

Katie has invaluable experience that can be of help in numerous strategic planning, pr and marketing and fundraising activities. She is a great addition to the board. My vote is yes with enthusiasm.
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On Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 4:16 PM Steven Brinn <stybrinn@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Board Members, I've attached a short bio for Katie Getchell . Please read and email me back whether you approve her election to the Board. (You can only copy me if your prefer.) She would fill the remainder of Barry Hoffman's term if elected, which expires at the end of December 2023.

Also attached below is PR on an interesting virtual program on May 20th that Nancy Osher Blumberg sent me regarding the History of Jews in Biddeford which she thought you may want to attend and register for.

Thanks for returning your vote in advance.
Steve

Katie Glaser Getchell is an independent consultant, bringing her experience of playing a leadership role in one of the worlds largest museums for over 20 years to help arts, culture and non-profit organizations prepare for success in tomorrows world. Katie proudly and energetically served as Deputy Director at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston for two decades, with responsibility for a wide and regularly expanding range of functions, and is known for leading change and seeking out new business and partnership models for a civic organization to thrive in todays world. Throughout decades of transformation under two Directors, she championed a consistent mission to change the way people see the world through works of art and the stories they tell. A passionate advocate, Katie worked tirelessly to promote a sense of community partnership indeed ownership which is critical for any museum or civic organization as it looks to the future.

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The Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Center presents

"The History of Jewish Life in Biddeford-Saco"

A Virtual Community Presentation in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month

Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 pm



BCHC board member, local historian, and fourth-generation member of one of Biddefords oldest Jewish families, Jennie E. Aranovitch will speak on Jewish emigration to Biddeford, including the history of Biddefords synagogue, Congregation Etz Chaim and the cultural aspects of Jewish life in Biddeford-Saco.

Her presentation will include topics, such as: adherence to kosher dietary laws, the evolving role of women, the establishment of local chapters of national Jewish organizations, contributions of local Jewish war veterans and the important role played by Jewish business owners in the area, particularly in Biddefords downtown.

Aranovitch is the curator of the 2006 Saco Museum exhibit "A Century of Jewish Life in Biddeford-Saco," which was held in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Congregation Etz Chaim. She also

authored a chapter, "A History of Congregation Etz Chaim: Biddeford, Maine" in the book Houses of Worship: Saco, Maine (2011).

She is an alumna of Thornton Academy and graduated summa cum laude from Colby College with a major in English. She is currently employed by the University of New England as a writer and editor in the Office of Communications. She is a member of Congregation Etz Chaim and the mother of two teenagers who are attending Biddeford schools.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to share my knowledge of local Jewish history with the community at large," said Aranovitch, "and proud to be part of the Biddeford Cultural and Heritage Centers effort to preserve the history and commemorate the contributions of all ethnic groups who have contributed to the Biddeford areas history."



To request the Zoom link, please contact Cantor Beth Strassler
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Photo at Right: The first Bas Mitzvah (female coming-of-age) ceremony held at Biddefords Congregation Etz Chaim, June 10, 1956. L-R: Ellen Haas, Leah Aranovitch, Lynn Carp, Linda Spill, Sharon Sneider

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