The Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice (JSSJ) newsletter sent earlier this afternoon contained an incorrect image. Please find the corrected newsletter below.

**January Newsletter**

We are delighted to announce the spring 2022 events for the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice (JSSJ). We will be following our campus COVID protocols regarding whether such events will be held in person or virtually; stay tuned for potential updates. As always, all Swig JSSJ Program events are FREE and open to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact Swig JSSJ Program Assistant Director Oren Kroll-Zeldin at omkrollzeldin@usfca.edu.
Radical Redistribution: Reparations for the Black Descendants of Enslaved Africans

Wednesday, Feb. 23 • 7–8:30 p.m. • McLaren Conference Center

Renowned U.S. intellectual Dr. Cornel West will engage in a discussion with USF Provost Dr. Chinyere Oparah about reparations for the Black descendants of enslaved Africans. Exceptional USF senior undergraduate student Natalya Bomani will serve as moderator. This event is part of the spring 2022 Davies Forum Speaker Series, connected to this semester's Davies Seminar "Forgiving the Unforgivable: The United States, Slavery, and Genocide," taught by Swig JSSJ Program Director Professor Aaron Hahn Tapper. JSSJ is one of several campus sponsors of this event.
The Inaugural Alvin H. Baum, Jr. Memorial Lecture
Honoring an LGBTQ+ Jewish Social Justice Activist

Sunday, March 27 • 6:30–8 p.m. • Location TBD

We are incredibly excited to launch our inaugural Alvin H. Baum Jr. Memorial Lecture, which will be delivered annually to honor an LGBTQ+ Jewish social justice activist. This annual lecture will preserve the memory of Alvin H. Baum Jr. (1930-2021), a monumental Bay Area figure who fought passionately for the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the Jewish community and beyond. Mr. Baum was a lawyer, urban planner, social worker, and a brilliant strategic philanthropist who emerged as a pillar in the Jewish, civil rights, and gay communities.

The inaugural lecture will be delivered by Dr. Marcy Adelman, a stalwart activist in the Bay Area LGBTQ+ community. Dr. Adelman is the co-founder and visionary of Openhouse, which works to center the voices and experiences of older LGBTQ+ adults by providing housing and opportunities to make social connections and build community. Throughout her extraordinary career, Dr. Adelman has advocated for affordable, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender-friendly senior housing and trained service providers to better support elderly LGBTQ+ people.

Stay tuned for more information about this sensational new annual event.
Toward Climate Justice and Interfaith Solidarity 12th Annual Social Justice Passover Seder

Wednesday, April 20 • 6:30–8 p.m. • Location TBD

We are thrilled to present our twelfth annual on-campus Social Justice Passover Seder. Similar to 2021, this year’s seder will focus on the urgent need for climate justice. With one foot in bondage and another foot in freedom, this interfaith seder will retell the Exodus narrative alongside a recommitment to working together for a world of peace and plenty, joy and renewal, and health and freedom — a world that all of our faiths and our traditions teach us is possible. If you are interested in being involved in planning the seder, please contact Rabbi-in-Residence Camille Angel at csangel@usfca.edu.
Social Justice Activism in the United States: Jewish and Muslim Perspectives

Tuesday, April 26 • 12–1 p.m. • ONLINE

Please join the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice and the Graduate Theological Union’s Madrasa-Midrasha Program for a special webinar that will focus on twenty-first-century Jewish and Muslim social justice activism in the United States. This event will feature Jewish and Muslim activists speaking about their experiences with social justice struggles and the significance of approaching social justice activism from their particular religious traditions. Stay tuned for more information.

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Davies Forum Speaker Series

In addition to the lecture with Dr. Cornel West, we want to invite you to two other events offered as part of the spring 2022 speaker series accompanying the Davies Forum, "Forgiving the Unforgivable: The United States, Genocide, and Slavery."

“Genocide and Reconciliation: Native Americans and a Potential Path toward Restorative Justice”

Tuesday, Feb. 1 • 7–8:30 p.m. • McLaren Conference Center

New York Times bestselling and award-winning author David Treuer will deliver a keynote address followed by a moderated Q&A with USF Professor Kouslaa
“Restorative Justice and the Environment: Toward a New Future for Native Americans”

Tuesday, March 22 • 7–8:30 p.m. • McLaren Conference Center
Corrina Gould — a spokesperson for the Confederated Villages of Lisjan/Ohlone, a Native American tribe that originated in the region that is now the San Francisco Bay Area — will discuss the central role that environmental justice must play in reparations for Indigenous Peoples in the United States.

HEBREW SAN FRANCISCO SUMMER 2022

Hebrew San Francisco - Summer 2022

July 11–29 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m and 1–2 p.m. | ONLINE

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the summer 2022 Hebrew San Francisco: Ulpan program! Similar to the previous two summers, this summer all three-weeks of instruction will take place online. Class times will be from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and teachers will hold additional optional instruction and office hours from 1–2 p.m.

Tuition for the program is $1,500. Thanks to the Germanacos Foundation, we are able to offer scholarships for this intensive Hebrew language summer experience. Please email Swig JSSJ Program Assistant Director Oren Kroll-Zeldin with any questions. Visit our web page for more information.
Arabic San Francisco - Summer 2022
July 11–29 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m (Levels 1-2); 2–5 p.m. (Level 3)
| ONLINE

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the summer 2022 Arabic San Francisco program! Welcoming anyone interested in the Arabic language, we offer multiple levels of instruction in small class settings. The focus of the program is on the Levantine dialect of Arabic, though students in Level 1 will spend the first part of the program learning to read and write in Arabic. All instruction for the program will take place online. Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will be from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and Level 3 will be from 2–5 p.m.

Thanks to the Germanacos Foundation, we are able to offer scholarships for this three-week intensive Arabic language summer experience. Tuition for the program is $1,500. Please email Swig JSSJ Program Assistant Director Oren Kroll-Zeldin with any questions. Visit our web page for more information.
Oppportunity With the SF Planning Department

The San Francisco Planning Department is currently looking for 17 bright and enthusiastic interns to work full-time with staff on a planning project this summer (June 6 – Aug. 26, 2022). This will be a rewarding and valuable experience for those who are interested in the historic preservation/planning field and desire introductory work experience or college credit. The interns will conduct research, collect, and analyze data, and prepare draft documents for planning work related to historic and cultural resources, social and racial equity, community engagement, other issues. Applications can be submitted online via the San Francisco Planning Department website, where additional information on the internship can also be found. The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 28.

Your generous support of the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice will help us engage students in both theoretical and practical approaches of social justice and activism rooted in the Jewish traditions.