

## 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.**

*All Zoom presentations will be broadcast in the Adult Ed classroom for those members who are in-person at MGJDS.*

*See registration links below each presentation description for those who wish to participate virtually from elsewhere.*

**Please contact Tara Newhouse at [administrator@machar.org](mailto:administrator@machar.org) for assistance  
We share details by email, newsletter, and at [www.machar.org](http://www.machar.org).**

### **January 9 (Cancelled)    *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)    *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.

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**February 6 (ZOOM) *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.

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**February 27(ZOOM) *Anthony Magnabosco – Street Epistemology***

Anthony Magnabosco, the executive director of Street Epistemology International, will offer tools that assist people in discussing difficult topics, creating understanding, combatting tribalism, and improving public dialogue, irrespective of someone's political leanings, religious background, or other convictions. Learn how to have respectful and thought provoking conversations with friends, family, acquaintances, and even strangers. Anthony, a skeptic and atheist from San Antonio, has had hundreds of chats (found on his YouTube channel) on a variety of claims including Gods, ghosts, karma, law of attraction, and a variety of social and political topics.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcld-2pqT0oH91vqFFwkWMIfC9Ik9Hfc318>

**March 27 (ZOOM & In-person) *Gail Miller – Painful Lessons from the Land of Non-Profits Not Found in Any Textbooks***

Veteran of 29 non-profits as a founder, board member, and/or executive director, Gail Miller will discuss how to be effective in helping the organizations that are important to you.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwufuCtqTwiGtI17kUwY8OdXWPaPBSZ9OW6>

**April 10 (ZOOM only) *Gideon Taylor – Holocaust Restitution & Memory***

President of the Board of Directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) Gideon Taylor will discuss his work to promote Holocaust education, recover former Jewish Holocaust-era property, and secure and distribute Holocaust restitution and compensation to Nazi victims. Gideon, who also teaches a human rights course on historical justice through reparation at Fordham University School of Law, will address questions on how the subject has arisen in the context of slavery, the treatment of Native Americans, and the internment of Japanese-Americans.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEldumppjopGdG8I5WA0oj7xG3mKbymvNEp>

**May 1 (ZOOM only) *Manny Pastreich – My 50 Year Journey in the Labor Movement: Past, Present, and Future***

Machar member and Secretary-Treasurer of the SEIU Local 32BJ Manny Pastreich will discuss his 50-year journey in the labor movement, beginning as a child going to demonstrations and sitting on the lap of his labor leader father at the bargaining table. He will share stories including SEIU's "Justice for Janitors" campaign to organizing the United Farm Workers Strawberry Pickers, his thoughts on "organizing the unorganized," and the decline of labor, ending with reasons for optimism.

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**May 15 (ZOOM) *David Peimer – The Image of the Jew in Contemporary Film: Shylock, a case study***

Interpretations of Shylock in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* give us a picture of how the Jewish man is seen today, as both 'citizen' and 'alien', 'other and othered', insider and outsider. Professor Peimer will discuss how some of the greatest actors have portrayed Shylock. Born in South Africa and now working in the UK, Peimer has written, published, and directed theater in New York, South Africa, and Europe. He is writing a new play and a libretto for a new opera on the life of Stephen Hawking.

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**May 22 (ZOOM) *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 19<sup>th</sup> 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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