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Jan 27, 2021 - 14 Shevat 5781

Today we join the international community in marking Holocaust Remembrance Day. We honor the memory of the six million Jews murdered between 1941 and 1945. And we recommit to telling their stories. This work is of critical importance. Studies conducted this year suggest that nationwide, knowledge about the basic facts of the Holocaust is shockingly limited. Together with the Holocaust and Human Rights Center and dedicated educators, the JCA works to ensure that accurate information about the Holocaust continues to be accessible and widely available in classrooms and community centers around the state.

Tonight marks the beginning of Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees! Whether you regularly celebrate or are new to this tradition, we invite you to check out our [holiday hub with materials and ideas](#) for fun activities to share with your family.

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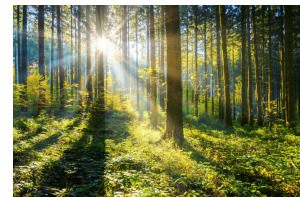
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JCA PROGRAMS

TU B'SHVAT HOLIDAY HUB

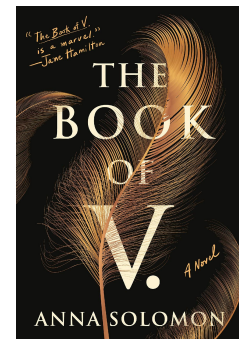
The JCA is proud to introduce our latest Holiday Hub, filled with events, crafts, recipes, music and fun resources about the Jewish New Year of the Trees, to help your Tu B'Shvat celebrations grow and blossom. Visit:

<https://www.mainejewish.org/kids-family/tu-bshvat-holiday-hub/>



The Book of V. – Zoom author talk with novelist Anna Solomon **Thursday, February 18th | 7:00 PM EST**

The Purim story of Esther is often told as the triumph of a Jewish minority over one man's blinding hatred, through the courage and selflessness of one woman. Anna Solomon's *The Book of V.* challenges this simple narrative — asking, what is Vashti's story? And how do we choose to represent women's lives, both in the past and today?



Advanced registration required by Weds. 2/17

Free. Suggested donations of \$10/household gratefully accepted.

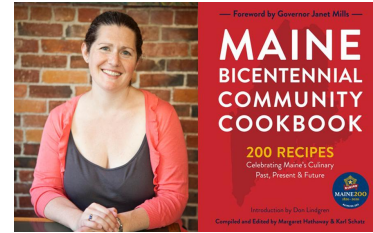
The Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants on Weds. afternoon 2/17. The book will be available to order from our friends at [Longfellow Books](#). The first 15 copies purchased will include a signed bookplate.

Register

COOK-ALONG WITH MARGARET HATHAWAY OF TEN APPLE FARM - Italian-American "Mac & Cheese" And Noodle Kugel

Sunday, February 21st | 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Noodles with cheese are a classic comfort food that can take many forms. In this cook along, we'll make variations from the last century's Jewish and Italian immigrant communities of Maine. Nana Q's "Mac & Cheese" and classic Luchen Kugel from 100 Selected Recipes, plus a slightly embellished version of kugel that our family makes at home.



Free! Register by Tues. Feb. 16 - Registered participants will receive the Zoom link, recipes and ingredient list on Tues. 2/16.

Register

'J Talks' Episode 9: Rabbi Carolyn Braun

A JCA Podcast highlighting the voices of community leaders and amazing people here in Southern Maine.

[In this episode](#), Molly speaks with Rabbi Carolyn Braun of Temple Beth El about her connection with Judaism at an early age, her rabbinical journey as a woman, and the joys she is finding in this "new normal." [Listen on Apple Podcasts](#)



NATIONAL JCC ADULT & SENIOR ALLIANCE PROGRAMS

Coordinated by the Osher Marin JCC in partnership with JCCs around the country

Please select "ME - JCA of Southern Maine - Portland" when asked through which program partner you learned about this event. A portion of the proceeds benefit the JCA.

