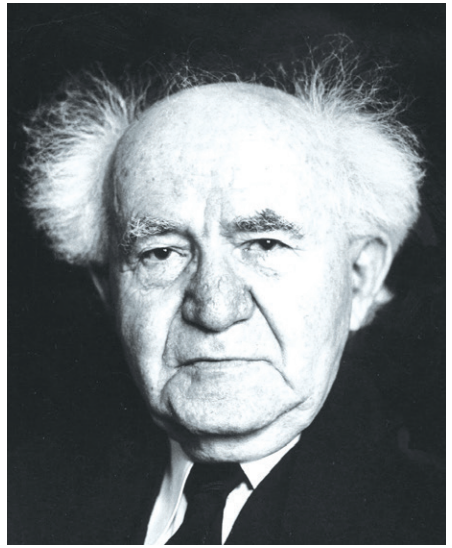




Jewish Community Alliance
of Southern Maine



Program Guide 2018-2019



ARTS & CULTURE SERIES

DIVAS ON THE BIMA - LIVE IN CONCERT

Sunday, October 14, 7:00 PM

USM Hannaford Hall - 88 Bedford St., Portland

Presented by the Cantor Kurt Messerschmidt Memorial Fund at the JCA

Tickets: \$25 - Regular ticket | \$50 - Supporter ticket | \$118 - Host Committee ticket

BEN-GURION, EPILOGUE - FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

WITH PROF. ILAN TROEN: IMAGINING ZION: DREAMS, DESIGNS, AND REALITIES

In partnership with the MJFF and American Friends of Ben-Gurion University

Sunday, November 4, 3:00 - 5:00 PM • Free

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH MAINE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Sunday, January 13, 3:00 - 5:00 PM • Free

OLYMPIC PRIDE - AMERICAN PREJUDICE

**FREE FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION IN HONOR
OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Presented in partnership with the Maine Jewish Film Festival

Sunday, February 10, 2:00 - 4:00 PM • Free



MJFF FREE FAMILY FILM

Presented in partnership with the Maine Jewish Film Festival and PJ Library

Sunday, March 10, 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Film to be announced – stay tuned for a fun film, stories, and kids' crafts!

Visit www.mjff.org for tickets and more information.

ON THE MAP - FILM SCREENING. THE INSPIRING STORY OF ISRAEL'S VICTORY AT THE 1977 EUROPEAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented as part of the Maine Jewish Film Festival

Sunday, March 17, 1:00 - 3:30 PM • Ticket price TBD – please visit www.mjff.org

JEWISH JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT WITH HISTORIAN DAVID DALIN

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 PM

Free. Suggested admission is \$10

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program at Colby College

SPRINGFIELD CONFIDENTIAL: JOKES, SECRETS AND OUTRIGHT LIES FROM A LIFETIME WRITING FOR THE SIMPSONS

WITH FORMER SIMPSONS HEAD WRITER AND PRODUCER MIKE REISS

Sunday, April 28, 6:30 PM • Free. Suggested admission: \$10

YOM HASHOAH - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMUNITY OBSERVANCE & FREE FILM

In partnership with the Maine Jewish Film Festival

Wednesday evening, May 1, 2019. Time and film TBA.

KOSHER GOSPEL - JOSHUA NELSON LIVE IN CONCERT

Sunday evening, May 5 – Concert time to be announced!

Free, as part of the JCA's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration of Israel Independence Day.

THE WEIGHT OF INK - A BOOK TALK

WITH AWARD WINNING NOVELIST RACHEL KADISH

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 PM • Free. Suggested admission: \$10



**TO RESERVE TICKETS OR REGISTER, VISIT:
WWW.MAINEJEWISH.ORG OR CALL (207) 772-1959**

CLUBS & CLASSES

INTRO TO KNITTING - A FOUR SESSION CLASS

With Betty Bricker-Small

Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Course tuition: \$18 - JCA members, \$24 - general public

BOOK CLUB - MY JEWISH YEAR: 18 HOLIDAYS, ONE WONDERING JEW BY ABIGAIL POGREBIN

With facilitator Ellie Miller

Wednesday evenings, monthly: October 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 9

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Free for JCA members, \$12/general public for all four sessions



MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Mondays weekly, starting October 15*

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, see JCA announcements for film schedule

*The JCA is closed for national, and Jewish holidays

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Weekly, Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Free for JCA members, \$5/session for general public

NEXTDOR

Peer-led social, cultural, and educational events for adults in their 20's and 30's, who are engaging with Jewish life. For more information or to RSVP for NextDor events, visit www.mainejewish.org or email Ethan at epalm@mainejewish.org

SHABBAT POTLUCK

Friday, October 12, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Free! Please bring a kosher-style vegetarian dish to share. RSVP for location.

