MACHAR ADULT EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SUNDAY CALENDAR—SPRING 2021

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 administrator@machar.org for assistance
We share details by email, newsletter, and at www.machar.org.

January 17  
**Susan Ryan – Jews of Rock ’n’ Roll**
Susan Ryan, a Beatles expert and historian for over 45 years, will discuss the important role Jews have played in the development of Rock ’n’ Roll from its earliest days through today. Come hear about their contributions to the music that has shaped three generations to get a new appreciation of the Jews who have made this music their own. Susan is currently the proprietor and tour guide for Fab 4 NYC Walking Tours. She is also a published writer of fiction and features, and co-host of the travel DVD “John Lennon’s New York,” by ArtsMagic, Ltd.

**Register in advance for this meeting:**
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcuGhqj0uGNUfPA99zgfGwY__O7VYckSSV

January 31  
**Sidney Wolfe – A Different Kind of Preventive Medicine**
Sid Wolfe, a MacArthur Fellow award winner, co-founder of the influential Public Citizen Health Research Group, and author of “Worst Pills, Best Pills,” gives us the inside scoop on what it’s like to successfully fight the FDA to get harmful drugs and medical devices off the market, and tells us about the work Public Citizen is doing to combat COVID-19.

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February 14  
**Esther Safran Foer – “I Want You to Know We’re Still Here,” a Book Talk**
***PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE FROM 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM***
Writer Esther Safran Foer will discuss her recent “post-Holocaust” memoir, an exploration of history and memory and Foer’s efforts to learn about her family’s experiences of the Holocaust and its aftermath. After working in politics and public relations, Foer was CEO of DC’s 6th and I Synagogue for ten years until 2016. Adult Education Chair David Abramson will conduct an interview with her and then open the floor for discussion with the audience.

**Register in advance for this meeting:**
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February 28  
**Rabbi Denise Handlarski – Flipping the Script on Intermarriage**
What if everything the Jewish community has been saying about intermarriage is wrong? Intermarriage has been forecast to be the end of Judaism, but what if it’s what gives it new life and meaning? The anti-intermarriage narrative in Jewish life has driven countless families away. Now that they are coming back, what are we learning? Join Rabbi Denise Handlarski, a Humanistic Rabbi and the author of The A-Z of Intermarriage to discuss intermarriage, Jewish continuity, and the opportunities of Jewish diversity.

**Register in advance for this meeting:**
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March 14  
*Noah Tucker – What Islamist Extremism Can Teach Us about Homegrown Hate*

After 9/11 the U.S. devoted tremendous resources to Islamist violent extremist movements, only to see domestic terrorism from the far-right eclipse that threat within our own borders. Is all violent extremism part of the same phenomenon? Currently a visiting scholar at the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, University of St. Andrews (Scotland), Noah will discuss how recruitment and “de-radicalization” among violent Islamist extremists might be applied to far-right and anti-Semitic extremist mobilization in the United States.  
*Register in advance for this meeting:*

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April 4  
*Rabbi Jeremy Kridel – Ethical Wills: A Place in This World Where I’ll Belong When I’m Gone*

What is an ethical will? How have ethical wills been important in Jewish culture – and how might they be important today? Machar Rabbi Jeremy Kridel will answer these questions and explain what makes for a “good” ethical will, how might you write one – and why is now the best time to write one, no matter your age or stage in life.  
*Register in advance for this meeting:*

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May 2  
*Adult Education Hosts Machar Members’ “Lightning Talks”*

Do you have a passion you’d love to share with others, whether it’s about your professional or volunteer job, personal history, academic background, or something else your fellow Macharniks would find interesting? You’re in luck -- the Adult Education Committee has created a unique, inaugural opportunity for Machar members to tell their stories and get to know each other better. This session will spotlight several Machar members who will give short talks of about 10 -15 minutes each.  
*Register in advance for this meeting:*

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May 16  
*David Baron – The Environment, the Law, and Jewish Values*

The earth and its people face profound environmental threats due to human-caused climate change, contamination of our air and water, widespread extinction of wildlife, and loss of natural areas. People of color and low-income communities often bear the brunt of dangerous pollution.  
In discussing how the law and the courts play a vital role in attacking these problems, Machar member David Baron will offer observations from 40 years as an environmental litigator. David is Managing Attorney for the D.C. office of Earthjustice, a nonprofit national environmental law firm.  
*Register in advance for this meeting:*

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkdOChrTwuGNXFmH5JC5szVfVEUWZ5nA18