



October Newsletter

The **Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice** aims to provide a space to engage with social justice and activism rooted in the Jewish traditions. During the **High Holidays**, Jews around the world engage in the process of accounting for one's life and that of the community, whereby they reflect on both what they have done and not done for themselves, others, and the world. One of the goals of our program is to connect Jewish traditions with contemporary social issues through an innovative educational curriculum and compelling public programs. Please join us for these exciting upcoming events, which are all free and open to the public.

October Events

Hard-Core Jews: Woody Allen's Religious Women and Men

Thursday, Oct. 3 | 6:30 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Berman Room



USF Professor **Shaina Hammerman** will discuss her latest book, ***Silver Screen, Hasidic Jews: The Story of an Image***. Hammerman, a cultural historian, examines the effects of real and imagined representations of Hasidic Jews in film, using this ethnic imagery to ask meaningful questions about how identities, multiculturalism, and belonging are constructed. In this talk, Hammerman brings in theories of hard-core porn to unpack the implications of gender in depictions of religious Jews in film.



Cosmic Diaspora Trio Band

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 6:30 p.m. | Malloy Hall,
Tarantino Plaza

The Cosmic Diaspora Trio band brings together experimental poetry, jazz, and klezmer music in an eclectic, fluid, and improvised manner that integrates science fiction, Jewish mysticism, exilic and immigrant experience, and myth and ritual. Comprised of Grammy-nominated guitarist and Bay Area legend John Schott; foremost klezmer player and expert of keys/accordion Josh Horowitz; and poet Jake Marmer, they will play as part of the campus celebration of **Sukkot**, a Jewish holiday celebrating openness, hospitality, and the powerful transience of life.

November Events

- **Climate Change, Disability, and the Politics of Survival**
Thursday, Nov. 7 | 6:30 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Maraschi Room
- **Jews of Uganda: Chief Rabbi Gershom Sizomu**
Thursday, Nov. 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Maier Room

JSSJ Faculty Highlights

In summer 2019, the University of Toronto Press published ***Social Justice and Israel/Palestine: Foundational and Contemporary Debates*** a collection



edited by Mira Sucharov and Swig JSSJ Program Director **Aaron Hahn Tapper**, this book critically assesses a series of complex and topical debates to help readers make sense of the politics surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian relationship. The book includes a chapter by Swig JSSJ Program Assistant Director **Oren Kroll-Zeldin**, who teaches courses at USF about Israel/Palestine.



Rabbi Camille Shira Angel was featured in numerous articles since the announcement of her appointment as USF's new Rabbi-in-Residence. In addition to a feature on the **USF website**, articles appeared in *the J.*, *Bay Area Reporter*, and *New Ways Ministry*. In June, she was the inaugural Pride Shabbat speaker at **Peninsula Temple**

Sholom in Burlingame.



Dr. Shaina Hammerman was nominated to be an **Ignatian Teaching and Research Fellow** with the **Lane Center for Catholic Thought** at USF. During this nine-month fellowship, participants develop knowledge of Ignatian pedagogy and the role of social research in Jesuit higher education.

Dr. Alexis Herr will be presenting research at three upcoming academic conferences. Later this month she will be presenting a



Police? Italian Police during the Holocaust” at the **International Conference on Perpetrator Research** in Münster, Germany; in November she will present “Voices of Genocide and Echoes of the Holocaust” at the **Lessons and Legacies Conference** in Munich, Germany; and in December she will

present “Compensated Complicity and Shades of Bystanding: Italian Concentration Camps and Local Support” at the **Association for Jewish Studies** conference in San Diego, California.