



Jerusalem Development Series, Upcoming Programs, Shul Tours and More – February 19, 2024

JERUSALEM: THE HOLY CITY'S DEVELOPMENT FROM ANTIQUITY TO TODAY





Join us for an online exploration of the growth of the city from its beginnings as a small town on a hillside to the modern city it is today with Jerusalem-based tour guide Joel Haber.

Walnut Street Synagogue


JERUSALEM

THE HOLY CITY'S DEVELOPMENT FROM ANTIQUITY TO TODAY

A FOUR-PART, FREE ONLINE SERIES

 The Old City: Jerusalem in Antiquity February 14	 First Modern Neighborhoods: 1860-1880 March 13	 Nachlaot: 1875-1920 April 17	 Rechavia and Beyond: 1920-Present May 15
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(All Programs Begin at 7 PM Eastern)

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The First Modern Neighborhoods: 1860-1880

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 pm EST (online)

After millennia as a small, walled city, Jerusalem finally took its first steps beyond its walls in the middle of the 19th century. During this next phase, five new neighborhoods were built, hugging the walls. Built by different groups and funded in different manners, these first neighborhoods set up the model for the creation of what came to be known as Jerusalem's New City.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jerusalem-the-first-modern-neighborhoods-1860-1880-tickets-796250345217?aff=oddtcreator>

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!



Jews on the Silver Screen

Part 7 – Jewish Women in Movies – Tuesday, February 20, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Part 8 – Visible and Invisible Jewishness – Tuesday, February 27, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Over eight enlightening weeks, we delve into the tapestry of Jewish representation, both overt and subtle, in Hollywood's history. From the pioneering Jewish visionaries who shaped global cinema to the enduring fascination with biblical narratives and the layers they hold, we uncover the intersections of culture and storytelling. We also confront and deconstruct stereotypes through the lens of Jewish gangsters and explore how cinema has exposed and healed societal ills. As we transition to adaptations of literature and the works of renowned directors like Steven Spielberg, we question the Jewish elements that lie beneath the surface. At the end of the series, we spotlight the roles of Jewish women in the industry and explore both the visible and invisible aspects of Jewishness in film, from unspoken identities to bold declarations.

Part 7 – Jewish Women in Movies

- I. Marjorie Morningstar
- II. Izzy Grossman and the Escape from Delancey Street
- III. Woody Allen's Jewish Mothers
- IV. Baby Houseman and the World of the Catskills

Part 8 – Visible and Invisible Jewishness

- I. *What's Up Doc*: Barbara Streisand's Unstated Jewishness
- II. *Avalon* and the Melting Pot
- III. Adam Sandler and Ben Stiller: Masters of Chutzpah
- IV. Cher Horowitz — Jewish American Princess

Professor Howard Lupovitch is Professor of History and Director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University. He was educated at the University of Michigan, and Columbia University (earning a Ph.D. in History from the latter). Over his career, Prof. Lupovitch has taught at Cornell University, Colby College, the University of Western Ontario, and the University of Michigan, where he was also a fellow at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies. Prof. Lupovitch is the author, most recently, of *Transleithanian Paradise: A History of the Jewish Community of Budapest, 1738-1938*, and is presently completing a history of the Neolog Movement and researching a new history of the Jews of Detroit. *This program is fully funded by a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation Orange County.*

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Exile and Home: Tales of Traveling Rabbis

Part 3 - Wednesday, February 28, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Part 4 - Wednesday, March 6, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Why does a great rabbi return to the town that had banished him? Who is the immigrant rabbi cruelly humiliated by his new havruta? And what happens when a man from Babylon marries a woman from Israel? The Talmud is riddled with travel narratives, stories of rabbis who leave their former lives behind and set out into the unknown, disoriented in unfamiliar territory, disparaged by unfriendly locals. This course looks at four such narratives, exploring the trials and tribulations of the traveling rabbis, and the lessons they must learn before they can arrive at their destination.

