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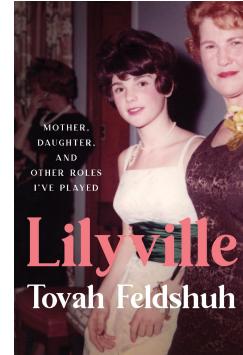
JCA PROGRAMS

TOVAH FELDSHUH – *Lilyville: Mother, Daughter, and Other Roles I've Played*

*Presented in partnership with the JCC Literary Consortium
Thursday, April 15th | 8 PM ET*

A heartwarming and funny memoir from a beloved actress, *Lilyville* tells the story of a mother and daughter whose narrative reflects American cultural changes and the world's shifting expectations of women.

Tickets: Free virtual event admission, or \$36 includes the book



[Register](#)

CONSCIENCE AND COURAGE: Frances Perkins and Feng Shan Ho - Little Known Heroes Who Saved Lives

*Presented by The Frances Perkins Center Immigration/Refugee Policy Public Forum | Co-sponsored by the JCA and others
Sunday, April 25th | 3:00-4:30 PM*

Conscience and Courage:
Frances Perkins and Dr. Feng Shan Ho
Little Known Heroes Who Saved Lives



This 90-minute webinar centers on two speakers: Bat-Ami Zucker & Manli Ho

Following the speakers' pre-recorded remarks, the moderator, Judith Goldstein, Executive Director of Humanity in Action, will lead a live session which will include speakers responding to questions from the audience.

[Register](#)

THE WORDS OF MY FATHER: Love and Pain in Palestine **A book talk with author Yousef Bashir**

Thursday, May 6th | 7 PM EST

Bashir offers a powerful memoir of love, growth, survival, and unfashionable generosity of spirit inspired by his father. This is not an exploration of the broader socio-political context, but rather a personal narrative which contains some hints at the larger landscape.

The book is available to order from our friends at Longfellow Books:



Advanced registration required by Weds. 5/5 - The Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants on Weds. afternoon 5/4, and again on Thursday, 5/5 at 4 PM.

*The JCA is pleased to offer virtual programs so that they are accessible to all. Financial support from community members like you makes this programming possible; we encourage you to pay what you can. We appreciate your support, which will help ensure that we can continue to offer programs like these in the future.

[Register](#)

SHLICHEI TZIBUR TRAINING PROGRAM

**Empowering Worship Service Leaders
With Cantor Sheila Nesis**

Made possible by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life, the Messerschmidt Memorial Fund at the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, and the Covenant Foundation



**Monthly classes on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM
Starting Tuesday, May 25**

This yearlong experience is designed to empower individuals to lead worship services, shiva minyans, singing circles, etc. within their own communities. Through once-monthly online classes and individual coaching sessions with Cantor Sheila Nesis, participants will build the skills they need to succeed as prayer leaders. Enrollment will be limited.

Tuition: \$120 for the yearlong program (\$10/month for class and individual coaching). Cost should not be a barrier to participating in this program.

Application deadline: Friday April 23.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the program by Friday, May 7.
Questions? Please contact Liz Snider at essnider@colby.edu.

For more information visit:

<https://jewishlife.colby.edu/2021/03/25/shlichei-tzibur-prayer-leader-training-program/>

LEARN TORAH & HAFTARAH CANTILLATION

The Center for Small Town Jewish Life is pleased to offer training in Torah and Haftarah trope with the Center's Rabbinical Fellow Eliana Willis starting in June 2021. If you are interested, please contact Liz Snider at essnider@colby.edu.

[Apply to the Shlichei Tzibur Training Program](#)

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

*Local programs highlighted in light blue

Shalom Hartman Institute Spring Days of Learning

**HOME/LAND: Celebrating Israel at 73
A Day of Learning for Yom Ha'atzmaut
April 14 - 15, 2021**

Explore historic and modern perspectives on the State of Israel as we celebrate Israel's 73rd birthday on April 14-15.



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ISRAEL: THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD COUNTRY ON EARTH

Noa Tishby in conversation with Ethan Bronner

Presented by the Temple Emanu-El Ivan M. Stettenheim Library

Thursday, April 15th | 6:30 PM EDT | Free



Israeli American actress, producer and activist Noa Tishby has boiled down thousands of years of history and dozens of competing narratives about Israel into a concise, personal, even funny tale of a nation where waves of immigrants from every continent but Antarctica converged on a small piece of land and argued simultaneously in scores of languages about coming home.

With the release of her first book, Tishby discusses everything you thought you might not know, what you ought to know and how to pull the rug out from underneath a dozen misconceptions about the tiny nation that dominates the news.

[Register](#)

SHAMAYIM COOKING CHALLENGE: Vegan versions of Israeli dishes

In honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israel Independence Day

Sponsored by Shamayim, Vegfund! and the Center for Jewish Life at the YM&YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood

Thursday, April 15th | 5:30 PM EST



We will explore vegan - plant-based - cooking with delicious recipes and discuss compassion for animals from a Jewish perspective, as well as plant-based alternatives to avoid food allergies. This session features falafel, Israeli salad, Israeli-style eggplant, and vegan malabi.

