

TILLI Summer Session 2022

WHERE DOES DEMOCRACY GO FROM HERE? – GETTING TO EQUITY

This summer series engages TILLI members in addressing recent attacks on the democratic process. The struggle to vote and to making every vote count is central to what happens both at the local and national levels. Yet, we watch as state legislatures alter voting rules and redistrict their state maps to further restrict access to voting. *Where does democracy go from here?*

Most of the events will be presented on Zoom and at least two will require your assistance and presence.

ZOOM this summer from wherever you are! Plan to attend the in person events!

All events are free and begin at 11:00 a.m.

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JUNE 2, 11:00 a.m. (ONLINE ON ZOOM)

Amend: The Fight for America (Netflix) Episode 1

Moderator: Ruth Klepper

What is the ongoing significance of the 14th Amendment? This is the first in this made-for-television series and tells the story of the adoption of the 14th Amendment and the subsequent struggle to live up to the promise of its words. The heart of the 14th Amendment is the definition of citizenship. All citizens have rights and the protection of the law. Prior to the adoption of the 14th Amendment, only White men had any rights. This amendment is pivotal for establishing equal protection in this country. This film has important content and is meant to entertain along the way.

14th Amendment

...nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

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JUNE 9, 11:00 a.m. (ONLINE ON ZOOM)



Politics and Gerrymandering Right Here in Massachusetts with Jordan Berg Powers - Executive Director of MassAlliance

Moderator: Sandy Wixted

Jordan Berg Powers (he/him) has served as Executive Director of MassAlliance for over a decade. He has helped elect new progressive leaders across the state, recruited progressive champions to run, and trained hundreds of grassroots organizers. Using his expertise in talking to ordinary voters about progressive policy, Jordan is active in campaigns for saving public education, environmental justice, and a more progressive tax system for the Commonwealth. He conducts training across the state on understanding government, advocating, grassroots campaigning, messaging, and political power. In 2015 Jordan was recognized for his exceptional work in politics as an inaugural inductee into the *40 Under 40 Poly Award*.

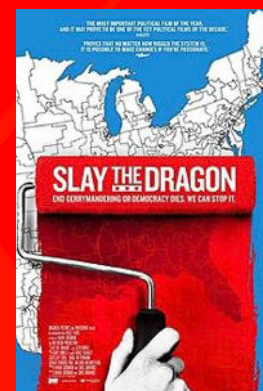
In his free time, Jordan serves on the boards of JOIN for Justice, MassBudget, and the Jewish Liberation Fund. He is on the advisory committee for the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA). In 2018 Jordan was honored to be a part of the JewV’Nation Fellowship—a leadership development program for visionary Jewish leaders across North America. This nine-month fellowship supports 10-16 Jewish leaders ages 18 to 118 through professional/leadership development, networking opportunities, and training aimed at expanding the field of Jewish leaders. Jordan has a Masters in International Politics from the London School of Oriental & African Studies as well as a B.A. in International Development and a B.A. in Economics from American University.

JUNE 23, 11:00 a.m. (ONLINE ON ZOOM)

Slay the Dragon (2019), Documentary Film, 60-90 minutes

Moderator: Sandy Wixted

This documentary highlights Flint, Michigan where the legislature appointed a receiver as the city manager. The film does a skillful job distilling the complicated history of how gerrymandering flips statehouses and follows a grassroots activist, Katie Foley, as she pushes for a ballot measure that in 2018 gave redistricting authority to an independent commission.



JUNE 30, 11:00 a.m. (ONSITE AT TI)

VOTING Action Event I

Led by Sandy Wixted

Meet at TI and in assembly line fashion prepare about 500 postcards (or letters) for mailing to a voter suppression state with a critical primary and election leading up to mid-term elections.

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AUGUST 18, 11:00 a.m. (ONLINE ON ZOOM)

How Did We Get Here? The Struggle to Vote **Karen Levit, National Civil Rights Counsel** **for the Anti-Defamation League**

Moderator: Natalie Schatz

“The freedom to vote is affected by a wide array of laws and court rulings – some lesser known than others. This overview of federal legislation and Supreme Court rulings will shed light on how we got here, recent developments at the Supreme Court, and current efforts to pass national election standards and combat state attacks on our freedom to vote.”



Karen Levit (she/her) serves as National Civil Rights Counsel for the ADL (Anti-Defamation League). She advocates on a range of civil rights issues including voting rights, immigrant and refugee rights, and LGBTQ+ rights, and advises ADL's regional, state, and federal engagement on civil rights issues. Previously, she represented young people in Family Court proceedings as a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of New York. She has published work in *Above the Law* and *The Guardian*, the quarterly law journal of the National Association of Counsel for Children. Karen earned her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. She earned her B.A. from the City College of New York magna cum laude, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.



