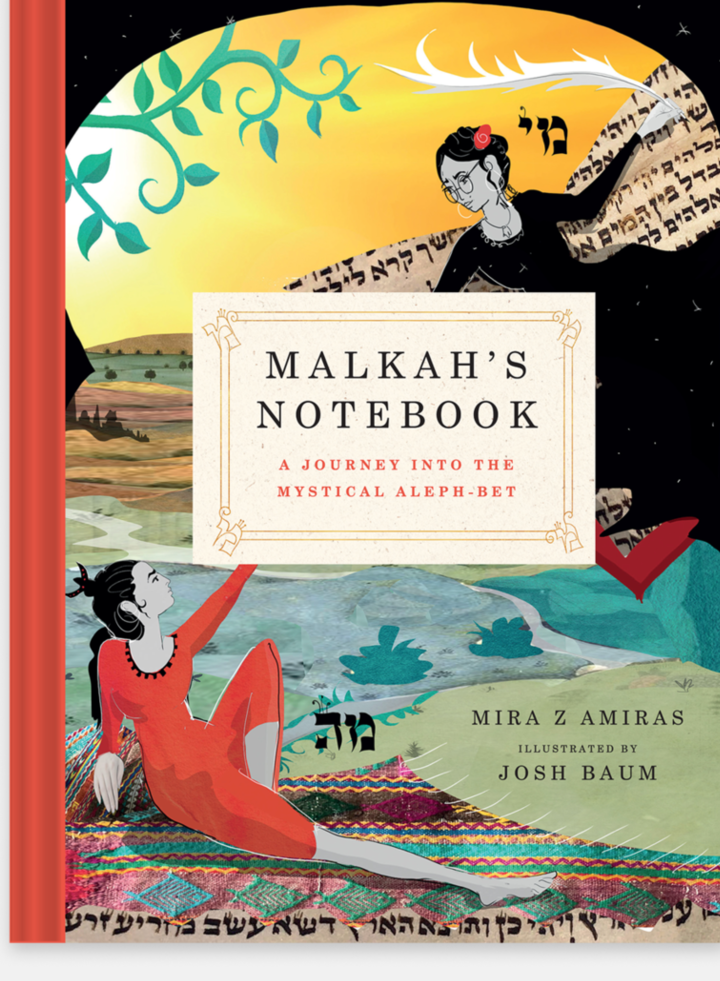




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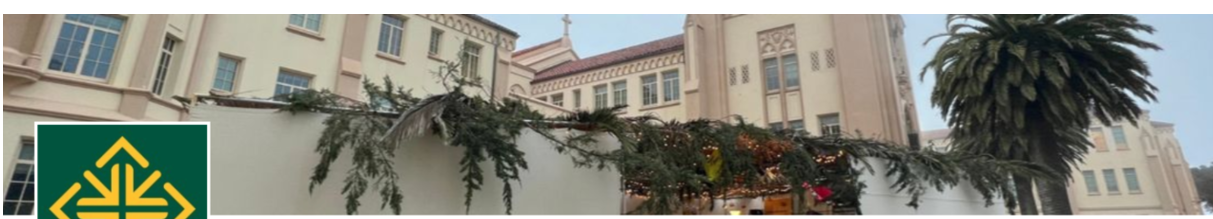
***Malkah's Notebook: A Journey Into the Mystical Aleph-Bet With Mira Amiras*****Wednesday, Nov. 16 | 6:30–8 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Maraschi Room**

Parts bedtime story, poem, and journal, coupled with highly evocative illustrations, ***Malkah's Notebook*** (2022) is a graphic novel about, and love letter to, the Hebrew alphabet. The profound illustrated book tells the story of the relationship between young Malkah and her father, who tries to teach her to read the **Torah**. But with each piece of learning, Malkah's questions multiply. Author and creator **Mira Amiras** PhD will discuss her process in creating this extraordinary graphic novel, as well as her subsequent film, ***The Day Before Creation***. Co-sponsored by the **Department of Theology and Religious Studies**. Learn more or **RSVP to join us online**.

**"Open Doors" Sukkot Recap**

We hosted numerous enriching events in the JSSJ **Sukkah** this year, which was located outside the Lone Mountain building. Students, faculty, staff, and community members braved the cold to gather for engaging lectures, discussions, classes, and meals in the Sukkah. You can view the lecture video recaps on the **Swig JSSJ YouTube channel**.

- On Oct. 10, scholar David S. Koffman delivered a lecture called **"Jews and Indians on Turtle Island: Between Colonialism and Justice."** He discussed his most recent book, which investigates the history of relations between American Jews and American Indians, both in the realm of cultural imagination and face-to-face encounters.
- On Oct. 11, Maggid Eli Andrew Ramer **read passages from his new book *Texting With Angels***.
- On Oct. 13, local poet and artist Tatiana Luboviski-Acosta read from their book *La Movida* and discussed how their identities as a queer, Jewish, Nicaragüense artist, poet, and sexual health educator from the lands of the Tongva people and now living in Yelamu, Ramaytush Ohlone territory, influenced and inspired their work. (We will post this video on our YouTube channel shortly.)
- On Oct. 14, the Swig JSSJ program partnered with Value Culture and OneTable for a special Shabbat dinner with speakers, food, music, and community.

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The goals of the page are to:

- Be a hub for the JSSJ community
- Spotlight and connect with changemakers
- Share insights and resources about Jewish studies and social justice education
- Celebrate program milestones and accolades
- Invite the community to upcoming events and learning opportunities

Please **follow our LinkedIn page**, share with others, and stay connected!**Voting: It's a Jewish Responsibility****Wednesday, Nov. 2 | 5–6:30 p.m. | University Ministry, Romero Room**

Interested in learning about how Jewish wisdom can guide our voting decisions? Join SF Hillel, University Ministry, and Jews for Justice, a new USF student group, to learn about upcoming propositions on the California ballot related to gambling and education. USF's Rabbi-in-Residence Camille Angel will facilitate a discussion providing insights Judaism shares on these topics. Free dinner will be provided! Don't forget that election day is Tuesday, Nov. 8!

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