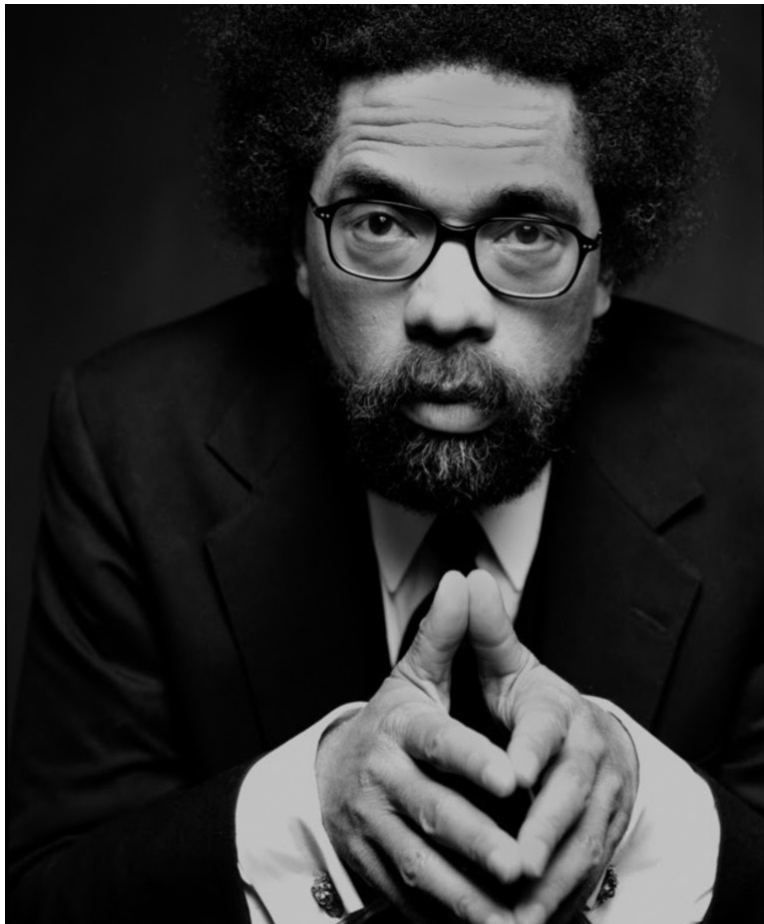




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Swig Program in Jewish Studies
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February Newsletter



**Radical Redistribution: Reparations for the Black
Descendants of Enslaved Africans**

Wednesday, Feb. 23 • 7–8:30 p.m. • McLaren Conference Center

Renowned U.S. intellectual **Cornel West** will engage in a discussion with **USF Provost Chinyere Oparah** about reparations for the Black descendants of enslaved Africans. Senior undergraduate USF student Natalya Bomani will serve as moderator. This event is part of the spring 2022 Davies Forum Speaker Series, connected to this semester's **Davies Seminar "Forgiving the Unforgivable: The United States, Slavery, and Genocide,"** taught by Swig JSSJ Program Director **Professor Aaron Hahn Tapper**. JSSJ is one of several campus sponsors of this event.

The Davies Forum team is doing everything we can to deliver this event in person, while prioritizing the health and safety of the USF community, speakers, and guests. Concurrently, we also plan to livestream the event. If we need to pivot this event to Zoom for all attendees, we will let you know as soon as possible via the email address you provide for registration. Please monitor your inbox for announcements about this event.

[Register Here »](#)



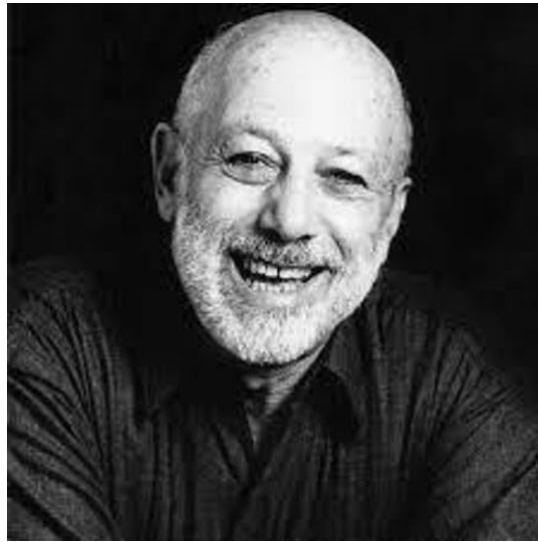
“Restorative Justice and the Environment: Toward a New Future for Native Americans”

Tuesday, Mar. 22 • 7–8:30 p.m. • McLaren Conference Center

In addition to the lecture with Cornel West, we want to invite you to another event offered as part of the spring 2022 speaker series accompanying the Davies Forum:

"Forgiving the Unforgivable: The United States, Genocide, and Slavery." Corrina Gould — a spokesperson for the Confederated Villages of Lisjan/Ohlone, a Native American tribe that originated in the region that is now the San Francisco Bay Area — will discuss the central role that environmental justice must play in reparations for Indigenous Peoples in the United States.

