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April 28, 2021 - 16 Iyar 5781

JCA PROGRAMS

THE WORDS OF MY FATHER: Love and Pain in Palestine

A Zoom book talk with author Yousef Bashir

Presented by the JCA as a member of the Jewish Book Council Network

Thursday, May 6th | 7 PM EST



“An urgent, impassioned call for peace between Palestine and Israel... eloquent and affecting memoir... an inspiration to peace activists in all theaters of war and struggle and a book that deserves a wide audience.” - Kirkus Reviews

“At one of the darkest times in the elusive effort to end the conflict in the middle east.... [comes a] remarkable new memoir.... full of youthful exuberance, unlikely adventures, and raw discovery ... captivating.” - Robin Wright, The New Yorker

Bashir is a Palestinian American from the Gaza Strip who made his way to the United States, where he earned a BA in international affairs from Northeastern University and an MA in co-existence and conflict from Brandeis University. Now living in Washington, DC, Bashir has worked on Capitol Hill, and served as a member of the Palestinian Diplomatic Delegation to the United States. Yousef is an accomplished author, and vigorous advocate of Israeli-Palestinian peace. In this book, he 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:

<https://www.longfellowbooks.com/event/community-event-words-my-father>

Limited copies will include a signed bookplate.

Advanced registration required by Weds. 5/5.

The Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants on Weds. afternoon 5/5.

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.

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JUDY BATALION - *The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos*

Presented in partnership with the JCC Literary Consortium

Monday, May 10th | 8 PM EST

One of the most important stories of World War II: A spectacular, searing history that brings to light the extraordinary accomplishments of the brave Jewish women who became resistance fighters, a group of unknown heroes whose exploits have never been chronicled. A gripping, poignant tale of extraordinary female agency, *The Light of Days* reminds us of the importance of recognizing the control we have over our own selves even during the darkest times.



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

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STILL TRAVELING: Morocco - More than Marrakech

Presented with the National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance

Mondays, May 3, 10, 24 & 31 | 2:00 - 3:15 PM EST



Many visitors go to Morocco to visit its most famous city, Marrakech. But the country holds countless interesting treasures throughout the land from its coasts to its deserts! Pour yourself a cup of mint tea and let James Sokol Zoom you away on our virtual “trips” to this magical North African country. Morocco has its own unique, fascinating culture – a blend of indigenous Berber, Arabian, Sub-Saharan African and European (Christian and Jewish) influences. Join our wonderful local guide for visits around his diverse and vibrant country to discover wonders that await! **Tickets:** \$15 - \$50

[Register](#)

STILL TRAVELING: Haunted Broadway

Presented with the National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance

Monday, May 3rd | 5:00 - 6:15 PM EST



On National Paranormal Day, let our JCC colleague James Sokol Zoom you to Times Square for a truly spooky adventure. After the thousands of audience members leave the 41 Broadway theaters, a nightly ritual takes place unseen by most: the setting of the ghost-light. Join our guide, a “walking encyclopedia of Broadway,” to explore this, and other superstitions rooted in days gone by, but still held by theatre folk everywhere. Learn stories of spirits that still lurk in the shadows backstage and some truly spooky sightings: acrobats, costume designers, playwrights, actors, and even a priest! See how the haunted of Broadway's present brings Broadway's past back to life! **Tickets:** \$12.50 - \$15

[Register](#)

MUSIC & MORSELS: Impromptus

Presented with the National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance

Wednesday, May 5th | 4:00 – 5:00 PM EST



These days, music fans usually associate improvisation with other genres of music - jazz or rock-n-roll. But going back and looking closely, we see virtually all of the great "classical" composers were improvisers at heart. Take a front-row seat at your computer and join pianist Ian Scarfe as he discusses & performs an all-classical program of piano music inspired by improvisation, including music by Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, and more! **Tickets:** \$10 - \$15

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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. Class location will be emailed to registered attendees.

Register

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

*Local programs highlighted in light blue

VIRTUAL ART AUCTION 2021

Presented by the Maine Jewish Museum

Auction Bidding Open Now Through May 9, 2021

The Maine Jewish Museum's first ever online art auction, generously curated by the founders of Barridoff Galleries, Annette and Rob Elowitch. Proceeds from the MJM Art Auction will help financially support the museum's mission of celebrating and honoring the contributions and diversity of Maine's Jewish community.



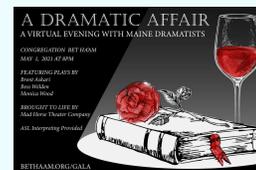
Visit the Auction Site

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.



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COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: Is Discrimination on the Basis of Educational Status Dividing Our Country?

With the Center for Small Town Jewish Life

Sunday, May 2nd | 7 PM



Join us for a virtual evening and hear from Anosacha Peete-Meyers '23, Rabbi David Freidenreich, Director of Jewish Studies at Colby, and Pastor Jamie Dickson of Kingdom Life Church in Oakland, Maine. They will explore the question: Is discrimination on the basis of educational status dividing our country?

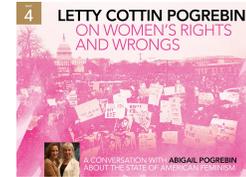
After hearing from our panelists, we'll break into small groups to discuss these questions: Can this rift be bridged? If so, how can we achieve greater equity in power, influence, and

status while still maintaining the unique value of higher education? Finally, how does this rift specifically impact Waterville and central Maine?

Register

LETTY COTTIN POGREBIN ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND WRONGS -A Conversation with Abigail Pogrebin about the State of American Feminism

Presented by the Temple Emanuel Streicker Center
Tuesday, May 4th | 7:30 PM EST | Free



Letty will join her daughter, author-journalist Abigail Pogrebin, for a candid conversation about feminism's past triumphs and missteps and where we go from here.

Register

VIRTUAL MISSION TO LATIN AMERICA - Part I

With the Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties

Wednesday May 5th | 7 PM EST



Experience Rio, Panama City, and Mexico City all in one evening for free from the comfort of your home! Join Federation partner agency World ORT, a global education network driven by Jewish values, for a firsthand dialogue with the young leaders of these vibrant Jewish communities.

Register

JCA NEWS & UPDATES

Israeli Culture at Center Day Camp

Are you passionate about sharing Israeli culture, history, songs, stories, or food with kids? This summer at Center Day Camp, our beloved Shlichim program (emissaries from Israel) will be on hiatus, so we are looking for community members to help bring the joy and magic of Israel to CDC! Whether you are interested in running a program for one week or one day, we'd love to talk with you! Please contact Director Chris Thurston at cdc@mainejewish.org



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 and Center Day Camp

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.](#)

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