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June 2, 2021 - 22 Sivan 5781

JCA PROGRAMS

MUSIC & MORSELS: Gran Tour d'Italia

*In partnership with the National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance,
hosted by the Osher Marin JCC*

Wednesday, June 2nd | 4:00-5:00 PM EST



Join pianist and historian Ian Scarfe on Zoom for a live, classical piano concert in which he whisks us away for a program featuring music of the Italian Alps by Franz Liszt, and scenes of Venice by Frederic Chopin. **Tickets:** \$10 - \$15

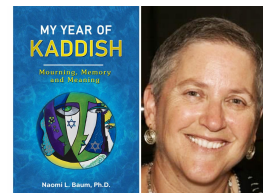
Register

MY YEAR OF KADDISH: Mourning, Memory and Meaning

A virtual book talk with author Naomi Baum

Presented by the JCA as part of the Jewish Book Council Network

Sunday, June 6th | 10:00 AM EST



In this profoundly honest and revealing memoir, psychologist Dr. Naomi L. Baum invites us to journey with her as she says *Kaddish*, the traditional Jewish mourner's prayer, in the year following her mother's death. When experiencing loss, we are often without words to describe how we are feeling. Finding a place to rest the pain, this book travels through the seasons of grief and will resonate with anyone who has lost someone dear. Dr. Baum, an international consultant on trauma and resilience, draws on both her personal and professional experience to navigate this uncharted territory, as she takes a new look at tradition and discovers both emotional and spiritual sources of comfort in unexpected places.

Advanced registration required by Friday, June 4 at noon to receive the Zoom link.

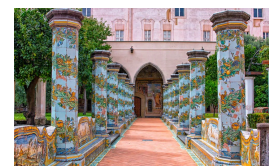
The book is available to order [here](#).

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STILL TRAVELING: Neglected Napoli

*In partnership with the National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance,
hosted by the Osher Marin JCC*

Mondays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 | 2:00-3:15 PM EST



Capital of the province of Campania and third largest city in Italy, Napoli (Naples) has been overlooked by many visitors for years. Some thought it was dangerous, others heard it was uninteresting. Today, it is neither. Naples is a vibrant city,

steeped in history and traditions. Let trip leader James Sokol Zoom you to meet our fantastic professional local guide to go on four "trips" to uncover and discover the treasures of this neglected southern Italian gem! **Tickets:** \$15-\$50

Register

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

*Local programs highlighted in light blue

CAN WE TALK ABOUT ISRAEL?

With author and New Israel Fund CEO Daniel Sokatch

Presented by IKAR, Los Angeles

Wednesday, June 2nd | 8:30 PM EST

Join us for a primer with Daniel Sokatch, CEO of the New Israel Fund (and IKAR cofounder), whose new book, *Can We Talk About Israel?* will come out in September. We're happy to join with several of our Jewish Emergent Network partners, including Kavana, Mishkan, The Kitchen and Lab/Shul for this conversation, which will be an opportunity to gain some critical context and ask the hard questions.



Register

Changing the World One Word at a Time: Read Aloud & Conversation with Alex Gino

Presented by the ADL for Pride Month

Thursday, June 3rd | 3 PM EST

Join us for "Changing the World One Word at a Time," a read aloud and conversation with Alex Gino, the acclaimed author of *George*, a book about a 4th grade transgender girl who struggles to be herself to the outside world. Alex will also read excerpts from and discuss *George* and *You Don't Everything Jilly P!*.



Register

Maine's Mid-Century Moment presents

"One sun rose on us today"

STORIES FROM MAINE'S LONG 20TH CENTURY

Presented on Zoom by UMaine Augusta and USM

Friday, June 4th | 12 - 6:30 PM EST

A collaborative effort between UMA and USM, this half-day conference will feature sessions on Wabanakis, Maine Jewish culture with Professors Abe Peck and David Freidenreich, and queer Maine histories, followed by a keynote address by noted Maine author Monica Wood. We hope to articulate not only how we want to understand Maine's past and present, but also how we want to configure our future.



Free and open to the public, registration is required

Register

MJFF 'Weekend Edition' celebrates Pride Month

Presented by the Maine Jewish Film Festival

Streaming June 11 at 9AM - June 13 at Midnight

TRANSKIDS (2019)

Over a period of several years, four Israeli teens and their families navigate the challenges of gender transformation.



Program: The film's director Hilla Medalia joins MJFF for a live discussion on Sunday, June 13 at 1 PM

KISS ME KOSHER (2020)

One thing that is not in question in this 'slyly subversive' romcom - Shira (Israeli) and Maria (German) love each other and want to be together. But when their families and tensions of life in modern day Israel get into the mix, things get complicated.

Both films are free, but you must reserve your ticket for access.

[Reserve Tickets through MJFF](#)

MAINE CONFERENCE FOR JEWISH LIFE

Presented by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life
Sunday, June 13, 2021



Join us via Zoom for an afternoon of interactive learning and community celebration! Schedule so far includes:

- 3 - 3:15pm: Welcomes and Cocktail Making with Bruce Olsen and Karen Heck from Tree Spirits
- 3:15 - 3:55pm: Text-Bites: Maine Rabbis on Hope
- 3:55 - 4pm: Break
- 4 - 4:45pm: Become a Psalmist with Tony Westbrook!
- 4:45 - 5pm: Musical Interlude
- 5 - 5:45pm: Israeli Dancing with Barbara Merson
- 5:45: Closing Ritual

[Register & Learn More](#)

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](#)

JCA NEWS & UPDATES

Employment Opportunity at the JCA

The JCA is hiring a full-time **Outreach, Membership, and PJ Library Coordinator** to help us strengthen the connections and relationships between our programs and community, and to oversee and implement the JCA's Membership and PJ Library programs and initiatives. For more information about this exciting opportunity to join our team, and to apply [CLICK HERE.](#)



Employment Opportunities at Center Day Camp

It's not too late to join the [Center Day Camp](#) team for Summer 2021! We are looking for a few more Camp Counselors and Life Guards to be a part of our incredible staff.

[Apply now](#) for the best summer job ever.



Hannaford Bag Program benefitting KJFS

For the month of June, Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable *FIGHT HUNGER* Bag at the **Hannaford store located at 787 Riverside St, Portland ME**. Please join us in helping to reduce waste, while also supporting KJFS this June!



Wendy Getchell joins JCA as Director of the Goldman Family Preschool

We are thrilled to announce that after a competitive national search, Wendy Getchell will join the JCA as Director of the Goldman Family Preschool! [Learn more about Wendy.](#)



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