



## Summer Appeal, Film Series, Upcoming Programs, Shul Tours and More – August 12, 2024

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### TISHA B'AV BEGINS THIS EVENING

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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/>

#### ISRAELI MOSAIC FILM SERIES

Watch for details of our upcoming Israeli Mosaic Film Series! This series will feature three films which depict three very different elements of Israeli society and portray its rich diversity. Each film will be available for screening online followed by a live discussion with the filmmaker in Israel.

#### 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!



**Poetry in the Wake of October 7th 2023 – In Conversation with our Sacred Sources**  
Tuesday, August 13, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

As we find ourselves often at a loss for words (אין מילים – ein milim) in a post October 7th Israel, with daily losses, the plight of hostages and their families, over 100,000 displaced Israelis and the devastation in Gaza, some poets are rising to the challenge, expressing pain, anger, despair, and abandonment. Israeli poetry has always engaged with sacred texts such as Torah, Midrash, and prayer, and contemporary poets continue this tradition, challenging God, rewriting the Akedah, creating new prayers, and offering fresh perspectives on Shabbat and the Holidays. Dr. Rachel Korazim will guide us through some of these

powerful new works, providing insight into the diverse voices within Israeli society and their profound reflections on recent events.

**Rachel Korazim** is a Jewish education consultant specializing in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. Over the past four years, in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, Dr. Kotazim created an online global community of hundreds of people who meet to study Israeli poetry. Through her teaching, she has opened a window into Israeli society through literature, stories, poems, and songs. Since October 7th, 2023, Rachel has been collecting and sharing poems by Israelis who are grappling with the recent tragedy, offering a profound insight into the nation's collective grief, resilience, and hope.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrd-mvpjstGNCsPZrAJZ7ADNW64oKsuKEi#/registration>

### **Essential Kabbalah – The Heart of Jewish Mysticism**

**Part 1** - Thursday, August 15, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

**Part 2** - Thursday, August 22, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

**Part 3** - Thursday, August 29, 3:30 pm EDT (online)

Join us as we explore teachings from Kabbalah on several themes: The Purpose of Life, the Nature of God, the Feminine Dimension of God (Shekhinah), Mystical Experience, the Essence of Torah, Finding God in the Material World. Recommended Text: *The Essential Kabbalah*, by Daniel Matt.

**Daniel C. Matt** is a teacher of Jewish spirituality and a leading authority on Kabbalah and the Zohar, featured in *Time*, *Newsweek*, National Public Radio, and the History Channel. He has authored over a dozen books, including *Becoming Elijah: Prophet of Transformation*, *The Essential Kabbalah*, *Zohar: Annotated and Explained* and *God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality*. Prof. Matt completed an 18-year project translating the Zohar, earning him a National Jewish Book Award and a Koret Jewish Book Award; he currently teaches Zohar online.

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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### **Boston Unites Against Terror – Hostage Tunnel Immersive Exhibit**

Sunday, August 18 through Tuesday, August 20 (exhibit at Boston City Hall Plaza)

Visit the exhibit which features an audio visual simulation of hostages' experiences in Hamas tunnels in Gaza.

**Learn more (exhibit flyer)** - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Boston-Unites-Against-Terror.pdf>

**Registration** - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-unites-against-terror-hostage-tunnel-immersive-exhibit-tickets-946420458067?aff=oddtcreator>

## 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/>

## 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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## 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](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!

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## VISIT US ONLINE

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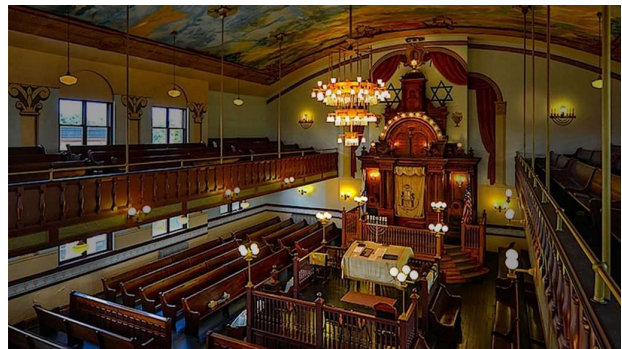
Facebook Page - Walnut Street Synagogue

<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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