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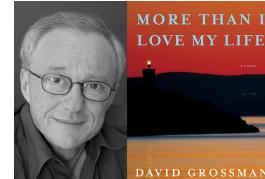
October 20, 2021 - 14 Cheshvan 5782

## 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](#)

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### **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 with your name and email. Registration is free!*



### **SUSTAIN: A ROOT TO STEM JEWISH COOKING EXPERIENCE**

Live with Chef Michael Solomonov

**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**

**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: A weekly online study group facilitated by Ellie Miller**

**Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM**



We continue our journey through 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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### **AN EVENING OF POETRY: With Afaa Michael Weaver, Eleanor Wilner, and Erika Meitner**

*Presented by the Jewish Book Council with Poetry@TECH and the Breman Museum*



**Thursday, October 21st | 7:00 PM ET**

The reading is FREE and open to the public, and will take place virtually via BlueJeans. For more information, contact Travis Denton via email at travis.denton@lmc.gatech.edu

[Register for FREE tickets](#)

### **BOLD CONVERSATIONS: DR. DEBORAH LIPSTADT**

*A series of free virtual community events presented by CJP Boston and co-sponsored by ADL New England*



**Monday, October 25th | 7:00 PM ET**

Dr. Lipstadt will discuss confronting antisemitism in our community and beyond with Rabbi Marc Baker, CJP's President and CEO. A link to join will be provided prior to the event. This event will not be recorded, so make sure you join the virtual conversation live.

[Register](#)

### **REPORTING FROM THE ARAB STREET WITH OHAD HEMO**

*A virtual event presented by the Temple Emanuel Streicker Center*  
**Tuesday, October 26th | 6:30 PM ET | Free**



He's been beaten up by Turks inflamed when they heard him speaking Hebrew and by Israeli settlers accusing him of treason. For 15 years, as a reporter for all three of Israel's main channels, Hemo has taken the pulse of the Palestinian street and been the eyes and ears of ordinary Israelis hungry to understand the nuances of Palestinian society and politics.

Now, at a moment of enormous change in the Middle East and the rise of an Arab party in Israel's ruling coalition, he is coming to The Temple Emanuel Streicker Center to take you on a journey into the complexities of Gaza and the West Bank, into the thinking of Fatah

and Hamas leaders, the realities of the Abraham Accords and the audacity of young Palestinians on the West Bank and inside Israel itself breaking the barriers of fear.

[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](#)

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## **2021 VIRTUAL MAINE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL**

**Streaming online November 6th - 14th**

Join MJFF 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](http://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 are on sale now.**

[Tickets and more info](#)

## **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.



**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](#)
**JCA NEWS & UPDATES****EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE JCA**

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

**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!



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