March Newsletter

“Restorative Justice and the Environment: The Future is Indigenous Rematriation”

Tuesday, Mar. 22 • 7–8:30 p.m. • McLaren Conference Center

In this event, Corrina Gould — the spokesperson for the Confederated Villages of Lisjan/Ohlone, an Indigenous tribe that originated in the region that is now the East Bay Area — will discuss the central role that environmental justice must play in reparations for Indigenous Peoples in the United States. This is the final component of the Davies Forum Speaker Series that is accompanying the course "Forgiving the Unforgivable: The United States, Genocide, and Slavery," taught by Swig JSSJ Program Director Professor Aaron J. Hahn Tapper.
The Inaugural Alvin H. Baum, Jr. Memorial Lecture
Honoring an LGBTQ+ Jewish Social Justice Activist

Sunday, Mar. 27 • 6:30–8 p.m. • Fromm Hall

We invite you to the inaugural Alvin H. Baum, Jr. Memorial Lecture, highlighting an outstanding LGBTQ+ Jewish social justice activist. This annual lecture preserves the legacy 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. A lawyer, urban planner, social worker, and strategic philanthropist, Mr. Baum was 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 and co-founder and visionary of Openhouse. Through her entire career, she has worked to center the voices and experiences of older LGBTQ+ adults in all aspects of life, and is a leading advocate for quality LGBTQ+ elder care and policies that safeguard equal treatment.

This lecture series also honors Rabbi Camille Angel, the first LGBTQ+ rabbi-in-residence at a Catholic university in the United States. Rabbi Angel provided significant
pastoral support to Mr. Baum and the late Cheryl Lazar. Their spouses, Robert Holgate and Pam David, have helped organize this lecture series in their beloveds’ and the rabbi’s honor.

Hosted By

Pam David, Alvin H. Baum, Jr. z”l, Robert Holgate
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*As of Feb. 24, 2022

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**Toward Climate Justice and Interfaith Solidarity 12th Annual Social Justice Passover Seder**

**Tuesday, Apr. 19 • 6:30–8 p.m. • ONLINE**

We are thrilled to present our twelfth annual Swig JSSJ Program 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 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. Additionally, this Social Justice Passover Seder will be part of a larger campus-wide environmental justice call to action. If you are interested in being involved in planning the seder, please contact Rabbi-in-Residence Camille Angel at csangel@usfca.edu.

[Register Here](#)
Social Justice Activism in the United States: Jewish and Muslim Perspectives

POSTPONED TO FALL 2022

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this joint event between the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice and the Graduate Theological Union's Madrasa-Midrasha Program is being rescheduled for the fall 2022 semester, at which time we will have a special webinar focusing on twenty-first-century Jewish and Muslim social justice activism in the United States. Thank you for your understanding.
Hebrew San Francisco - Summer 2022

Jul. 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's 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.

Register Here »

Arabic San Francisco - Summer 2022

Jul. 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.

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