



## May Newsletter



Renowned chef, author, and scholar Michael Twitty delivering our tenth annual Swig JSSJ Social Justice Lecture, "Imposter Syndrome: Intersectionality and Authenticity as a Lived Experience," one of the nine events we offered during the 2019-20 academic year.

## Our 2019-20 Year in Review

Now that we have reached the end of the academic year, we wanted to give you an update regarding some of the exciting developments within the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice. This year we:

- Welcomed Rabbi Camille Shira Angel as **the first Rabbi-in-Residence** in USF's illustrious 165-year history. Through her appointment, Rabbi Angel is forging new partnerships between JSSJ and University Ministry (and beyond!), strengthening the educational and programming efforts of both.

- Welcomed two new JSSJ faculty to campus: **Dalit Gvirtzman**, who leads our Hebrew language program, and **Alexis Herr**, who teaches courses on Holocaust and Genocide. Professor Herr has also just published her third book, ***Darfur Genocide: An Essential Reference Guide*** (ABC-CLIO Press).
- Offered 27 courses with more than 900 students enrolled in our classes.
- Offered 9 public events, all free and open to the public, with more than 1,200 people in attendance.
- Relaunched **Beyond Bridges: Israel-Palestine**, a two-week summer program in Israel and Palestine that takes students on a journey of comparative conflict analysis and transformation. Originally offered during the summers of 2010-12, although the summer 2020 program was canceled due to COVID-19, it is now -- once again! -- part of USF's ongoing study abroad options.
- Launched **Arabic San Francisco**, a new three-week intensive Arabic language program offered in conjunction with our **Hebrew San Francisco: Ulpan**. Summer 2020, we will welcome students in our inaugural Arabic program in a new revamped online course to meet the needs presented by the global pandemic.
- Created our first **Community Engaged Learning (CEL)** course, "Honoring Our LGBTQIA Elders," taught by Rabbi Angel and offered for the first time in fall 2020. Through community-engaged experiences, students will have the chance to work with LGBTQIA elders and, in doing so, not only honor and help celebrate those who have fought for LGBTQIA rights but also harvest the wisdom from those who came before us.
- Launched "QMunity" and "Breaking Bread and the Binary," two new student-centered programs offered by Rabbi Angel in partnership with JSSJ and University Ministry.
- Added eight new videos to our new **JSSJ YouTube channel**, bringing our total number of JSSJ event recordings (2012-20) to 44, all of which are ADA Compliant and include closed captioning alongside written transcripts.

We have steadily become one of the most important Jewish Studies programs in California and nationwide. Integrating social justice and human rights values rooted in Judaism, our extraordinary work is transforming countless people in a Jesuit Catholic setting. In this critical moment in history, we are a nexus of interfaith, progressive values and Jewish traditions.

We appreciate your help in building this one-of-a-kind program and look forward to another year of education, growth, and community. Stay tuned for announcements regarding our public programs and community events for the upcoming 2020-21 year. We hope you will join us, whether in person or online, as we continue our educational efforts to *change the world from here*.

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## Congratulations to Graduating JSSJ Minors!

This academic year we are graduating the largest class of JSSJ minors in the program's history. In addition to three students who graduated with the JSSJ minor in December 2019, another 10 students are graduating this week. We wish all 13 of our graduates a hearty congratulations on their major accomplishments during their academic career at USF!

We have no doubts that this group of JSSJ graduates are only at the beginning of their careers as social justice warriors, **embodying the combined values** of our one-of-a-kind program.

Please join us in congratulating these 13 graduates:

- Ali Billow
  - Evelyn Castro
  - Sammi Chen
  - Charles Clemmer
  - Joseph Dacey
  - Kaitlyn Darling
  - Christy David
  - Haley Geller
  - Krystal Giraldes
  - Mackenzie Miller
  - Hugh Nicklason
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- Kate Zwigard



## Hebrew San Francisco - Summer 2020

July 13–31 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m | **ONLINE**

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. Tuition rate is \$1,500. If you have any questions, please email Swig JSSJ Program Assistant Director **Oren Kroll-Zeldin**.

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

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## Arabic San Francisco - Summer 2020

July 13–31 | Monday–Friday | 10 a.m.–1 p.m | **ONLINE**

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 also 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. Tuition rate is \$1,500. If you have any questions, please email Swig JSSJ Program Assistant Director **Oren Kroll-Zeldin**.

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## Fall 2020 Course Offerings

Course Name	Course No.	Days/Times	Instructor	Core Req.
Jews, Judaisms, Jewish Identities	THRS 130-01	MWF 1-2:05 p.m.	Hammerman	D-2 THRS
FYS: Jews, Judaisms, Jewish Identities	THRS 195-02	W 11:45 a.m.-3:25 p.m.	Kroll-Zeldin	D-2 THRS

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	101-01	p.m.		Language
Arabic - Third Semester	ARAB 201-01	MWF 3:30-4:35 p.m.	Mullick	Foreign Language
German Lit. and Culture: 1945-Today	GERM 320-01	TR 9:55-11:40 a.m.	Schulze	C-1 Lit
Hebrew - First Semester [note: 6 credits]	HEBR 101-01	MWF 12-1:40 p.m.	Gvirtsman	Foreign Language
Holocaust and Genocide	THRS 136-01	TR 4:35-6:20 p.m.	Bycel	D-3 Ethics
Holocaust and Genocide	THRS 136-02	MW 4:45-6:25 p.m.	Herr	D-3 Ethics
Honoring Our LGBTQIA Elders	INTD 240-01	TR 4:35-6:20 p.m.	Angel	CEL
MJT: Jewish American Experience Through Graphic Novels	THRS 325-01	MWF 2:15-3:20 p.m.	Bar-Gabai	D-2 THRS
Refugees: Justice and Ethics	THRS 236-01	TR 6:30-8:15 p.m.	Bycel	D-3 Ethics
Social Justice and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	THRS 237-01	MWF 10:30- 11:35 a.m.	Kroll-Zeldin	D-3 Ethics

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