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Fall Registration is Open

Registration is now OPEN on the OLLI website for the **Fall semester (September 20-December 3)**. The **Fall lottery is September 7**. **Be sure to register by 8:00 AM on September 7 for the best chance of getting into your preferred study groups.** [View classes and register](#) for the fall semester.

Introducing Hybrid Classes

With the Fall semester, OLLI is offering classes in three formats: **Online Only, In-Person Only, and Hybrid**. In hybrid classes, the SGL and some members of the class are in-person while other members participate via Zoom. In the catalog, each course description lists the format. When registering for a hybrid class, you must select whether you want to attend in-person (Hybrid In-Person) or by Zoom (Hybrid Zoom). List both formats if the class is a priority and you are willing to attend either format. Given the greater number of options, you can now prioritize up to 12 classes for the lottery, instead of just six. As always, the lottery will then assign you to up to three classes.

The discounted \$270 membership fee allows you to register for three study groups before the lottery and then add a fourth after you receive your registration confirmation letter. To add a fourth class, you no longer need to contact the office—simply log into your account on the website.

Print Catalog

OLLI's much-awaited fall catalog is under development and will be mailed by the end of July. Look for your copy in early August.

Feedback

If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to complete the anonymous [feedback form](#) about your June Minis courses. You can also access this form on the OLLI website under “Study Groups.” Feedback will be accepted through close of business today **Friday, July 9**.

Your feedback will be shared with the Study Group Leader and read by the Curriculum Committee and OLLI office. Feedback can be words of encouragement, letting SGLs know what you most enjoyed about the course, as well constructive criticism, if any, that might be helpful for the next time.

July Shorts

Register for July Shorts, 7/12 - 7/16

The July Shorts will meet over Zoom 3, 4, or 5 times within the one week. Several Shorts are still open, and members can continue to register for up to 3 courses for \$75. Requests for refunds must be made in writing (via e-mail to olli@american.edu). **The last day for course changes and refunds is close of business today, Friday, July 9. [Register.](#)**

Zoom Links for Classes

Zoom links will be emailed to registrants each morning on the days of class. They will come from the email address: maryfran@american.edu. If you do not receive the email, please check your spam/junk and trash folders. The links are the same for all sessions of a class. So, any link received for a class can be saved and used for all sessions of that class.

June Minis

SGL Gifts

Today is the last day to make a gift to your June Minis SGL(s). You can go [online](#) or mail a check to OLLI. We will collect all gifts, write a check to each SGL, and mail the check with any notes from members to the SGL(s). **Please note OLLI's donation software only allows users to make three (3) gifts in one day.**

Recordings

Most classes have been recorded. The page for class recordings is https://www.ollidc.org/2021_june_minis_recordings and can be accessed until July 16. Only members who took June Minis classes can access this page. You will need your OLLI username and password to log in.

**Serendipity Talk: David Kuney on
Reclaiming My Family's Jewish Identity, July 28**

David Kuney, *On Rockingham Street: Reclaiming My Family's Jewish Identity—Our Journey from Vilna to the Suburban South*

Wednesday, July 28

3:30-5:00 PM, via Zoom

Wipf & Stock has just published David Kuney's intergenerational memoir that explores how assimilation of Jewish immigrants arriving from Eastern Europe in the early 20th century was shaped and affected by the culture of the Suburban South in the 1950s and 1960s. It probes the key question of Jewish continuity, including whether American Judaism has left many Jews unable to answer the question, "Why are we Jewish?" The talk will include readings from the memoir.

David Kuney is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. More information on the book and David can be found at <https://www.davidkuney.com>

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed on the morning of the talk to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter.

Virtual Tour Series: The Heart of DC!

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First Session: The National Mall—Western End

Monday, July 19

3:30-4:30 PM, via Zoom

Join OLLI for a series of illustrated talks led by Tammy Belden, Trips Coordinator and professional tour guide, on our capital's "historic center" and its most iconic memorials and sites. Although you already may be familiar with many of these, we will cover some controversies, engaging anecdotes, and facts that you may not have heard. Our first talk will begin with the western end of the National Mall. Of course, you are familiar with the Lincoln, Korean War Veterans, and Viet Nam Veterans memorials, but perhaps we can deepen your knowledge of these with some more obscure and lesser-known information. We will also cover some of the smaller buildings and memorials nearby that you might not have seen. For example, did you know that the Lincoln Memorial was struck by anti-aircraft fire during World War II? It was friendly fire! We have more like that!

No registration is required. The Zoom link will be e-mailed on the morning of the event to all those subscribed to the OLLI newsletter.

American University News & Events

AU ARTS

Home of AU's performing, visual, literary, and media-based arts. View the schedule and registration links [here](#).

AU MUSEUM

The [museum](#) is again open to visitors. Patrons and university community members can now experience shows on display at the [Katzen Arts Center](#).

Follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). You will find e-book catalogs, artist-inspired children's art activities, playlists inspired by exhibiting artists, information on virtual events,

and more.

CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

Jerusalem: City of Faith and Fury

Tuesday, July 13, 8:00 PM, online

Join a first come, first serve, virtual preview screening of the CNN Series, "Jerusalem: City of Faith and Fury", with a post-show conversation with CIS director, Michael Brenner and Smith College Professor Suleiman A. Mourad. [Register.](#)

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Re-Imagining America: The Classroom of the Future

Wednesday, July 14, 12:00 PM, online

SOE dean Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy leads a Sine Summer Series panel discussion about how education changed during the pandemic and what lessons were learned during the disruptive year. [Register.](#)

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