



## Summer Appeal, Upcoming Programs, Shul Tours and More – July 29, 2024

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### 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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/tZctduGprTMpG9y4l4SPX7IT8P0IBDVVqce-#/registration>

## Michael Solomonov: A Culinary Journey

Thursday, August 1, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Join us for a captivating one-hour online conversation with **Michael Solomonov**, the celebrated chef renowned for his dedication to showcasing Israel's diverse culinary traditions. As the co-owner of CookNSolo Restaurants with Steve Cook, Solomonov has revolutionized the dining experience in the U.S. with Philadelphia's iconic Zahav, which has earned the prestigious Four Bells: Superior rating from the Philadelphia Inquirer twice. Solomonov's culinary excellence has been recognized with five James Beard Awards, including "Outstanding Chef" and "Outstanding Restaurant." Beyond Zahav, his culinary empire includes beloved establishments like Federal Donuts, Dizengoff, Abe Fisher, and the newly opened Lilah. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the mastermind behind these acclaimed restaurants and cookbooks as he shares his journey and insights into the vibrant world of Israeli cuisine. [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqd-qtrjMpGtDjeXAt2RdvExofqBi\\_THTt#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqd-qtrjMpGtDjeXAt2RdvExofqBi_THTt#/registration)

## Off The Beaten Track In Israel

Tuesday, August 6, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Join us for an exciting journey with super guide **Gila Levitan** as she takes you off the beaten track to discover hidden gems of Israel. Think you know Israel? Think again! Gila will present intriguing locations, inviting you to guess their whereabouts before diving into the rich history and directions on how to explore these sites yourself. This isn't just trivia—it's an invitation to explore Israel like never before. Originally from Sydney, Australia, Gila moved to Israel 17 years ago, transitioning from a career in physiotherapy to becoming a top-rated tour guide, celebrated on TripAdvisor. With her passion for detail and love for teaching, Gila will enrich your knowledge and inspire your next adventure. Don't miss this chance to uncover the lesser-known treasures of Israel with one of the country's most acclaimed guides. <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcldu-oqzwoGdfyClyqyMZjSKW3fl1SA-dU#/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 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](mailto:intake@yadchessed.org) for a confidential conversation. Questions can be directed to [info@yadchessed.org](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

## 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>

*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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