

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education has many continuing programs as well as a few new exciting offerings as we finish up winter and move into the season of spring!

Continuing Programs

A Grandparents' Conversation Third Wednesday of each month—1:30 – 2:30 pm

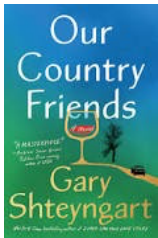
This one hour conversation continues monthly on Zoom. We are a gathering of grandparents and elders. We share and reflect on what is important to us about grandparenting, parenting and aging, and are comforted by each other's listening. If you would like to join, please contact Judy at judyburlington@gmail.com

The session Zoom link is sent by email to participants before each class.

OZ Monthly Book Club Second Wednesday of each month—8:00 – 9:00 pm

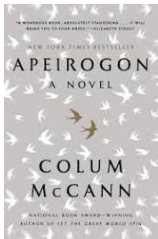
The OZ Monthly Book Club welcomes adult readers. Book selections have been determined by the group for 2022, and are related to Jewish themes and concepts. Join these casual discussions about the book. To learn more contact Kathryn Kernoff at kathrynkernoff@gmail.com.

March 9, 2022 *Our Country Friends*, by Gary Shteyngart



"It's March 2020 and a calamity is unfolding. A group of friends and friends-of-friends gathers in a country house to wait out the pandemic. Over the next few months new bonds of friendship and love will take hold, while old betrayals will emerge among this unlikely cast of characters, each richly drawn and achingly human: a Russian-born novelist; his Russian-born psychiatrist wife; their precocious child obsessed with K-pop; a struggling Indian American writer; a wildly successful Korean American app developer; a global dandy with three passports; a young flame-thrower of an essayist, originally from the Carolinas; and a movie star, The Actor, whose arrival upsets the equilibrium of this chosen family."

April 13, 2022 *Apeirogon*, by Colum McCann



"Bassam Aramin is Palestinian. Rami Elhanan is Israeli. They inhabit a world of intractable conflict that colors every aspect of their daily lives, from the roads they are allowed to take to the schools their daughters, Abir and Smadar, each attend. Theirs is a life in which children from both sides of the wall throw stones at one another. But their worlds shift irreparably when ten-year-old old Abir is killed by a rubber bullet meant to quell unruly crowds, and again when thirteen-year-old Smadar becomes the victim of suicide bombers. When Bassam and Rami learn one another's stories and the loss that connects them, they become part of a much larger tale that ranges over centuries and continents. *Apeirogon* is a novel that balances on the knife edge of fiction and nonfiction. Bassam and Rami are real men and their actual words are a part of this narrative, one that builds through thousands of moments and images into one grand, unforgettable crescendo."

OZ Storytelling Gathering Third Wednesday of each month—7:30 – 9:00 pm

This monthly gathering is a chance to tell and listen to our own stories. What do a tiger, a romantic swim in a storm, and a fragrant corridor in Brooklyn have in common? All held a group of listeners rapt at the OZ storytelling gathering on Zoom. Join us and be surprised at the wonderful ways we get to know someone other through story. No experience necessary. Some prompts to get you thinking in advance are: holiday mishaps, surprising encounters with animals, and early friendships. Use one of those or create your own. All are welcome. For more information contact judyburlington@gmail.com

Foundations for a Thoughtful Judaism-Ethics Course Sunday—1:00 – 3:00 pm

Rabbi Amy continues the class using the curriculum from the Shalom Hartman Institute. Grapple with philosophical questions based on texts and their application today. Join the discussion on Zoom.

Check the calendar for dates.

Making Prayer Real

This class is open to participants who have already attended, but if you would still like to attend, contact Cantor Steve or Rabbi Amy.

New Programs

Jewish Play Reading Series Monday February 28, March 28, April 25—7:30 – 9:00 pm

Do you like plays? Come together on Zoom to explore play scripts from short pieces with Jewish themes. We'll learn about the plays, do short readings aloud on Zoom, and discuss them. No experience necessary. Come to be a reader or just to listen. We will meet evenings, the fourth Monday of each month. Come to as many sessions as you can. Scripts will be shared by share screen or email at each session. Questions? Contact Nancy at vze20n9j@gmail.com

Make Your Own Tallit Sunday March 6 and March 20—1:00 – 2:30 pm

Have you ever thought about sewing a tallit for yourself or for your child's bar/bat mitzvah? (Or would your child or a grandparent want to?) Would you like to embellish a tallit you already own? Learn a bit about the requirements and history of tallit, how to decide what size you would like, how to choose fabric, and how to get started with designing your tallit. This 2 session class will emphasize making the tallit meaningful by incorporating fabrics with personal meaning, such as a father's ties, a grandmother's crochet doilies, or a favorite t-shirt. You may choose to work on your tallit over the time of the course, or not.

- **Please email the instructor**, Leslie, in advance so we know how many are attending: lesliedolin@comcast.net There is a minimum of three participants in order to hold the class. If you have questions, contact Leslie.

Mah Jongg Thursday March 10, 17, 24 and 31—12:30 to 2:30 in person at OZ
(depending on COVID)

Did your bubbe or mother play Mah Jongg when you were growing up? Do you have memories of hearing the tiles clacking and the words "One Bam, Two Crack, Three Dot"? Even if you didn't, Mah Jongg is having a resurgence in the US and now you can learn to play this fun game too! Email Lynda Siegel at zebras.2@me.com to sign up.

Yiddish Lessons

The Committee is interested in knowing if anyone would be interested in having **Yiddish lessons**. If you would, please email Barbara McGrew at bmcgrew@aol.com.

We are also interested in knowing if you or someone you know could teach Yiddish. If so, please email Barbara at the above address. Thank you

All classes are free of charge and held on ZOOM unless specified

- ZOOM links to courses are found on the Ohavi Zedek UPCOMING EVENTS page the week of the course: <https://ohavizedek.org/about/virtual-upcoming-events/>
- Please **contact the person listed in the course description below**, to learn more, or gain access to any courses where Zoom link is not listed
- You must have your **first and last name showing** on your Zoom account to be let into the course from the waiting room
- To see a **full listing** of Ohavi Zedek classes visit the Adult Education webpage: <https://ohavizedek.org/education/adult-education>

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