NEXTDOR BOOK CLUB

Fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM

Free! For book selection and location, visit www.mainejewish.org

SECOND ANNUAL BOB ROSS PAINT NIGHT

Thursday, November 1, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Cost: \$20 for all supplies. You'll take home your finished painting. RSVP required.

YOGA & FITNESS

WEEKLY YOGA & MAT PILATES CLASSES

Visit www.mainejewish.org for full class details and times.

10 CLASS FITNESS PASS

Do you love fitness at the J? Purchase a 10-class pass and receive a FREE 11th class.

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For more information about Shalom Maine and to register for classes please visit WWW.SHALOMME.COM or call (207) 879-0028.

SHIVA, RITUAL AND GRIEF IN JUDAISM

With Jean Berman

Sunday mornings - Oct. 7, 14, Nov. 11, 18

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Congregation Bet Ha'am • Suggested tuition: \$48

Registration deadline: Friday, Sept. 28

SEVEN WOMEN PROPHETS OF THE BIBLE - SARA TO ESTHER

With Ellie Miller

Tuesday mornings - Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Location: Congregation Bet Ha'am • Suggested tuition: \$96

Registration deadline: Friday, Sept. 28

ADAM TO JOSEPH: A BIBLICAL VIEW OF PARENTING CHALLENGES AND THEIR RELEVANCE TODAY

With Ellie Miller

Monday evenings - Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, 26

(No class Nov. 12 for Veterans Day)

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Location: JCA • Suggested tuition: \$72

Registration deadline: Friday, Oct. 5 • Free childcare available. Advanced RSVP required

THREE AMERICAN DIASPORAS IN COMPARATIVE POETRY AND SHORT PROSE: JEWISH / AFRICAN / IRISH

With Anna Wrobel and Jim Donnelly

Tuesday evenings - Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: JCA • Suggested tuition: \$72

Registration deadline: Friday, Sept. 28 • Readings provided

KOSHER SUPPER CLUB: FINE CUISINE FROM AROUND THE WORLD (pescatarian)

With Daniel Heinrich

Monday evenings - Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3, 17

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Location: Temple Beth El

Suggested Tuition: \$72 per person

Ingredient Fee: \$28 per person

Registration deadline: Oct. 22



SPIRITUALITY, MOVEMENT AND FAITH

With Danika Kuhl

Sunday mornings - Jan. 6, 13, 27, Feb. 3

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Location: Temple Beth El • Suggested tuition: \$48

Registration deadline: Friday, December 28

AMERICAN JEWISH FILM

With Anna Wrobel

Tuesday mornings - Jan. 8, 22, Feb. 5, 19, March 5

(No class on Jan. 15, 29; Feb. 12, 26)

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: JCA • Suggested tuition: \$60

Registration deadline: Friday, December 28

AMERICAN ANTI-SEMITISM: TROPES, MEMES AND HISTORY

With Matt Goldfarb

Tuesday evenings - Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location: Temple Beth El • Suggested tuition: \$72

Registration deadline: Friday, December 28

PHILANTHROPY REIMAGINED: A RADICAL APPROACH TO TIKKUN OLAM & GIFTS OF WEALTH, WORK, AND WISDOM

With Benjamin Gorelick and others

Monday evenings - January 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25

(No class on Feb. 18 – Presidents Day).

