

October 8, 2020

Lux Video Tribute

Thank you to all who sent video and written messages of tribute to Dr. Richard Lux. Dr. Lux was presented with a copy of the video before he and his wife Mary left to re-locate in Minneapolis. You can view the video on the Lux Center website

<https://www.shsst.edu/luxcenter-eventsandnews/>

What Do You Know About Jewish Holidays? Sukkot and Simchat Torah

The Jewish community is in the middle of celebrating the week-long Jewish festival of Sukkot (Festival/Feast of Booths/Feast of Tabernacles) It is one of three biblically based pilgrimage festivals and is mentioned in Leviticus 23:42-43 in the Torah and in the Gospel of John 7:1-24. Originally, it was an agricultural festival that was observed as a thanksgiving for the completed harvest. In ancient times, Jewish men were required to travel to the Temple in Jerusalem for worship. As an observant Jewish man, Jesus would have also traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate Sukkot. It is celebrated in remembrance of the huts in which Israelites lived during their 40 years of wandering in the desert. Sukkot continues to be celebrated throughout the world with three-sided structures called sukkahs being built outside of Jewish homes.

Immediately following Sukkot, is the holiday of Simhat Torah literally translated as “Rejoicing of/with the Torah.” It is a celebration that marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings (end of Deuteronomy), and the beginning of a new cycle (beginning of Genesis). This year it will be celebrated on September 10.

Bring Renown Scholars into Your Home

It is amazing to think that any benefit might arise from the current COVID-19 pandemic. While we would prefer to be gathering together to experience educational programming, a great array of impressive lectures and learning opportunities presented by top-notch scholars is available virtually at no cost should you choose to take advantage of them.

Here are a few recommended learning opportunities that serve the mission of the Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies. Please register for any or all of them. It is guaranteed that they will be well worth your time.

Sunday, October 25, 2020 2:00 p.m. CT

American Antisemitism in Historical Perspective

Sponsored by the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations (CCJR)

Speaker Dr. Jonathan Sarna, Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University

Respondents Dr. Heather Mills and Rabbi Lawrence Sussman

Dr. Victoria Barnett Moderator

For webinar details go to <https://www.ccsr.us/annual-meeting>

Registration is required [HERE](#)

Monday, November 2, 2020 7:00 p.m.

A Jewish View of Contemporary Ideas of the Trinity

Shapiro Lecture of the Catholic Theological Union

Speaker Rabbi Dr. Alan Brill, Professor of Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University

For more information and to register go to

<https://ctu.edu/event/fall-2020-shapiro-lecture-online/>

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 11 am Central Time

The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently

Boston College Center for Christian-Jewish Learning

Speakers Dr. Amy-Jill Levine and Dr. Marc Zvi Brettler

For more information click here:

[The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently](#)

[Click here for Zoom registration.](#)

Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 3 pm CST on Facebook Live

Virtual Kristallnacht Interfaith Commemoration

Remembering Kristallnacht, also known as the “Night of Broken Glass,” an event that occurred on November 9-10, 1938 in Germany and Austria. This night of destruction and violence is considered to be the beginning of the Holocaust.

Watch it live here on November 8th:

[Virtual Kristallnacht Commemoration](#)

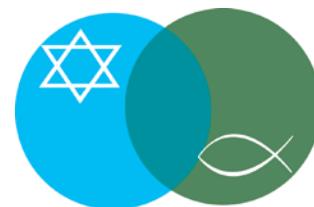
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