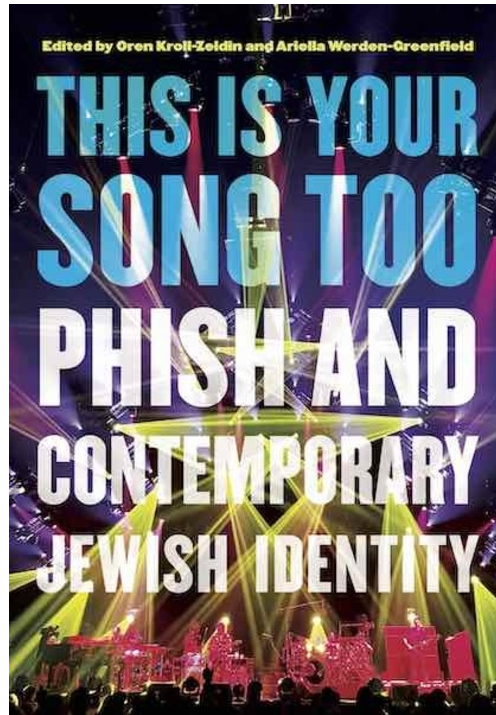




November Newsletter 2023



This Is Your Song Too: Phish and Contemporary Jewish Identity

Wednesday, Nov. 15 | 6:30–8 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Maraschi Room

The rock band Phish has a diehard fan base and a dedicated community of enthusiasts — Phishheads — who follow the band around the country. What may be surprising to some, however, is that a significant percentage of Phishheads are Jewish. Aside from two members of the band raised as Jews themselves — bassist Mike Gordon and drummer Jonathan Fishman — Phish has even been known to play Hebrew songs in concert. This event celebrates the publication of the book ***This Is Your Song Too: Phish and Contemporary Jewish Identity***, co-edited by JSSJ faculty member **Oren Kroll-Zeldin**. The book argues that Phish is one avenue through which contemporary Jews find cultural and spiritual fulfillment outside the confines of traditional institutional Jewish life. In effect, Phish fandom and the live Phish experience act as a microcosm through which we see American Jewish

religious and cultural life manifest in unique and unexpected spaces. Joining Kroll-Zeldin in conversation will be the book's co-editor, **Ariella Werden-Greenfield**, who is also the associate director of the Feinsein Center for American Jewish History and special adviser on antisemitism at Temple University, as well as book contributor **Rabbi Joshua Ladon**, director of education for the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America.



NEW DATE - *Israelism* Film Screening

Monday, Nov. 27 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. | Handlery Room, Lone Mountain

Join us for a special screening of the new award-winning film ***Israelism***, which focuses on two young American Jews raised to defend the state of Israel at all costs. One joins the Israeli military; the other fights for Israel on “the other battlefield:” America’s college campuses. Yet a chasm emerges in their Jewish identities after witnessing Israel’s mistreatment of the Palestinian people firsthand. Overall, their stories reveal the American Jewish community’s generational divide regarding what the Jewish State means to Jewish Americans. The film screening will be followed by a moderated discussion led by a member of the Swig JSSJ Program faculty. This event is co-sponsored by the **Program in Middle Eastern Studies** and the **Department of Politics**.

Spring 2024 JSSJ Classes

Course Name	Course No.	Days/Times	Instructor	Core Req.
Forgiving the Unforgivable	THRS 132-01	MWF 1-2:05 p.m.	Hahn Tapper	D-3; CD
Forgiving the Unforgivable	THRS 132-02	MWF 10:30-11:35 a.m.	Hahn Tapper	D-3; CD
Hebrew (Second Semester)	HEBR 102-01	MWF 12-1:40 p.m.	Gvirtsman	Foreign Lang.
Holocaust and Genocide	THRS 136-01	M 11:45 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.	Herr	D-3
International Relations of the Middle East	POLS 354-01	TR 9:55-11:40 a.m.	Fisher Onar	
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Through Literature and Film	THRS 238-01	TR 9:55-11:40 a.m.	Kroll-Zeldin	D-3; CD
Jews, Judaisms, Jewish Identities	THRS 130-01	TR 2:40-4:25 p.m.	May	D-2
Mideast People and Cultures	ANTH 270-01	TR 8-9:45 a.m.	Kroll-Zeldin	E; CD
Paris-Berlin	GERM 350-01	MWF 11:45 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.	Ramos	C1
Queering Religion	THRS 131-01	TR 4:35-6:20 p.m.	Angel	CEL; CD; D-2
Refugees: Justice and Ethics	THRS 236-01	W 7:55-11:35 a.m.	Herr	CEL; CD; D-3

Learn more about the requirements for the JSSJ minor »

Questions? Email JSSJ Assistant Director **Oren Kroll-Zeldin**.



JEDI + JSSJ Certificate Program

The JEDI + JSSJ program will help equip Jewish leaders with the skills and education to deal with challenging times. We hope you will consider joining us for the spring semester to deepen your learning by taking one or two classes.

Spring 2024 Courses:

Antisemitism and Intersectionality

Instructor: Aaron J. Hahn Tapper

Dates/Times: Mondays, 4–7 p.m. PST (remote synchronous)

Schedule: Jan. 29, Feb. 12 & 26, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 15, May 6

Environmental Justice and Jewish Perspectives: Land, People, and Power

Instructor: Ariela Ronay-Jinich

Dates/Times: Thursdays, 4–7 pm PST (remote synchronous)

Schedule: Jan. 25, Feb. 8 & 22, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2

To answer any questions you may have about this groundbreaking program, we are hosting a handful of live 20-minute information sessions throughout

the coming months, and we would love to see you there. If interested, please register for one of these sessions through the [JEDI+JSSJ homepage](#).

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