



## Announcing Jewish Journeys to the Far East – March 12, 2025

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Dear Friends,

I am very pleased to announce the launch of ***Jewish Journeys to the Far East***, a four-part live virtual tour series.

Our series begins on Wednesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm ET when we will visit **South Korea**. Jews have been residing in Korea since the 1950s due to the presence of American soldiers. South Korea has since grown into a popular global destination for business, education and travel. Anna Jo, our guide, is part of the first generation of Jews in South Korea to make real Jewish history and community there.

The series continues on Wednesday, May 7, at 7:00 pm ET when we will travel to **Taiwan**. Taiwan's Jewish community began in 1955 on a military base and is now deeply rooted in the life of the island. Leon, our guide, is an artist who co-leads the Taiwan Jewish Community together with the 102-year-old Rabbi Einhorn. Leon's art is a powerful form of storytelling.

On Wednesday, June 11, at 7:00 pm ET, our series continues when we will visit **Indonesia**. The Jewish community in Indonesia is reemerging. Community members are united in rediscovering their identity and developing a minhag from Sumatra to Papua. Our guide will be Rabbi David Kunin, who along with his wife Shelley and colleague Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky have worked with the vibrant Jewish community in Indonesia.

Our series concludes on Wednesday, July 9, at 7:00 pm ET when we will head to **China**. We will explore the three places in China with the most relevant historical presence of Jews: Kaifeng, Harbin and Shanghai. Originally from Argentina, our guide Pablo Faivel Levinton is a fluent Yiddish speaker currently studying a Master's degree in China, from where he runs the popular travel YouTube channel.

Complete descriptions of each session along with registration links are found on our website ([walnutstreetsynagogue.com/far-east-travel-series](https://walnutstreetsynagogue.com/far-east-travel-series)). **You will need to register for each session individually** and we will send Zoom links a few days before each session. There is no charge.

New to this series for those in the Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere and East Boston areas, an in-person opportunity to watch the series on a large screen in Winthrop may be available. Please contact us for more details.

This series is made possible by a grant from the Congregation Ahabat Shalom Religious Fund and other generous donors. Additional sponsorships are available (see our sponsorship form or event website).

Please join us. I hope to see you online for this upcoming series!

L'Shalom,

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