



Chelsea Public Menorah Lighting This Evening, Year-End Giving, Travel Series, Upcoming Programs and More - December 30, 2024

HAPPY CHANUKAH!

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Chelsea Public Menorah Lighting

Monday, December 30, 6:30 pm EST (in person at Chelsea Square - hosted by Tobin Bridge Chabad and the City of Chelsea in partnership with the Walnut Street Synagogue and Temple Emmanuel)

Join us for the eighth annual Chelsea Chanukah celebration in Chelsea Square (Winnisimmet Park on Broadway between Second and Williams Streets in front of the Chelsea Police Station) as we light the giant menorah and celebrate Chanukah as a community with music, latkes, doughnuts and swag.

More information - <https://www.tobinbridgechabad.com/events-1/light-up-the-night-chelsea-8>

YEAR-END GIVING

As the secular year comes to a close, we hope you will help us strengthen our Jewish identity and presence here in Chelsea. Your support enables us to maintain and secure our historic synagogue, conduct services and provide high quality programming to our community in Greater Boston and now online around the world. Thank you to those who have already donated!

Giving Page - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/giving/>

FOUR LESSER KNOWN AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Our new live virtual travel series, *Four Lesser Known American Jewish Communities*, returns on January 15.

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Join us for the third session in our series on **Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm EST** when we will when we will head to the warmth of Hawaii. Jews were first mentioned in Hawaii in 1798, with notable early sugar plantations and commercial activity, and King Kalakaua's German Jewish Attorney-General. Dating back to the pre-World War I era, many Jewish military have served in Hawaii, but until after World War II no formal organization survived. Temple Emanu-El was organized in 1950 by a vibrant Jewish legal and commercial community. We will be guided by Larry Seth Steinberg who oversees its historic records, the personal Sefer Torah of King Kalakaua, and a Prestice (Czech) Holocaust Scroll for the Levinson Hawaii-Jewish Archive.

Register here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/four-lesser-known-american-jewish-communities-hawaii-tickets-1061815451599?aff=oddtcreator>

Learn more about the series here - walnutstreetsynagogue.com/u-s-travel-series

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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!



Images Of A People – Jews in Art The Archaeology of the Holy Land

Session 1 – Introduction to Archeology - Monday, January 6, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Session 2 – Archaeological Methodology - Wednesday, January 8, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Session 3 – Jerusalem: Topography and Early Development - Friday, January 10, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Session 4 – Jerusalem in the Iron Age - Monday, January 20, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Session 5 – The Persian Period in Jerusalem - Wednesday, January 22, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Session 6 – The Early Hellenistic Period: Changes Post-Alexander the Great - Friday, January 24, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Session 7 – Hellenistic Period: Wadi Daliyeh, Samaria, Jerusalem - Monday, January 27, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Session 8 – Hellenistic Period: Iraq el-Emir, Marisa, Dor - Wednesday, January 29, 1:00 pm EST (online)

Session 9 – The Late Hellenistic (Hasmonean) Period in Jerusalem - Friday, January 31, 1:00 pm EST (online)

(online in partnership with the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program)

Join Prof. Jodi Magness, a renowned archaeologist and Kenan Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in a fascinating lecture series exploring the rich history of the Holy Land from 586 BCE to 640 CE. This course covers pivotal events from the rise of Jerusalem under King David to the Muslim conquest, including the Hasmonean revolt, the grandeur of Herod's palaces, and the Roman siege of Masada. Participants will gain deep insights into archaeological methods, discover significant tombs and burial practices, and explore how ancient texts shape our understanding of the past.

The Walnut Street Synagogue is pleased to be a community partner for the International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration, presented by the Lappin Foundation. Dr. Hans Fisher, escapee of the Holocaust and passenger on the steamship St. Louis in 1939, will give his testimony of leaving Germany after Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass, and of his escape from Germany on the St. Louis. **Register here** - <https://lappinfoundation.tfaforms.net/193>

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teens Feed

Tuesday, January 14, 6:00 pm EST (*in person at Congregation Shirat Hayam, 55 Atlantic Ave., Swampscott*)

Jewish teens in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in the mitzvah of caring for the stranger by preparing meals for Lifebridge North Shore. Teens learn about the connection between Judaism and social justice while contributing to the well-being of our community. Dinner will be served to teen volunteers. *Sponsored by the Lappin Foundation*

Teens Feed flyer - <https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Teen-Feed-Flyer.pdf>

Register here - <https://lappinfoundation.tfaforms.net/136>

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 (chedsed) 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@yadchedsed.org for a confidential conversation. Questions can be directed to info@yadchedsed.org.

Support Yad Chessed - <https://givebutter.com/yadchedsed>

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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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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