



J PROGRAM GUIDE

2019-2020



3RD ANNUAL STUFF-A-TRUCK - DIAPER DRIVE

In conjunction with National Diaper Need Awareness Week
 Sunday, September 22, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

DON'T TALK ABOUT THE BABY

Thursday, October 3, 6:00 PM
 A documentary screening and panel discussion. Shatter the stigma.

MAKE YOUR OWN APPLE JAM

With instructor Sheri Fistal, Cooperative Extension Master Preserver
 Wednesday, October 2, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

HANUKKAH LIGHTS

October 1 - Sign up to sponsor a family
 Help us provide warm clothing to children in need. Contact Karli at kefron@mainejewish.org to be matched with a family's wish list.
 Donate online at www.mainejewish.org

TZEDAKAH PARTY FOR HANUKKAH LIGHTS

With PJ Library
 Wednesday, December 18, 5:00 - 6:30 PM
 Join us to celebrate community giving

Ongoing volunteer opportunities are available. Please contact KJFS Director Karli Efron at kefron@mainejewish.org for more information.



Presented with generous funding from the Sam L. Cohen Foundation, our donors, and community members, whose support makes these special programs possible.

Advance registration is strongly recommended to ensure sufficient seating. Register online at www.mainejewish.org, or by calling (207) 772-1959.

Finances should not be a barrier to participation. Please contact programs@mainejewish.org or (207) 772-1959 for discounted or free event admission.

Events take place at the JCA unless otherwise noted.

CULINARY HISTORIAN MICHAEL TWITY DISCUSSES KOSHER/SOUL

With funding from the Maine Humanities Council, and generous support from the Sam L. Cohen Foundation. Co-sponsored by the University of Southern Maine Dean of Students Office

Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 6:30 PM
 USM Hannaford Hall - Abromson Center, 88 Bedford St., Portland
 Admission: \$10 - JCA members, \$12 - general public, free for students




MJFF & THE JCA PRESENT THE YIDDISH CULTURE FESTIVAL

Tickets and more info at www.mjff.org

- Saturday, November 2, 7:30 PM • One Longfellow Square - 181 State St.
Hankus Netsky & Ensemble - Live in Concert
With vocalist and violinist Eden MacAdam-Somer

- Sunday, November 3, 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM • JCA - 1342 Congress St.
Michael Wex book talk • Musical family program with PJ Library and Rabbi Sruli Dresdner & Lisa Mayer • Hankus Netsky talk • Chew-daism film
Reception by Rose Foods & Tin Pan Bakery

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:

-  Visit www.mainejewish.org
-  Questions? Call us at (207) 772-1959 or email jca@mainejewish.org
-  Our address: 1342 Congress St., Portland, ME 04102

Schedule subject to change. See www.mainejewish.org and our email announcements for the latest information.



MR. GAGA FILM about Ohad Naharin & Batsheva Dance Company

Presented with the Maine Jewish Film Festival as part of Portland Dance Month

Thursday, November 14, 6:00 PM

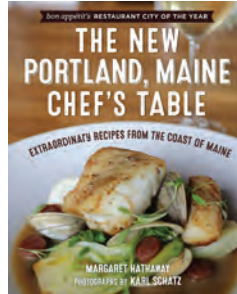
Tickets at www.mjff.org - \$10 regular admission, \$8 for students and seniors

THE NEW PORTLAND, MAINE CHEF'S TABLE: EXTRAORDINARY RECIPES FROM THE COAST OF MAINE

Book Talk with Margaret Hathaway & Karl Schatz

Thursday, December 12, 6:30 PM

Suggested \$5 donation - all proceeds benefit KJFS



THE LOST FAMILY

Book Talk with novelist Jenna Blum

Thursday, January 9, 6:30 PM

Suggested admission: \$10 - JCA members, \$12 - general public

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH MJFF

Sunday, January 26, 3:00 PM

Free. All are welcome.

