

## **MACHAR ADULT EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SUNDAY CALENDAR—FALL 2017**

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

### **At New Location:**

**Milton School South (formerly Jewish Primary Day School South) 4715 16th St. NW, DC 20011**

**We share details by email, newsletter, and at [www.machar.org](http://www.machar.org).**

*Sessions are open to all members and first-time visitors. There is parking on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and on all other streets nearby. The small parking lot off Decatur Street is for those with limited mobility only.*

*All talks will be in the main room on the first floor.*

### **September 10      *Welcoming the New Year – Introductions and Overview***

A welcome back session for us to meet our new rabbi, our new school director, and new members, and reacquaint ourselves with the community. We'll share what each of us is looking forward to in the coming year of Machar and also talk in pairs with others we wish to know better. Please bring friends or family interested in learning about Machar.

### **September 24      *Paul Costello – Palestinians and Israelis Promote Change through Storytelling***

New Story Leadership (NSL) founder and CEO Paul Costello will discuss how “telling one's story” can be used to promote change. An American nonprofit founded in 2009 by Paul Costello, Joyce Schwartz, and alumni from sister Irish and South African programs, NSL brings young Israeli and Palestinian leaders to Washington each summer to live, work, and learn together. The program teaches narrative techniques, public speaking, conflict resolution, and entrepreneurship. NSL alumni will discuss their experience in the program.

### **October 8      *Ira Kalina – From Trauma to Recovery: A Writer's Journey***

Dr. Ira Kalina will discuss his journey of recovery from trauma as a child of holocaust survivors, including writing novels that draw on the experience of family secrets and missing family members. Dr. Kalina is a clinical psychologist and novelist living and working on Long Island. He has written “Final Shot” and its sequel “The One.” Currently, he is completing “What Ever Happened to Sammy Span.”

### **October 22      *Ben Pakman and Sonya Levine – Open Hillel: Challenging Censorship on Campus***

Student leaders from Open Hillel will lead a conversation about their national organization, which works to combat censorship and major donor pressure in Hillels across the country. Open Hillel promotes pluralism and open discourse on Israel-Palestine in Jewish communities on campus and beyond. The group aims to eliminate Hillel International's Standards of Partnership for Israel Activities, which exclude individuals and groups from the Jewish community on campus on the basis of their views on Israel.

**November 5**

***Michael Prival – The Jewish Enlightenment and Secular Humanistic Judaism***

Michael Prival, long-term Machar member, will discuss the history and principles of Haskalah, or Jewish Enlightenment, on which Humanistic Judaism and our congregation were founded. The European Enlightenment of the 17th and 18th centuries was an embrace of reason and empiricism following centuries of devotion to religious faith and revelation. The Haskalah was an attempt to accept the rationalism of the European Enlightenment while maintaining Jewish identity, which created enormous conflicts. The Haskalah as a movement collapsed, but its values endure through the origins of our Humanistic Judaism movement and our congregation.

**November 19**

***Celebration of Rabbi Jeremy Kridel's ordination as Rabbi and Machar's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Rabbi Kridel will be ordained November 10th in Farmington Hills, Michigan as a 2017 Rabbi graduate of the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism. This will be our opportunity to celebrate that achievement. He will speak on the topic "Our Light is in Us," followed by a celebration with Machar students and adults of our new rabbi and 40 years of Machar's wonderful community.

**December 3**

***Ziva Galili – From the Russian Revolution to a Kibbutz in Israel***

Galili's talk will trace the arc of her scholarship, addressing lingering questions as we mark the centennial of the 1917 Russian Revolution. She will interpret Zionism in the early Soviet Union and reflect on her own communal and familial roots. Galili is a Distinguished Professor of History at Rutgers University. She grew up in Kibbutz Afikim in Jordan Valley and studied Russian history at the Hebrew University and Columbia University.