BEWITCHING BROADWAY

Four Mondays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Let JCC Trip Leader James Sokol Zoom you to New York City to meet and "tour" with our terrific local guide, a Broadway history expert who shares interesting stories, rarely seen photographs and videos to see Broadway's past and present merge before your eyes. You may know the many of the shows, now come learn the fascinating history of Times Square, its theaters, and beyond. Sessions include:



- Feb. 1 - Act I: Broadway's Beginnings**
- Feb. 8 - Act II: The Shuberts & Beyond**
- Feb. 15 - Act III: "Hamilton": The Real NYC Sites**
- Feb. 22 - Act IV: Hippies, Discos & Dogs, Oh My!**

Tickets & Notes:

Full Series Tickets (\$50): Series of four visits (= \$12.50/visit).

Give-Us-A-Try Ticket (\$12.50): Check us out by giving our first "trip" (Feb 1) a try. Single tickets are not available to subsequent trips and cannot be credited toward series purchase.

Acts II, III & IV Ticket (\$37.50) - This specially created ticket is for those who went on the Act I tour during last September's Broadway series and would now like to take the remaining walks.

Register

MUSIC & MORSELS: The Romance of the Violin
Wednesday, February 3rd | 4:00 - 5:00 PM EST

Bring your dessert and coffee and take your front-row seat for a beautiful and interesting, live musical event! Pianist Ian Scarfe brings classical music and insightful discussion, this time featuring Bay Area violinist Philip Brezina. The duo presents works from their new recorded CD "Violin Romances," including works by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, and more! After the program, stay for live Q&A with our guest artists.



- Beethoven, Romance in F Major
- Tchaikovsky, Melodie for Violin and Orchestra
- Sibelius, Romance, Op. 78
- Bolcom, The Graceful Ghost
- Ysaye, Reve d'Enfant

"Early Bird" Ticket: \$12.50; available until 48-hours prior to the performance.

"Regular" Tickets: \$15; available until 15 minutes prior to the performance.

Register

EXPLORING OPERA: THE DIVAS
Four Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM

The word "Diva" strikes excitement in some, fear in others. Regardless, an opera diva usually has an exceptional voice. Some are legendary; others almost forgotten. Join James Sokol to learn about their backgrounds and experience their brilliance through performance videos. Hear the variations among the female vocal ranges – soprano, mezzo, contralto – and bask in the glorious, gorgeous voices and repertoire.



Series Tickets: \$50/four classes (= \$12.50/class)

"Give-us-a-Try" Tickets: \$12.50 for the first class only. Check us out by giving our first class a try. Single tickets are not available to subsequent classes; unfortunately, single tickets cannot be credited toward series purchase.

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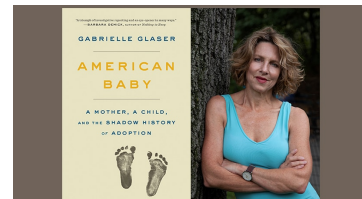
BOOK FESTIVAL IN YOUR LIVING ROOM

The JCA presents Book Festival in Your Living Room

In partnership with the JCC Literary Consortium and the Atlanta JCC

GABRIELLE GLASER - American Baby: A Mother, a Child, and The Shadow History of Adoption
Sunday, January 31st | 8 PM ET

New York Times bestselling author and journalist Gabrielle Glaser explores the untold story of a predatory, secret adoption system in postwar America through the dual stories of Margaret and the son she never intended to give up.