AUGUST 25, 11:00 a.m. (ONSITE AT TI)

VOTING Action Event II

Led by Sandy Wixted

Meet at TI and in assembly line fashion prepare about 500 postcards for mailing to (location) prior to their local primaries.

VIRTUAL MUSEUM TRIPS, WALKS AND A REDI CONVERSATION

June 16, 11:00 a.m. (ONLINE ON ZOOM)

In The Shadow of Monet: Giverny and American Impressionism, **Columbia Museum of Art in South Carolina**

Led by museum docent

In 1883, French Impressionist painter Claude Monet settled in Giverny, a village nestled at the confluence of the Seine and Epte rivers. Glimpses of the new, still-radical Impressionist style inspired American artists who traveled to Giverny and home again for four decades at the turn of the 20th century, transforming the American art scene. This exhibition features over 50 artists, including Giverny Colony founders Willard Metcalf and Louis Ritter, as well as Richard Edward Miller, Lilla Cabot Perry, John Singer Sargent, Mary Fairchild MacMonnies, and Guy Rose. *(From Columbia Museum of Art website)*



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JULY TBA, 11:00 a.m. (ONSITE)



The Ground We Walk at Studio Without Walls, An Art Walk along the Muddy River at Riverway Park, Brookline

Rain Date: July TBA. After the Art Walk, return to Temple Israel for a bag lunch.

Cost: \$15@ for the bag lunch.

Led by an artist/docent the exhibit features sixteen sculptures by 20+ artists. (near the Longwood T stop on Chapel Street).

SEPTEMBER 1, 11:00 a.m. (ONSITE)

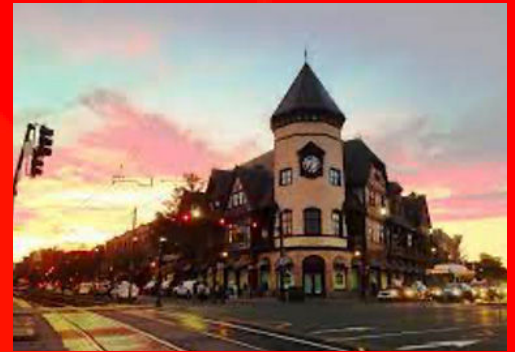
Synagogues, Stores, and Community: The Early Development and Growth of Jewish Brookline (A ninety minute walking tour)

Led by Ken Liss, President of the Brookline Historical Society

We will convene at the corner of Beacon and Kent streets.

Rain date: September 15

The first half of the 20th century saw dramatic growth in the Jewish population of Brookline and in the institutions, businesses, and activities that helped make the town a center of Jewish life in the Boston area. A walking tour led by Brookline Historical Society president Ken Liss tells the story—through places, people, and events—of the emergence of Jewish Brookline and its continued growth over subsequent decades.



SEPTEMBER 22, 11:00 a.m. (ONLINE ON ZOOM)

TILLI's REDI Conversation

Led by TILLI members Ted Greenwood, Larry Koff, and Judy Berkowitz

In preparation for Days of Awe we invite you to be a part of a reflective conversation about how we individually and as a group move toward equity, inclusion and the full embrace of diversity in the Temple Israel community. How do we ensure that Jewish people of all races and backgrounds and who may observe different Jewish customs feel belonging in our midst?

OCTOBER 6, 11:00 a.m. (ONLINE ON ZOOM)

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

View a photography exhibit by Laotian photographer Pao Houa Her. The pictures are a narrative of family memories fleeing Laos and ethnic Hmong communities formed in late 1970,s and '80's following the VietNam War. The exhibit explores themes of migration, displacement, resilience and longing. *(From the Walker Art Center website)*



TILLI Summer Session 2022 CALENDAR All events begin at 11:00 a.m.

- Amend: The Fight for America (Jun 2)
- Politics and Gerrymandering (Jun 9)
- In the Shadow of Monet (Jun 16)
- Slay the Dragon (Jun 23)
- Voting Action (Jun 30)

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Synagogues, Stores and Community: Walking tour of Brookline (Sep 1) (Rain Date: Sep 15)

TILLI's REDI Conversation (Sep 22)

- The Ground We Walk: Muddy River Art Walk (Jul TBA) (Rain Date: Jul TBA)

JULY 2022

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Walker Art Center (Oct 6)

TILLI Fall Semester Begins Details Coming Soon!

- The Struggle to Vote (Aug 18)
- Voting Action (Aug 25)

AUGUST 2022

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REDI: Ted Greenwood
Moderator: Ruth Klepper