

# International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration, Combatting Antisemitism, Upcoming Programs, Visits and More – January 23, 2023

### THE TASTE OF JEWISH CULTURE



Thank you to all who joined us last Wednesday for *Chulent and Hamin: The Stew with a Thousand Flavors.* Please join our online exploration of Jewish food traditions and the historical connections between Jews and food with Jewish Food researcher Joel Haber for our third session, *Crackers, Crepes and Cheese: Jewish Culinary Traditions From Passover to Shavuot,* on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm EDT.

More information and registration - https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/the-taste-of-jewish-culture/

# 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!



#### History & Philosophy of Islam

Part 4 – The Hajj – The Pilgrimage to End All Pilgrimages – Thursday, January 26, 1:00 pm EST (online)

**Part 4 – The Hajj – The Pilgrimage to End All Pilgrimages –** Join us as we delve into the origins of the Hajj ritual, the place it takes within Islamic culture and the surprising connections between the Hajj and the Chagim.

**Dr. David Mendelsohn** supervises the entire academic program of the Kivunim Institute. His areas of expertise include Islamic Studies, History and Culture of Arabs with Israeli Citizenship, Bedouin Law and

the relationship between language and culture in Arabic and Hebrew. His current research examines the influence of Hebrew on the dialects of Arabic spoken in Israel. Mendelsohn also lectures on the history and relationships between Middle East countries and militant organizations. David holds advanced degrees in diverse fields: a Ph.D. Classics / Linguistics, an M.A. in Archaeology / Linguistics and an Honours B.A. in Classical Studies. David is the recipient of one of Canada's highest academic honors, The Trudeau Prize and a world class Judo Gold Medal winner. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife Roni and 3 children. *This program is fully funded by a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation Orange County* 

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**Demystifying History Part 4 – Putin, Ukraine and the Jews** – Sunday, January 29, 7:00 pm EST (online)

**Part 4 – Putin, Ukraine and the Jews –** Personality counts in history. The former KGB man rolled the dice. We shall see how they come up. His future and the future of Europe hang in the balance. **Stephen M. Berk**, who served as CSP's 10th Annual One Month Scholar in Residence in February 2011, is Professor of History at Union College in Schenectady, New York, former Chair of the Department of History, Director of the Program in Russian and Eastern European Studies and Faculty Advisor to the Jewish Student Organization. He is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* (Greenwood Press, 1985). He is currently writing a book titled: "Our People Are Your People: American Jewry and the Struggle for Civil Rights 1954-1965." The book provides an interesting discussion of an extremely important chapter in the history of the civil rights movement and attempts to dispel the myths and misunderstandings surrounding the Black-Jewish relationship. A recipient of the Citizens Laureate Award of the University of Albany Foundation, Professor Berk has been a consultant to the Wiesenthal Holocaust Center in Los Angeles, has written articles on Russian and Jewish history, anti-Semitism, and the Middle East and has lectured on throughout the United States and Canada including such distinguished colleges and universities as Princeton, Vanderbilt, The University of Texas at Austin and Williams College.

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# **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

#### International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration

Thursday, January 26, 7:30 pm EST (online) (presented by the Lappin Foundation)



The Walnut Street Synagogue is pleased to be a co-sponsor of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration, presented by the Lappin Foundation. We will hear testimony by Holocaust survivor Lusia Milch on the topic "Lessons of the Holocaust as a Cautionary Tale for Today." Welcome remarks will be provided by Miriam Asnes, Senior Advisor to the U.S. State Department Special Envoy on Holocaust Issues.

Event flyer - https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Holocaust-Remembrance-Day-Flyer-2023-002.pdf

**Register here -** <u>https://www.lappinfoundation.org/2022/12/13/international-holocaust-remembrance-day-commemoration-2/</u>

Israel at 75

Part 4 – Israel Today: The Promise of a New Government - Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 pm EST (online)

**Part 5** – **What's in Store for Israel's Next 75 Years?** - Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 pm EDT (online) (presented by the Lappin Foundation)



The Walnut Street Synagogue is pleased to be a community partner of the *Israel at 75* series, presented by the Lappin Foundation. In advance of Israel's 75th anniversary, Ido Aharoni, Global Distinguished Professor for International Relations at NYU's Graduate School of Arts and Science, will look back at influential leaders and take a peek at what may lie ahead. Everyone is welcome thanks to a generous grant from the Dr. David M. Milch Family Foundation.

Event flyer - https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Israel-at-75-Flyer.pdf Register here - https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkc-qqrD8vHtIEfmzq6rzNRV3DgRtR5wVU

# **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

#### CJP Plan to Combat Antisemitism

Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) has developed a five-point plan to combat rising antisemitism in Massachusetts. They are seeking stories for their mobilization campaign to fight back. If you have experienced antisemitism in any form at any time, join them and say enough is enough! Stories can be of any length and can be submitted anonymously.

Learn more and submit your story - https://ma.cjp.org/antisemitism-

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# **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 <u>intake@yadchessed.org</u> for a confidential conversation. Questions can be directed to <u>info@yadchessed.org</u>.

Support Yad Chessed - https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/yadchessed

### 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 <u>central.walnutstreetshul@gmail.com</u> 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

<u>https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/</u> Facebook Page - Walnut Street Synagogue <u>https://www.facebook.com/WalnutStreetSynagogue</u> Facebook Group - Jews of Chelsea, MA Then and Now <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChelseaJews</u>



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