



The Taste of Jewish Culture, Upcoming Programs, Shul Video and More – January 16, 2023

THE TASTE OF JEWISH CULTURE



Please join our online exploration of Jewish food traditions and the historical connections between Jews and food with Jewish Food researcher Joel Haber, live from Jerusalem. Our second session, ***Chulent and Hamin: The Stew with a Thousand Flavors***, will be on January 18 at 7:00 pm EST. **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!



A Visit to the Heart of the Ancient Silk Road: The Jews of Uzbekistan
Tuesday, January 17, 3:30 pm EST (online)

Uzbekistan, a landlocked country in Central Asia south and southeast of the Aral Sea (bordered by Kazakhstan in the west and north east, by Turkmenistan in the south west, Afghanistan in the south, and Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan in the east), is the most populous country in Central Asia and is rich in history, culture, and diversity. It has been a part of numerous empires and was once the main center of the Silk Road. The meaning of the name Uzbek is disputed. One version is that it is derived from Turkish 'uz/öz' ('good' or 'true') and 'bek' ('guardian'). Unlike the neighboring Kazakhs and Kyrgyz, but like their close cousins the Uyghurs, the Uzbeks were mostly a sedentary people, building impressive cities along the old Silk Road. According to tradition, the oldest of Uzbekistan's Jewish communities, that in Bukhara, was established more than 2,000 years ago following the Babylonian destruction of the First Temple. Other accounts tell of Jews fleeing Persian persecution more than 1,500 years ago and yet others bring Jews to Uzbekistan as merchants on the Silk Road in the seventh century. By any account, Jews in Uzbekistan

have a long history. Most were artisans and merchants since land ownership was forbidden. And, like most other Uzbeks, they rode out the tumultuous history of the region, marked by invasions by Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, the Sardiens, the Qarakhanids, the Seljuks, the Persians, the Turks, and the Chinese, all who ravaged Central Asia.

Evgenia Kempinski is a Russian Jew born and raised in St. Petersburg. Her family was originally from the Pale of Settlement – Poland, Ukraine and Belorussia – and endured the suppression of Judaism in the Soviet Union then the rebirth of Jewish culture and religious life in today's St. Petersburg. She has been an official St. Petersburg tour guide for over 15 years and is the founder and owner of St. Petersburg Jewish Tours – a company offering Jewish travelers a unique experience of showcasing the best of Russia from a Jewish point of view. She currently lives in Haifa, Israel, still keeping close connections with St. Petersburg and its Jewish community.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckcOyqgzwrH9DKh3QViQrOCbTYV6Ub4BML?utm_source=CSP&utm_campaign=143c23438a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_04_55_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5ee28fcb1-143c23438a-362302843

History & Philosophy of Islam

Part 3 – Aisha, Fatima and the Sunni-Shia Split – Thursday, January 19, 1:00 pm EST (online)

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

Part 3 – Aisha, Fatima and the Sunni-Shia Split – What was the role of women in general in the rise of Islam? We will ‘meet’ Aisha and Fatima and other powerful women surrounding Muhammad and then explore the redirection of Islam into a dynastic system.

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*

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rf-2uqzqvHdEJTxFcnxTqnmNiilTaMEYs?utm_source=CSP&utm_campaign=e51cb0cf66-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_04_55_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5ee28fcb1-e51cb0cf66-386548940

Demystifying History

Part 3 – Our People are Your People: American Jews and the Struggle for Civil Rights – Sunday, January 22, 7:00 pm EST (online)

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

Part 3 – Our People are Your People: American Jews and the Struggle for Civil Rights – Jewish involvement in the Civil Rights movement is perhaps the most glorious moment in American Jewish history. Yet even in the midst of close collaboration there was the beginning of tension that continues up to the present.

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.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpceiprTloGdXxDbOga6bCFIqcZr0ECyYC?utm_source=CS&utm_campaign=ce65f3c1c7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_04_55_COPY_05&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5ee28fcb1-ce65f3c1c7-386548940

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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)

LAPPIN FOUNDATION

Israel@75!

1948 - 2023

As Israel's 75th anniversary approaches, join Ido Aharoni for a look back at influential leaders, and a peek at what may lie ahead.

Global Distinguished Professor for International Relations at NYU's Graduate School of Arts and Science

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on Zoom

November 1, 2022 Zionism: Herzl's Dream, Israel's Reality

December 13, 2022 Part 1 – The Influencers: David Ben Gurion, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin

January 10, 2023 Part 2 – The Influencers: Menachem Begin, Shimon Peres, Ariel Sharon, and Benjamin Netanyahu

February 7, 2023 Israel Today: The Promise of a New Government

March 14, 2023 What's in Store for Israel's Next 75 Years?

The series is free and everyone is welcome thanks to a generous grant from the Dr. David M. Milch Family Foundation.

For more information, contact Sharon Winer (swiner@lappinfoundation.org; 978-565-4450).

Community Partners

Brookly Village Jewish Community	Haddisah Lynn Swaincott	Stand With Us
Congregation Ahava Achim	Martha's Vineyard Center	Temple Ahavat Achim
Congregation Ahava Olat	South Community Center of the North Shore	Temple Shalom-D
Congregation Shalom Meir	Saville Jewish	Temple Tiferet
Congregation Sons of Israel	Jewish National Fund - USA	Temple Tzedek
Consejo General of Israel to New England	Alexander Pusey High School in Israel	Temple Tzedek Shalom
Green Hill School	Shalom L'Hadash	Walnut Street Synagogue

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>

International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration

Thursday, January 26, 7:30 pm EST (online)

(presented by the Lappin Foundation)

a virtual tour.

Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxIW8lOLfyg>

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>



Walnut Street Synagogue, 145 Walnut Street, PO Box 505265, Chelsea, MA 02150
Contact us at: central.walnutstreetshul@gmail.com