness to Light – A Virtual Exploration**

Wednesday, December 13, 1:00 pm EST (online)

From the grandeur of the Hanukkah Menorah near the Brandenburg Gate to intimate local celebrations, you'll witness how Berlin honors the "Festival of Lights", symbolizing the resilience and hope of a city that has emerged from a dark past. As we explore the festive sights, our guide will contrast Berlin under Nazi rule to Berlin today – a vibrant, diverse city focused on remembrance, cultural diversity, and building bridges of understanding. We will witness the strong bonds of friendship Berlin has built with the global Jewish community and Israel, encapsulated by Germany's Interior Minister recently articulating that "support for Israel is an essential element of current German policy." The tour ultimately offers insights into how Berlin commemorates Hanukkah as a commitment to learning from its complex history while moving positively towards a future defined by solidarity.

About our guide: **Olga's** journey to started in 1998 when she left her home country and went to California to attend a business school. After obtaining an MBA degree, she worked in California, London, and Moscow. Recently, Olga had to leave her life in Odessa and is currently living between Berlin and Krakow. Join us as we learn about Krakow and hear Olga's story.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=6763b8c102-5763b8c102-386548940#registration>

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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### **The Chelsea Carol Incident of 1949**

Monday, December 11, 4:00 pm EST (online)

*(presented by the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center)*

Nondenominational season's greetings and celebrations have prompted numerous cultural conversations about "the war on Christmas" in recent years. But such controversies are not new. In this webinar, Dr. Miriam Mora discusses a story she uncovered in her research in the archives of the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center: How a Jewish family's 1949 request for inclusivity around Christmas carols and pageants in their public school led to a widespread misunderstanding, and eventually caused panic and uproar within the Jewish community of Chelsea.

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### **Israeli Civil Society During War**

**Part 3** - Thursday, December 14, 12:00 pm EST (online)

*(presented by the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University)*

All are welcome to Join Professor Yehudah Mirsky for a series of conversations with three leading figures from Israeli civil society to hear about how diverse groups of Israelis are responding to the aftermath of October 7th, and what it can teach us about Israeli society as a whole.

**Part 3** – Mr. Mohammad Darawshe, Givat Haviva Center for Shared Society

<https://www.brandeis.edu/israel-center/events/index.html#civil-society>

## 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-december](https://www.walnutstreetsynagogue.com/2023-programs-december)) AND THE WALNUT STREET SYNAGOGUE FACEBOOK PAGE AND JEWS OF CHELSEA - THEN AND NOW FACEBOOK GROUP FOR NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

## SHUL TOURS

If you live in the Boston area and have never seen our historic shul, or haven't visited in a while, 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/>



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>

## 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>

*The Walnut Street Synagogue is the center for Jewish history, education and culture serving Chelsea, Greater Boston and beyond and is the historic home of Congregation Agudas Sholom. (added to National Register of Historic Places in 1993)*



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