

Sure, please let me know what day and time for the Zoom meeting.

Many thanks,

Gary

On May 14, 2020, at 10:34 AM, Janet Raffel <janetraffel@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi all,

I will send out a doodle poll to find a time for a program committee meeting next week.

Gary can you set up the zoom conference? I will send out an agenda before the call.

Harris and Abe - will one of you send me the titles of the two pieces you are working on that might be included in the webinars? Also, when will you be ready to speak about these topics what is your time frame for their release?

While David is willing to co-present with Abe and Harris, and is open to co-presenting with others if they have something to contribute to one of the webinar topics, he does not have time to do additional work on this. The webinar topics he gave to Molly are ready for presentation; tweaking is one thing, organizing with the Council of Churches and/or the Diocese is beyond his capacity at this time!

Stay healthy everyone!

Janet

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On May 13, 2020, at 5:30 PM, Abraham Peck <abraham.peck@maine.edu> wrote:

Hi Janet,

The series of webinars with ADL sounds very interesting. Would David do all the webinars or would there be others (besides the possibility of Harris and I on Maine) who would present as well?

The issues that David suggested are all timely (Vatican research on Pious XII, largest number of anti-semitic incidents in US in 40 years, etc.). This could be a real draw.

Wouldn't it be a hoot if we could get the Maine Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Diocese to co-sponsor. If so, that opens up the idea of having one of David's ICCJ Catholic and Protestant members also be a part of the webinar.

At any rate, just some ideas that we might discuss.

I think a committee meeting next week is important.

Best,

Abe

On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 1:12 PM Janet Raffel <janetraffel@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I think we have two topics to discuss at a program committee meeting before the June board meeting:

1. Can we pull off a successful webinar to launch the synagogue project? What will it take? (Will resend the email thread following this email)
2. Opportunity for a joint webinar series with JCA and ADL (see below)

Following my conversations with both of you about developing a webinar series for the museum, I asked David if he might be interested in launching the series with a webinar, figuring the communities might be interested in hearing from him. He mentioned that he was having similar conversations about a webinar series with Molly Curran Rowles at the JCA. They spoke this morning, and she is interested in pursuing this, and perhaps inviting the synagogues to co-sponsor as well, making this a community-wide event.

Here are the topics he proposed:

Jews, Christians, and Israel
Old, new hate anti-semitism today
Anti-semitism at a time of Covid 19
Philo-semitism and Judaizing in Contemporary Christianity
A History of Anti-Semitism

A significant advantage of doing this jointly with the JCA is that they have staff capacity to implement webinars and presumably the track record to attract audiences.

This opportunity raises some questions for MJM:

- * are these topics consistent with our mission?
- * should/could we tweak the topics to add Maine dimensions?
- * if one of our goals for doing a webinar series is to raise the visibility of MJM, will a joint program of this nature give us enough visibility?
- * alternatively, is partnering with other Jewish institutions the best way to attract audiences to a webinar series? (Do we have the capacity to deliver a webinar series? Could we get sufficient audiences for webinars by going it alone?)
- * which of these topics could be combined with the work Abe and Harris have been doing? E.g. David could present on the national history of anti-semitism, Abe and/or Harris could offer the Maine perspective

If you agree that these topics are worthy of discussion by the program committee, I will schedule it with the full committee for some time next week.

Best,
Janet

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