



Jerusalem Development Series this week, Community Briefings, Upcoming Programs, Shul Tours and More – April 15, 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.



Nachlaot: 1875-1920

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 pm EDT (online)

This unique cluster of “micro-neighborhoods” is not like any other area of Jerusalem, and it represents the growth spurt of the New City. After the first neighborhoods planted the roots, the city exploded with construction and development. Nachlaot became one of the more diverse areas, with numerous different communities represented, a rapidly developing architectural style, and many colorful characters who became central to the progress in the country overall.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jerusalem-nachlaot-1875-1920-tickets-796380444347?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!



Part 3 - Clothes Make the Person - Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm EDT (online)

Part 4 - At Home in the Jewish World - Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 pm EDT (online)

Part 5 - At Home in the Jewish World - Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 pm EDT (online)

When we think about archaeology, we think, of course, about antiquity. But Jews in all times in places lived in communities surrounded by the material culture – the architecture, the furnishings, the clothing, and the artifacts – of their time. Join Professor Marc Michael Epstein for a deep dive into Jewish spaces, places, clothing, and the material remains of daily and synagogue life — of Jewish “stuff” throughout the ages. How should we go about digging for clues in this vast array of material? And how can we use what we discover about how Jewish “stuff” in times gone by to understand Jewish “stuff” and Jewish lives today?

Part 3 - Clothes Make the Person - What remains of historical Jewish costume in history? How were Jews distinguished from others and how did (and does) Jewish clothing “mark” Jews?

Part 4 - At Home in the Jewish World - What can we learn about Jewish life from the Jewish home, as depicted in art? Where can we find the “lost treasures” of historical Jewish civilizations now gone?

Part 5 - Erased Synagogues - So many synagogues that were, in former times, the hubs of vibrant communities are no longer extant, for a myriad of reasons. Can we reconstruct these beautiful, vanished buildings?

Winner of the 2015 Jewish Book Award in Visual Arts for *Skies of Parchment, Seas of Ink: Jewish Illuminated Manuscripts*, **Marc Michael Epstein** is the product of a mixed marriage between the scions of Slonimer and Lubavitcher Hassidim and Romanian socialists, and grew up, rather confused, but happy, in Brooklyn, New York. He is currently Professor of Religion at Vassar College, where he has been teaching since 1992, and was the first Director of Jewish Studies. At Vassar, he teaches courses on medieval Christianity, religion, arts and politics, and Jewish texts and sources. He is a graduate of Oberlin College, received the PhD at Yale University, and did much of his graduate research at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. During the 1980s, Epstein was Director of the Hebrew Books and Manuscripts division of Sotheby's Judaica department. He continues to serve as consultant to various libraries, auction houses, museums and private collectors throughout the world.

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Yearning to Breathe Free – Contemporary Jewish Immigrant Stories of inspiration, Resilience and Finding Home

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 pm EDT (online)

Too often the Jewish story of coming to America is visualized in sepia tones — European ancestors trudging off the boats at Ellis Island in the 1880s. But as this poetic and captivating new theatre show reveals, the Jewish immigrant story continues into today with fresh and vibrant colors. Weaving together true stories from Jewish immigrants across the globe — Ukraine, China, Iran, Chile, Egypt, Turkey, and Israel — *Yearning to Breathe Free* takes audiences deeper into the experience of leaving one's home for a new land. Rooted by their Jewish tradition, the authors of these stories find a resilience to face an uncertain future. Their words have much to teach us.

The Braid moves hearts and challenges minds with mostly true contemporary stories performed on stage and online. Since 2008, the Braid has been recognized for its unique theatrical art form, *Salon Theatre*, that sits at the intersection of theatre and storytelling. These stories are pulled from a vast collection of over 75 original “Salon Theatre” shows spotlighting diverse Jewish experiences in America today. Written by over 350 professional and lay writers ages 13-98, and performed by professional actors, these inspiring Jewish stories deliver heart, humor, chutzpah and leave you laughing or crying, or both, while celebrating the truths that connect us all.

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Who Knows One?

