

SOUP FOR THE SOUL

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We have invited distinguished scholars of the Interfaith Community to lead us in a discussion on the meaning of Shalom and seeking peace in our community and our world. Join us Sundays in Lent for dinner and discussion at 6:00 pm.

Dates for Soup for the Soul:

- March 10 Rabbi Abby Jacobson
- March 17 Sen. Rev. Dr. George Young
- March 24 Panel from Interfaith trip to Israel and Palestine
- March 31 Dr. Imam Imad Enchassi
- April 7 Dr. John Starkey

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Rabbi Abby Jacobson
Emanuel Synagogue



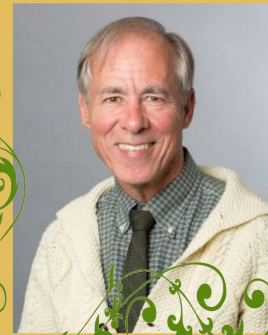
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Interfaith Group Trip to Holy Land
Panel Discussion



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Rabbi Abby Jacobson has been the Rabbi of Emmanuel Synagogue in Oklahoma City since Aug. 2009. She grew up on the East Coast of the United States and obtained an undergraduate degree in International Relations from the George Washington University. She then moved to Jerusalem, Israel, to attend the Conservative Yeshiva for two years.

She received her rabbinic ordination, along with a Master's degree in Hebrew Letters, from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York City, in 2009.

She is also the current president (and long-time board member) of the Interfaith Alliance of Oklahoma.

We invite you to a discussion led by Rabbi Jacobson on March 10, 2019.

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The **Reverend Dr. George Young** is currently the Oklahoma State Senator in District 48. He received his Doctorate of Ministry from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa Oklahoma and has had a long and prosperous ministry with a heart for social justice. He has also been a recipient of the Oklahoma Conference of Churches Social Justice Award.

We invite you to a discussion led by Rev. Dr. George Young on March 17, 2019.

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Oklahoma Religions United provided their second trip to the Holy Land inviting Christians, Jews, Muslims and others to travel together and experience first hand the conflicts in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. Together they visited sacred locations of all three religions and explored the nuances of the conflict between Israel and Palestine. They engaged local communities to hear from the people impacted the most by the ongoing conflicts. The tour was led by Rabbi Vered Harris and the group has agreed to lead discussions on their experience in the Holy Land.

A panel from the 2018 trip will be present to discuss their new perspectives developed through this interfaith exploration of the Holy Land.

We invite you to a panel discussion on March 24, 2019.

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Dr. Imam Imad Enchassi is an outstanding professor at the Oklahoma City University Wimberly School of Religion. He grew up in the Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut, Lebanon. His experiences as a child surrounded by war and conflict have shaped his passion as an adult for promoting unity and understanding. When asked about his experience living through the massacres in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, Enchassi says, "Sometimes, I think God exposed me to so much hatred and violence so that I can be a voice for love and peace."

We invite you to a discussion led by Dr. Imam Enchassi on March 31, 2019.

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Dr. John Starkey, is an exceptional professor at the Oklahoma City University Wimberly School of Religion and is the Millhouse Professor of Theology. Dr. Starkey's passion for justice and peace is demonstrated through many of his classes such as "Peace and Non-Violence" in which he discusses the genocide in the Congo from 1890 to 1910. He also encourages students to wrestle with issues of peace and justice in a variety of courses, including studying the Hindu epic, the "Ramayana" and grappling with the historical views of patriarchy. He seeks to expand the minds of students through theological courses confronting issues of sin found in the context of racism, sexism, and consumerism. B.A., Fordham University M.T.S. Weston School of Theology, and Ph.D., Boston University

We invite you to a discussion led by Dr. John Starkey on April 7, 2019.

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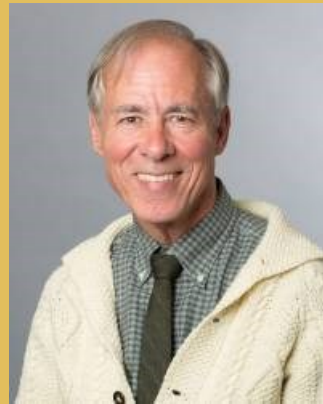
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