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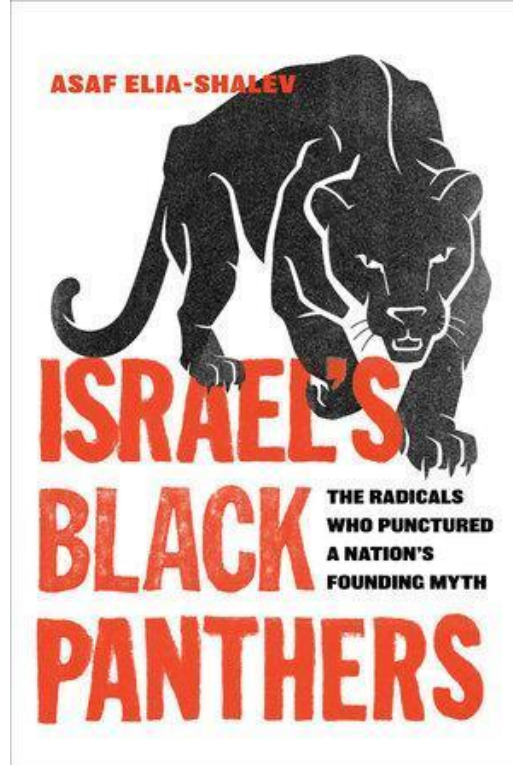
October 2024 Newsletter



Multi-Faith Grief Circle

Monday, Oct. 7 | 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. | University Ministry Romero Room

University Ministry clergy and lay leaders invite USF students, faculty, staff, and librarians to gather for a time of prayer, lamentation, and ritual. We will pray for peace and healing in Israel, Palestine, and around the world.



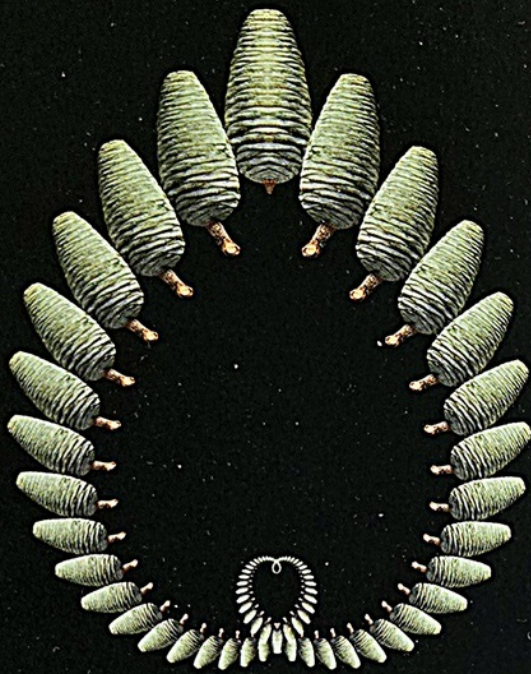
Israel's Black Panthers: The Radicals Who Punctured a Nation's Founding Myth

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 6:30–8 p.m. | Welch Field Sukkah

Journalist **Asaf Elia-Shalev** (he/him), author of the new book *Israel's Black Panthers: The Radicals Who Punctured a Nation's Founding Myth*, will share the powerful story of an activist movement that challenged racial inequities in Israel.

Elia-Shalev's book tells the story of the young and impoverished Moroccan Israeli Jews who challenged their country's political status quo by rebelling against the ethnic hierarchy of Israeli life in the 1970s. Inspired by the American group of the same name, the Black Panthers mounted protests and a years-long political campaign for the rights of Mizrahim, or Jews of Middle Eastern ancestry, which still resonates today.

This event is part of our Open Doors Sukkot programming.

