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JCA NEWS & UPDATES

THE JCA BY THE NUMBERS: Sept. 2020 – August 2021

700,000+ diapers distributed through [Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services](#), \$117,000 allocated to local and overseas organizations, 5,256 [PJ Library](#) books sent to kids free of charge, 486 pairs of [winter boots](#) delivered to kids at six area schools, and so much more! Proud to share our "JCA BY THE NUMBERS" infographic for September 2020 – August 2021!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE JCA

The JCA and Goldman Family Preschool are currently hiring for several full time and part time positions. For more information about these exciting opportunities to join our team and how to apply, [CLICK HERE](#).

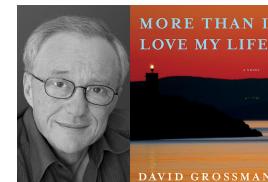


JCA PROGRAMS

*Local programs highlighted in light blue

DAVID GROSSMAN DISCUSSES *More Than I Love My Life*: A Novel

A virtual author talk presented by the JCA as a member of the JBC Network, and hosted by the Jewish Book Council
Weds. October 20th | 12:30 PM EST



Join internationally best-selling author David Grossman in a conversation about love, trauma, and healing. *More Than I Love My Life* is the story of three generations of women on an unlikely journey to a Croatian island and a secret that needs to be told. The novel was inspired by the true story of one of Grossman's longtime confidantes who, in the early 1950s, was held on the notorious Goli Otok (the "Adriatic Alcatraz"). Moderated by the Jewish Book Council's own Marilyn Hassid.

The book is available to [order locally from our friends at Longfellow Books](#).

[Register](#)

JFEST EVENTS: Fall 2021

Brought to you by the JCC Association on the Virtual J platform
The JCA of Southern Maine is a member of the JCC Association

JFest is powered by funds granted by The Covenant Foundation with additional support from The Pertzik Fund for Arts and Culture. Events will be livestreamed through the links below. Sign up for access by registering on the Virtual J platform you're your name and email. Registration is free!



SUSTAIN: A ROOT TO STEM JEWISH COOKING EXPERIENCE

Live with Chef Michael Solomonov

A JFest event presented by the JCCA on the Virtual J platform

Thursday, October 21st | 8:00 PM ET

Join Israeli chef and restauranteur Michael Solomonov for a live “root to stem” cooking show honoring Jewish cuisine, seasonal ingredients, and sustainability. Recipes will be provided in advance so you can cook along at home.



[Register](#)

SPARKING THE JEWISH STORY: THE OBJECTS THAT DEFINE US

A JFest event presented by the JCCA on the Virtual J platform

Sunday, October 24th | 8:30 PM ET

In partnership with the Jewish Book Council and Reboot, this JFest event brings Laura Arnold Leibman, author of the National Jewish Book Award-winning “The Art of the Jewish Family,” into conversation with Reboot’s “What Would You Bring” initiative, for a broad exploration of Jewish storytelling, resilience, and the power of collective memory. With moderator Kendell Pinkney, a Jewish educator, theatre-maker, rabbinical student, and creator of a Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) arts and culture fellowship for professional JOCISM (Jews of Color, Indigenous Jews, Sephardi, and Mizrahi) artists.



[Register](#)

SONG CIRCLE, OUTSIDE with Cantor Sheila Nesis

Sunday, Nov. 7th | 2:00 – 3:00 PM

**JCA green space – 1342 Congress St., Portland - the lawn
at the back of our property, behind our parking lot**



Join us for this *kumzitz* (literally from Yiddish, "come", "sit", and sing!), an opportunity to sing in community, and learn new songs or *niggunim* (traditional folk melodies). Bring your own blanket or chair, as we gather at the green space outdoors, weather permitting. No singing or musical experience required; just bring your smile and desire to experience community through song!

This free event is intended for adults / people ages 12+. Participants must be masked and maintain social distancing. There will not be access to the JCA facility or restrooms.

RSVP by Friday Nov. 5th at 12 pm to Cantor Nesis. Registered participants will be notified via email if the event is cancelled due to the weather.

[RSVP to Cantor Nesis](#)

JCA ADULT EDUCATION

TORAH CONVERSATIONS: An online weekly study group facilitated by Ellie Miller

Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Starting October 14th

We continue our journey through the the Torah, beginning with the book of Exodus, engaged in a careful reading of every word of the text. We focus on language and structure along with the stories and values the text imparts.



