



## Upcoming Programs, Purim Matanot LaEvyonim and More - February 24, 2025

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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!



#### **Archaeology of the Holy Land – A Journey Through Time and Excavation**

**Session 19 – The Bar Kokhba Revolt** - Monday, February 24, 1:00 pm EST (online)

**Session 20 – Aelia Capitolina (Roman Jerusalem)** - Wednesday, February 26, 1:00 pm EST (online)

**Session 21 – The Byzantine and Early Islamic Periods** - Friday, February 28, 1:00 pm EST (online)  
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Join Professor 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. Professor Magness brings her extensive expertise, as demonstrated in her award-winning books and numerous excavations in Israel, to provide a comprehensive view of how ancient Jews lived, worshiped, and interacted with surrounding empires. *This program is fully funded by a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation Orange County.*

**Session 19 – The Bar Kokhba Revolt** - Survey the archaeological remains and the historical context of the Bar Kokhba Revolt, examining artifacts left by Jewish families who sought refuge in the Judean Desert caves.

**Session 20 – Aelia Capitolina (Roman Jerusalem)** - Examine the transformation of Jerusalem into the Roman city of Aelia Capitolina under Emperor Hadrian, focusing on urban design, architecture, and the suppression of Jewish religious and cultural identities.

**Session 21 – The Byzantine and Early Islamic Periods** - We wrap up our scholar-in-residence series with an exploration of Jerusalem under Byzantine and early Islamic rule, emphasizing the construction of significant Christian and Islamic religious structures, including the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and discussing the broader geopolitical shifts during this period.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tZYpceqhqjwH9RrCRits7dTFWLJ2B1JsCqYv#/registration>

#### **The Second World War – From Global Conquest to a New World Order**

**Session 1 – Hitler Conquers Europe: Only England Fights and Stalin Watches** - Sunday, March 2, 7:00 pm ET (online)

**Session 2 – Barbarossa: The Rising Sun Makes Its Move** - Sunday, March 9, 7:00 pm ET (online)

**Session 3 – Stalingrad, Overlord, and the Tide Turns in the Pacific** - Sunday, March 16, 7:00 pm ET (online)

**Session 4 – On to Berlin: Iwo, Okinawa, and a Mushroom Cloud** - Sunday, March 23, 7:00 pm ET (online)

Join us for a new four-part series with Professor Stephen Berk, following his February series on World War I, as we delve into the transformative impact of World War II. This conflict not only accelerated the changes sparked by the Great War but also reshaped the global order, marking the end of imperialism, the rise of two superpowers, and the dawn of the nuclear age. Each session will focus on a critical phase of the war.

**Stephen M. Berk**, who served as CSP's 10th Annual One Month Scholar in Residence in February 2011, is Professor of History at Union College in Schenectady, New York, former Chair of the Department of History, Director of the Program in Russian and Eastern European Studies and Faculty Advisor to the Jewish Student Organization. He is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* (Greenwood Press, 1985). He is currently writing a book titled *Our People Are Your People: American Jewry and the Struggle for Civil Rights 1954-1965*. The book provides an interesting discussion of an extremely important chapter in the history of the civil rights movement and attempts to dispel the myths and misunderstandings surrounding the Black-Jewish relationship. A recipient of the Citizens Laureate Award of the University of Albany Foundation, Professor Berk has been a consultant to the Wiesenthal Holocaust Center in Los Angeles, has written articles on Russian and Jewish history, antisemitism, and the Middle East and has lectured on throughout the United States and Canada including such distinguished colleges and universities as Princeton, Vanderbilt, The University of Texas at Austin and Williams College.

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## COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS

### **International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration**

Monday, February 24, 7:30 pm EST Rescheduled (*online program presented by the Lappin Foundation*)

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.

<https://lappinfoundation.tfaforms.net/193>

### **Bang! The Bert Berns Story**

Thursday, February 27, 7:30 pm EST (*online program presented by the Lappin Foundation*)

Music meets the Mob in this biographical documentary about the life and career of Bert Berns, the most important songwriter and record producer from the 1960s that you likely are not familiar with. His hits include "Twist and Shout", "Hang On Sloopy", "Here Comes The Night" and "Piece Of My Heart." He helped launch the careers of Van Morrison and Neil Diamond and produced some of the greatest soul music ever made. Filmmaker Brett Berns brings his late father's story to the screen through interviews with those who knew him best and rare performance footage. Ido Aharoni Aronoff will facilitate a Q&A with Brett Berns, one of the film's directors and son of Bert Berns. The link to view the movie before the program will be sent to you when you register.

<https://lappinfoundation.tfaforms.net/192>

### **Albert Einstein: The Father of Israel's Academic Excellence**

Thursday, March 20, 7:30 pm ET (*online program presented by the Lappin Foundation*)

Join the Lappin Foundation for a presentation about Albert Einstein's connection with Zionism and his invaluable contribution to Israel's academic prowess. The program is free and everyone is welcome. Aharoni Aronoff was Israel's Consul General to New York, serving from 2010 through 2016, and he is currently serving as a Global Distinguished Professor of Business at Touro University. The program is free and everyone is welcome. This program is made possible with a generous grant from the Dr. David M. Milch Foundation.

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## COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

### Teens Feed

Tuesday, March 18, 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/138>

## 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.

<https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/giving/>



### Matanot LaEyonim – Gifts for People in Need

The Walnut Street Synagogue is pleased to be participating again this year in Yad Chessed's Purim Campaign. From now until Purim Day (11:00 am on Friday, March 14), you can donate tzedakah to Yad Chessed to fulfill the Purim mitzvah of Matanot LaEvyonim. For over 35 years Yad Chessed, has worked to address the needs of Jews in Greater Boston and beyond who struggle with financial and food insecurity. With the support of donors and partner organizations, Yad Chessed's team of social workers provides swift emergency financial assistance, grocery gift cards, and compassionate care, advice, and referrals to those in need. Yad Chessed aids more than 2,000 Jewish individuals across Massachusetts annually. The mitzvah of Matanot LaEvyonim is central to the spirit of Purim and reminds us that we are obligated to offer a helping hand to those in our midst who need it most. Yad Chessed will use donations raised to fund vouchers that can be used on Purim Day so our neighbors in need can purchase food and celebrate the holiday.

**Donate online here** - <https://givebutter.com/YadChessedPurim2025>

You may also mail a donation to Yad Chessed at:

333 Nahanton Street  
Suite 315  
Newton, MA 02459

*Please include the word "Purim" and "Walnut Street Synagogue" on your check memo.*

Any questions: email [info@yadchessed.org](mailto:info@yadchessed.org) or call: 781-613-3413

For more information about Yad Chessed's Purim Program visit [www.yadchessed.org/purim/](http://www.yadchessed.org/purim/)

## 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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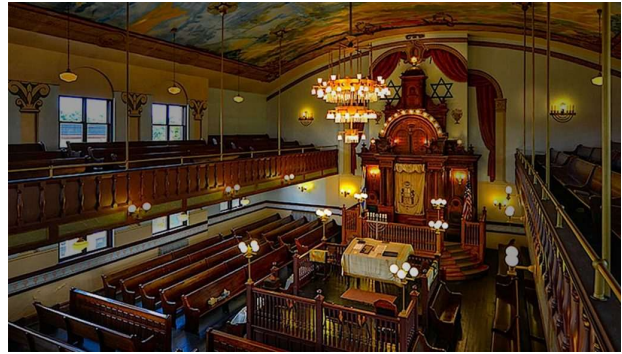
Facebook Page - Walnut Street Synagogue

<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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