



Upcoming Programs, Shul Tours and More – June 10, 2024

Shavuot begins Tuesday evening! חג שבועות שמח

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We are pleased to be a partner congregation of the Orange County Jewish **Community Scholar Program (CSP)**. Please join us at an upcoming program!



Antisemitism, Zionism & Anti-Zionism

Part 2 - Tuesday, June 11, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Part 3 - Tuesday, June 18, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Both in the past and present, Antisemitism, Zionism, and Anti-Zionism are interrelated and even symbiotic phenomena—and understanding their historical relationship is a critical step toward meeting the challenges they may pose for the Jewish future. To fully understand the current problem of Anti-Zionism, we must first gain a better understanding of both Antisemitism and Zionism, and hence our first lecture, on “Antisemitism,” examines the origins and dynamics of modern Jew-hatred; the second, “Zionism,” takes a closer look at the dialectic of Antisemitism and Jewish nationalism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries; and the third, “Anti-Zionism,” traces the development of Zionism and its antithesis over the past century.

David E. Kaufman, our presenter for these three sessions, was born and bred in Brooklyn, New York, and educated at the Bialik Hebrew Day School and the Yeshiva of Flatbush High School. He holds degrees from Columbia College, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Brandeis University. A PhD in American Jewish History, he has taught at numerous colleges such as Brown University, University of Massachusetts/Amherst, Hebrew Union College/Los Angeles and Hofstra University. In addition to numerous articles on the social, religious, and architectural history of the American synagogue, Dr. Kaufman has authored two books: *Shul with a Pool: The Synagogue-Center in American Jewish History* (Brandeis, 1999) and *Jewhooping the Sixties: American Celebrity and Jewish Identity* (Brandeis, 2012). David currently lives on the Upper West Side and is engaged in public education, researching, writing, and teaching the history of the New York Jewish community.

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Jewish Heritage Across the Balkans: A Journey Through History and Culture
Part 2 – Slovenia and Serbia - Sunday, July 14, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Immerse yourself in the captivating history and rich culture of Balkan Jewry with our exclusive series, “Jewish Heritage Across the Balkans: A Journey Through History and Culture.” Join us for a virtual exploration through Croatia, Trieste, Slovenia, Serbia, and Bulgaria. Discover the enduring legacy of Jewish communities, from ancient synagogues to modern-day resilience. Witness the unique blend of Sephardic and Ashkenazi traditions, and learn about their significant contributions throughout history.

Part 2 – Slovenia and Serbia - Travel through time in the former Yugoslav territories, discovering the blend of Sephardic and Ashkenazi traditions. Learn about Jewish life from ancient times to the present day, including the heroic stories of Jewish Partisans during WWII.

Evgenia Kempinski, our guide, 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.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Explore the Heart of Judaism – Spirit, Ethics and Community

Part 4 – Where Do We Go from Here: Next Steps Q & A - Thursday, June 20, 7:30 pm EDT
(online series presented by the Lappin Foundation)

Join the Lappin Foundation for an online series with Rabbi Jessica Lowenthal from Temple Beth Shalom in Melrose and Rabbi Alison Adler from Temple B’nai Abraham in Beverly. This series is provided at no cost thanks to generous support from the Morton and Lillian Waldfogel Charitable Foundation and Peter and Maureen Waldfogel.

<https://www.lappinfoundation.org/2023/08/01/a-preview-of-introduction-to-judaism/>

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! We were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1993. 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



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 (chedsed) 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>

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you have milestones such as marriages, births, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, special birthdays, graduations, etc. to share with our community? 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 Walnut Street Synagogue. Donations can be made online or through the mail.

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

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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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