

**Philosophical Talks with Steven Friedman**  
**October 16th, 11:00 AM (Almaty time)**

Every Friday, American Space Almaty organizes thematic online-meetings with a well-known American philosopher Steven Friedman. Topics of the talks vary depending on and highlighting the weekly themes of Kazakhstan American Corners. For a better understanding of the sense of such talks, the topics of previous meetings are provided:

- Philosophical Issues Relating to Nuclear Energy and Devices;
- Philosophy of Self-Education;
- Logic of Democracy and the Nature of Decision-Making;
- Philosophy of Opportunity;
- The Nature of Perspective: Knowing Where We Stand..

Next session on October 16th will be highlighted as ***Dignity of Singularity: What Answers Despair***. During the meeting Steven Friedman will present a mental health issue from the philosophical perspective and will show what role the philosophy might play in psychotherapy.

**About the speaker:**

Steven Friedman is a Harvard University graduate majoring in philosophy. He was accepted into the PhD program in molecular biology at UCLA under a grant from the National Cancer Institute and then into UCLA's School of Medicine. His contributions to molecular biology and medicine range from developing methods to elucidate the structure of viruses to conceiving smart chemotherapeutics against cancer. Furthermore, his talents are brightly reflected in his art. Friedman has been represented at Robert Berman Gallery at Bergamot Station Arts Center in Los Angeles since 1999.

His writings include over 200 works of philosophy; six collections of lyric poetry; the play, *A Passion of the Mind (1980)*; and the philosophical narrative poem, *The Books of Joshua (2008)*.

His philosophical/autobiographical one-man show, *Phalaris's Bull: Solving the Riddle of the Great Big World*, premiered in the 2015-16 Winter



Season at The Beckett Theatre at Theatre Row in New York City, leading The New York Times to acclaim him *a genius philosopher*.

The online event is free of charge and is open for everyone. It is possible to ask Steven Friedman questions in the commentary section during the live session. Meetings are held in English without translation. Please follow the links to attend the session:

[Kazakhstan American Corners YouTube Channel](#)  
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