Gila Fine is a teacher of Aggada at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, exploring the tales of the Talmud through philosophy, literary criticism, psychoanalysis, and pop-culture. She is also a faculty member of the London School of Jewish studies, the Nachshon Project, and Amudim Seminary, and has taught thousands of students at conferences and communities across the Jewish world. Gila's dynamic literary method and unique intertextual approach, ranging from folktales to fiction to film, bring the stories of the Talmud to life, revealing their relevance for our time. *Haaretz* has called her "a young woman on her way to becoming one of the more outstanding Jewish thinkers of the next generation."

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"There's No Business like Show Business" - The Jewish Musical Tradition in America

Part 8 – Jews and the Folk Music Revival - Thursday, February 22, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Part 9 – American Nusach: Debbie Friedman and the Great American Jewish Sing-along - Thursday, February 29, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Join us on this melodic exploration of a rich and diverse tradition that has not only reflected the Jewish-American experience but has also left an indelible mark on the nation's musical history. From the early Yiddish roots of Jewish immigrants to the groundbreaking compositions of Aaron Copland, the influence of Jews in the Jazz Revolution, and their role in shaping the landscape of Broadway and Rock & Roll, this series celebrates the enduring impact of Jewish musical traditions on American culture. With sessions dedicated to iconic figures like Irving Berlin, Leonard Bernstein, and Bob Dylan, as well as the transformative power of artists like Debbie Friedman, we explore how these artists navigated their Jewish identities within the evolving American musical tapestry.

Part 8 - Jews and the Folk Music Revival

I. Re-Discovering Roots

II. Music as Activism

III. Robert Zimmerman/Bob Dylan's Dual Odyssey

Part 9 - American Nusach: Debbie Friedman and the Great American Jewish Sing-along

I. Summer Camp and the New American Judaism

II. The Sacred and the Secular

III. Celebrating the New Jewish Woman

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Please contact us at central.walnutstreetshul@gmail.com for details on how you can register for this series

Resiliency & Faith in Difficult Times – Featuring Rabbi Naomi Levy in conversation with Rabbi Elie Spitz

Sunday, February 25, 7:00 pm EST (online)

Both in her writing and from the pulpit, **Rabbi Naomi Levy** has drawn upon her own experiences of weathering crises to give others the tools to survive. Part of the first class of women admitted to the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1984, Rabbi Levy graduated in 1989 to become the West Coast's first female Conservative rabbi at Congregation Mishkon Tephilo in Venice, California. In 1998 she published her bestselling book, *To Begin Again: The Journey Toward Comfort, Strength, and Faith in Difficult Times*, describing her reaction to her father's murder when she was fifteen and offering insights about resilience and faith. Her book contained original prayers, which led Rabbi Levy, with readers

encouragement, to compose *Talking to God: Personal Prayers for Times of Joy, Sadness, Struggle, and Celebration* (2002). Many of those personal prayers became part of synagogue liturgy. Rabbi Levy developed those ideas further in her 2010 book, *Hope Will Find You: My Search for the Wisdom to Stop Waiting and Start Living*, which described her rejection of her daughter's potentially fatal diagnosis and her decision to live in the present and not assume the worst. In 2004 she founded Nashuva, an experimental synagogue for unaffiliated and previously disengaged Jews. Both in her synagogue and as a scholar in residence around the country, Rabbi Levy teaches lay people and rabbis to craft personal prayers and reach for a more engaged spiritual life. She has appeared on *Oprah* and the *Today Show* and has regularly been honored as one of the Forward 50 and Newsweek's 50 most influential rabbis. This engaging session will offer a rare glimpse into Rabbi Levy's life journey, her path to spiritual leadership, and her unique perspectives on faith and resilience. Join us as we explore how her insights can guide us in navigating the complexities and challenges of our world today.


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 seventeen months teaching the Psalms with half-hour presentations for each Psalm (recently completing all 150 Psalms!).

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

From Swastika to Jim Crow


Sunday, February 25, 4:00 pm EST (in-person program presented by the Lappin Foundation at Temple Ner Tamid, 368 Lowell St. in Peabody)




Lappin Foundation invites you to join us for an in-person film screening and discussion.

