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July 7, 2021 - 27 Tamuz 5781

Welcome back!

This week marks a milestone for the JCA as staff who have been working from home return to the building, and we officially open our facility to the public once again!

Because we are operating programs that serve young children who cannot yet be vaccinated, we ask that you consider wearing a mask when visiting our building.
Over the next few months, we will continue to offer both in-person and virtual activities to meet your needs, and keep you engaged and connected. Please follow us on social media and visit us at www.mainejewish.org to stay up to date.

Speaking of staying up to date, Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services Manager Adam Seigal has just released the first edition of a new KJFS Quarterly Newsletter, with the latest info on volunteering, food and diaper distribution events, and the many ways KJFS is impacting the community.

We hope you are enjoying a safe and fun summer, and we can't wait to see you at the J!

JCA PROGRAMS

PRESERVING DILLY BEANS WITH SHERI
Live in person at the JCA – 1342 Congress St., Portland
Tuesday, July 13th at 1:00 PM EST

Making dilly beans with an abundance of string beans this time of year is a fun and delicious way to take advantage of fresh beans either grown yourself, given to you by friends or purchased at the farmer's market or the supermarket. It is healthy, fun to make and tastes great. Led by KJFS volunteer and master gardener Sheri Fistal. Finances should not be a barrier to participation. For more information, contact Adam at aseigal@mainejewish.org.

Advanced registration required by Monday 7/12 at noon to attend in person. Event will also be livestreamed to Facebook pending minimum enrollment – tune in at https://www.facebook.com/KJFSMaine

Register

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

*Local programs highlighted in light blue

YIDSTOCK 2021 - The Festival of New Yiddish Music
Presented by the Yiddish Book Center
Sunday, July 11th | 4 PM ET

A virtual 75-minute, pre-recorded program featuring some of Klezmer's biggest names! Exclusive lineup features a diverse roster of artists from Berlin, the Netherlands, the UK, and US, performing a broad and eclectic repertoire of social justice songs, including labor anthems, protest songs, humanitarian odes, songs of struggle, and songs based in Yiddish poetry and Jewish scripture:

Sarah Gordon and Michael Winograd • Niki Jacobs • Daniel Kahn • Sveta Kundish and Patrick Farrell • Frank London • Sarah Myerson and Ilya Shneyveys • Cilla Owens • Eleanor Reissa • Polina and Merlin Shepherd • Lorin Sklamberg • Tatiana Wechsler • Eleonore Weill and Zoë Aqua - **Tickets: $18-36**

Register

JUST JUDAISM: UNDERSTANDING THE CENTRALITY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - A virtual event with Rabbi Rick Jacobs
Presented by Valley Beit Midrash, Phoenix
Monday, July 12th | 4:00 PM EDT

Through classic Jewish sources and contemporary issues we will delve into the essential practice of social justice in Jewish life.

Rabbi Rick Jacobs is president of the Union for Reform Judaism, the most powerful force in North American Jewish life. The URJ leads the largest and most diverse Jewish movement in North America, reaching more than 1.5 million people through nearly 850 congregations, 15 overnight camps, the Reform teen youth Movement NFTY, and the Religious Action Center in Washington DC. **Tickets: $18**

Register

VIRTUAL SUMMER SYMPOSIUM: Hope, Love & Compassion: Torah of Possibility for an Uncertain Future
Presented by the Shalom Hartman Institute
Continuing through Thursday, July 15

Our largest public learning program of the year and is open to all who wish to attend, free of charge. Register now for more than 30 sessions including featured lectures, electives, and evening conversations.

Join top Hartman scholars to explore a Torah of Possibility and what the Jewish future could look like: What could an Israel-Diaspora relationship look like? What could a new understanding of antisemitism look like? What could Zionism look like? Join us to explore these questions, and more! With Tal Becker, Rachel Fish, Micah Goodman, Elana Stein Hain, Rachel Korazim, and Donniel Hartman.

Register

KIDS' SUMMER FUNTENSIVE
With the Center for Small Town Jewish Life at Temple Beth El, Augusta
July 19 - 23, 2021

We are thrilled to welcome our friends back for a week of games, learning, art, songs, and more—in person! We will be strictly adhering to national, state, and Colby College COVID-19 guidelines, and will be meeting outside only, requiring masks, and maintaining safe distance. A full list of our guidelines will be available in June.

We will update this program with hours soon. For more info, please contact Rabbi Erica Asch (rabbiasch@gmail.com) or Mel Weiss (maweiss@colby.edu).

Register

YOGA & 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

ONLINE YOGA CLASSES
With JCA instructor Ashley Flowers

- **Monday - 5:30 PM Evening Yoga**
- **Tuesday - 11:30 AM Midday Yoga**
- **Wednesday - 9:00 AM Rise & Flow Yoga**
- **Thursday - 10:15 AM Midday Yoga**
- **Friday - 9:00 AM Rise & Flow Yoga**

Classes are $5/session. Plus enjoy several free yoga/meditation videos here!

Register

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