



August 5, 2020 - 15 Av 5780

Today is Tu B'Av, the Jewish holiday celebrating love. During these challenging times, we are savoring the opportunity to honor the power of love in our lives, both personally and collectively.

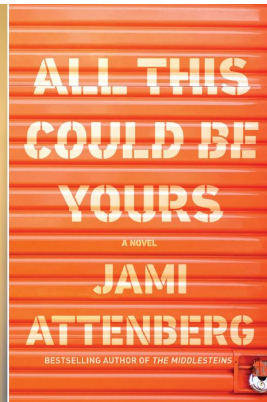
As we enter August, and local schools begin to shore up plans for fall instruction, our Preschool summer program is in full swing. We are gearing up for the start of the [Goldman Family Preschool](#) in September, exploring ways that the J can be a resource for school-aged children, developing a robust series of remote programming, and connecting with the synagogues as they make plans for safe high holy day celebrations. We are also planning the [J's Annual Meeting](#), which will take place via Zoom on September 10th at 5:30pm. We hope you will join us as we honor community awardees, review the activities of the past year, and share visions for the year to come!

Those who have been a part of the community for a long time will remember the wonderful JCC yearbooks, which for decades marked the beginning of each Jewish year. Two years ago, we revived the [yearbook](#) as a perennial resource for all. While distribution has largely been through the synagogues and other communal spaces, this year we'll be sending copies to all J members and donors. If you are an advertiser who would like to be featured this year, [please let us know](#) - and look out for the yearbook in your mailbox close to Rosh Hashanah!

Chag sameach (Happy holiday),

Molly Curren Rowles
Executive Director

JCA PROGRAMS



JCA Online Book Group discusses *All This Could Be Yours* by Jami Attenberg

Facilitated by Fionna Nilsson

Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 PM

Book group participation is free. Advanced registration required by Weds. 8/12 at <https://mainejewish.z2systems.com/eventReg.jsp?event=73452&>

to receive the Zoom session link.

The book is available at local and online booksellers and in hardcopy and electronic download formats.

JCA Annual Meeting 2020 **Thursday, September 10th at 5:30PM**

Please join the J for our Annual Meeting, where we'll celebrate community award



winners, review the past year, and discuss exciting new initiatives!

This year we'll meet online via Zoom. The meeting is open to all, but registration is required. Once you register, you will be emailed a link to attend. We hope to see you on September 10th!

<https://mainejewish.z2systems.com/np/client/mainejewish/eventRegistration.jsp?event=73454>



JCA Outdoor Oula Fitness Classes with Karli Efron

Wednesdays Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26

7:00 PM - weather permitting

(No class July 29)

JCA Parking Lot (1342 Congress Street, behind the building) - \$5/person

A high-energy, easy to learn, crazy-fun dance workout to top 40 hits!

Advanced registration is required.
Limited to 10 participants.

All participants must complete **this health screening** on the day of the class.

Participants will maintain 6' social distancing, must wear a face mask and bring a water bottle. There will be no access to the JCA facility or restrooms.



Outdoor Yoga in Payson Park

With JCA Yoga instructor Ashley Flowers

3-week session

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

\$22.50 for 3 weeks, starting Aug 12th
Pre-registration and masks are required.

Register at:

<https://www.ashleyflowersyoga.com/schedule/outdoor-yoga/>

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Cooking for Teens! With the Jewish Youth Connection

Presented by the

Center for Small Town Jewish Life

Wednesday, August 12th, 7:00-8:30 PM

Join the Jewish Youth Connection on Zoom for an evening of cooking. We'll create some delicious Jewish dishes together and have a chance to catch up and check in.



We'll send out an ingredients list a week before the session so you can gather everything you need to make some tasty Jewish food!

Register for the Zoom link at:
<https://colbycollegejewishlife.regfox.com/en-summer-program-2>



Jewish Kids' Online Programming
Presented by the
Center for Small Town Jewish Life
August 17-21, Daily - 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Back by popular demand! Join in the fun for a story, a craft, songs, Hebrew games, and more!

Registration is required:
<https://colbycollegejewishlife.regfox.com/intensive-2-2020>

Questions? Email Melanie Weiss,
Director of Summer Programs -
melanieaweiss@gmail.com



Family Shabbat Experience with Cantor Nesis
With the Center for
Small Town Jewish Life
Friday, August 14th, 5:00-5:30 PM

Join Cantor Sheila Nesis to welcome Shabbat together! Grown-ups and children are invited to gather to experience a prayer moment filled with music and joy. In community, we will usher in the beauty of Shabbat and all that it can bring to our lives. Wear something comfortable—spontaneous dancing may occur!

Registration is required:
<https://colbycollegejewishlife.regfox.com/shabbat-experience-with-cantor-nesis>

JewishTogether: #Summer 5780
Presented by the JFNA – Jewish
Federations of North America

In unprecedented times, Jewish organizations everywhere have been



stretching in new ways to reimagine and reinvent #Summer5780. Discover virtual opportunities for kids and college students, families and twenty somethings, offered by all types of Jewish organizations, all curated by JewishTogether.

Find connection, community, learning and laughter: <https://www.jewishtogether.org/summer5780>

WORLDWIDE PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Ambassadors Dennis Ross and Martin Indyk: Is There Any Light Left at the End of the Middle East Tunnel?

*From the Temple Emanu-El
Streicker Center, NYC*

Monday, August 10th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

The United States has struggled to forge peace between Israel and the Palestinians for more than half a century – yet it remains elusive. Two-state solutions, one-state solutions, settlements, annexations, negotiations from Geneva to Camp David have all come to naught. Two of America's most experienced diplomatic specialists in the Middle East will discuss where we've been, where we are and whether there's anywhere left to go to find peace.

Free online program. [Register Here.](#)



Conversation with the Fabulous Rachel Brosnahan: THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL

*From the Temple Emanu-El
Streicker Center, NYC*

Monday, August 17th at 6:30 PM

Join the real Midge, Rachel Brosnahan, for an intimate conversation about the critically acclaimed Amazon series that won Golden Globes and Emmy Awards for her and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. Moderated by SiriusXM's Jessica Shaw.

Free online program. Register at: https://temple-emanu-el-streicker-center-classes.ticketleap.com/the-fabulous-rachel-brosnahan-the-marvelous-mrs-maisel/dates/Aug-17-2020_at_0630PM

CENTER DAY CAMP SUMMER PROGRAMS



Center Day Family Camp

Center Day Camp is inviting campers, camp alumni, and community members to come for private day sessions at the camp with their family or “pod” of up to 10 people. [Reserve your Family Camp session today!](#)



Camp In A Box

Bring camp to your house this summer with a custom package that's packed with fun activities, games, and plenty of Center Day Camp swag for your camper. [Order by August 7th for delivery/pick-up the week of August 10th](#)

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