



April 2023 Newsletter



Coming Soon – JEDI + JSSJ Graduate Level Certificate Program

As trailblazers in running programs explicitly linking Jewish studies with social justice, we are excited to announce a groundbreaking new graduate-level Certificate Program in JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) + JSSJ, which will train and prepare students to implement systemic change around anti-oppression, social justice, and human rights in professional contexts. With a curriculum rooted in current research and best practices around multiracial, multicultural, and multifait values, students will engage with current political and social realities with a focus on equity and intersectionality within the larger context of education both in relation to and outside of the “Jewish world.”

This certificate is the country’s only graduate-level program focused on Jewish studies and social justice systemically infused with JEDI values, developed to train professionals to work within, between, and beyond Jewish-identified communities.

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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.

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Fall 2023 JSSJ Classes

Course Name	Course No.	Days/Times	Instructor	Core Req.
German Literature and Culture, 1945–Today	GERM 320-01	TR 12:45–2:30 p.m.	Bauer	C-1
Hebrew (First Semester)	HEBR 101-01	MWF 12:00–1:40 p.m.	Gvirtsman	Foreign Lang.
Holocaust and Genocide	THRS 136-01	TR 2:40–4:25 p.m.	Herr	D-3
Honoring Our LGBTQIA+ Elders	INTD 240-01	TR 4:35–6:20 p.m.	Angel	CEL
Jewish-Christian Relationship	THRS 230-01	TR 6:30–8:15 p.m.	Latteri	D-2
Jews, Judaism, Jewish Identities	THRS 130-01	MWF 2:15–3:20 p.m.	Kroll-Zeldin	D-2
Modern German History	HIST 335-01	MWF 3:30–4:35 p.m.	Neaman	
Muslims, Chirstians, Jews in Medieval Spain	HIST 319-01	MWF 11:45 a.m.–12:50 p.m.	Olds	C2; CD
Refugees: Justice and Ethics	THRS 236-01	TR 8:00–9:45 a.m.	Herr	D-3
Social Justice and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	THRS 237-01; POLS 380-01	MWF 10:30–11:35 a.m.	Kroll-Zeldin	D-3

[Learn more about the requirements for the JSSJ minor »](#)

Questions? Email JSSJ Assistant Director [Oren Kroll-Zeldin](#).

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 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.

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 JSSJ Assistant Director [Oren Kroll-Zeldin](#) with any questions. [Visit our web page](#) for more information.

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JSSJ Events Recap



We would like to thank everyone who joined us for the Jews of Iran lecture with acclaimed scholar Lior B. Sternfeld, a professor of history and Jewish studies at Pennsylvania State University. A full recording of the lecture can be found [online](#).

We also appreciate all who joined us and supported the Second Annual Alvin H. Baum Jr. Memorial Lecture at USF. Baum fought passionately for the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the Jewish community and beyond. A lawyer, urban planner, social worker, and strategic philanthropist, he was a pillar in the Jewish, civil rights, and gay communities. We are honored to preserve his legacy at this annual event.

Special thanks to this year’s lecturer, the Honorable Mark Leno, and speakers Mayor Art Agnos and USF Provost Julia Chinyere Oparah, as well as Pam David and Robert Holgate, co-chairs of the event. It was a privilege to learn from their experience and wisdom, and we are grateful for your support. You can view and share photos from the event via [our LinkedIn profile](#).

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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