Portland Ovations presents

MANDOLINIST AVI AVITAL & HAPIST BRIDGET KIBBEY

Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 PM

Hannaford Hall, USM Portland Campus

Tickets and more info at www.portlandovations.org

Use code 'JCA' for a 10% discount for JCA members for this performance.

Exclusions apply.



WITNESS: LESSONS FROM ELIE WIESEL'S CLASSROOM

Book Talk with Ariel Burger

Thursday, March 5, 6:30 PM

Suggested admission: \$10 - JCA members, \$12 - general public

MJFF FILM SCREENINGS AT THE JCA!

Festival dates: March 28 - April 5

- Sunday, March 29 - Free Family Film with PJ Library - *Prince of Egypt*

- Sunday, April 5 - *Heading Home - The Tale of Team Israel*

More dates and times TBA. Tickets and more info at www.mjff.org

SPOTS OF LIGHT - TO BE A WOMAN IN THE HOLOCAUST

A traveling exhibit from Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Remembrance Center

April 1-27 at the JCA • Open during regular business hours

Free, all are welcome.

THE SOUL OF A STRANGER - READING GOD AND TORAH

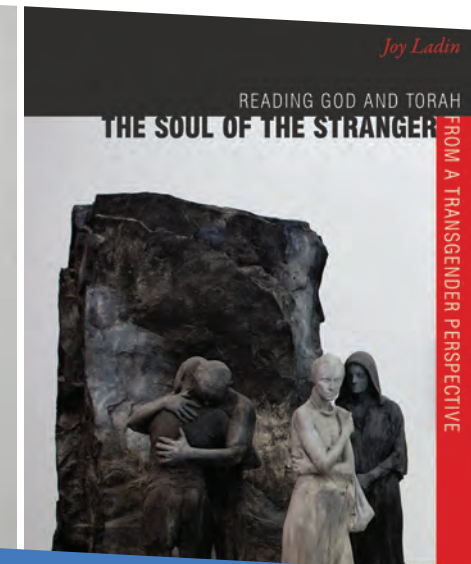
FROM A TRANSGENDER PERSPECTIVE

Book Talk with Joy Ladin

Thursday, June 18, 6:30 PM

Suggested admission: \$10 - JCA members, \$12 - general public

We are proud to partner with Longfellow Books on the book sales and signings for the author talks listed above.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

DECEMBER 25TH FAMILY FILM & CHINESE FOOD

In partnership with the Maine Jewish Film Festival, Temple Beth El, and Congregation Bet Ha'am

Wednesday December 25, 12:00 - 3:00 PM

\$5 - individual, \$10 - family.

Register by Thursday, Dec. 19 at www.mainejewish.org

"IT MUST SCHWING - THE BLUE NOTE STORY" DOCUMENTARY FILM

Presented in partnership with the Maine Jewish Film Festival in honor of Black History Month

Thursday, February 6, at 6:00 PM

Free, all are welcome.

RECOVERY-ORIENTED PASSOVER SEDER

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 PM

Portland Recovery Community Center - 468 Forest Avenue, Portland

Please register by Monday, April 6 at www.mainejewish.org

YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMUNITY OBSERVANCE & FILM

Presented in partnership with the Maine Jewish Film Festival

Tuesday evening, April 21 - Time TBA

Free, all are welcome.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT - ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

In partnership with Congregation Bet Ha'am and Temple Beth El

Sunday, May 3, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Free, all are welcome. Food available for purchase.

NEXTDOR organizes peer-led social, cultural, and educational events for young adults in their 20s and 30s looking to engage with Jewish life in Southern Maine. NextDor events are open to all, regardless of background or belief. Follow @nextdormaine on Facebook and Instagram for updates and sign up for our email newsletter at www.mainejewish.org/nextdor.

