February Newsletter

Hebrew San Francisco - Summer 2021
July 12–30 | 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 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. and teachers will hold additional optional instruction and office hours from 1–2 p.m.

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 us here for more information or to register for the program.
Arabic San Francisco - Summer 2021
July 12–30 | 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 2021 Arabic San Francisco Program! We welcome anyone interested in the Arabic language and 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. 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. and Level 3 will be from 2–5 p.m.

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They Ain't Ready for Me: Black-Jewish Activism and the Promise of a New Tomorrow
Sunday, March 7 • 5–6:30 p.m. • ONLINE

In the 11th Annual Swig JSSJ Program Social Justice Lecture, Black Jewish activist and rabbinical student Tamar Manasseh uses her experience combating gun violence with Mothers Against Senseless Killing (MASK), an organization she founded in Chicago, to address the need for a new paradigm connecting the Black and Jewish communities. Manasseh will address how Black Jews are the bridge between these two communities and are the key to establishing a new alliance and an enduring partnership that will better serve the needs of both communities. While focusing on MASK’s efforts to curb gun violence in Chicago, Manasseh will also explore her own complex identity and motivations as a person who is Jewish and Black, and how these intersecting identities offer her a road map for addressing one of America’s most urgent crises. Manasseh is the subject of the documentary film They Ain’t Ready For Me (2020), directed by Brad Rothschild.
Toward Climate Justice and Interfaith Solidarity
11th Annual Social Justice Seder
Wednesday, March 31 • 6:30–8 p.m. • ONLINE

The Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice is excited to present the 11th Annual Social Justice Passover Seder. This year's seder will focus on the urgent need for climate justice. With one foot in bondage and another foot in freedom, in this interfaith seder we will retell the Exodus narrative and recommit to working together for a world of peace and plenty, joy and renewal, health and freedom, a world that all of our faiths and our traditions teach us is possible.

Register Here
In This Place Together: A Palestinian's Journey to Collective Liberation
Tuesday, April 20 • 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. • 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 Here
A Sukkah in the Shadow of Saint Ignatius

Ralph Lane Center for Catholic Social Thought and the Ignatian Tradition at USF, Erin Brigham, that wrestles with the ethical, religious, and social challenges confronting the development of Jewish Studies within a Jesuit Catholic academic environment.

"Count Me In" Survey on Jews of Color

Our friends at the Jews of Color Initiative (JoCI) are aiming for 1,000 Jews of Color to fill out a survey for their “Count Me In” study. A multi-racial research team housed at Stanford University is conducting this research commissioned by the JoCI to understand the lived experiences and perspectives of Jews of Color in the United States. So, if you are a Jew of Color, fill out the survey at JOCsurvey.org and make sure your voice is heard! It only takes 15 minutes! Understanding Jews’ of Color perspectives and experiences about Jewish life will inform policies, program planning, and budgets at Jewish organizations around the country. If you’re a Jew of Color, you can help shape a more inclusive Jewish community that reflects and represents us all!