[Register Here »](#)



The Inaugural Alvin H. Baum, Jr. Memorial Lecture Honoring an LGBTQ+ Jewish Social Justice Activist

Sunday, Mar. 27 • 6:30–8 p.m. • Location TBD

We are incredibly excited to launch our inaugural Alvin H. Baum Jr. Memorial Lecture, which will be delivered annually to honor an LGBTQ+ Jewish social justice activist. This annual lecture will preserve the memory of Alvin H. Baum Jr. (1930-2021), a monumental Bay Area figure who fought passionately for the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the Jewish community and beyond. Mr. Baum was a lawyer, urban planner, social worker, and a brilliant strategic philanthropist who emerged as a pillar in the Jewish, civil rights, and gay communities.

The inaugural lecture will be delivered by **Marcy Adelman**, a stalwart activist in the Bay Area LGBTQ+ community. The co-founder and visionary of **Openhouse** works to center the voices and experiences of older LGBTQ+ adults by providing housing and opportunities to make social connections and build community. Throughout her

extraordinary career, Adelman has advocated for affordable, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender-friendly senior housing and trained service providers to better support elderly LGBTQ+ people.

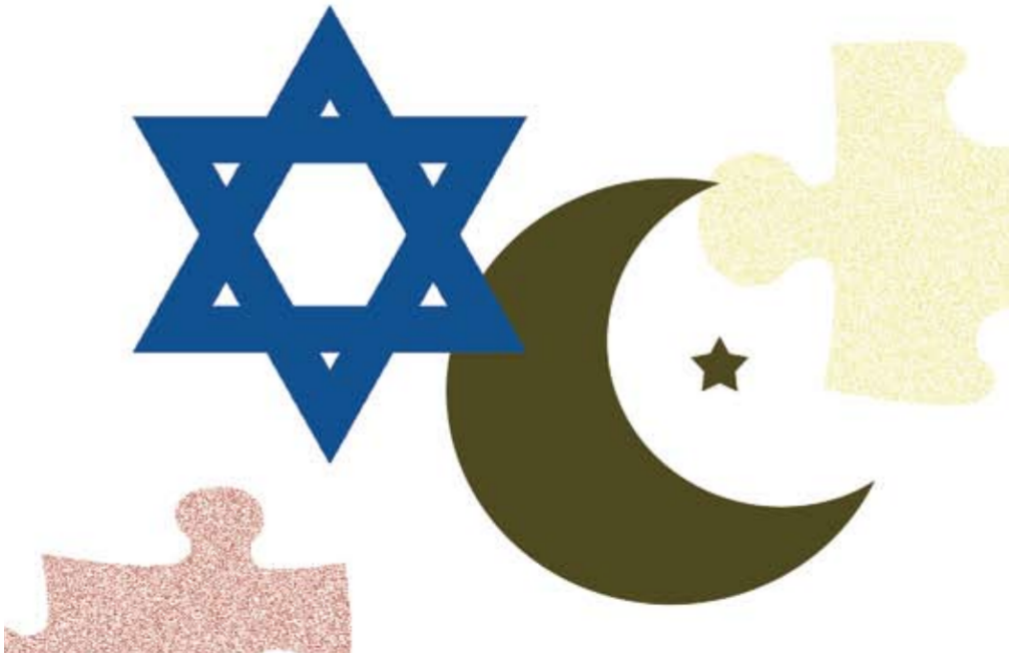
Stay tuned for more information about this sensational new annual event.



Toward Climate Justice and Interfaith Solidarity 12th Annual Social Justice Passover Seder

Tuesday, Apr. 19 • 6:30–8 p.m. • Location TBD

We are thrilled to present our twelfth annual on-campus Social Justice Passover Seder. Similar to that of 2021, this year's seder will focus on the urgent need for climate justice. With one foot in bondage and another foot in freedom, this interfaith seder will retell the Exodus narrative alongside a recommitment to working together for a world of peace and plenty, joy and renewal, and health and freedom — a world that all of our faiths and our traditions teach us is possible. Additionally, this Social Justice Passover Seder will be part of a larger campus-wide environmental justice call to action. If you are interested in being involved in planning the seder, please contact Rabbi-in-Residence Camille Angel at csangel@usfca.edu.



Social Justice Activism in the United States: Jewish and Muslim Perspectives

Tuesday, Apr. 26 • 12–1 p.m. • Online

Please join the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice and the **Graduate Theological Union's Madrasa-Midrasha Program** for a special webinar that will focus on twenty-first-century Jewish and Muslim social justice activism in the United States. This event will feature Jewish and Muslim activists speaking about their experiences with social justice struggles and the significance of approaching social justice activism from their particular religious traditions. Stay tuned for more information.

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HEBREW SAN FRANCISCO SUMMER 2022

Hebrew San Francisco - Summer 2022

Jul. 11–29 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–2 p.m. | Online

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the summer 2022 **Hebrew San Francisco: Ulpan program**! Similar to the previous two summers, this summer's three weeks of instruction will take place online. Class times will be from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and teachers will hold additional optional instruction and office hours from 1–2 p.m.

Tuition for the program is \$1,500. Thanks to the Germanacos Foundation, we are able to offer scholarships for this intensive Hebrew language summer experience. Please email Swig JSSJ Program Assistant Director **Oren Kroll-Zeldin** with any questions. **Visit our web page** for more information.

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ARABIC SAN FRANCISCO SUMMER 2022

Arabic San Francisco - Summer 2022

Jul. 11–29 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (Levels 1-2); 2–5 p.m. (Level 3)
| Online

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the summer 2022 **Arabic San Francisco program!** Welcoming anyone interested in the Arabic language, we 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. All instruction for the program will take place online. Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will be from 9 a.m.–12 p.m., and Level 3 will be from 2–5 p.m.

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