



May Newsletter



Congratulations to Graduating JSSJ Minors!

We want to wish a hearty congratulations to all of the graduating JSSJ minors on their major accomplishments during their academic career at USF! We have no doubt that this group of JSSJ graduates are only at the beginning of their careers as social justice warriors, embodying the values of our one-of-a-kind program.

Please join us in congratulating these graduates:

- Kerent Benjumea
 - Jamie Delgado
 - Natalie Turgeman
 - Kamarata Winter
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Student Spotlight: Kerent Benjumea

Kerent Benjumea '21 is graduating with a major in international studies and a double minor in Jewish Studies and Social Justice and Middle Eastern Studies. This fall, Kerent will be starting graduate school at the Sie Center for International Security and Diplomacy at the Josef Korbel School for International Studies at the University of Denver. As she works toward completing a master's in international studies she will serve as a research assistant at the Center for Middle East Studies and plans to write a thesis about language and conflict resolution in Israel/Palestine.

Here is Kerent's reflection on the Jewish Studies and Social Justice program:

"The JSSJ program offered me invaluable opportunities such as glimpses into various diasporic identities, historical lessons from minority communities in my regional specialization, mentorship from queer Jews, and encounters with the resilience of collective memories. I am immensely grateful to have learned from such impactful faculty, as well as from members of the Jewish community who embody *tikkun olam* and motivate me to turn these social justice principles into goals during both my graduate education and personal spiritual development."

The logo consists of a dark blue rectangular background. Overlaid on this background is the text "HEBREW SAN FRANCISCO SUMMER 2021" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: "HEBREW" on the first line, "SAN FRANCISCO" on the second line, and "SUMMER 2021" on the third line.

HEBREW SAN FRANCISCO SUMMER 2021

Hebrew San Francisco - Summer 2021

July 12–30 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m and 1–2 p.m. PT | 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. PT and teachers will hold additional optional instruction and office hours from 1–2 p.m. PT.

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.

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Arabic San Francisco - Summer 2021

July 12–30 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. PT (Levels 1 & 2); 2–5 p.m. PT (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. PT and level 3 will be from 2–5 p.m. PT. Thanks to the Germanacos Foundation, the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice is able to offer scholarships for this three-week intensive Arabic language summer experience. Tuition for the program is \$1,500.

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Student and Alumni Opportunities

Resident Minister at USF – Jewish Social Justice/LGBTQIA Support

USF's **University Ministry** is hiring a resident minister (RM) to support Jewish Social Justice and LGBTQIA initiatives. Resident ministers (RMs) are members of the University Ministry team who live in the residence halls and support the spiritual, religious, and pastoral needs of students. This position will work closely with UM's Rabbi-in-Residence to support the needs of Jewish students and the spiritually seeking LGBTQIA group, Queering Religion. Opportunities may include working on the annual Spectrum Retreat, the Open Doors Sukkot program, the annual JSSJ Social Justice Passover Seder, and assisting in leading the annual Spectrum Retreat for LGBTQIA-identified students. **[Learn more about the position and apply »](#)**

2021–2022 Jeremiah Fellowship

Bend the Arc's Jeremiah Fellowship is a leadership program for young adult Jews (ages 22-32) who want to organize their community to fight for progressive change. Through the fellowship, participants will gain community organizing skills, experience building power in their communities, develop a

deep political analysis, and join a network of leaders across the country. They are currently recruiting fellows in 25 cities across the United States. **[Learn more about the fellowship and apply »](#)**

Avodah: The Jewish Service Corps

Avodah: The Jewish Service Corps is a year-long program for individuals ages 21-26 to spend a year working, learning, and living at the crossroads of Jewish life and activism. They are currently seeking applicants with a strong interest in justice work and a desire to learn in an inclusive Jewish framework. **[Learn more about the program and apply »](#)**