

Today's Life

ORGANIZATIONS • CELEBRATIONS

DJDS moot court, *beit din* teams compete nationally



DJDS's Moot Court team, l-r: Karen Gerecht, Ari Erlich, Mia Wexler

Denver Jewish Day School's Moot Court Team was founded in August, 2022. Less than two years later, three high school students advanced to the semifinals in the Moot Court National Competition, Ari Erlich, senior, placed second overall in the entire competition. DJDS sophomore Karen Gerecht and senior Mia Wexler joined Erlich in the semifinals.

"I never would have thought a year after we founded the Moot Court club that I would be finishing in second placed in the national competition," said Erlich. "This is game-changing for DJDS on the national stage."

The Denver JDS Moot Beit Din team placed second overall in the National Moot Beit Din Competition for the second time in school history. DJDS had not competed in Moot Beit Din since 2020.

Joey Tesler, freshman and Holden Demain, Eli Benel and Karen Gerecht, sophomores, made up the Moot Beit Din Team.

Both the Moot Court and Moot Beit Din teams made for an incredibly exciting start to April for DJDS.

"My initial vision was that Moot Court and Moot Beit Din should exemplify excellence in the classroom," said new Upper Division Principa, Dr. Jeremy Golubcow-Teglasi.

"I vividly remember being at the Colorado State Moot Court Competition with our team, which was the talk of the competition. There were times when I could close my eyes and be listening to a legitimate trial or case."

Months and hours on end went into their preparation.

Moot Court teammates would frequently prepare and train against each other, sometimes eight to 10 times a week.

Moot Beit Din teammates spent hours each week throughout the school year studying cases and learning how to approach them through Jewish texts from different angles.

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Moot Beit Din team, l-r: Eli Benel, Holden Demain, Joey Tesler

CU Anschutz hosts two Holocaust bioethics lectures, May 7, 8

The CU Anschutz Medical Campus will host Dr. Sabine Hildebrandt, co-chair of the Lancet Commission on medicine, Nazism and the Holocaust, for a discussion on the history of anatomy in Nazi Germany and its contemporary implications.

The event, "From Routine to Mur-

OK to use Nazi data?

der — Anatomy in Nazi Germany and its Legacies for Today," is Wednesday, May 8, noon-1 p.m., at the Bruce Schroffel Auditorium, Anschutz Inpatient Pavilion 2, first floor conference room.

The lecture will focus on the infamous Pernkopf Atlas, known for its detailed anatomical illustrations derived from victims of the Nazi regime.

Be Mitzvah registration open

Registration is live for Judaism Your Way's 2024-2025 Open Tent Be Mitzvah youth small group learning program.

Classes are offered in Colorado (Boulder, Central Denver and South Denver) and in California (San Francisco East Bay area).

The culminating ceremony is intended as a springboard into how the youth live as Jewish adults.

With the belief that words matter, Judaism Your Way intentionally uses "Be" to encourage students during this pivotal life moment to think about how they want to "be" in the world.

The first year of the program includes classes on Jewish cuisine, art, outdoor activities and a parent-only class that assists parents in supporting their children through their spiritual maturation.

At the end of year one, students follow the path of learning that feels most authentic to their core values and personal connection to the Jewish faith.

The second year of the program guides students to craft their own service. The program culminates in a self-designed Be Mitzvah ceremony, which can be held in any location.

The organization's recent expansion to the San Francisco East Bay area in California opens the in-person programming to a new audience of applicants.

<https://judaismyourway.org/life-cycle-events/open-tent-be-mitzvah/>



Dr. Howard Israel

The event will also be accessible via Zoom at <https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/93273540118>.

Dr. Hildebrandt's presentation will delve into her research on the ethical dimensions of anatomy, particularly focusing on the history of anatomy during the Nazi era.

The discussion will explore the legacies of this dark chapter in medical history and its impact on anatomy education today.

Key topics include the distribution of power over knowledge of the human body and the importance



Dr. Sabine Hildebrandt

of confronting the darker aspects of history to inform better approaches to anatomy and science.

Another lecture, "Unraveling the Past, Confronting the Present, and Charting an Ethical Future in Medicine: The History and Legacy of the Pernkopf Atlas," is Tuesday, May 7, 4-5 p.m., at the Fulginiti Pavilion and via Zoom.

Dr. Sabine Hildebrandt and Dr. Howard Israel will lead the discussion, examining the intersection of medical education, ethics and historical accountability.

REMEMBER 6

Six million Jews perished in the Holocaust - Remember and learn

DENVER HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

May 5, 2024, from 2-4 PM
Babi Yar Memorial Park

Join us in honoring those who have been impacted by the Holocaust and stand with us against the rise in anti-Semitism.

This year's event will feature:

DAVID ZAPILER, Holocaust Survivor, was born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1932. When the Germans invaded Poland in 1939, the Zapiler Family fled to Russia, and David's life would never be the same. He was only 7 years old.

BARBARA STEINMETZ, Holocaust Survivor, was born in Hungary in 1936 and enjoyed an idyllic childhood until Hitler made his advances when she was only 4 years old. Her family moved from place to place just to survive.

Remember 6 is a nonprofit that seeks to confront the rise in Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism. Please visit our website: remember6.org


Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society and Beck Archives

The 30th Annual Heritage Award Dinner

Honoring Colorado Jewish Photographers

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 | 5:30 P.M.

BMH/BJ Synagogue | 560 S. Monaco Parkway

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Photo by Gerald Mellman in front of the family home on Hudson Street in Denver, c. 1955.