



November Newsletter

In the midst of the uncertainty and tumultuous nature of our current lives, we hope that the educational opportunities we provide in the Swig JSSJ Program bring some stability and hope for a better tomorrow. Every semester we offer numerous courses taught by scholars with a passion for social justice and professors who see education as critical to the work of transforming the world from what it is into what it could be. To this end, we are excited to let you know about the amazing courses we are offering during the spring 2021 semester.

In addition, we are putting together another slate of public events for the spring semester that we will announce in the coming months. Please save the date for the 13th Annual JSSJ Social Justice Seder that will take place on Wednesday, March 31 at 6 p.m. This year's seder will focus on climate justice. USF students, staff, and faculty interested in being part of the seder planning committee should email **Rabbi-in-Residence Camille Angel**.

If you have questions, please contact Swig JSSJ Program Interim Director Oren Kroll-Zeldin at **omkrollzeldin@usfca.edu**.

Spring '21 Course Offerings

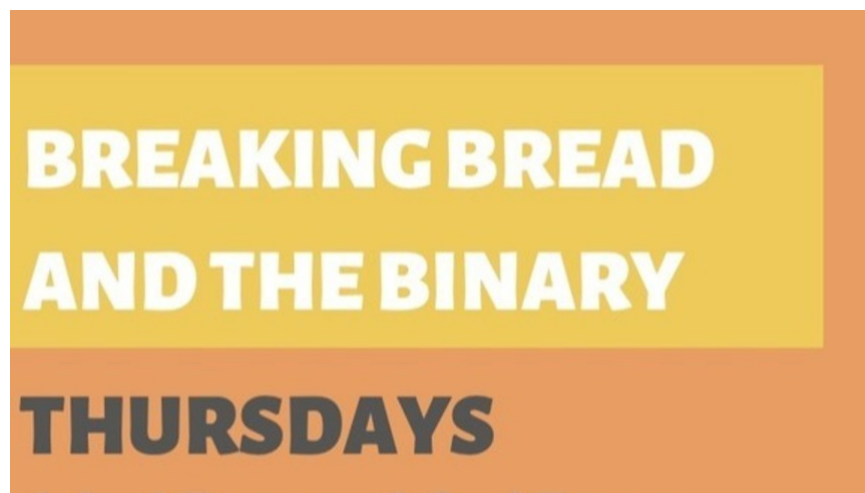
Course Name	Course No.	Days/Times	Instructor	Core Req.
Jews, Judaisms, Jewish Identities	THRS 130-01	TR 4:35–6:20 p.m.	Bar-Gabai	D-2
Ancient Near East	HIST 310-01	MWF 1–2:05 p.m.	Claussen	
Arabic (Second Semester)	ARAB 102-01	MW 4:45–6:25 p.m.	Mullick	Foreign Lang.
Government & Politics of the Middle East	POLS 240	MWF 10:20–11:25	Zupco	

Hebrew (Second Semester)*	HEBR 102-01	MWF 12–1:40 p.m.	Gvirtsman	Foreign Lang.
Hebrew (Directed Reading and Research)	HEBR 398-01	TBD	Gvirtsman	
Holocaust and Genocide	THRS 136-01	MW 4:45–6:25 p.m.	Herr	D-3
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Thru Literature & Film	THRS 238-01	TR 2:40–4:25 p.m.	Kroll-Zeldin	D-3; CD
Jewish-Christian Relations	THRS 230-01	TR 12:45–2:30 p.m.	Latteri	D-2
Mideast Peoples and Cultures**	ANTH 270-01	TR 12:45–2:30 p.m.	Kroll-Zeldin	E; CD
Paris-Berlin	GERM 350-01	TR 9:55–11:40 a.m.	Ramos	C-1
Queering Religion	THRS 131-01	MWF 1–2:05 p.m.	Angel	D-2; CD; CEL
Refugees: Justice and Ethics	THRS 236-01	TR 12:45–2:30 p.m.	Bar-Gabai	D-3; CD

* *This course can count for 6 credits rather than the usual 4.*

** *This course is pending approval for the JSSJ minor.*

For more information on the requirements for the JSSJ minor go to usfca.edu/artsci/jssj. Questions? Contact JSSJ Interim Director Oren Kroll-Zeldin (omkrollzeldin@usfca.edu).



Breaking Bread and the Binary

Nov. 12 – Diwali Celebration
Nov. 19 – International Transgender Remembrance
Dec. 3 – AIDS Remembrance
Dec. 10 – Bodhi Day

Community, in partnership with the **Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice** and **University Ministry**, hosts a popular weekly gathering for LGBTQIA and friends called Breaking Bread and the Binary. This event takes place every Thursday from 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.



Student Reflection on Fall '20 Events

Kayla Schneider-Smith MFA '22, Resident Minister

Even as we find ourselves frustratingly physically apart, the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice continues to bring the community together to learn about racial equity and intersectionality in the Jewish community and beyond. Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb spoke about reparations for Black Americans;

Rebecca Pierce shared the unique challenges facing Jews of Color; Rabbi Amy Eilberg presented sacred texts from Jewish tradition to better understand privilege and the role white Jews play in striving for racial justice; and Clarence Jones addressed the links between racism and antisemitism and how they manifest both in the U.S. and in Israel/Palestine. These conversations are only the beginning in our launch of a new campus organization, Jews for Justice, which is open to Jews of color, Jews with disabilities, Queer Jews, Jews concerned with Israel/Palestine, Interfaith Jews, and allies. We are committed to learning, questioning, *tikkun olam*, and building a more just, connected, and equitable community.