Sunday, April 21, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

“Echad Mi Yodeya” is so much more than a children’s nursery rhyme. It is a deep meditation on the challenge of Jewish survival and relates to an earlier part of the Haggadah in surprising ways. This class will give you a whole new perspective to explore on Seder night... Join us as we explore the surprising origin of “Echad Mi Yodeya” and the eternal debate about Jewish survival.

Rabbi Dr. Raphael Zarum is Dean of the London School of Jewish Studies (LSJS) and holds the Rabbi Sacks Chair in Modern Jewish Thought at the school. He is a rabbinic leader, lecturer and author with a passion for teaching traditional Jewish texts and innovative educational programming for young and old. Rabbi Dr. Zarum earned a PhD in Theoretical Physics from King’s College London, leading to the publication of a number of papers on Quantum Chaos Theory. As well as Dean of LSJS, Rabbi Zarum currently serves as the Scholar-in-Residence at the Central Square Minyan in Hampstead Garden Suburb. He studied at Yeshivat HaKotel in Jerusalem and the Kollel of the Judith Lady Montefiore College in London where he received rabbinic ordination.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Israel Update with Col. (Ret.) Miri Eisin

Tuesday, April 16, 8:00 am EDT (online program presented by Combined Jewish Philanthropies)

Join Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) for a briefing from Col. (Ret.) Miri Eisin following Iran’s launch of more than 300 drones and projectiles in its first-ever direct attack on Israel. Col Eisin is the Director of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at Reichman University in Herzliya, and a great friend of the Boston community. She will join us for on-the-ground insights and to discuss what we might expect in the upcoming days and weeks ahead.

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CJP Community Briefing on Antisemitism in America

Wednesday, April 17, 4:00 pm EDT (online program presented by Combined Jewish Philanthropies)

The Anti-Defamation League’s (ADL’s) 2023 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents will be released on April 16 and CJP is holding a virtual community briefing the very next day to discuss (what’s expected to be) the record-breaking findings, both nationally and locally. We invite you to join CJP and the ADL for a timely and necessary conversation on the state of antisemitism across the country and how the number of incidents have been affected since the terror attacks in Israel on October 7.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cjp-community-briefing-on-antisemitism-in-america-tickets-880303189537?utm_campaign=240205-Israel-and-Global-Jewry&utm_source=do-email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=ADL-briefing-eventbrite

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



Fulfill a Passover Mitzvah with Yad Chessed: “Let all Who are Hungry Come and Eat”

As Passover approaches, we all have the opportunity to fulfill the beautiful mitzvah of Maot Chittim (“wheat money”) by making a donation to Yad Chessed to ensure that every member of our community can afford food and joyfully celebrate this cherished holiday.

Maot Chittim is a mitzvah which dates to ancient times when individuals would contribute funds so that everyone in their community could afford the necessary provisions for the Passover holiday. Yad Chessed, an organization focused solely on assisting Jews in our community currently struggling with financial hardship and food insecurity, is committed to upholding this tradition by helping families purchase food on Passover. Your generous donation will contribute to ensuring that no one is left behind during this special time of year.

By giving to Yad Chessed, you are not only fulfilling a fundamental mitzvah but also spreading hope, joy, and unity throughout our community. And, if you know of someone in our community who is struggling with financial challenges, please encourage them to reach out to Yad Chessed (www.yadchessed.org/intake-form/) for assistance.

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 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.

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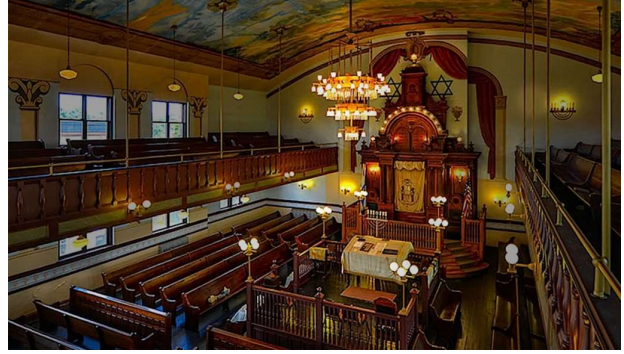
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The Walnut Street Synagogue is the center for Jewish history, education and culture serving Chelsea, Greater Boston and beyond and is the historic home of Congregation Agudas Sholom. (added to National Register of Historic Places in 1993)



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