



June 2023 Newsletter

Our 2022–23 Year in Review

Now that we have reached the end of the academic year, here is a short summary of some of the exciting high points from the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice:

- We hosted seven public events which were attended, both in person and online, by approximately 800 people. This includes our second annual Al Baum Jr. Memorial Lecture, which preserves the memory of Mr. Baum by honoring an exceptional LGBTQ+ Jewish social justice activist. This year, some 225 people were in attendance, including students, faculty, staff, and community members.
- We launched a new graduate-level certificate program in JEDI + JSSJ, aka Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion + Jewish Studies and Social Justice.
- We offered 27 JSSJ classes with 626 students enrolled.
- We graduated four JSSJ minors.
- We generated a profound number of new friends and donors through our innovative programming.

We have steadily become one of the most important Jewish studies programs in California and nationwide. Integrating social justice and human rights values rooted in Judaism, our extraordinary work is transforming countless people in a Jesuit Catholic setting. In this critical moment in history, we are a nexus of interfaith, progressive values, and Jewish traditions.

We appreciate your help in building this one-of-a-kind program and look forward to another year of education, growth, and community. Stay tuned for announcements regarding our public programs and community events for the upcoming 2023-24 year. We hope you will join us, whether in person or online, as we continue our educational efforts to change the world from here.



JSSJ Alumni Leading Systemic Change

Our new ground-breaking **JEDI + JSSJ graduate-level certificate program** allows professionals to power their careers with the tools to implement systemic change around anti-oppression, social justice, and human rights in professional contexts, learning from experienced and renowned educators and changemakers. A unique aspect of this program is that our JEDI + JSSJ staff is comprised of three JSSJ graduates: MJ Abrams '22, Erin-Kate Escobar '09, and Chel Mandell '13.

[Read an article about Chel, Erin-Kate, and MJ »](#)

[Learn more about Chel, Erin-Kate, MJ, and other certificate program staff and faculty »](#)



Hebrew San Francisco — Summer 2023

July 10–28 | Monday–Friday | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. & 1–2 p.m. PDT | 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. PDT (Level 1); 2–5 p.m. (Levels 2-3) PDT | 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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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, Judaisms, 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, Christians, 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**.

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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