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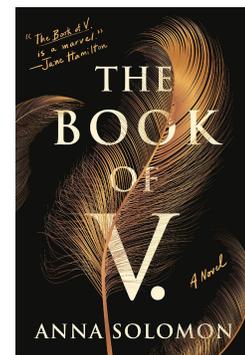


February 3, 2021 - 21 Shevat 5781

## JCA PROGRAMS

### **The Book of V. – Zoom author talk with novelist Anna Solomon** Thursday, February 18th | 7:00 PM EST

The Purim story of Esther is often told as the triumph of a Jewish minority over one man's blinding hatred, through the courage and selflessness of one woman. Anna Solomon's *The Book of V.* challenges this simple narrative — asking, what is Vashti's story? And how do we choose to represent women's lives, both in the past and today?



#### **Advanced registration required by Weds. 2/17**

Free. Suggested donations of \$10/household gratefully accepted.

The Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants on Weds. afternoon 2/17. The book will be available to order from our friends at [Longfellow Books](#). The first 15 copies purchased will include a signed bookplate.

\* The JCA is a member of the Jewish Book Council network.

Register

### **THEY AIN'T READY FOR ME & ROSENWALD** **Free Films & Discussion in honor of Black History Month** Presented by the Maine Jewish Film Festival (MJFF) and the JCA February 19-21 | FREE

#### **THEY AIN'T READY FOR ME** Film streaming online – Feb. 19-21

Tamar Manasseh, an African American rabbinical student, leads the fight against gun violence in her Southside Chicago neighborhood. A fascinating look at the complex identity and motivations of an extraordinary person who is Jewish and Black, and how these two identities offer her a road map for citizen activism.



#### **Zoom discussion with Tamar Manasseh and film producer Brad Rothschild** Sunday, Feb. 21 | 7 PM

When Tamar Manasseh decided to set up a presence on her Chicago block, she did so as a mother and neighbor, who wanted the gun violence to stop. Six years later, the organization she founded, MASK (Mothers and Men Against Senseless Killings) is credited with plummeting violence in that neighborhood. Join Tamar and the film's producer and director on Sunday, Feb 21st for an energetic and fascinating discussion.

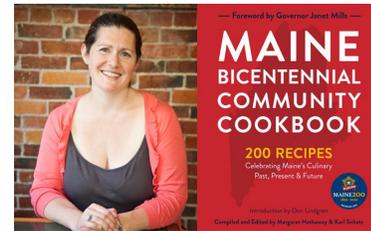
#### **ROSENWALD** Film streaming online – Feb. 19-21

The story of the son of an immigrant peddler, Julius Rosenwald, who rose to head Sears, and partnered with Booker T. Washington and African American communities to build 5,400 Southern schools in African American communities in the early 1900s during the Jim Crow era. Directed by Aviva Kempner, this was one of the most popular films shown at MJFF 2016. Renewed public attention to Rosenwald's work makes this film as timely today as when it was first shown.

**You must reserve your ticket to receive the film links. (Links will not be emailed).**

Reserve Tickets through MJFF

**COOK-ALONG WITH MARGARET HATHAWAY OF TEN APPLE FARM**  
**Italian-American "Mac & Cheese" And Noodle Kugel**  
**Sunday, February 21st | 4:00 – 5:30 PM**



Noodles with cheese are a classic comfort food that can take many forms. In this cook along, we'll make variations from the last century's Jewish and Italian immigrant communities of Maine. Nana Q's "Mac & Cheese" and classic Luchen Kugel from 100 Selected Recipes, plus a slightly embellished version of kugel that our family makes at home.

**Free! Register by Tues. Feb. 16** - Registered participants will receive the Zoom link, recipes and ingredient list on Tues. 2/16.

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**'J Talks' Episode 10: Judi Slotsky**  
*A JCA Podcast highlighting the voices of community leaders and amazing people here in Southern Maine.*



[In this episode](#), guest interviewer and JCA Welcoming Receptionist Sara Richardson interviews our incredible Mah Jongg instructor, Judi Slotsky, about the basics of Mah Jongg and their excitement around playing it together again one day soon!  
[Listen on Apple Podcasts](#)

For Yoga Classes, Torah Study Group, Israeli Folk Dancing sessions, and more, visit [www.mainejewish.org](http://www.mainejewish.org)

## NATIONAL JCC ADULT & SENIOR ALLIANCE PROGRAMS

**Coordinated by the Osher Marin JCC in partnership with JCCs around the country**  
**For program details and ticketing information, click the 'Register' link below each listing.**

*Please select "ME - JCA of Southern Maine - Portland" when asked through which program partner you learned about this event. A portion of the proceeds benefit the JCA.*

**EXPLORING OPERA: THE DIVAS**  
**Four Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM**



The word "Diva" strikes excitement in some, fear in others. Regardless, an opera diva usually has an exceptional voice. Some are legendary; others almost forgotten. Join James Sokol to learn about their backgrounds and experience their brilliance through performance videos. Hear the variations among the female vocal ranges – soprano, mezzo, contralto – and bask in the glorious, gorgeous voices and repertoire.

