



## Purim, Jewish Journeys to the Far East, Upcoming Programs and More – March 3, 2025

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### PURIM

#### Purim Party in Winthrop – Nosh, Comedy and Megillah

Thursday, March 13, 7:00 pm ET (in person at Temple Tifereth Israel, 93 Veterans Rd., Winthrop)

**PURIM PARTY @  
TIFERETH ISRAEL OF  
WINTHROP!**

*In partnership with  
Tobin Bridge Chabad & Walnut Street Shul*

**THURSDAY MARCH 13**  
@ TIFERETH ISRAEL OF WINTHROP  
🕒 DOORS OPEN: 7:00 PM  
📖 MEGILLAH READING: ~7:15 PM

**ENJOY AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING!**  
🍷 KOSHER FLEISHIG HORS D'OEUVRES  
🎤 STAND-UP COMEDY BY **DAN CROHN**  
🍷 ISRAELI WINE TASTING

🎫 Purchase Tickets:  
✅ [jewishwinthrop.org/purim-2025](https://jewishwinthrop.org/purim-2025)  
🎫 Tickets: \$36

💡 Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Temple Tifereth Israel, Tobin Bridge Chabad and the Walnut Street Synagogue are joining together to celebrate Purim in Winthrop! Join us for kosher fleishig hors d'oeuvres, stand-up comedy by Dan Crohn, Israeli wine tasting and, of course, a Megillah reading and hamantaschen! Doors open at 7 p.m. Megillah reading at 7:15 p.m. Tickets - \$36/per person

Register here - <https://tti.shulcloud.com/payment.php>

## 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. To learn more about this program and register, please visit our series event page. More series details to follow.

<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!



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

**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.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/join?meeting=4183285832&from=invitation>

### **The Journey of a Treasure – The Luzzatto High Holiday Mahzor**

Tuesday, March 4, 1:00 pm ET (online)

Created about seven centuries ago, the Luzzatto High Holiday Mahzor is a scribal masterpiece comprising the liturgy for the two holiest festivals on the Jewish calendar, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Preserved in exceptionally fine condition, it is one of only a small number of illustrated Ashkenazic mahzorim to have come down to us. This presentation will explore the manuscript's decorative program, text, and provenance with an eye toward understanding how the book can teach us about medieval and early modern Jewish custom, migration, and spiritual resilience.

**Shaul Seidler-Feller** joined the Sotheby's Books and Manuscripts Department as a Judaica specialist in 2017. Since that time, he has researched and catalogued such important sales as SASSOON: A Golden Legacy (December 2020), The Luzzatto High Holiday Mahzor (October 2021), and Codex Sassoon: The Earliest Most Complete Hebrew Bible (May 2023), the latter two of which broke auction records for Judaica. In addition, he serves as a freelance Judaica consultant and has translated or edited four books in Jewish Studies. He holds a master's degree in medieval Jewish history from the Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University, and rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

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### **Translating the Bible – How, Who & Why**

#### **Session 1 – Why Does Tanakh Translation Matter and How Did it Arrive in its Current**

**Shape?** - Thursday, March 9, 3:30 pm ET (online)

**Session 2 – The Septuagint: Is Translation Divinely Aided or a National Curse?** - Thursday, March 20, 3:30 pm ET (online)

**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.

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### **Esther Without Borders – The Megillah as Never Seen Before**

Thursday, March 13, 1:00 pm ET (online)

The Book of Esther tells us that the Purim scroll was sent to 127 lands, from India to Ethiopia, spreading the story across vast distances. “Esther Without Borders” is an ongoing project created by David Moss, which began in Bali in 1990 and continues today. Through this initiative, David commissions folk artists from diverse cultures to illustrate six key scenes from the Book of Esther, each through the lens of their own unique artistic traditions—imagining the story unfolding in their own communities. The results are

often breathtaking, always captivating, and consistently full of charm and joy. Join David on a global journey through the pages of the Megillah as we explore the stunning artistic expressions that bring Esther's story to life around the world. The Ganze Megillah!

**David Moss** is an illuminator, animator, and transformer of Jewish texts, objects, spaces, and souls. His journey into Jewish art began with a deep passion for Hebrew calligraphy, which sparked his career. David is renowned for reviving the hand-decorated Jewish Marriage Contract, the Ketubah, and for creating The Moss Haggadah. He is also a partner in the creation of the Tree of Life Shtender. Whether working on books, prints, objects, buildings, or educational programs, each of David's projects is rooted in Jewish text and tradition, infused with creativity, and executed with meticulous craftsmanship. David lives in Jerusalem and is a co-founder of Kol HaOt, an organization dedicated to harnessing the power of the arts for Jewish inspiration and education. Each year, he sends out three new signed, limited edition works to his loyal "Minyan" subscribers, continuing to share his artistic vision and passion with a devoted audience.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/H7BlczNuTx-jaYvEqrwzug#/registration>

## COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS

### **Ballots, Babies and Banners of Peace: The Untold Story of American Jewish Women's Pre-World War II Activism**

Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 pm ET *(online program presented by the Lappin Foundation)*

Join the Lappin Foundation for an online presentation from Professor Melissa R. Klapper about American Jewish women's long history of involvement in making change in the world around them. Professor Klapper is a Professor of History and Director of Women's and Gender Studies at Rowan University in New Jersey. The program is free, and everyone is welcome.

<https://lappinfoundation.tfaforms.net/225>

### **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.

<https://lappinfoundation.tfaforms.net/194>

## 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.

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### 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>



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