

Adult Education Report May 2024

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This has been an exciting year for Adult Ed! The highlight was Sandra Laub's one-woman staged reading, "Picking Up Stones; An American Jew Wakes to a Nightmare" on January 20, 2024. Bina and Nancy (Richman) co-produced this show, marketed widely to Jewish, Muslim, and Christian organizations and social justice and peace groups across the state - selling out 2 weeks before the performance! The Carolyn Hurdis Fund supported the project with a grant to rent the lighting and to pay for one of the police officers determined necessary to keep everyone safe because of the provocative subject. Many UU members and friends stepped in to volunteer and the show raised \$2875 for UUCSC!

In the fall of 2023, Nancy and Bina also offered a free 3-part series of "Courageous Conversations" - based on the Courageous RI program from URI's Media Lab. It was well-attended by both members of the congregation and the community.

UUCSC members and friends also read together. Linda Whyte Burrell and Larry Kelland stepped up to offer book groups and Penny Hall offered a discussion about her own book, *Legacy*, shortly after its publication.

And on May 10, Adult Ed and Social Justice partnered with Peace Dale Congregational Church's green team to show the award-winning film on climate change, "Common Ground," at the Congregational Church. The film was sponsored by Interfaith Power & Light. Thank you to Mary Fulton, who brought it to my attention.

If you have an idea of something you'd like our community to offer, please contact Bina at BarbaraLHoltzman@gmail.com and we'll brainstorm how to make that happen!