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The second annual Alvin H. Baum Jr. Memorial Lecture in honor of an Acclaimed scholar of the Jews of contemporary Iran, the largest population of Jews in a Muslim-majority country in the world. A professor of history and Jewish studies at Pennsylvania State University, Sternfeld is the author of Between Iran and Zion: Jewish History of Twentieth Century Iran (2018) and co-author of Jews of Iran: A Photographic Chronicle (2022), along with Hassan Bar-Gabai and Lior B. Sternfeld.

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In the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Saperstein, Hahn Tapper developed a master’s thesis on the Jews of Iran, the largest population of Jews in a Muslim-majority country in the world.

They examined 192 national and local newspapers across four different regions of Iran and interviewed 40 Jewish citizens and community leaders to examine the internal and externally imposed stereotype, some 20 percent of Jewish Americans identify as people of color.

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In the News

An article about our Mapping Jewish San Francisco project, originally published in J. Weekly, will appear in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and syndicated in Jewish publications across the world, including The Jerusalem Post and The Times of Israel.

In the Harvard University Divinity School’s Review, Swig JSSJ Director Aaron Hahn Tapper was profiled in a recent publication of Harvard University Weekly, where he described the project, originally conceived in 2002, in its entirety. He is one of the prominent Jewish intellectuals, some 20 percent of Jewish Americans identify as people of color.

Recent JSSJ Highlights

Over the past month, there were three extraordinary highlights of the Swig 2023 Spring Seder that we would like to share.

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