**BEWITCHING BROADWAY****Mondays, February 8, 15 & 22 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Let JCC Trip Leader James Sokol Zoom you to New York City to meet and "tour" with our terrific local guide, a Broadway history expert who shares interesting stories, rarely seen photographs and videos to see Broadway's past and present merge before your eyes. You may know the many of the shows, now come learn the fascinating history of Times Square, its theaters, and beyond. Sessions include:

**Feb. 8 - Act II: The Shuberts & Beyond****Feb. 15 - Act III: "Hamilton": The Real NYC Sites****Feb. 22 - Act IV: Hippies, Discos & Dogs, Oh My!**

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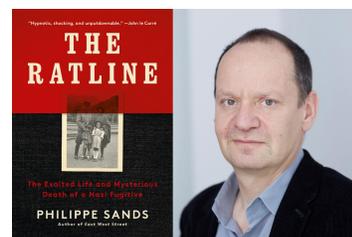
**BOOK FESTIVAL IN YOUR LIVING ROOM**

Presented in partnership with the JCC Literary Consortium and the Atlanta JCC

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**PHILIPPE SANDS - *The Ratline: The Exalted Life and Mysterious Death of a Nazi Fugitive***  
**Sunday, February 7th | 2 PM ET**

From the author of the internationally acclaimed, award-winning *East West Street: A tale of Nazi lives, mass murder, love, cold war espionage, a mysterious death in the Vatican--and "the Ratline," the Nazi escape route to Peron's Argentina.*



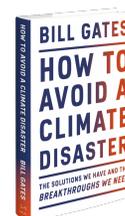
Tickets: \$6 – virtual ticket, or \$36 – one virtual ticket and one copy of the book

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**BILL GATES - *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need***

In conversation with Kristen Welker, Co-Anchor, "Weekend Today" and NBC News Chief White House Correspondent  
**Weds. February 24th | 8 PM ET**

In this urgent, authoritative book, Bill Gates sets out a wide-ranging, practical--and accessible--plan for how the world can get to zero greenhouse gas emissions in time to avoid a climate catastrophe.



**Tickets:** \$36 for a virtual ticket and hardcover copy of the book (shipping included)

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**ADULT EDUCATION**

**The State of the Ark - A visual exploration and analysis of Exodus 25:10-22 - With Robert Diamante**

A free online Lunch & Learn program from the JCA and USM  
Co-sponsored by Congregation Bet Ha'am, Temple Beth El, Shaarey Tphiloh and the Maine Jewish Museum  
**Weds. February 10th | 12 noon**



Presented by writer and photographer Robert Diamante, graduate of the Bangor Theological Seminary. **Advanced registration required by Tuesday, Feb. 9**

[Register](#)

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**MAINE JEWISH MUSEUM REOPENING**

**'Mixing It Up' Exhibit**  
**February 4th | 12-4 PM**

Exhibition runs - February 4 - March 19, 2021  
267 Congress St., Portland

Maine Jewish Museum is opening after months of renovation due to a fire this past Spring. We are also celebrating the 100th anniversary of the creation of Etz Chaim Synagogue which houses the museum. Join us for our first exhibitions in the newly renovated museum and synagogue. We will continue to practice social distancing with only 5 patrons allowed in at a time. Please remember to remain 6 feet apart.



[Learn More](#)

**STATEWIDE HAVDALAH, TOGETHER**

*Zoom event organized by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life*  
**Saturday, Feb. 13th | 6:00 PM**

This month our statewide Havdalah will be led by Rabbi Rachel Isaacs from Beth Israel, Waterville and Rabbi Lily Solochek from Adas Yoshuron, Rockland. Join Jews from across the state as we say goodbye to Shabbat and welcome a new week.



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## AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

**BECOMING A SOULFUL PARENT – Even in Challenging Times, with author and educator Dasee Berkowitz**

*Presented by the Boulder JCC*  
**Sunday, Feb. 7th | 2:00 PM Eastern**

There have been more challenges than normal over the last year. Becoming a Soulful Parent will help you ground your floating anxieties about the state of the world outside while giving you the tools to reflect on the state of your world. \$10 per household.



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## **THIS IS WHAT JEWISH LOOKS LIKE**

A free online series presented by the Temple Emanuel Streicker Center in honor of Black History Month  
**Mondays, Feb. 8, 15, 22 | 6:00 PM EST**



It's long been a point of pride that Jews are a multicultural people with roots in every corner of the planet; that we are of all hues; that our grandparents spoke Yiddish and Hindi, German and Malayalam, Hebrew and Amharic.

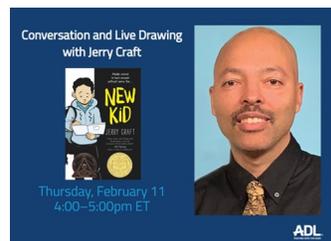
Their descendants, in turn, migrated to the United States, where an estimated 12-15 percent of the Jewish community are Jews of color, including many of African descent. Four prominent Black Jews will talk about life as a minority within a minority and discuss what the Jewish community needs to do to turn the word inclusion into a reality.

**Monday, Feb. 8th | 6:00 PM – Avishai Mekonen**, photographer and filmmaker  
**Monday, Feb. 15th | 6:00 PM – Rabbi Isaama Goldstein-Stoll**, Senior Jewish educator, Yale  
**Monday, Feb. 22nd | 6:00 PM – Michael Twitty**, culinary historian and anthropologist

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## **CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WORD AT A TIME: Conversation and Live Drawing Demonstration with Jerry Craft**

*Presented by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL)*  
**Thursday, Feb. 11th | 4:00 PM**



Jerry Craft, New York Times bestselling author and Newbery Medal winning author/illustrator, will discuss his journey to becoming a published author and illustrator and the creative process behind his books, *New Kid* and *Class Act*. Includes a live drawing demonstration.

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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES**

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.



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