



Summer Appeal, Israeli Mosaic Film Series, Upcoming Programs, Shul Tours and More – August 19, 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/>

ISRAELI MOSAIC FILM SERIES

Our Israeli Mosaic Film Series begins in September. This series features three films which depict three very different elements of Israeli society and portray its rich diversity. Each film will be available for screening on your own online followed by a live discussion with the filmmaker in Israel.

Complete details of the series - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/israel-film-series/>



Children of the Sun

Discussion - Thursday, September 5, 11:30 am EDT (online)

Children of the first kibbutzim in Israel were born in the early 20th century to youthful parents who were full of hope. They have been called “Children of the Sun,” because they considered them children of the “Sun of Nations” Revolution in Israel. They were born into a utopia and were destined to become the “New Man.” They were educated in an ideological society that aspired to replace the traditional family with the collective one, to subjugate the will of the individual in favor of the common good and a life of equality. *Children of the Sun* tells the story of the journey in search of a society’s memory and the concepts that have passed from the world. The film is a collage of over eighty amateur films that include rare footage that was shot at the kibbutzim between 1930 and 1970, including conversations with family and friends. The tapestry of rare materials from which the film is compiled creates both a very personal and very public story - a form of super story about one of the most fascinating myths of the Zionist movement in the Land of Israel.

Director **Ran Tal**, born in 1963, graduated from the Tel Aviv University Department of Film in 1994. Tal is an independent director whose documentaries focus on Israeli reality through an historic social perspective. Tal’s main focus is on documentary films, in addition to which he directs diverse television projects and is editor of artistic social endeavors. Tal is the recipient of the Ophir Prize, the Jerusalem Film Festival Volgin Award, the DocAviv Film Festival Award, the Forum for the Preservation of Audio Visual award and the Documentary Forum award. Tal also won the Ministry of Culture Cinema Art prize and the Mifal Hapayis Landau Award for Stage Art. Tal teaches cinema at the Film Departments at Sapir

College and Tel Aviv University. He is the founder and editor of *Takriv* (Close Up) online magazine for discussion and critique of documentary film (together with Anat Even) and one of the founders of Keshet Broadcasting. His other films include – *The Museum*, *The Garden of Eden*, *Jewish Time* and *My Dream House*.

Register for film and discussion - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/israeli-mosaic-film-series-children-of-the-sun-tickets-991227136047?aff=oddtcreator>

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!



Kazimierz Unveiled – A Virtual Journey Through Krakow’s Historic Jewish District

Tuesday, August 20, 1:00 pm EDT (online)

Join us for a special CSP Live from the Streets virtual tour of Kazimierz, a unique part of Krakow with a rich Jewish history. Experience the extraordinary atmosphere that lingers from the past as we explore this historic district, which still looks much like it did decades ago. Our guide, Olga, will take us to significant sites, including Helena Rubinstein’s birthplace, the Jewish Community Center of Krakow, the Remuh Cemetery that survived WWII, and the Old Synagogue, the oldest in Krakow and a crucial religious center in the pre-war Jewish District. Discover why Steven Spielberg chose Kazimierz for *Schindler’s List* and let the stunning architecture and five-hundred-year-old traditions captivate you. Don’t miss this opportunity to delve into the cultural heart of Krakow.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZaku-prT8vG9YFQhPGuvXQGWWebC9qwH1S#/registration>

Essential Kabbalah – The Heart of Jewish Mysticism

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.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdO2qqDlrHtCUdgp_Hb2pvlPodtj3SOMq#/registration

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 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!

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Website

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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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