From Swastika to Jim Crow

Sunday, February 25, 2024
4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Temple Ner Tamid
368 Lowell Street, Peabody



From Swastika to Jim Crow is the little-known story of Jewish scholars who fled to the United States from Nazi Germany. Confronted with American antisemitism and unable to find employment in major universities, a surprising number found an unexpected refuge teaching at historically Black colleges in the segregated South.



The program is free, and everyone is welcome.

PLEASE REGISTER HERE BY FEBRUARY 21, 2024.

For more information, contact Sharon Wyner at 978-565-4450 or email swyner@lappinfoundation.org.

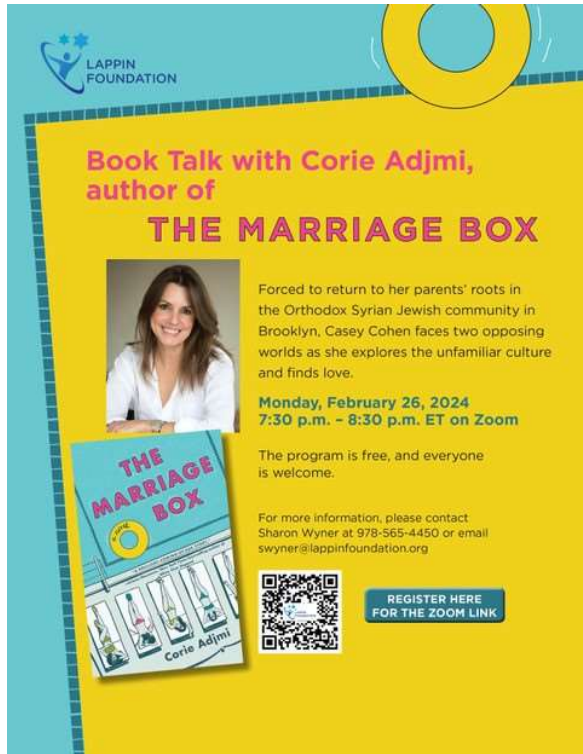
The Walnut Street Synagogue is pleased to be a program partner for *From Swastika to Jim Crow*, an in-person film screening and discussion presented by the Lappin Foundation at Temple Ner Tamid in

Peabody. The film tells the little-known story of Jewish scholars who fled to the United States from Nazi Germany. Confronted with American antisemitism and unable to find employment in major universities, a surprising number found an unexpected refuge teaching at historically Black colleges in the segregated South.

<https://www.lappinfoundation.org/2023/12/20/from-swastika-to-jim-crow/>

The Magic Box – Book Talk with Author Corie Adjmi

Monday, February 26, 7:30 pm EST (online program presented by the Lappin Foundation)



The poster features the Lappin Foundation logo in the top left corner. The main title is "Book Talk with Corie Adjmi, author of THE MARRIAGE BOX". Below the title is a photo of Corie Adjmi and a small image of the book cover. The text on the poster reads: "Forced to return to her parents' roots in the Orthodox Syrian Jewish community in Brooklyn, Casey Cohen faces two opposing worlds as she explores the unfamiliar culture and finds love." The event details are "Monday, February 26, 2024 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ET on Zoom". It also states "The program is free, and everyone is welcome." and provides contact information for Sharon Wyner: "For more information, please contact Sharon Wyner at 978-565-4450 or email swyner@lappinfoundation.org". A QR code and a button labeled "REGISTER HERE FOR THE ZOOM LINK" are located at the bottom right of the poster.

Join the Lappin Foundation for a book talk on *The Marriage Box* with author Corie Adjmi. The book is a novel about Casey Cohen who is forced to return to her parents' roots in the Orthodox Syrian Jewish community in Brooklyn as she faces two opposing worlds, explores the unfamiliar culture and finds love.

<https://lappinfoundation.tfaforms.net/54>

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Israel Emergency Fund

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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 for a confidential conversation. Questions can be directed to 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.walnutstreetschul@gmail.com to be included in our weekly announcements. Photos are welcome!

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/>

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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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