This is a weekly Zoom gathering, informed by various translations of the Hebrew text and a variety of commentaries, ancient and modern. All are welcome to participate on a drop-in basis – no prior experience is necessary. A text of the Hebrew Bible is required - all translations are appropriate. The sessions will last one hour, with an opportunity to continue the discussion for an additional 15 minutes until 11:15 AM.

To join the study group email list and receive the Zoom link, weekly readings and schedule updates, contact our volunteer Diane Newman.

[Sign up to join the group](#)

DUALITIES: Female Power and Powerlessness in the Bible and Talmud

*An 8-session online adult education course with Ellie Miller
Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM*



In this 8-week course we'll explore female depictions in the Bible and how the text evolves in Talmudic and later literature, including in the writings of contemporary female scholars.

We'll begin with Eve and Lilith, examine the arc of the text in Judges and Samuel, consider God and the Shechinah, and some of the depictions of and rules concerning women in the Talmud.

A Hebrew Bible is required - all translations are appropriate. Additional class readings will be provided via email to registered students.

Advanced registration required by Friday, Oct. 29 to receive the Zoom link for the class.
Suggested tuition: \$120. Finances should not be a barrier to participation.

[Register](#)

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

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STUDIO ISRAEL FEATURING RAIDA ADON

A free virtual event from the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University

Thursday, October 14th | 12 PM ET



Join us for a conversation with Israeli-born Palestinian multi-media artist, director, and actor Raida Adon. In her work, Adon employs fictional narratives imbued with a sense of alienation to address a personal and collective search for identity and longing for home.

[Register](#)

THE GOOD FIGHT: A Forum on Confronting Antisemitism Today and Tomorrow

A free 3-part online webinar series presented by ADL New England

Thursdays, October 14, 21, 28 | 12:00 – 12:30 PM EST

October 14

Understanding Antisemitism, Anti-Zionism, Anti-Israel: 5 Tips and Strategies

October 21

Interrupting Antisemitism and Hate: 5 Strategies to Use in Everyday Conversations

October 28

Holding People in Power Accountable: 5 Things To Do When Elected Officials Cross Lines

[Register](#)

SHAMING, DISAGREEMENT & PURPOSEFUL DIFFERENCE

A virtual discussion with Prof. Christine Hayes

Presented by the Shalom Hartman Institute's Sources Journal

Sunday, Oct. 17th | 1:00 PM ET



As our civil discourse frays, is it possible to elevate ideas while honoring the individual and the community? Join Yale University professor and Hartman senior fellow Christine Hayes and *Sources* editor Benjamin Balint for a thoughtful discussion of Talmudic disputes that model civil, respectful debate based on her Fall 2021 *Sources* essay, Shaming, Disagreement, and Purposeful Difference.

[Register](#)

FALL SHABBATON with Elana Arian

With the Center for Small Town Jewish Life

Friday, October 29 - Saturday, October 30, 2021

Join us for a new version of the much-anticipated Fall Shabbaton with some in-person and some virtual programming:



Friday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 pm - live-streamed musical Kabbalat Shabbat service with Elana Arian and Rabbi Rachel Isaacs. This will be available to the entire community. Register to get the link.

Saturday, Oct. 30 - join us in person at Temple Beth El in Augusta, outdoors under a tent, for a Shabbat afternoon of music, learning, and delicious food.

- 1:30 pm: Live Concert with Elana Arian
- 3 pm: Torah Study
- 4:30 pm: Falafel for all!

We are beyond excited to welcome you online and in person for this enriching, inspiring weekend. For more details, and to register, check out the Shabbaton [website](#).

[Register](#)

2021 VIRTUAL MAINE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Streaming online November 6th - 14th

We hope you'll join us for 17 feature and documentary films and related programs, all available to view from the comfort (and safety) of your home. For a preview of the films, visit www.mjff.org



Tickets and films will be available from Eventive. If you are new to Eventive or need a refresher course, [click here](#) for more information on how Eventive works. You'll have the option to buy an all festival pass, a package of six tickets, or individual tickets. All tickets are per household.

All films will be available during the entire festival. Conversations with filmmakers will be held at specific times and will also be recorded for later viewing. **Tickets will go on sale October 14 at 12 PM.** Thank you for being part of the MJFF community - we look forward to seeing you virtually for movies, culture and connection.

[Tickets and more info](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Job Opportunity at Congregation Bet Ha'am, South Portland

We are looking for a master multi-tasker with excellent communication skills and an upbeat attitude. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.bethaam.org/join-us/careers/>



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!](#)

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