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location: Congregation Bet Ha'am • Suggested tuition: \$48

Registration deadline: Friday, January 18

WELCOME TO JUDAISM Led by congregational rabbis

Tuesday evenings - Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: JCA • Registration deadline: February 12

PROJECT ZUG: CHAVRUTA-BASED ONLINE TEXT STUDY A FOOD TOUR OF THE TALMUD

Sponsored by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life and the JCA

Tentatively launching in January, self-paced through

the Maine Conference for Jewish Life in June



Advanced registration required.

Courses are offered with a suggested tuition. Courses subject to change or cancellation pending minimum enrollment.

For more information about Shalom Maine and to register for classes please visit WWW.SHALOMME.COM or call (207) 879-0028.

SHALOM MAINE HOST ORGANIZATIONS:

Congregation Bet Ha'am

81 Westbrook Street

South Portland

(207) 879-0028

www.bethaam.org

Temple Beth El

400 Deering Avenue

Portland

(207) 774-2649

www.tbemaine.org

Jewish Community Alliance (JCA)

1342 Congress Street

Portland

(207) 772-1959

www.mainejewish.org

PJ LIBRARY & JFAMILY

PJ Library is a national program that sends free, age-appropriate, Jewish-themed books and music each month to children 6 months through 8 years old. Southern Maine is one of many PJ Library communities across the United States and Canada.

Created and supported by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, PJ Library is funded nationally in partnership with local philanthropists and organizations. The Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine (JCA) launched PJ Library in 2013. The JCA is pleased to present several PJ Library family programs. For more information about PJ Library and the JCA's Children & Family programming, contact Andrea Krasker Gavin at pjlibrary@mainejewish.org.

PJ LIBRARY TURNS 5!

Sunday, October 21, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

SHALOM BABY SHOWER

Sunday, November 4, 9:30 - 10:30 AM

PLAY WITH PJ!

Fridays, September 21 through November 2, 10:45 - 11:45 AM

PJ OUR WAY

PJ Our Way is the newest chapter of PJ Library for kids ages 9-11. It is a kid-driven program – kids choose their own book each month, share reviews, watch videos and answer polls. Kids can sign up when they turn 8½ through the day before their 12th birthday! Southern Maine is now partnering with PJ Our Way to offer events and activities in our area. Sign up for PJ Our Way now at pjourway.org and get in on the fun! PJ Our Way is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, with generous support from PJ Alliance partners.

MITZVAH TEAM

Join the Mitzvah Team! Mitzvah Team is a JCA-curated selection of local, family volunteer opportunities listed on our website. Families team up with other families to volunteer together at the site of their choice, having fun while giving back and discovering the power of collective action. Check out family volunteer opportunities with the Mitzvah Team at mainejewish.org!



MICHAEL KLAHR JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES (KJFS)

PREPARING FOR CAREGIVING

In partnership with SAGE (Advocacy & Services for LGBT Elders)
Wednesday, September 26, 1:00 PM

2ND ANNUAL STUFF-A-TRUCK - DIAPER DRIVE

In conjunction with National Diaper Need Awareness Week
Sunday, September 30, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

HANUKKAH LIGHTS

Monday, October 15 - Sign up to sponsor a family
Help us provide warm clothing and gifts to families in need. Contact Avery at afriend@mainejewish.org to be matched with a family's wish list. Donate online at www.mainejewish.org

KNOW THE 10 SIGNS: EARLY DETECTION MATTERS

In partnership with the Alzheimer's Association
Tuesday, October 23, 1:00 - 2:30 PM

BEING MORTAL: MEDICINE AND WHAT MATTERS IN THE END

In partnership with Hospice of Southern Maine
Wednesday, November 7, 1:00 - 2:30 PM

TZEDAKKAH PARTY FOR HANUKKAH LIGHTS

With PJ Library
Join us to celebrate community giving
Time & Date TBD

ONGOING PROGRAMS

SENIOR LINE DANCING

In partnership with SAGE
First Thursday of each month, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

HEART TO HEART - PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Heart to Heart (207) 286-7025



Browse our offerings online and register at www.mainejewish.org



Questions? Call us at 207-772-1959 or email us at jca@mainejewish.org



Our address: 1342 Congress St., Portland, ME 04102

ALL PROGRAMS, CLASSES, AND CLUBS ARE HELD AT THE JCA, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Programs are subject to change. See our website and announcements for the latest information