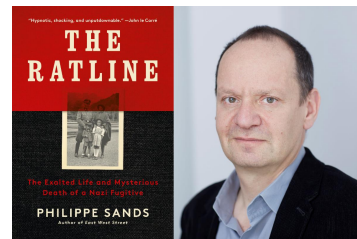


Tickets: \$11 – virtual ticket, or \$35 – one virtual ticket and one copy of the book

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PHILIPPE SANDS - *The Ratline: The Exalted Life and Mysterious Death of a Nazi Fugitive*
Sunday, February 7th | 2 PM ET

From the author of the internationally acclaimed, award-winning *East West Street: A tale of Nazi lives, mass murder, love, cold war espionage, a mysterious death in the Vatican--and "the Ratline," the Nazi escape route to Peron's Argentina.*



Tickets: \$6 – virtual ticket, or \$36 – one virtual ticket and one copy of the book

Register

ADULT EDUCATION

The State of the Ark - A visual exploration and analysis of Exodus 25:10-22 - With Robert Diamante

*A free online Lunch & Learn program from the JCA and USM
Co-sponsored by Congregation Bet Ha'am, Temple Beth El, Shaarey Tphiloh and the Maine Jewish Museum*
Weds. February 10th | 12 noon



Presented by writer and photographer Robert Diamante, graduate of the Bangor Theological Seminary. **Advanced registration required by Tuesday, Feb. 9**

Register

YOGA & FITNESS

ONLINE YOGA CLASSES

With JCA instructor Ashley Flowers

Classes are \$5/session.

- **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

Visit Ashley's website for the complete class schedule and to register: <https://www.ashleyflowersyoga.com/schedule/>



Register

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

THE BIG BOLD JEWISH CLIMATE FEST
January 27-31 / Tu BiShvat 5781

A free virtual festival to embrace our moral imperative to take action on this timely issue. The Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest is completely free festival for people who want to activate our Jewish values, take personal action, and develop a collective Jewish voice to move the needle on climate change. The Festival will include both national and local events, most of which will take place online. This collaboration is being planned by Hazon, Dayenu, Darim, the Jewish Emergent Network, Hillel International, Repair the World and many organizations.

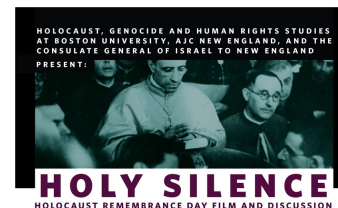


[Register](#)

HOLY SILENCE - Holocaust Remembrance Day Film & Discussion on Zoom

Presented by the Consulate General of Israel to New England, Boston University and AJC

Sunday, January 31st | 4:00 – 6:00 PM



How did the Vatican react to the Holocaust during WWII? What was the response of the Vatican to the rise of Adolf Hitler and racist policies? This new documentary takes a close look at what Pope Pius XII knew, as well as reactions of others at the Vatican, and his relationship with his predecessor Pius XI. Holy Silence includes interviews with American officials from priests to presidents, as well as documentary evidence that reveals this dark period of history, and the behind the scenes actions that were taken to try to help its victims.

[Register](#)

THIS IS WHAT JEWISH LOOKS LIKE

A free online series presented by the Temple Emanuel Streicker Center in honor of Black History Month
Mondays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 | 6:00 PM EST



It's long been a point of pride that Jews are a multicultural people with roots in every corner of the planet; that we are of all hues; that our grandparents spoke Yiddish and Hindi, German and Malayalam, Hebrew and Amharic.

Their descendants, in turn, migrated to the United States, where an estimated 12-15 percent of the Jewish community are Jews of color, including many of African descent. For Black History Month, The Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center will celebrate our richly diverse experience through the personal stories of four prominent Black Jews who will talk about life as a minority within a minority and discuss what the Jewish community needs to do to turn the word inclusion into a reality. Featuring:

Monday, Feb. 1st | 6:00 PM – Rebecca Walker, writer, feminist and activist

Monday, Feb. 8th | 6:00 PM – Avishai Mekonen, photographer and filmmaker

Monday, Feb. 15th | 6:00 PM – Rabbi Isaama Goldstein-Stoll, Senior Jewish educator, Yale University

Monday, Feb. 22nd | 6:00 PM – Michael Twitty, culinary historian and anthropologist

[Register](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The JCA's mission is to enhance and promote Jewish life and continuity locally, in Israel and throughout the world, and to generate the financial resources to develop, provide and support

diverse programs, education and services in order to accomplish these goals.

To view all current employment opportunities [CLICK HERE.](#)



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