**The Jews of Iran: 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 program of the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice. This program challenges participants to look at long-term solutions to end intercommunal conflict. This two-week summer course takes students to the Middle East on a journey that combines rigorous academics and practical hands-on training, including tolemin, the ancient story of moving from slavery to freedom and contemporary anti-racism. Participants will engage in small group activities, independent research, and practical hands-on exercises to understand the complex web of social, political, economic, and cultural factors that contribute to conflict in the region. Please email Swig Program Assistant Oren Kroll-Zeldin with any questions.

**Social Justice Passover Seder**

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

We will tell the Passover story while making connections between the ancient story of moving from slavery to freedom and contemporary anti-racism. The 13th annual social justice Passover Seder will address issues of anti-racism and intercommunal conflict. The evening will feature an address from LGBTQIA+ Jewish social justice activist California State Senator Mark Leno. Leno was the first openly gay man elected to the state senate. His tireless efforts on behalf of LGBTQIA+ will be delivered by former Oakland Mayor and current Oakland City Councilmember Libby Schaff. The evening will also include an interactive presentation with Hassan Sarbakhshian and Parvaneh Vahidmanesh. For more information, please visit the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice web page.

**Beyond Bridges: Interfaith Dialogue**

May 22 – June 6

Director Lior B. Sternfeld will offer an interactive presentation on the 13th annual social justice Passover Seder with highlights from the 2022 program. Sternfeld is the author of the award-winning book Jews of Iran: A Photographic Chronicle and has also published Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran and co-authored of the award-winning book Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran. Sternfeld is a professor of history and Jewish studies at the University of Pennsylvania. The Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice is excited to relaunch the 13th annual social justice Passover Seder in partnership with the University of San Francisco and the Firehouse Fund, which has helped make the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice possible.

**Arabic San Francisco: Summer 2023**

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This two-week program is designed to help students develop Arabic language skills in a setting that promotes cultural immersion. This program takes place in the Levantine setting of Arabic San Francisco, which is home to more than 75,000 residents of Arab descent. Students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the local culture and language and gain a deeper understanding of the Arab world. The program is open to students of all backgrounds who want to improve their Arabic language skills.

Tuition for the program is $1,500. Thanks to the generosity of the Firehouse Fund, we are able to offer scholarships for this intensive Arabic language summer experience. Please email Swig Program Assistant Oren Kroll-Zeldin with any questions.

**Hebrew San Francisco: Ulpan Program**

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**Director Oren Kroll-Zeldin**

Oren Kroll-Zeldin is the director of the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice at the University of San Francisco and is the editor of the two most comprehensive, in-depth online resources on the Jewish history of Iran: Jews of Iran: A Photographic Chronicle and Jews of Iran: A Photographic Chronicle and Jews of Iran: A Photographic Chronicle (2022) and co-author of Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran (2022). Oren Kroll-Zeldin is a professor of history and Jewish studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Sternfeld is the author of the award-winning book Jews of Iran: A Photographic Chronicle and has also published Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran and co-authored of the award-winning book Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran. Sternfeld is a professor of history and Jewish studies at the University of Pennsylvania. The Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice is excited to relaunch the 13th annual social justice Passover Seder in partnership with the University of San Francisco and the Firehouse Fund, which has helped make the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice possible.