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July 14, 2021 - 5 Av 5781

We are thrilled to announce this week that our Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services Diaper Bank is the recipient of a \$25,000 gift from *Sara Gideon for Maine*. The Gideon campaign [officially announced yesterday](#) that they are donating more than \$750,000 in leftover campaign funds to 21 nonprofits in the state, and we are so thankful to be counted among them!

This generous gift comes on top of grants and donations from [20 organizations and over 200 individuals](#) since January 2020 which have helped to power the distribution of over **one million diapers** in Southern Maine!

This work would not be possible without support from grants, foundations, businesses and individuals, and we are so thankful for these transformative gifts to our Diaper Bank.



AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

*Local programs highlighted in light blue

VIRTUAL SUMMER SYMPOSIUM: Hope, Love & Compassion: Torah of Possibility for an Uncertain Future

Presented by the Shalom Hartman Institute

Continuing through Thursday, July 15



The Shalom Hartman Institute's largest public learning program of the year and is open to all who wish to attend, free of charge. Register now for more than 30 sessions including featured lectures, electives, and evening conversations.

Join top Hartman scholars to explore a Torah of Possibility and what the Jewish future could look like: What could an Israel-Diaspora relationship look like? What could a new understanding of antisemitism look like? What could Zionism look like? Join us to explore these questions, and more! With Tal Becker, Rachel Fish, Micah Goodman, Elana Stein Hain, Rachel Korazim, and Donniel Hartman.

Register

FROM NAZI PRISONER TO WALL STREET KING: THE INDEFATIGABLE SIGGI WILZIG

Presented by the Temple Emanuel Streicker Center
Tuesday, July 20 | 11:30 AM EDT | Free



Join us to hear from Joshua Greene, author of the new biography *Unstoppable*, about Sigi Wilzig, who pulled himself up from the depths of hell to conquer his new country. The lessons of Sigi's life of resilience and determination are especially relevant now as we emerge from the trauma of the pandemic. A free copy of the book included for first 2,500 registrations.

Register

KIDS' SUMMER FUNTENSIVE

With the Center for Small Town Jewish Life at Temple Beth El, Augusta
July 19 - 23, 2021



We are thrilled to welcome our friends back for a week of games, learning, art, songs, and more—in person! We will be strictly adhering to national, state, and Colby College COVID-19 guidelines, and will be meeting outside only, requiring masks, and maintaining safe distance. A full list of our guidelines will be available in June.

We will update this program with hours soon. For more info, please contact Rabbi Erica Asch (rabbiasch@gmail.com) or Mel Weiss (maweiss@colby.edu).

Register

CRITTERS: MYTHICAL, REAL AND IMAGINED

Lewis Art Gallery - Portland Public Library
July 19th - August 24th | Opening Reception July 16th | 2-5PM



The [Maine Jewish Museum](#) presents a collaborative exhibition with the Portland Public Library, *Critters: Mythical Real & Imagined*. This exhibit was curated in part by Nancy Davidson and sponsored by MJM.

Critters will be on public view July 19th - August 24th in the Lewis Art Gallery, located on the lower level of the Portland Public Library. Until then, you are welcome to visit the online preview of the works [here](#).

YOGA & FITNESS

OUTDOOR YOGA IN PAYSON PARK

With Ashley Flowers Yoga
Wednesdays | 5:30 – 6:30 PM



There is no better place to practice yoga than outdoors with the grass beneath your toes, and the wind in your hair! Practicing outside also allows us ample space for social distancing and lots of fresh air. Find a deeper sense of connection to yourself, to mother earth, and to your community with in-person, outdoor yoga! Pre-

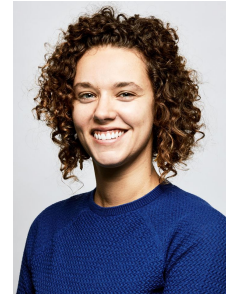
registration required through Ashley's website. Class location will be emailed to registered attendees.

Register

ONLINE YOGA CLASSES

With JCA instructor Ashley Flowers

- **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**



Classes are \$5/session. Plus enjoy several free yoga/meditation videos [here!](#)

Register

JCA NEWS & UPDATES

TODAH RABAH & FAREWELL to PJ LIBRARY COORDINATOR Andrea Krasker Gavin

A huge thank you to our incredible outgoing PJ Library Coordinator Andrea Krasker Gavin, who is wrapping up 8 years with the JCA at the end of July. Andrea previously served as our Jewish Family Services Volunteer Coordinator, and has been our lead staff person implementing and growing our *PJ Library* and *PJ Our Way* children's programs, which currently serve over 535 kids throughout Southern Maine.

Behatzlacha - we wish Andrea best of luck and success in her future endeavors!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERSHIP, OUTREACH & PJ LIBRARY COORDINATOR Greg Baker

Greg is an energetic, enthusiastic individual new to the world of nonprofits, but experienced in the world of being Jewish. After graduating from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2016 with a degree in English and Film Studies he moved to LA to pursue a career in comedy and screenwriting. More recently, Greg found a new calling in the world of politics and service working as a political organizer. He is happily a new member of Maine's Jewish community. In his free time, Greg enjoys singing in the car, consuming *The Sopranos*, writing bad jokes, and watching Rafael Devers hit baseballs. Greg can be reached at membership@mainejewish.org



KJFS NEWSLETTER VOLUME 1 - JULY 2021

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