For the recipes and more information: <http://www.ywashhts.org/shamayim-challenge>

[Register](#)

MIZRAHI SACRED SONGS (PIYUTIM) - From Pulpit to Pop Chart I & II

Music Programs from the UCLA Milken Center

Sundays, April 18 + 25 | 2 PM ET



Dr. Galeet Dardashti will offer an interactive presentation on Jewish Middle Eastern and North African (Mizrahi) piyut traditions.

Come hear, study, and learn to sing several of these beautiful poetic songs, and gain an understanding of their shifting cultural significance throughout Jewish history and in Israeli pop and rock music today.

[Register](#)

SHABBAT, TOGETHER

With the Center for Small Town Jewish Life

Led by Rabbi Erica Asch and Sara Blumenthal

Friday, April 16th | 5:30 PM



Join Rabbi Erica Asch of Temple Beth El, Augusta, and rabbinical fellow Sara Blumenthal for a celebratory spring Kabbalat Shabbat.

[Register](#)

THANKS IN VARIATIONS - Cultivating Gratitude Through Music

DAY OF GRATITUDE & MITZVOT

With Classical Uprising and Temple Beth El

Sunday, April 18th | 1:30-3:30 PM

Thompson's Point South Garden, Portland



Classical Uprising, Temple Beth El, Woodfords Congregational Church, and the Episcopal Church of Saint Mary have partnered to present A Day of Gratitude and *Mitzvot* (good deeds) in conjunction with the Thanks in Variations immersive musical installation at Thompson's Point. The community is invited to an afternoon of family-friendly activities that will cultivate gratitude and support Mainers in need. Audiences are encouraged to bring non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, new toiletries, and other goods to benefit Maine Needs, Project FEED, and the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland. Activities will include guided meditation for all ages, writing thank-you postcards to essential workers, assembling donation kits, and adding to the community gratitude board.

Contact office@tbemaine.org or music@classicaluprising.org for more information.

[Learn More](#)

SPRING FUNTENSIVE FOR KIDS ages 4-11

With the Center for Small Town Jewish Life

Daily, April 19 – 23 | 9-10 AM



For spring vacation we're here to offer some fun Jewish learning and to connect with each other over Zoom! We will offer songs, stories, Hebrew games, and crafts, and every day will have a color, a letter, and a sense we'll learn in Hebrew.

[Register](#)

JUSTICE IN OUR BACKYARD: A conversation with DeRay

Mckesson

Presented by Congregation Bet Ha'am

Thursday, April 22nd | 7:00 PM



Join us for a very special evening of racial justice learning. Activist, educator, and author DeRay Mckesson will share his journey from middle school math teacher to acclaimed civil rights leader and social justice advocate. DeRay will also talk about the transformational work he is doing with his organization, Campaign Zero.

Space is limited for this program. Registration closes on April 21 at noon.

[Register](#)

VIRTUAL ART AUCTION 2021

Presented by the Maine Jewish Museum

Auction Bidding Opens: April 25th until May 9, 2021



A novel way to help the Maine Jewish Museum to continue to share history of Maine Jewish communities, honor its philanthropists and support Jewish artists with a Maine connection. Exhibitions change every 6 weeks. Preview starts Sunday, April 18th.

[Visit the Auction Site](#)

A DRAMATIC AFFAIR

Online Gala benefitting Congregation Bet Ha'am

Saturday, May 1st | 8 PM

This year's literary-themed fundraiser for Congregation Bet Ha'am features three world premiere plays brought to life by Mad Horse Theater Company: *Tikkun Olam*, by Brent Askari, *June 20/20 reVision(s)*: A *Fire Diary*, by Bess Welden, and *The Male Gaze*, by Monica Wood. ASL interpreting will be provided.



[Register](#)

FITNESS

OUTDOOR YOGA IN PAYSON PARK

With Ashley Flowers Yoga

Wednesdays | 5:30 – 6:30 PM



There is no better place to practice yoga than outdoors with the grass beneath your toes, and the wind in your hair! Practicing outside also allows us ample space for social distancing and lots of fresh air. Find a deeper sense of connection to yourself, to mother earth, and to your community with in-person, outdoor yoga! Pre-registration required through Ashley's website. Exact location of the class will be emailed to registered attendees.

[Register](#)

JCA NEWS & UPDATES

KJFS Mobile Food Pantry - New Food Box Pickup & Deliveries!

Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services is thrilled to announce that beginning April 27th we will be offering food box pickups at the JCA, along with deliveries directly to homes of individuals and families in Cumberland & York Counties. The food boxes have been generously provided by Wayside Food Programs and include a variety of non-perishable items. We will be delivering twice weekly, on Tuesday and Thursdays. If you are in need, or if you know of any individuals/families who are homebound and in need of food, please contact us at 207-772-1959 or kjfs@mainejewish.org.



Employment Opportunities at the JCA

The JCA's mission is to enhance and promote Jewish life and continuity locally, in Israel and throughout the world, and to generate the financial resources to develop, provide and support diverse programs, education and services in order to accomplish these goals.



To view all current employment opportunities [CLICK HERE.](#)

Shaw's Bag Program benefitting KJFS

For the month of April, Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable G/VE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Bag at the **Shaw's store located at 1364 Congress St, Portland ME**. Please join us in helping to reduce waste, while also supporting KJFS this April!



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