

CENTER FOR SMALL TOWN JEWISH LIFE



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!



THE MAINE CONFERENCE FOR JEWISH LIFE

A CELEBRATION
OF JEWISH LIFE
IN MAINE

JUNE 21-23, 2019

AT THOMAS COLLEGE AND IN DOWNTOWN WATERVILLE



To register go to
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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 colby.edu/jewishlife/conference.

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

Register Here!

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!



BEIT MIDRASH

Family, Faith, and Food: Shabbat,
song, and the role of faith in family.

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!



BEIT MIDRASH

Emunah or Faith and how we think
about Jewish Peoplehood

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. Co-sponsored 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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