



Upcoming Programs, Shul Tours and More – July 1, 2024

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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!



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

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

Part 2 - Wednesday, July 10, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

Part 3 - Wednesday, July 17, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

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 1 - We will listen to Bruce Springsteen, Sting and the Divine Comedy as they reflect on the meaning of the Flood today.

Part 2 - Stevie Wonder and Madonna teach us to love and enjoy God's world.

Part 3 - George Michael and Peter Gabriel inspire us to make all our days on earth count.

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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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.

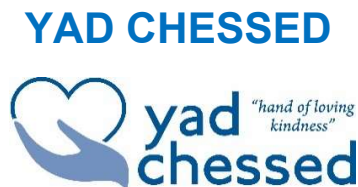
Evgenia Kempinski, our guide, is a Russian Jew born and raised in St. Petersburg. Her family was originally from the Pale of Settlement – Poland, Ukraine and Belorussia – and endured the suppression of Judaism in the Soviet Union then the rebirth of Jewish culture and religious life in today's St. Petersburg. 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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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 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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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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