

March 2019; Adar II 5779

Dear Friends of the Center for Small Town Jewish Life,

March and Adar II are finally upon us! In the Jewish month of Adar, we are instructed to increase our joy—remembering the story of Esther on Purim and her courageous role in saving the Jewish people. With longer days, Purim right around the corner, and a full calendar of CSTJL programming, it is hard not to feel a sense of celebration and anticipation for what is to come. Speaking of warmer days, the Maine Conference for Jewish Life takes place the first weekend of summer in late June, and it is time to register!

Happy Purim! The Center Staff

## The Maine Conference for Jewish Life

Registration is live!



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AT THOMAS COLLEGE AND IN DOWNTOWN WATERVILLE



Friday, June 21- Sunday, June 23
Thomas College and downtown Waterville

# Early-bird registration for the 2019 Maine Conference for Jewish Life! Don't miss out!

There are just a few days left to nab your early-bird registration prices for this summer's Maine Conference for Jewish Life! Prices increase substantially after March 31. See the schedule and register now at <a href="mailto:colby.edu/jewishlife/conference">colby.edu/jewishlife/conference</a>.

Questions? Contact Mel Weiss at maweiss@colby.edu.

Register Here!

## **Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendars!



#### Family Table—Shabbat, Faith, and Song **Beit Midrash and Shabbat Dinner with Colby Hillel**

Friday, March 15, 6-8 p.m. Colby Hillel Room, Pugh Center, Colby College

For the second Beit Midrash gathering we will broaden our scope of study to ask what role emunah, or the Jewish concept of faith, plays in the Jewish family. Join us for Shabbat dinner and communal text study in the Colby Hillel room on the second floor of the Pugh Center, located in the center of campus in the Cotter Union building. All are welcome!



## Intergenerational Discussion: Emunah or Faith and Jewish Peoplehood

Wednesday, April 10, 6-7:30 p.m.

Mary Low Coffeehouse, Colby College

In our last Beit Midrash of the semester, we will come together to explore the role emunah, or faith, plays in how we think about Jewish peoplehood. We will look at a variety of texts to understand this complex topic. Everyone, regardless of affiliation or background, is warmly invited. Find us in the Mary Low Coffeehouse-located on the Colby College campus in Waterville. See you there!

#### Save the Date! **Community Conversations**

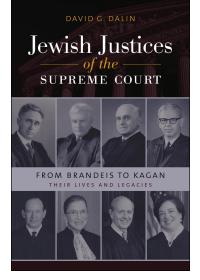
Thursday, May 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Chace Community Forum, Bill & Joan Alfond Main Street Commons, Waterville

In the third and final event in our Community Conversations series we will delve into the question: "Who Calls Waterville Home?" We look forward to hearing from featured speakers David Greene, president of Colby College and Rabbi Rachel Isaacs, Beth Israel Congregation, Waterville. Join us for appetizers, dessert, and spirited, facilitated discussion of this deeply relevant and personal topic.

## From the Community

Jews, Justices, and American Politics: A Series of Talks by David G. Dalin



# Louis D. Brandeis, His Jewish Identity, and American Zionism

Wednesday, April 3, 5:30 p.m. — Colby College, Grossman 210

# Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court from Brandeis to Kagan

Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m. — Portland: Jewish Community Alliance, 1342 Congress Street
Saturday, April 6, at lunch following services — Bangor:
Congregation Beth Israel, 144 York Street

#### U.S. Presidents and the Jews

Friday, April 5, 7:30 pm — Bangor: Congregation Beth El, 183 French Street

David G. Dalin is the author of *Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court from Brandeis to Kagan: Their Lives and Legacies*, among other histories of American Jewish life. Cosponsored by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life, the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, and the Jewish Community Endowment Associates of Bangor.

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