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September 15, 2021 - 10 Tishrei 5782

This week we celebrate Yom Kippur, an opportunity for deep reflection, recommitment, and renewal. In our tradition, we engage in this work individually and communally. We grow in strength and deepen connections through shared experiences, and for many of us, the prospect of not being able to gather to worship again this year is extremely painful.

And as we reflect on a year that feels full of unprecedented dangers and concerns, it can be difficult to feel hopeful about the future. But Yom Kippur is a reminder of the possibility of transformation that exists around us all the time. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks said, “the single most important lesson of Yom Kippur is that it’s never too late to change, start again, and live differently from the way we’ve done in the past...Yom Kippur makes us think about how to use the coming year in such a way as to bring blessings into the lives of others.” When we make our lives a blessing to those around us, we change their lives, and we can change the world.

Thank you for the blessings you bring to the JCA and to our community! We wish those who observe a meaningful fast, and may this be a year of possibility for all.

G’mar chatimah tova,

Molly Curren Rowles
Executive Director

JCA PROGRAMS

*Local programs highlighted in light blue

YIDDISH CULTURE FESTIVAL

Presented in partnership with the Maine Jewish Film Festival

October 1-3, 2021

Tickets: \$10 per film, or buy a pass for \$18 for both films



Join MJFF and the JCA for our second annual Yiddish Culture Festival. Featuring online film streaming of *The Last Klezmer* and *Black Honey: The Life and Poetry of Avraham Sutzkever* and a special musical performance:

- **Film streaming:** Friday, Oct. 1 at noon through Sunday, Oct. 3 at midnight.
- **Virtual klezmer concert** live via zoom with Rabbi Sruli Dresdner and Lisa Mayer: Saturday, October 2 at 7:30 PM
- **Discussion with the filmmaker** of *The Last Klezmer*: Sunday, Oct. 3 at 7:00 PM

[Register & Learn More](#)

JCA ANNUAL MEETING

Online via Zoom

Thursday, October 7th | 5:30 PM EST

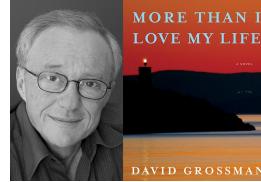
Please join us for the JCA Annual Meeting, where we'll honor new and retiring Board members, celebrate our community award winners, review the past year, and share our vision for the year ahead!



Zoom link will be posted [here](#) and in this email soon. Stay tuned!

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"). David Grossman is one of Israel's most acclaimed authors, and two-time winner of the National Jewish Book Award as well as the Booker Prize and Sapir Prize. Moderated by the Jewish Book Council's own Marilyn Hassid.

[Register](#)

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

*Local programs highlighted in light blue

MAINE JEWISH MUSEUM HALL OF FAME 2020 INDUCTION CEREMONY

267 Congress Street, Portland
Sunday, Sept. 19th | 3:00 PM



The Maine Jewish Museum Hall of Fame 2020 Induction Ceremony *Presented by Dorothy Suzi Osher in Memory of Alfred Osher* will finally occur on September 19, 2021, at 3:00 pm in a garden reception and ceremony at the Museum, just a year after originally scheduled.

The Induction Ceremony program will feature: Master of Ceremonies and Host - Irwin Gratz & Keynote Speaker - Rabbi Rachel Isaacs

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HONEY'S GARDEN HARVEST LUNCH IN THE SUKKAH

Temple Beth El, 400 Deering Ave. Portland
Sunday, Sept. 26th | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Celebrate the fall harvest festival of Sukkot with a vegetarian potluck lunch at Temple Beth El and Levey Day School! Friends and neighbors of all ages are encouraged to join us for this outdoor gathering featuring foods harvested from Honey's Garden, and any vegetarian dish you care to bring. Volunteers will be serving food to limit the number of people accessing the buffet, but if you prefer to bring a bag lunch that is also fine! We hope to see you there.

JFNA GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Virtual

*Presented by the Jewish Federations of North America**
Sunday, October 3rd | 2 pm EST



The last year has seen dramatic events with far-reaching consequences for the Jewish community, from the pandemic to thousands of rockets falling across Israel. And we have shown, once again, that when we work together we can tackle anything.

We know the coming year will bring new challenges, from the recent and drastic rise in physical and verbal acts of antisemitism to strengthening the connections, engagement and resilience of young Jews who are confronted daily with jarring attacks on social media and at school.

Assembling together, even virtually, is a powerful way to inspire, recognize, and support one another as we prepare for the year ahead.

**The JCA is a member of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and is your Jewish Federation for Southern Maine.*

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SAVE THE DATE! - Fall Shabbaton with Elana Arian

Presented by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life

Friday, October 29 - Saturday, October 30, 2021



The Center for Small Town Jewish Life is delighted to invite you to the 2021 Fall Shabbaton featuring the music of Elana Arian.

We hope to hold some programs for students at Colby, and other programs for the community at Temple Beth El in Augusta. We are monitoring the situation and being mindful of health protocols, and will make our final programming decisions based on safety considerations.

The current plan is to hold a Shabbat dinner and musical service with Elana Arian at Colby in person for students only, and for the entire Maine Jewish community via live stream. On Saturday afternoon, Elana Arian will offer a community concert in person at Temple Beth El in Augusta.

[More Details & Updates](#)

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.

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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**



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JCA NEWS & UPDATES

PROPOSED SLATE OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2021-2022

In advance of our [Annual Meeting on October 7th](#), the JCA is pleased to announce the proposed slate of Board Members for 2021-2022! Join us on Thursday, October 7th at 5:30 PM, where we'll honor new and retiring Board members, celebrate our community award winners, review the past year, and share our vision for the year ahead.



KJFS NEWSLETTER VOLUME 2 - SEPTEMBER 2021

Please enjoy the Second Volume of the "KJFS News" Quarterly Newsletter, including info on the Essentials Pantry Transition, upcoming National Diaper Need Awareness Week, and plans for this year's Joe Bornstein Winter Warmth Drive. [Click here for the PDF version](#). To be added to the "KJFS News" mailing list please email Adam at aseigal(at)mainejewish.org.



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