ROSH HASHANAH MEAD TASTING

Thursday, September 26th, 6:30 PM
Maine Mead Works - 51 Washington Ave, Portland, ME 04101

Cost: \$9 (includes tour and tasting)

RSVP by September 19 to

programs@mainejewish.org

NEXTDOR AT THE MAINE ROOTS RETREAT

Friday, Oct. 25 to Sunday, Oct. 27

Cost: \$18 (with meals and lodging)

Apply by September 15 at

www.colby.edu/jewishlife

CLUBS, CLASSES & GROUPS

CHALLAH & HOLIDAY BAKING WORKSHOP

With Margaret Hathaway

Thursday, Sept. 26 • 6:00 - 8:00 PM

JCA members: \$18, General public: \$20

Register by Sept. 20 at www.mainejewish.org

OPEN MAH JONGG

Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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

BEGINNER MAH JONGG CLASSES with Judi Slotsky

Fridays, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

October 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15

Tuition: \$40 - JCA members, \$50 - general public

Register by Oct. 8 at www.mainejewish.org

TORAH STUDY GROUP with Ellie Miller

Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 PM • Free, all are welcome

MINDFUL FLOW YOGA with Ashley Flowers

• Tuesdays, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

• Thursdays, 10:15 - 11:15 AM

FREE FUSION FITNESS WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO NIA with Erin Curren

Wednesday, September 25, 12:15 - 1:00 PM

NIA FITNESS CLASSES with Erin Curren

Wednesdays, 12:15 - 1:00 PM • Starts Oct. 16

PICKLEBALL - OPEN PLAY FOR PLAYERS RANKED 3.5+

Wednesday evenings, 6:00 - 8:00 PM • Starts Oct. 23*

Free for JCA members, \$5 for the general public, \$40 for a ten-session pass

*Pending sufficient attendance. See JCA calendar at www.mainejewish.org

FAMILY OULA WITH KARLI EFRON

Sundays, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Jan. 12

10:15 - 11:00 AM

Advance registration required by noon on the preceding Thursday.



Fitness classes:

- \$10/session - JCA members
- \$12/session - general public

10-Class Fitness Passes:

- \$100 - JCA members
- \$120 - general public
- 11th class is free!



A community partnership for adult Jewish learning with Congregation Bet Ha'am, Temple Beth El, Sha'arey Tphiloh, Etz Chaim Synagogue - Portland, Congregation Etz Chaim - Biddeford, Beth Israel Congregation - Bath, the Maine Jewish Film Festival, and the JCA

Advanced registration required

at www.shalomme.com or (207) 772-1959.

Courses are offered on a suggested tuition basis.

Schedule subject to change pending minimum enrollment.

JEWISH GENEALOGY: HOW TO FIND GOOD SOURCES FOR YOUR HISTORY

With Harris Gleckman

Wednesdays: Sept. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Congregation Bet Ha'am - 81 Westbrook St., S. Portland

Suggested tuition: \$65 · Registration deadline: Sept. 6

AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY – PART I

With Anna Wrobel

Wednesdays: Oct. 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Temple Beth El - 400 Deering Ave., Portland

Suggested tuition: \$72 · Registration deadline: Oct. 11

JEWS, BASEBALL & SOCIAL JUSTICE

With Paul Linet

Wednesdays: Oct. 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Beth Israel Congregation - 862 Washington St., Bath

Suggested tuition: \$54 · Registration deadline: Oct. 11

TEACHING JEWISH VALUES THROUGH FILM

With Barbara Merson, MJFF Executive Director

Thursdays: Oct. 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 21

6:00 - 8:00 PM

JCA - 1342 Congress St., Portland

Suggested tuition: \$86 · Registration deadline: Oct. 11

CREATE YOUR OWN CERAMIC JUDAICA

With Toby Rosenberg

Wednesdays: Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18

6:00 - 8:00 PM

JCA - 1342 Congress St., Portland

Suggested tuition: \$90 · Materials fee (required): \$40

Registration deadline: Oct. 28



FROM TRIBES TO NATION – THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DAVIDIC MONARCHY - PART I

With Ellie Miller

Tuesdays: Nov. 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 14

9:30 - 11:00 AM

JCA - 1342 Congress St., Portland

Suggested tuition: \$96 · Registration deadline: Nov. 1

FAMILY DYNAMICS IN GENESIS – FROM ABRAHAM TO JOSEPH

With Ellie Miller

Mondays: Nov. 18, 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16

6:00 - 7:30 PM

JCA - 1342 Congress St., Portland

Suggested tuition: \$60 · Registration deadline: Nov. 8

Free childcare available for ages 3+ with advanced registration only.

