

# Anti-Racism Virtual Film Series

The Adult Education Committee is sponsoring an Anti-Racism Virtual Film Series to continue our discussions on anti-racism as lovers of justice. We will be watching 4 films and then hosting a virtual discussion after each film. Watch the films at your convenience and then log on to Zoom on Wednesday evenings biweekly to discuss and learn the history behind each movie. Limit of 15 people per class. Please register by emailing Andie at [Office@OhaviZedek.org](mailto:Office@OhaviZedek.org)

## **April 21, 2021 7:45-9:00**

*Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* airing on Netflix.

A film adaptation of August Wilson's 1982 play that deals with issues of race, art, religion and the historic exploitation of black recording artists by white producers. Set in Chicago in the 1920's the story is based on Ma Rainey who was a well-known blues singer.

Discussion facilitated by Barbara McGrew

(You can sign up for Netflix for \$8.99 a month and cancel after one month.)

## **May 5, 2021 7:45-9:00**

*United States vs. Billie Holiday* airing on Hulu

This is an American biographical film about singer Billie Holiday based on the book "Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs" by Johann Hari. In the 1940's, the government targeted Holiday in a growing effort to racialize the war on drugs, ultimately aiming to stop her from singing her controversial ballad, "Strange Fruit" about lynching.

Discussion facilitated by Lynda Siegel

(You can sign up for Hulu Basic for one month for \$5.99 but it does come with commercials. There may be a one week free trial option if you've never had an account. Hulu Plus is \$11.99 a month and you can cancel after one month.)

## **May 19, 2021 7:45-9:00**

*One Night in Miami* airing on Amazon Prime

This movie is a fictional account of one incredible night where icons Muhammad Ali, Malcom X, Sam Cooke and Jim Brown gathered discussing their roles in the civil rights movement and cultural upheaval of the 60's. The events in this film take place February 1964.

Discussion facilitated by Nancy Sugarman

(You can sign up for Amazon Prime for \$13 a month and cancel after one month.)

## **June 2, 2021 7:45-9:00**

*Just Mercy* airing on Amazon Prime

An American biographical legal drama that tells the powerful true story of young lawyer Bryan Stevenson and his battle for justice as he defends Walter McMillian, who was sentenced to death despite evidence proving his innocence. Based on the 2014 memoir of the same name written by Stevenson. Stevenson is the founder of the Equal Justice Institute.

Discussion facilitated by Lila Shapero

(You can sign up for Amazon Prime for \$13 a month and cancel after one month.)