



Upcoming Programs, Shul Tours and More – July 8, 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 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 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 3 – 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 3 – 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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Making Sense of Israel

Part 1 - Tuesday, July 16, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

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.

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Wild and Mild Stories of the Talmud

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

In this session we will explore a Talmudic episode that blends the "wild" and the "mild" – considering how the two blend everyday life with the seemingly extraordinary. Though dealing with the needs of daily life informed by the particularities of Jewish practice dominates the majority of pages in the Talmud which are legalistic in nature – every now and then something "wild" interrupts the norm. We will consider the dynamics of the blending of "wild and "mild."

Rivy Poupko Kletenik, honored with the 2002 Exceptional Jewish Educator Covenant Award, led the Seattle Hebrew Academy for sixteen transformative years until June 2022. Under her stewardship, the institution flourished academically and socially, radiating warmth, significance, and inclusivity. A dedicated scholar with degrees from Michlalah, Touro College, Yeshiva University, and Hebrew University, Rivy's passion for Jewish education extends beyond academia, as evidenced by her acclaimed lectures, insightful writings, and active involvement in communal initiatives such as Holocaust education and governance training. She continues to enrich Jewish life as a respected educator, writer, and community leader, leaving an indelible mark on all she touches.

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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/>



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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!

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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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