"Premier" Dance Performance Live from Jerusalem

Tuesday, April 6 | 11 a.m. PT | ONLINE

“Premier” is a solo dance choreographed by Elad Schechter, founder and principal choreographer of c.a.t.a.m.o.n, for Rand Zeid Taha, a Jerusalem born Palestinian dancer. This livestream performance of “Premier” is “A collaborative dance work by two artists: a Muslim and a Jew. A choreographer and a dancer. Both born and raised in Jerusalem. Both looking for the moment when everything will freeze and it will finally be possible to breathe.” This interreligious and intercultural dialogue through dance negotiates the sociopolitical tensions and rifts evoked by east/west Jerusalem through the expressive forms of dance and movement.

This performance is in partnership with c.a.t.a.m.o.n Dance Group in Jerusalem, the Murray Galinsson San Diego Israel Initiative, the UCLA V&S...
Nazarian Center for Israel Studies, and the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice at USF.

Register to Attend »

The Pink Triangle: Queer Jews in Weimar Germany, the Holocaust, and Beyond

Friday, April 9 | 12 p.m. PT | ONLINE

Join the Swig JSSJ Program and the JFCS Holocaust Center for a virtual commemoration of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). In this online event, JSSJ Rabbi-in-Residence Camille Angel joins Dr. Yedida Kanfer for a conversation about the lessons we can draw today from the experiences of queer Jews during the Holocaust. Register for the event »
In This Place Together: A Palestinian's Journey to Collective Liberation
Tuesday, April 20 | 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. PT | ONLINE

Based on their new book, *In This Place Together*, Jewish activist Penina Eilberg-Schwartz and Palestinian activist Sulaiman Khatib address the urgent need for joint nonviolent resistance and relationship-building between Israelis and Palestinians. This book launch event will discuss personal transformation and the dangers and hopes of working with others across vast differences in power and experience. By examining Khatib’s remarkable transformations, this talk will give a window into another world that can but does not yet exist.

[Register to Attend »]
Rohingya Genocide and the Military Coup in Myanmar

Sunday, April 25 | 1 p.m. PT | ONLINE

In recognition of April being Genocide Awareness Month, the Swig JSSJ Program is partnering with Classrooms without Borders and the JFCS Holocaust Center to offer an opportunity for our community members to learn more about the ongoing genocide and social unrest in Myanmar. This event is a conversation with genocide scholar and JSSJ Professor Alexis Herr and Rohingya survivor U Shwe Maung. Shwe Maung is a Rohingya rights activist in Myanmar and a politician who served as a member of parliament in the House of Representatives for Buthidaung constituency from 2011 to 2016. He serves as the president of the Arakan Institute for Peace and Development (AiPAD). Register for the event »
Hebrew San Francisco - Summer 2021
July 12–30 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m and 1–2 p.m. PT | ONLINE

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the summer 2021 Hebrew San Francisco: Ulpan Program! This summer all instruction for the program will take place online. Classes will be from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. PT and teachers will hold additional optional instruction and office hours from 1–2 p.m. PT.

Thanks to the Germanacos Foundation, the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice is able to offer scholarships for this three-week intensive Hebrew language summer experience. Tuition for the program is $1,500.

Please email Swig JSSJ Program Interim Director Oren Kroll-Zeldin with any questions.

Visit for more information or to register »

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Arabic San Francisco - Summer 2021
July 12–30 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m (Levels 1 & 2); 2–5 p.m. PT (Level 3) | ONLINE

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the summer 2021 Arabic San Francisco Program! We welcome anyone interested in the
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. This summer all instruction for the program will take place online. Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will be from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. PT and Level 3 will be from 2–5 p.m. PT.

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