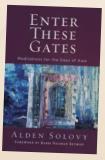


Lunch & Learn with Alden Solovy

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 • 11am-12pm

Vidui/Confessions Past and Present Confession is a core theme of the High Holy Days and a central act on the journey to repentance. Join poet, liturgist Alden Solovy in an examination of the unique language of the two traditional confessionals, together known as Vidui, the alphabetic acrostic (Ashamnu) and the longer "For the Sin" (Al Chet). We will explore the poetry of these confessions and the rituals that accompany them, as well as look at modern responses. Alden will punctuate the conversation with readings from his new book Enter These Gates: Meditations for the Days of Awe. Alden is a modern



day piytan, a traveling poet/preacher/teacher who uses Torah and verse to engage and inspire. He has written seven volumes of Torah and tefillah inspired poetry. Alden made Aliyah to Jerusalem in 2012, where he is Liturgist in Residence at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies.

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If you would like to purchase Alden Solovy's newest book, it can be purchased here: https://www.ccarpress.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=50607 and he would be happy to sign copies after our session.

Echoes of a Nation: Songs of War and Hope from 1973 to Today with Uri Feinberg

Sunday, September 22, 2024 • 10am-12pm

When the melody remains the same but the words transform, an iconic song resonates deeply, reflecting the writing of the prophets in unexpected places. Our journey begins after the Yom Kippur War, tracing the evolution of this melody from "The Last War" to "We Are the Children of the Winter of '73," a response from the generation born in its aftermath. As this song re-emerges with new words amid the pain of October 7, it captures Israel's pride, anger, and sorrow. We'll explore these themes through both music and the street art of south Tel Aviv, offering a powerful glimpse into the current Israeli experience.

Uri Feinberg, a Jewish educator for 25 years, grew up in Jerusalem after immigrating from the US at age ten and served in the IDF. He holds a Master's in Contemporary Jewish Studies from Hebrew University and has guided Jewish heritage tours since 1999, working with diverse groups worldwide. Currently, Uri is actively involved in Israeli civil society and supports the North American Jewish community through education and solidarity efforts in the wake of the October Seventh war.

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The 2024 Election & The Jewish Vote with Dr. Steven Windmueller

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 • 7-8pm on Zoom

This program provides a non-partisan analysis of the forthcoming election and its particular significance and importance to the Jewish community. Designed to explore the history of the Jewish vote, an examination of the current issues and trends that are central to this campaign, and an assessment of the key indicators likely to influence Jewish voting behavior.

Dr. Steven Windmueller is an Emeritus Professor of Jewish Communal Studies at Hebrew Union College, where he served as Director of the School of Jewish Nonprofit Management and Dean of the LA campus. With a Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania, his research focuses on Jewish communal trends, anti-Semitism, and Jewish political behavior. Dr. Windmueller currently consults on issues impacting American Jewish life, including virtual Judaism and the effects of COVID, and continues to write and teach globally.

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Scholar-in-Residence with Cantor Rosalie Will

SAVE THE DATE: November 8-10, 2024

Cantor Rosalie Will from the URJ will join us as our Scholar-in-Residence. More information to follow.

