

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education has offered more classes this year with more people participating than in each of the last two years. This could be a positive symptom of the pandemic but may be the trend of the future as we become part of the Center for Jewish Life, one of the pillars of the new Imagine 2025.

Most recently, we completed a book discussion on *Caste, The Origins of Our Discontents* and a 4 part anti-racism film series/discussion. We also co-sponsored a class with Temple Sinai about the state of Eritrean refugees in Israel.

During July, most courses and discussions will be on hiatus but will start up again in August. One exception will be the new OZ book group which will meet on Wednesday July 14 and will be reading *The Song of the Jade Lily*, by Kirsty Manning, an historical novel about Jewish refugees who fled to Shanghai during WWII. Look for the OZ email announcements titled, "Join us this week at OZ" for more adult education events.

In August, Rabbi Amy will begin a new IEngage course focused on Ethics. This is a new Hartmann Institute curriculum called **Foundations for Thoughtful Judaism** and includes Jewish text, videos, audio, scholars and discussion questions. Barbara McGrew says the iEngage is the best class she has ever taken!

The **Making Prayer Real** course will also be taking a break during July and will resume in August. Check the OZ website for exact dates.

As the High Holidays begin in early September this year, look for most new classes offered by Adult Education to begin in early October the Simchat Torah holiday.

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