



Summer Appeal, Upcoming Programs, Shul Tours and More – July 22, 2024

SUMMER APPEAL

Our Summer Appeal is now underway. Donations can be made online or through the mail. Your support enables us to expand our program offerings and address increased security, maintenance, insurance and utilities costs for our American Jewish landmark. Thank you for your continued support!

More information and Online Donations - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/summer-2024-appeal/>

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!



Making Sense of Israel

Part 2 - Tuesday, July 23, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Part 3 - Tuesday, July 30, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

In this three-part series, Clive Lawton will start by asking where the very word 'Israel' comes from. Is it a person, a people, a place or a country? Is the State of Israel the same as the Holy Land? What are the boundaries of the 'Promised Land'? How is it that back in the days of our grandparents, most Jews were not Zionists? In the early days of the State of Israel, she found herself confronted by 'the Arabs', best represented by Egypt. Then her avowed enemy was 'The Palestinians', best represented by the PLO. Now the enemy appears to be "Islamists," best represented by Hamas. Over three weeks, we will cover the history, politics and current situation and consider what options exist for Israel. Has it been built over a fault line that is now pulling it apart or can the famed creativity of the Jews in general and Israelis in particular find a way through the many dilemmas that beset the State?

Honored by the Queen in 2016 for services to 'Education and the Jewish community', voted no 18 in the UK's Jewish 'Power 100' list and awarded the Max Fisher International Prize for Jewish Education by the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, and CSP's 11th Annual One Month Scholar in January 2012, **Clive Lawton** is CEO of the Commonwealth Jewish Council and scholar-in-residence at JW3, London's flagship JCC (of which he was a founding trustee) and an internationally active management and education consultant. He was co-founder of Limmud, the internationally renowned Jewish adult education movement and worked for it in senior roles from 1999 till 2016. He has been a high school principal, Director of Education for the City of Liverpool, a governor of the Metropolitan Police, Chair of a Hospital Trust, a patron of the Jewish AIDS Trust, and on the Editorial Board of Jewish Renaissance.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctduGprTMpG9y4I4SPX7IT8P0IBDVVqce-#/registration>

Bruce Springsteen, Randy Newman, George Michael, Madonna and More: Revealing Jewish Readings of Pop Music

Part 4 - Wednesday, July 24, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

We all have our favorite pop songs. Many are just catchy and light, but some delve into meaningful ideas that resonate with our faith. In this innovative four-part course Rabbi Dr. Raphael Zarum will delve into a selection of songs that help us to rethink the Creation, Noah's Ark, Prayer and God.

Part 4 - Randy Newman and Bob Dylan take on God... This course will send you on a musical journey which provides passionate new perspectives on some of the fundamentals of Judaism.

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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Theater as Thoughtful Provocation

Sunday, July 28, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

We are thrilled to invite you to a captivating discussion featuring Aaron Henne, the founding Artistic Director of theatre dybbuk, and Anne Hromadka Greenwald, Arts Program Curator of the Albert & Rhoda Yvette Weissman Art Endowment. Aaron and Anne will discuss theatre dybbuk's innovative national programming, its unique approach to Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, and exciting upcoming productions. Anne will also share insights on curation and the unique opportunities that engaging with Jewish arts presents, especially in today's world. Don't miss this opportunity to gain deep insights into the intersection of art, history, and contemporary issues with two distinguished experts in the field.

Aaron Henne leads theatre dybbuk, an arts and education organization that uses Jewish history to explore the complexities of our world. Beyond his impactful work with theatre dybbuk, Aaron teaches storytelling nationwide and has conducted workshops at Lucasfilm, Pixar, and DreamWorks. He has served as faculty for Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, was the Diane Luboff Scholar at the Cutter Colloquium, and is a member of Beit HaYotzer/The Creativity Braintrust.

Anne Hromadka Greenwald, as Arts Program Curator of the Albert & Rhoda Yvette Weissman Art Endowment and as founding principal of AMH Art Advisory, has consulted with a select group of artists, non-profits, museums, and commercial galleries to develop their goals and increase their exposure in the public sphere and marketplace.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIdeCurTwpGNdvLpQxCOPvU9Xjg2_1ooWB#/registration

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 (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>

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.
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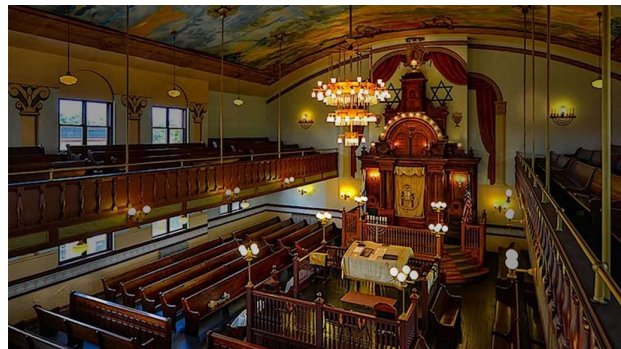
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<https://www.facebook.com/WalnutStreetSynagogue>

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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