March Newsletter

Anti-Occupation Activism in the Age of Trump and White Nationalism

Thursday, March 19, 6:30–8 p.m. | McLaren Complex, Room 251

Simone Zimmerman, director of B'Tselem USA and co-founder of IfNotNow, has been involved in Jewish anti-occupation movements for nearly a decade. In this

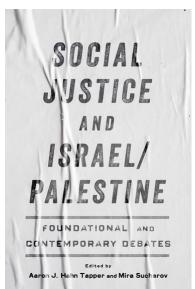


presentation she will discuss her journey from a mainstream, "pro-Israel" upbringing to becoming a leading voice of dissent regarding Israeli government policies among Jewish American millennials. She will also discuss recent on-the-ground developments in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and present a case for resisting the Israeli government's violence and dispossession of Palestinians as part of the struggle against Trumpism and rising white nationalism in America.

Social Justice and Israel/Palestine

Wednesday, April 1, 6:30–8 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Maraschi Room

Join us for a panel discussion, moderated by USF's **Dr. Lindsay Gifford**, with contributors of the recently



Foundational and Contemporary Debates. The panel will feature Dr. Aaron Hahn Tapper, co-editor of the book (and Swig JSSJ Program Director), along with Dr. Samia Shoman, manager of English Learner and Compliance Programs, San Mateo Union High School District; Dr. George Bisharat, professor of law at U.C. Hastings; and Dr. Oren Kroll-Zeldin, assistant director of the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice at USF.

Immigrants, Refugees, and Borders: A Social Justice Passover Seder

Monday, April 13, 6:30–8 p.m. | McLaren Complex

The 11th annual Social Justice Passover Seder will be led by **Swig JSSJ Rabbi-in-Residence Camille Angel** and a group of



student volunteers and activists. This year's Seder will lift up student stories and voices of those who have stood in the shoes of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in search of safety and liberty. With more displaced people around the world than at any other time in recorded history, the words of the Passover **Haggadah** are perhaps more poignant and relevant than ever before. Join us as we ritually explore themes of borders, transgressive acts, and liberation.



Hebrew San Francisco - Summer 2020

July 13-31 | Monday-Friday | 9 a.m.-2 p.m | USF

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the summer 2020 Hebrew San Francisco: Ulpan Program, our 23rd consecutive summer! Thanks to the Germanacos Foundation, the Swig JSSJ Program is able to offer scholarships for this three-week intensive Hebrew language summer experience. For the special early bird tuition rate of \$1,500, apply before April 1. Please email Swig JSSJ Program Assistant Director **Oren Kroll-Zeldin** with any questions.

Visit us **here** for more information or to **register** for the program.



Arabic San Francisco - Summer 2020

July 13-31 | Monday-Friday | 10 a.m.-3 p.m | USF

We are pleased to announce the launch of **Arabic San Francisco**, a new summer language immersion 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 speaking the Levantine dialect of Arabic, though students in Level One will spend the first part of the program learning to read and write in Arabic. Thanks to the Germanacos Foundation, the Swig JSSJ Program is able to offer scholarships for this three-week intensive Arabic language summer experience. For the special early bird tuition rate of \$1,500, apply before April 1. Please email Swig JSSJ Program Assistant Director **Oren Kroll-Zeldin** with any questions.

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Opportunity from a Community Partner



Avodah: The Jewish Service Corps

Applications are now open for the **Jewish Service Corps**, a year long program for individuals ages 21-26 to build a lifetime of leadership skills, an active Jewish community, a powerful professional network, and a more just America.

Spend a year serving for justice at a leading anti-poverty organization while living and learning at the crossroads of activism and Jewish life. As a member of the Jewish Service Corps you will:

- Build real-world expertise with critical, hands-on work experience. You'll be
 placed with one of Avodah's partner organizations in Chicago, New Orleans,
 New York, or Washington, DC, or our newest city, San Diego. Through on-theground direct service work, you'll contribute meaningfully to our partners' work
 on crucial justice issues such as immigration, hunger, education, public health,
 and more
- Develop activist chops and Jewish social justice insights. Avodah's trusted, innovative curriculum examines the causes and effects of domestic poverty, develops practical skills, and looks at justice work through a Jewish lens.
 Programming will deepen, contextualize, and nourish your day-to-day work while preparing you to stay in social and economic justice movements for the long haul
- Live and learn in the dynamic Avodah community. Home-cooked meals, late night conversations, and holiday celebrations make living communally in the bayit (house) memorable and meaningful
- Access activism, professional development, and Jewish opportunities for life.
 Over 1,200 social justice leaders across the country serve as active, engaged