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CBH co-president  
From: Adult Education Committee  
Janet Saunders, Board liaison  
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**The following program was presented last month:**

The Adult Education Committee presented *Tuesday at 2* (audio performance) on October 27, "Two Stories from Eastern Europe and Beyond." The committee presenters were Marcia Freedman, Linda Sternberg and Linda Hirsch. Mark Joske did the Zoom.

**Future programs:**

**Nov 8: 2:00 – 3:30.**

Rabbi Greg and the Adult Education Committee are happy to invite you to a *spetsiel un freydik* (special and joyful) musical experience *tsuzamen af Zoom* (together on Zoom): **Singalong with Yiddish!** Listen and sing along to favorite Yiddish songs, old and new to you, led by the very talented and heart-warming Yiddish singer and Jewish educator, Cindy Paley. Lots of new friends (people from other communities who love Yiddish) are going to be joining us. *Song sheets are available in advance; call the office.*

**Nov 11, 18 and 25: Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:30.**

A three part series: **Perspectives on Systemic Racism.** Speaker will be John M. Liu, a retired UCI professor. He will provide a brief historical overview of the concept of race and its relationship to ethnicity and how race has been embedded in U.S. culture. Zoom ID is 925-708-3208.

**Related programs presented by other groups:**

Yiddish Linguistics

Nov 15, at 11:00 am. PST.

**Register in**

**advance** [klezcalifornia.org](http://klezcalifornia.org).

Klezcalifornia, Bay area organization for Yiddish music and culture, is presenting a Zoom talk by Michael Wex. Wex is extraordinarily knowledgeable about Yiddish language and traditional Eastern European Jewish culture, and is a very engaging and entertaining speaker. This talk is titled: *Daytsch af tselokhes - Why Yiddish isn't German.*

Nov 15: Sunday, 11:30am-1pm; Adult Education and Social Justice Committees.

Zooming from Temple Isaiah, Lafayette. Open to the public.

**Values in Action Presents Guest Scholar Billy Planer, Director of Etgar 36 on "How to Be Comfortable Having Uncomfortable Conversations"**

America is so split that trying to speak across the divide feels impossible. Whether it is one on one, with friends, family or your community, discussions about race, politics, or Israel seems to be too heated and contentious to have. How can we have these important and necessary conversations without "all the heat"? How can you practice self-care as you enter into uncomfortable conversations? How to rethink what success looks like during a difficult conversation. Free of charge and open to the public. Contact Roy Kaplan for Zoom information.

**Pending/dates to be announced/discussions with Rabbi underway:**

Ethical Wills: Rabbi Greg and Roy Kaplan

Book discussion proposed by Rabbi and Janet Saunders:

“Here All Along” by Sarah Hurwitz

Author presentation – proposed by Rabbi: Anne Brenner, “Mourning and Mitzvah

Discussion with former Judge Tochterman, playwright and uncle of Rabbi.

**Other ideas under consideration:**

Rabbi Cynthia Hoffman to do a second presentation on Baal Shem Tov;

Movies and discussion:

(e.g., Once in a Lifetime -French movie about school children organizing a

Holocaust Project ); Laughing in Our Tears, movie about Isaac Bashevis Singer

“Cooking Together on Zoom” with Partnership Committee.

Affordable Housing, Alan Brownstein

The Flying Couch April 16,18, 2021 – Tentatively scheduled prior to the Pandemic.

**Ongoing programs:**

Yiddish conversation group, Wednesdays at 1:00; Zoom hosted and led by Esther Novak.

Originally announced in the Etone. No weekly announcements.

**Programs produced/presented other partners:**

The Adult Education committee welcomes all partners to propose and assist in the presentation of programs in which they have a special interest, expertise or contacts. We will work with partners who wish to present their own events and assist in the presentation.

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