

MACHAR ADULT EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SUNDAY CALENDAR FALL 2020

Adult Education sessions are on select Sundays from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

***Due to COVID-19 all events will be on-line via Zoom until further notice
Please contact Tara Newhouse at <mailto:administrator@machar.org> for assistance
We share details by email, newsletter, and at www.machar.org.

September 20 [Anna Greenberg Update on the 2020 Elections](#)

Anna Greenberg, a Machar member and a managing partner of GQR, a company specializing in polling and opinion research, will provide a deeply informed view of the upcoming elections. GQR has been at the center of many important progressive victories - the election of Bill Clinton in 1992, Mandala's electoral victory in 1994, and the Nobel-prize winning International Campaign to Ban Landmines. With a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago, Anna has over 20 years of experience polling in political, non-profit, and academic sectors.

October 18 [Ittay Flescher Israelis, Palestinians, and an Interfaith Youth Movement in East Jerusalem](#)

How can working with the next generation help resolve the Israeli/Palestinian conflict? Ittay Flescher will share his reflections about the complex identities of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian residents of Jerusalem through his experience as the Education Director at Kids4Peace. During the session, there will be opportunities to experience parts of programs run for the youth and ask questions about the benefits and challenges of cross-border contact between cultures and societies whose people are in conflict.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuduGvpz4rGdMmcA3HOQdUZWEn-0Q-6CC9>

October 25 [Joe Palca Covering COVID: A View from NPR](#)

Machar member and NPR Science Correspondent Joe Palca has been covering the COVID-19 pandemic since January. He will discuss the challenges of tracking the global outbreak and efforts to create an effective vaccine, and address why people might refuse to take the vaccine once it is available. Joe earned a Ph.D. in psychology from UC-Santa Cruz and has been reporting on science topics for NPR since 1992.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMld-qprzkuHNOI-QmO5d0Hs9ov64iUOdV8>

November 1 [Rachel Laser Separation of Church and State and Racial Justice: A Critical Nexus](#)

Rachel Laser, the first female and non-Christian president in Americans United for Separation of Church and State's 74-year history, will discuss our country's longstanding relationship between religious freedom and racism. After explaining the intent of religious freedom and church-state

separation in the U.S., she will provide past and present examples of the religious freedom's misuse to advance a white Christian nationalist agenda. She will conclude by leading a discussion about what we can do to stop the abuse of an ideal that should make us all more, and not less, free.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkf--tqjotHtdK4-PGILfvIIW1uYTi3PnB>

November 15 Rabbi Jeremy Kridel TBA

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYocemqzlpGNBs-1pzHlglQD9Ng3isgvLw>

December 13 Laura Wallace Jews United for Justice: History, Mission and Current Legislative Issues in Maryland

Jews United for Justice has been working for social, racial, and economic justice for over 20 years in DC and Maryland. Laura Wallace, Montgomery County Senior Organizer, will join us to preview issues that will be addressed during the Maryland state legislative session, including policing and eviction prevention, and offer opportunities to take action.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEldO2hqD0tGdO7EggE75XKb2S6BHdMAgFE>