

MACHAR ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR—SPRING 2022

Adult Education sessions are on select Sundays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM

*****Due to COVID-19 all events will be on-line via Zoom and some will also occur simultaneously in person. All or most events will be recorded.**

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

January 9 (Outside, in-person) *Tu BiSh'vat – Rabbi Jeremy Kridel*

Rabbi Jeremy will lead a special Tu BiSh'vat-themed program at a covered picnic pavilion in Rock Creek Park — activities will be in a “field school” format and will be open to JCS students, their families, and all other Machar community members. KN-95 masks will be provided for JCS students and teachers; adults are strongly encouraged to purchase and bring their own KN-95 masks. Details on the exact location are forthcoming, and any cancellation notice will be sent via email no later than Saturday evening, January 8. Please contact Rabbi Jeremy directly with questions.

January 9 (ZOOM only) *Zoom Alternative: Machar Community Small Group Discussions*

We often face conundrums in life - some small and frivolous, others large and profound. Join us in discussing some, e.g., If you could redo one year of your life, which would you pick? If you could redo one year of your life, which would you pick? And, you're invited to bring your own.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkduqvpzkvHdfqWd4cL0JtjRlpXRfUmMoi>

January 23 (ZOOM only) *Amos Gil - Recent Developments in Israel/Palestine and Why It Matters*

Capital/South Regional Director for J Street Amos Gil will share recent developments on US policies and diplomacy regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He will discuss J Street's work on behalf of the pro-Israel, pro-peace movement, and related views of American Jews. Amos has worked for many years on human rights and peace-building in Israel, including as CEO of the Jerusalem International YMCA and Founding Executive Director of Ir-Amim, which specializes in Jerusalem's unique place in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vd-GhqTIvHtVUD_eh37Tsmr4J- ynG7Pd

February 6 (ZOOM and in-person) *Cherie Brown – Taking on Antisemitism in a Politicized Environment*

Incidents of antisemitism are on the rise and the Jewish community is divided over definitions of what is and is not antisemitism. Cherie Brown will lead discussion on why antisemitism is so confusing, determining when something is or isn't antisemitic, healing

from experiences with antisemitism, and gaining allies for taking on antisemitism, racism, and other forms of oppression. Cherie is the Executive Director of the National Coalition Building Institute. She has led hundreds of workshops on antisemitism and heads a newly funded project on bridge-building in addressing antisemitism on college campuses.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltdeigqTgsHtODn24oZoutS3Tu1zG5d2sK>

May 22 (ZOOM only) *Emmanuel Dreyfus – The Dreyfus Affair: A Familial Perspective*

What did being Jewish mean for a French secular Jewish family that tried its utmost to be integrated in the late 19th century French Republic? Emmanuel Dreyfus will draw from his family history in discussing this Alsatian Jewish family's flight in 1871 from Alsace, then annexed by Germany, in order to remain French citizens, the infamous Dreyfus Affair, World War II, and further assimilation after 1945 to today's uncertainties. Emmanuel is a Paris-based foreign policy expert, focusing on Russian defense and foreign policy.

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