



Jewish Journeys to the Far East, JCCNS Tour, MFA Judaica Gallery Virtual Tour, Upcoming Programs and More – March 24, 2025

JEWISH JOURNEYS TO THE FAR EAST

Our new live virtual travel series, *Jewish Journeys to the Far East*, begins in April.



Join us for the first session in our series on April 9 at 7:00 pm ET when we will visit the Jewish community in South Korea. We will learn about how Jews have been residing in Korea since the 1950s due to the presence of American soldiers and since the beginning of this century, South Korea has grown into a popular global destination for business, education and travel. Our guide, **Anna Jo**, is the co-founder of Hakehillah Korea. She arrived in South Korea in 2010 and is among the first generation of Jews in South Korea to make real Jewish history and community there.

Register here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jewish-journeys-to-the-far-east-south-korea-tickets-1262822458969?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Learn more about the series including information about an in-person series viewing opportunity for those in the Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere and East Boston areas.

<https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/far-east-travel-series/>

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!



Intentional Beauty – Envisioning & Curating Boston's First Judaica Gallery

Session 1 - Tuesday, March 25, 1:00 pm ET (online)

Session 2 - Tuesday, April 1, 1:00 pm ET (online)

Curator Simona Di Nepi leads a two-part, in-depth virtual tour of one of the very first Judaica galleries in an encyclopedic art museum in the world. Explore the 27 works on view and the stories behind their recent acquisition (or unearthing): from an Italian Renaissance Torah binder and an Iraqi Torah case used in India, to a Yemenite woman's festive headdress and a Torah Ark from 1920s Chelsea, Massachusetts. Spanning five hundred years and four continents, and featuring silver, textiles, furniture, paintings, and books, these works highlight the extraordinary diversity of Jewish culture.

Simona Di Nepi is the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Curator of Judaica at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, where she is responsible for building and displaying the Judaica collection, and for curating *Intentional Beauty: Jewish Ritual Art from the Collection*, the museum's first Judaica gallery. Originally from Rome, before moving to the United States Simona studied and worked in London and Tel Aviv for 25 years. She filled curatorial roles, in both decorative arts and Old Masters, at the Victoria and Albert Museum, The National Gallery, and the Royal Academy of Arts in London, where she cared for permanent collections and curated exhibitions. In Israel, she worked as curator at Anu: The Museum of the Jewish People and as Lecturer in Italian Renaissance art at Reichman University, Herzliya. Simona curated the exhibitions and wrote the accompanying catalogues for *Reunions: Bringing Early Italian Paintings Back Together* (The National Gallery, London, 2005), and *Dreyfus: The Story of a French-Jewish Family* (Anu: the Museum of the Jewish People, Tel Aviv, 2014). She is also the author of the National Gallery's collection catalogue *From Duccio to Leonardo: Renaissance Painting 1250-1500*. In Judaica, Simona wrote the essays "Itinerant Sephardic Judaica: from Dutch Ports to the Harbours of Europe and the Americas," "Jewish Things at the Museum of Fine Arts: a History," "The Servi Shaddai: the Family History of an amulet at the MFA Boston", and "Treasures from storage: Two Rediscovered Italian Jewish Textiles."

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Q2Wm_5pJQa63bJbagkh84w#/registration

Translating the Bible – How, Who & Why

Session 3 – The Targums: When is a Translation Not a Translation? - Thursday, March 27, 3:30 pm ET (online)

Join Rabba Dr. Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz for a fascinating three-part series exploring how Jews have translated and transmitted the Tanakh through the ages. From the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Septuagint (the 2,000-year-old Greek translation by Jews in Egypt) and the Targums (the Aramaic "translations" that influenced Rashi and merge into midrash), we'll uncover the complex history of how the Hebrew text reached us and examine why translation matters. Don't miss this journey through the history, complexity, and significance of Tanakh translation!

Rabba Dr. Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz obtained her PhD from University College London in Jewish Studies and Anthropology, her MA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Prehistory, and her BA from Cambridge University in Archaeology and Anthropology). In 2021 she received Orthodox rabbinic ordination from Yeshivat Maharat in New York. She has also participated in the Cambridge Senior Faith Leadership Program and held a Susi Bradfield Women Educators Fellowship. She is a Teaching Associate at Cambridge University, an Honorary Research Fellow at the Centre for Jewish Studies, Manchester University, and a lecturer and Research Fellow at London School of Jewish Studies. She is currently writing her second book, on the history and development of Limmud. Her first, published in 2021 by the Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, was *Challenge and Conformity: The Religious Lives of Orthodox Jewish Women*. In 2019 she founded the Pop-Up Beit Midrash, and more recently, she was one of the three founders of Azara, a cross-denominational Beit Midrash providing Jewish learning in the United Kingdom.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/NRU0AMAhTOGFruCwUpClAQ#/registration>

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS

In Conversation with Montana Tucker

Thursday, March 27, 8:30 am ET (online program presented by Combined Jewish Philanthropies)

CJP invites you to join a unique opportunity to hear from Montana Tucker, award-winning actress, dancer, singer, philanthropist, and social media activist. She will be in conversation with CJP's Eliza Kanner. Together, they will discuss the importance of modeling Jewish joy, parsing truth from fiction on social media, and how to tackle tough conversations with kids.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-conversation-with-montana-tucker-tickets->

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Tour the Walnut Street Synagogue with the JCCNS

Sunday, April 27, 9:45 am ET (in person, bus leaves from the Jewish Community Center of the North Shore, 4 Community Road, Marblehead)



TOUR OF THE WALNUT STREET SYNAGOGUE IN CHELSEA

Join us for a day trip to visit and learn about the historic Walnut Street Synagogue in Chelsea, one of the oldest continuously operating synagogues in Massachusetts.

**SUNDAY
APRIL 27
10:00AM-2:30PM**
meet at the JCCNS

\$30 JCCNS Members, \$36 Community
Includes travel in coach bus, tour of the synagogue and kosher lunch.

Space is limited! Please register at JCCNS.org by Monday, April 21st.



Join the Jewish Community Center of the North Shore (JCCNS) for a trip to the Walnut Street Synagogue in Chelsea including transportation, a tour and a kosher lunch. Space is limited, please register below by Monday, April 21. Cost is \$30 for JCCNS members and \$36 for community members.

<https://jccns.org/event/tour-of-the-walnut-street-synagogue/>

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teens Feed

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 pm ET (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/139>

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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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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