EINSTEIN & OPPENHEIMER

With David Hecht

Sundays: Jan. 5, 12, 19, and 26

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Temple Beth El - 400 Deering Avenue, Portland

Suggested tuition: \$54 · Registration deadline: Dec. 23



JCA ADULT EDUCATION

JEWISH VALUES AND THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT, PART II

With Melanie Weiss of the Center for Small Town Jewish Life

An iEngage course developed by the Shalom Hartman Institute

Tuesdays: Oct. 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3 · 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Suggested tuition: \$18

Register by Oct. 18 at www.mainejewish.org or call (207) 772-1959

PARENT & CHILD CHALLAH BAKING WORKSHOP

With Margaret Hathaway

Sunday, Nov. 17, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

For parents or caregivers and their children ages 3-10

JCA members: \$18 for a pair (parent/caregiver and one child)

General public: \$20 for a pair · \$4 per additional child

Register by Nov. 12 at www.mainejewish.org

or call (207) 772-1959



PJ LIBRARY

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 U.S. and Canada.

Created and supported by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, PJ Library and PJ Our Way are funded nationally in partnership with local philanthropists and organizations. The JCA launched PJ Library in 2013. For more information about PJ Library and Children & Family programming, contact Andrea Krasker Gavin at pjlibrary@mainejewish.org



PJ OUR WAY

PJ Our Way is a kid-driven program – kids ages 9-11 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! Local events and activities are offered through the JCA. Check it out at pjourway.org and get in on the fun!

PLAY WITH PJ! Open playdate for ages 0-3 years

Fridays, twice monthly September - May
10:45 - 11:45 AM (see www.mainejewish.org for dates)

JONAH AND THE WHALE LIVE!

Sunday, October 6
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Suggested donation - \$10 per family

COMMUNITY GIVING DAY

Co-sponsored by Congregation Bet Ha'am, Temple Beth El, KJFS and PJ Library
Sunday, October 20
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Congregation Bet Ha'am - 81 Westbrook St., S. Portland



SHALOM BABY SHOWER

Sunday, November 17
9:30 - 10:30 AM

TZEDAKAH CELEBRATION WITH PJ LIBRARY & KJFS

Wednesday, December 18
5:00 - 6:30 PM

SPARKLE HAVDALAH: A DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR

Co-sponsored by Congregation Bet Ha'am, Temple Beth El and PJ Library
Saturday, January 11
5:30 - 7:00 PM

TU B'SHVAT ECO-CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 9
3:00 - 5:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP

The Jewish Community Alliance is dedicated to building and exploring Jewish culture and community while providing programs and services for people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Membership dues provide important unrestricted support for the incredible range of activities and events offered at the J. Your membership is an investment in your community.

Membership benefits:

- Discounted member pricing on JCA programs and fitness classes
- Reciprocity at many JCC facilities around the country
- Priority registration for Afterschool and enrichment classes
- Priority registration and discounts for Center Day Camp
- Special opportunities for space rental and events at both our Congress Street facility and at Center Day Camp on Sebago Lake
- Children's birthday parties available exclusively to members
- Free admission to summer Sunday Swim dates at the Center Day Camp waterfront

10% discount with proof of membership at the following locations:

- Rose Foods
- Little Giant & Giant
- Portland Hunt + Alpine Club
- Dunstan Tap & Table
- Espo's Trattoria
- The Spa at The Francis
- Discounts at the Clarion Hotel on hotel stays and in-house catering

You belong at the J!

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO JOIN THE JCA:



Visit www.mainejewish.org



Contact us at (207) 772-1959 or membership@mainejewish.org

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