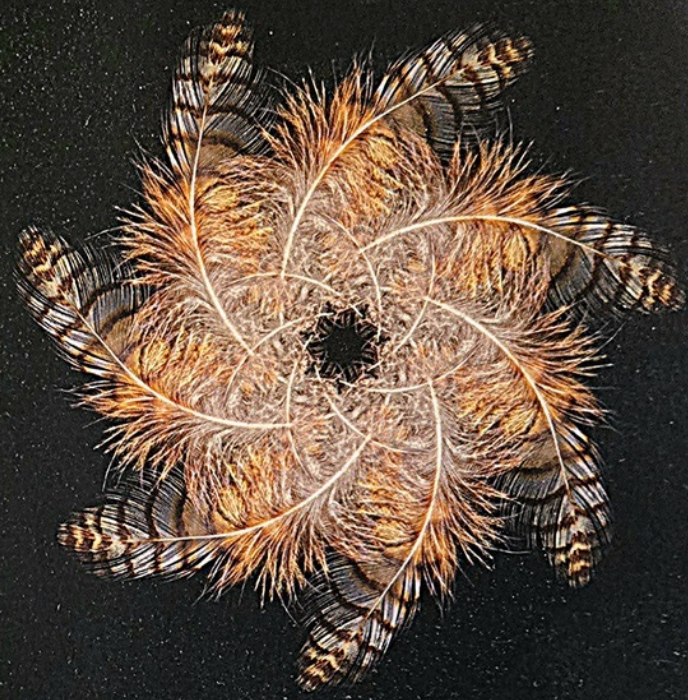


ONCE OUT OF NATURE

*Selected Essays on the
Transformation of Gender*

JOY LADIN

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Poems

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Body, Soul, Gender, and God: Trans and Nonbinary Identities and the Art of Being Human

Tuesday, Oct. 22 | 4:30–5:30 p.m. PDT | Online via Zoom

How does recognizing that there are people who don't fit binary gender identities change our understanding of ourselves, one another, and God? In this talk, poet, scholar, and activist **Joy Ladin** (she/her) will present selections from two newly published books — *Once Out of Nature*, writings about how gender is changing, and *Family*, her eleventh and most intimate poetry collection — that highlight what living between and beyond gender categories can teach us about becoming, loving, losing, mourning, and otherwise being human.

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American Jews and the Movement for Justice in Palestine

Monday, Nov. 11 | 6:30–8 p.m. | Fromm Hall, Maraschi Room

In this talk, Swig JSSJ Program Assistant Director Oren Kroll-Zeldin (he/him) will discuss his new book, ***Unsettled: American Jews and the Movement for Justice in Palestine***, which examines the experiences of young Jewish Americans who engage with the Palestine solidarity movement, thereby challenging the staunch pro-Israel stance of mainstream Jewish American institutions. Kroll-Zeldin argues that these young people perceive their commitment to ending the occupation and Israeli apartheid as a Jewish value, deeply rooted in the changing dynamics of Jewish life in the twenty-first century.

Kroll-Zeldin will be in conversation with new JSSJ team member Rabbi Chel Mandell (they/them), who is part of the generation featured in the book and a participant in numerous Bay Area Jewish activist communities.



Open Doors Sukkot | Oct. 16–23

We will build our **sukkah** this year on Welch Field (between St. Ignatius Church and Kalmanovitz Hall). Everyone is invited to spend time in the sukkah throughout the week-long **Sukkot holiday**, held this year in October. All are welcome to hang out, eat lunch or dinner with friends, or use this temporary structure as a place to relax and recharge. In addition, we will be hosting special events and programs in the sukkah throughout the week. For more information, contact **Rabbi Camille Shira Angel** or stop by University Ministry.

Guests on Indigenous Land: Opening Night in the Sukkah With Rabbi Faryn Borella of Or Shalom

Wednesday, Oct. 16 | 6:30–8 p.m.

Join Or Shalom Jewish Community and the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice for an Erev Sukkot gathering. In honor of Indigenous Peoples Day, we will be learning about and discussing how we can be good guests on indigenous land, and how the Jewish tradition beckons

us forth to the work of solidarity with indigenous peoples. We will gather, celebrate the festival, learn, and most of all, eat!

Nourishing Our Collective Power

Monday, Oct. 21 | 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Join us two weeks before the election in our Open Doors Sukkah for a warm meal, where we break bread and harvest the wisdom of our collective power to act for our collective future. Many people from all walks of life are already taking advantage of early voting as they fill out ballots in consideration of their communities and future generations. This event is in collaboration with the **Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good** and **USFVotes**.

Community Garden Outreach Lunch in the Sukkah

Tuesday, Oct. 22 | 12 p.m. until food runs out

Join us for lunch in the sukkah featuring food made with love by the students in Community Garden Outreach. Bring your friends and fill your bellies and souls. The food is free, and donations are gladly accepted. Lunch will start at noon and will last until the food runs out.

Multi-faith Peace Service in the Sukkah

Wednesday, Oct. 23 | 12–12:45 p.m.

The interfaith team invites people of all faiths or none to gather in the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice’s Open Doors Sukkah on Welch Field. Together, we will gather as a community to pray for peace during the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. We seek to embody the joyous and community-oriented aspects of Sukkot as we congregate together and celebrate the start of the fall harvest.

Your generous support of the Swig Program in Jewish Studies and Social Justice will help us engage students in both theoretical and practical approaches of social justice and activism rooted in the Jewish traditions.

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