

LUNCH & LEARN

Dr. Margaret Bass, our speaker in the June add-on to the 2021/22 Lunch & Learn series, addressed the meaning and relevance of the relatively little-known holidays of Juneteenth and Loving Day, as well as the proposed constitutional amendment to (finally!) clarify the prohibition of slavery in Vermont. As a woman of color whose career as an educator is in the field of diversity, equity and inclusion, her perspective was provocative and poignant.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Bass has lived here since 2016. Having retired from her position as Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Inclusion at St. Michael's College, she serves as Winooski's restorative justice panel manager and a member of the Winooski School Board. Throughout the hour she shared the challenges, frustrations and pain that people of color, including school children, endure in state of Vermont.

I urge you to access the recorded presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3i--LjUYG8>

NOTE: Having chaired the Lunch & Learn series at OZ since 2007, the time has come for me to step down. If you or someone you know would be interested in taking over, I'd be happy to speak with you. Please contact me at jhersh@burlingtontelecom.net.

It's been tough fielding a LUNCHEON PROGRAM WITHOUT LUNCH for the past several seasons! Decisions about in-person programming, kitchen personnel and other logistics will be discussed over the summer months. Be sure to check upcoming issues of *The Voice* and other synagogue communications for information about the future of the program.



Many, many thanks to the hundreds of attendees over the past 15 years (including our virtual audience over this COVID period), as well as to 130+ willing presenters, our kitchen crews and other helpers; to Lake Champlain Chocolates for their generosity, and to Raul (of course)!

Happy summer.

~ Judy Hershberg