THE JCCSF WELCOMES BACK MICHAEL SOLOMONOV
AND STEVEN COOK FOR
THE ISRAELI SOUL SHABBAT DINNER

CHEFS PARTICIPATING IN THE POP-UP INCLUDE
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TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 AT 12 P.M.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (August 27, 2018) — The JCCSF will welcome back the 2017 James Beard “Outstanding Chef” Award-winner Michael Solomonov and James Beard Award-winning restaurateur Steven Cook to San Francisco for a one-night-only Israeli Soul Shabbat Dinner on Friday, November 9, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Salesforce East on the Ohana floor. Guests will savor a multi-course Israeli feast inspired by Solomonov and Cook’s newest book “Israeli Soul,” prepared by some of San Francisco’s greatest culinary talents, including Dominique Crenn (Atelier Crenn, Bar Crenn, Petit Crenn), Mourad Lahlou (Mourad), James Syhabout (Commis, CDP, Hawker Fare), and Salesforce Chefs Yoni Levy (Alta, Outerlands) and Bill Corbett (Coi, Michael Mina). The event is part of the JCCSF’s city-wide pop-up series, providing convenient, fun and meaningful experiences inspired by Jewish holidays, wisdom and values. Single tickets $250 and VIP group tables will be available Thursday, August 30 at 12 p.m., online at jccsf.org/israelisoul, by phone at 415.292.1233, or in person at 3200 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118.

“The JCCSF’s pop-up events have allowed us to engage with diverse communities in San Francisco and develop modern approaches to how we celebrate Jewish values,” said David Green, Chief Program Officer, Roots + Culture at the JCCSF. “We are thrilled to host an evening with these world-class chefs, where guests will share in a once-in-a-lifetime meal while connecting with others on identity, heritage and Israeli cuisine.”

Adds Solomonov, “The JCCSF is such a creative force for sharing culture, history, and delicious experiences in San Francisco and has always been such a warm and welcome home for us through the years. I am so excited to celebrate ‘Israeli Soul’ with the JCCSF and some of my favorite SF chefs.”
The Israeli Soul Shabbat Dinner is part of the JCCSF’s exciting lineup of celebrated chefs from around the world, including René Redzepi of noma and David Zilber of the noma fermentation lab in Copenhagen (October 16, 2018), acclaimed Israeli-British chef Yotam Ottolenghi (October 29, 2018), Native American Indigenous Chef Crystal Wahpepah (October 30, 2018), Magnus Nilsson of Fäviken in Sweden (November 12, 2018) and more.

About the JCCSF
Urban and inclusive, the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco enriches, educates, and celebrates this vibrant City and its people. They host thousands of programs and experiences each year, from events with renowned performers and cultural icons, to spirited holiday celebrations and interactive pop-ups inspired by Jewish culture. The Fitness Center supports wellness through exceptional trainers and a daily lineup of performance-enhancing classes including yoga, cycling, boxing and swimming. Preschoolers discover the vital early love of learning at one of their three exceptional schools.

For more than a century, the JCCSF has evolved with the City, embracing its character and energy. Today, the organization taps into the rich layers of Jewish culture—its rhythms, resilience, and a call for justice—as a resource for everyone. With a commitment to providing people the opportunity for discovery, well-being and purpose, they believe in making the world better by helping the people in it be better. Experience the JCCSF at 3200 California Street or online at www.jccsf.org.

Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook are the co-founders of CookNSolo Restaurants and co-authors of “Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking,” for which the duo was awarded two James Beard Awards. Born in Israel and raised in Pittsburgh, Michael is the executive chef and co-owner of Zahav, Philadelphia's landmark modern Israeli restaurant, and is a four-time James Beard Award winner, including "Outstanding Chef" in 2017 and "Best Chef, Mid-Atlantic" in 2011. For their newest book, “Israeli Soul,” Solomonov and Cook go straight to the food of the people – the great dishes that are the soul of Israeli cuisine. Solomonov and Cook also co-own Philadelphia's Federal Donuts, Dizengoff, Abe Fisher, Goldie and the philanthropic Jewish deli The Rooster, which donates 100% of its profits to support Philadelphia's most vulnerable citizens.

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