

## February 2023 Newsletter



## Pizza Lunch for JSSJ Minors and Interested Students

Tuesday, Feb. 14 | 11:50 a.m.–12:45 p.m. | Kalmanovitz Hall 167

Are you a JSSJ minor, considering the minor, or just want to learn more about USF's Jewish Studies and Social Justice program? All current JSSJ minors and prospective students interested in learning more about the program are invited to a **free pizza lunch** on campus. You will have the chance to meet other JSSJ students as well as program faculty and staff. We'll be there to answer your questions about the minor. Feel free to bring a friend along as well — the more the merrier!

## HEBREW SAN FRANCISCO SUMMER 2023

July 10–28 | 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 2023 **Hebrew San Francisco: Ulpan program!** Similar to the past few years, this summer's program will take place online. Class times will be from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and teachers will hold additional optional office hours daily from 1–2 p.m.

Tuition for the program is \$1,500. Thanks to the generosity of the Firehouse Fund, 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 2023

July 10–28 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (Level 1); 2–5 p.m. (Levels 2-3) | Online

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the summer 2023 **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 Level 1 will be from 9 a.m.–12 p.m., and Levels 2 and 3 will be from 2–5 p.m.

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Jewish teacher, wearing a kippah, or head covering, in a school classroom in Shiraz, Iran (© Hassan Sarbakhshian).

## The Jews of Iran

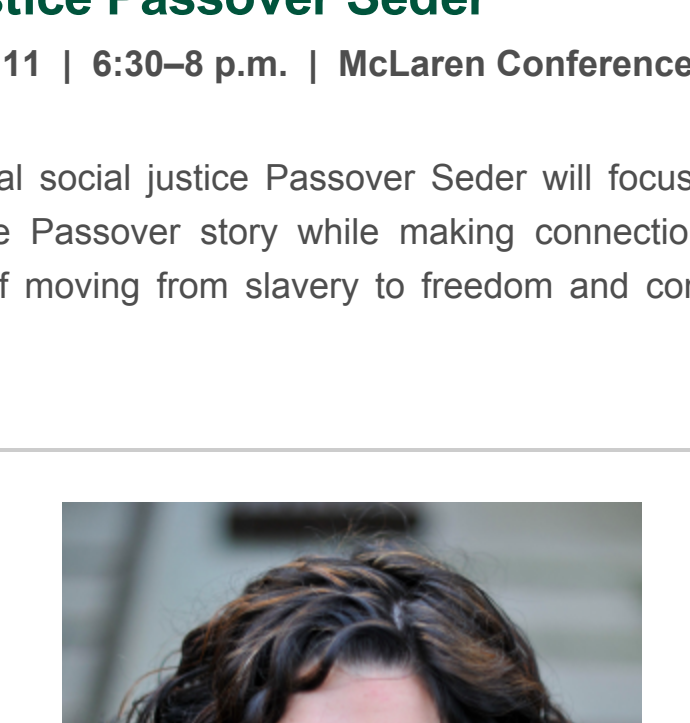
Sunday, March 5 | 6:30–8 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Maraschi Room

Acclaimed scholar **Lior B. Sternfeld** will offer an interactive presentation on the Jews of contemporary Iran, the largest population worldwide of Jews in a Muslim-majority country. A professor of history and Jewish studies at Pennsylvania State University, Sternfeld is the author of the award-winning ***Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran*** (2018) and co-author of ***Jews of Iran: A Photographic Chronicle*** (2022) with Hassan Sarbakhshian and Parvaneh Vahidmanesh.

## The Alvin H. Baum, Jr. Memorial Lecture

Sunday, March 26 | 6:30–8 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Maraschi Room

The second annual Alvin H. Baum Jr. Memorial Lecture in honor of an LGBTQIA+ Jewish social justice activist will be delivered by former **California State Senator Mark Leno**. Leno was the first openly gay man elected to the state senate. His tireless efforts on behalf of LGBTQIA+ communities have paved the way for marriage equality in our state.



## Social Justice Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 11 | 6:30–8 p.m. | McLaren Conference Center

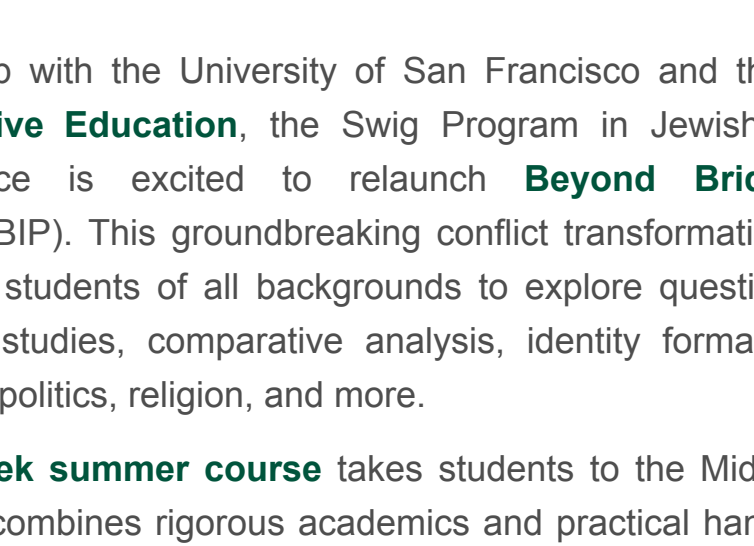
The 13th annual social justice Passover Seder will focus on anti-racism. We will tell the Passover story while making connections between the ancient story of moving from slavery to freedom and contemporary anti-racist activism.

## Open and Accessible: Taking Stock of the Vatican's Holocaust-Era Archives

Tuesday, Feb. 7 | 6 p.m. | The Commonwealth Club of California (Off-campus)

In March 2019, His Holiness Pope Francis said — now famously — that “the Church is not afraid of history.” He was responding to pressure from researchers to unseal the Vatican's Holocaust-era archival documents. In March 2020 Pope Francis released an estimated 16 million pages of archival material that promises to shed light on the Vatican's contested role in the Holocaust. Please join JSSJ faculty member **Alexis Herr** and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for a discussion of what this material may reveal about the Vatican's role in the genocide.

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## Beyond Bridges: Israel-Palestine

May 22 – June 6

In partnership with the University of San Francisco and the **Center for Transformative Education**, the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice is excited to relaunch **Beyond Bridges: Israel-Palestine** (BBIP). This groundbreaking conflict transformation program is designed for students of all backgrounds to explore questions central to international studies, comparative analysis, identity formation, narrative construction, politics, religion, and more.

**This two-week summer course** takes students to the Middle East on a journey that combines rigorous academics and practical hands-on training with the intent to explore questions at the core of all conflicts. Moving past the stage of practical peace agreements or beyond "building bridges," the program challenges participants to look at long-term solutions to end intercommunal conflict.

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Your generous support of the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice will help us engage students in both theoretical and practical approaches to social justice and activism rooted in the Jewish traditions.

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