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Swig Program in Jewish Studies
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April 2024 Newsletter

THE 3RD ANNUAL ALVIN H. BAUM, JR. MEMORIAL LECTURE

IN HONOR OF AN LGBTQ+ JEWISH SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVIST

The Alvin H. Baum Jr. Memorial Lecture

A View of the Epidemic: Seeing the Face of the Divine

Sunday, April 7 | 6:30–8 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Maraschi Room

The third annual Alvin H. Baum Jr. Memorial Lecture in honor of an LGBTQIA+ Jewish social justice activist will be delivered by Mike Shriver. Mike has been involved in HIV/AIDS advocacy, activism, program development, organizational development, and public policy efforts for over 30 years. His efforts have been at the local, statewide, national, and international levels, and have encompassed issues such as HIV+ primary prevention efforts, overall HIV prevention efforts, substance use/abuse interventions, HIV/AIDS care, community organizing, and mobilization, as well as HIV research. Mike's past affiliations include being chair of the Board of Directors of the National AIDS Memorial, the nation's only federally designated memorial to HIV/AIDS. He has served as health commissioner for the City and County of San Francisco and as special adviser to the mayor on AIDS/HIV Policy.

[Register for the third annual Alvin H. Baum Jr. Memorial Lecture »](#)



Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism: Compassion and Disagreement in a Time of Violence

Tuesday, April 16 | 6:30–8 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Maraschi Room

Renowned NYC social justice activist and long-time **Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ)** movement building organizer **Leo Ferguson** will discuss the links between anti-Zionism and antisemitism in today's political climate around Palestine and Israel. Following his keynote, Ferguson will be featured in a conversation, moderated by JSSJ Program faculty and Assistant Director Professor **Oren Kroll-Zeldin**, with local leader **Rabbi Dev Noily**, senior rabbi of Kehilla Community Synagogue. **[Register for the event »](#)**



USF Interfaith Nonviolence Conference

Thursday, April 18 | 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. | McLaren Complex, Room 251

Please join us for USF's Interfaith Nonviolence Initiative Conference. Sponsored by the Lane Center for Catholic Social Thought and the Institute for Nonviolence and Social Justice, this event will feature community-engaged and interdisciplinary research by USF faculty. This conference is designed to include significant participation by members of the USF community and San Francisco-based faith congregations and civic organizations. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

The event will be followed by a celebration at Third Baptist Church from 7–9 p.m. More information to come!



Social Justice Passover Seder

Thursday, April 25 | 6:30–8 p.m. | McLaren Conference Center

Our 14th annual Social Justice Passover Seder will focus on antiracism. We will tell the Passover story while making connections between the ancient narrative of moving from slavery to freedom and contemporary antiracist activism. Register for the seder [here](#).



First Annual Robert Holgate Pride Award in Queering Religion

We are thrilled to announce that we have selected the awardees for the first annual Robert Holgate Pride Award in Queering Religion. This award is named in honor of LGBTQIA+ activist and philanthropist Robert Holgate. Hosted by the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice, the prize will enable a student who is active in the work of queering religion on USF campus to engage the community through thoughtful programming in the following semester (in this case, fall 2024). We will announce the award recipients on April 7, during the Alvin H. Baum Memorial Lecture.

The logo for Hebrew San Francisco, featuring the words "HEBREW" and "SAN FRANCISCO" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, stacked vertically on a dark blue rectangular background.

**HEBREW
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Hebrew San Francisco: Ulpan

July 8–26 | Monday – Friday | 2–5 p.m. PDT | Online

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the summer 2024 **Hebrew San Francisco: Ulpan program**! Similar to the past few years, this summer's program will take place online. However, this year classes will meet 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 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

Arabic San Francisco

July 8–26 | Monday – Friday | 10 a.m.–1 p.m. PDT (Level 1 and 2); 3–6 p.m. PDT (Level 3) | Online

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the summer 2024 **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 Levels 1 and 2 will meet from 10 a.m.–1 p.m., and Level 3 will meet from 3–6 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 Program Assistant Director **Oren Kroll-Zeldin** with any questions. **Visit our web page** for more information.

[Register Now »](#)

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