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March 17, 2021 - 4 Nisan 5781

JCA PROGRAMS

JKids Radio MUSICAL PASSOVER SEDER EXPERIENCE

A FREE online event sponsored by PJ Library in Southern Maine, the JCA, Temple Beth El, and Congregations Bet Ha'am and Shaarey Tphiloh
Sunday, March 21st | 3 PM



Join us for a musical seder experience with the very top artists in Jewish kids' music including Nefesh Mountain, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, Eliana Light, Shira Kline, Ellen Allard, Rick Recht, Joanie Leeds, and Elana Jagoda!

We'll sing traditional and contemporary songs, tell the Passover story, and explore the foods on the seder plate, the blessings, the questions, and the highlights of the Exodus - from slavery to freedom. Geared towards families with children ages 0-10 years old.

Throughout the musical Seder there will be opportunities to use the crafts (which you can make in advance) from the [downloadable JKids Passover Home Activity Kit](#). To enrich your musical Seder experience, we recommend having the elements of your Seder plate as well as matzah and a kiddush cup available, or you can pretend! If you wish, you can also follow along in the [PJ Library Haggadah](#).

Advanced registration required by Sunday 3/21 at 12 noon to receive the Zoom link.

[Register](#)

ARGENTINIAN CRAFTS & CRAFTSPEOPLE

Presented with the National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance
Monday, March 22nd | 5:00 - 6:15 PM EST

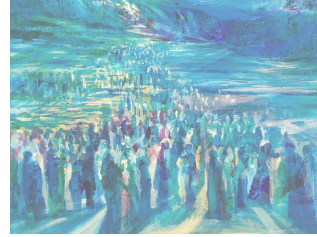
Let our JCC colleague James Sokol Zoom you to Buenos Aires to meet Adriana, who specializes in promoting the works created by native craftspeople. Learn about an array of beautiful crafts, age-old techniques, and hear about these creative people and their communities.



[Register](#)

RECOVERY-ORIENTED SEDER

Presented by the JCA and co-sponsored by the Portland Recovery Community Center
Hosted on Zoom by JCA volunteer Rebecca Bass
Sunday, March 28th | 6 PM



During this special seder, we will explore how recovery from substance use disorder relates to the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. We will share our own journeys to personal freedom and how those journeys continue today. This intimate event is designed for people in the recovery community, regardless of background or beliefs. Event will be limited to 12 participants.

Free. Advanced registration required by Thursday 3/25 to receive the Zoom link and a digital PDF of the special Haggadah booklet we will be using.

Register

CONVERSATIONAL YIDDISH

A 6-week online course offered through YI-Jewish – A division of Yiddishkayt Initiative

Wednesdays, 7 – 8 PM EST
March 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5

This hands-on course emphasizes the humor and depth of the Yiddish culture and encourages course participants to personally engage in the materials, utilizing the curricula and materials developed by Columbia University professor Miriam Hoffman, under the guidance of her son, renowned actor and course instructor Avi Hoffman. We will connect the academic roots of the Yiddish language with its incredible contributions to mainstream modern culture.

Learn a *bit* Yiddish in our 6-week conversational Yiddish online course



A 6-Week Conversational Yiddish Course
Moderated by Avi Hoffman and Professor Miriam Hoffman
Wednesday, March 31st • 7pm-8pm EST

Tuition: \$60. A portion of the proceeds benefits the JCA when you register using the link below.

Register

THE YELLOW BIRD SINGS – A book talk with novelist

Jennifer Rosner
Thursday, April 1st | 7:00 PM EST

What did Holocaust survivors go through on a daily basis in order to stay alive, and how did these experiences shape their consciousness? Jennifer Rosner's debut novel attempts to answer these questions as it follows Roza and her young daughter, Shira, who flee the Nazis during World War II.



The book will be available to order from our friends at Longfellow Books at this link:
<https://www.longfellowbooks.com/event/community-event-yellow-bird-sings>
Limited copies will include a signed bookplate.

Advanced registration required by Weds. 3/31

Register

JCA TRIVIA NIGHT!

A virtual trivia night hosted by professional emcees from TriviaHub
Saturday, April 10th | 8 PM – 9:30 PM

The JCA invites all adults to a fun night of virtual trivia and prizes! If you are donor, member, friend of the JCA or someone who is simply looking to make connections within their Jewish community, this event is for you! Gather your household around the computer, or come solo—everyone will be placed on teams. Each member of the winning team will receive a prize! This event will be hosted by a professional emcee, and promises to bring the laughter and smiles we're all craving.



Free! **Advanced registration required by Thursday, April 8th** at midnight to receive the Zoom link and event instructions.

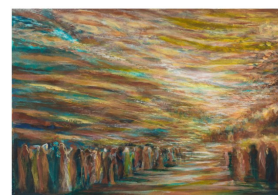
Once you've registered, you will receive an email with your team number and the link to join the event. You can expect this email on Friday, April 9th.

[Register](#)

TORAH CONVERSATIONS

**An online weekly study group facilitated by Ellie Miller
Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM**

****Please Note - there will be no sessions on Mar. 25 & Apr. 1***



We continue our journey through the book of Genesis, engaged in a careful reading of every word of the text. We focus on language and structure along with the tales the text imparts.

This is a weekly gathering, informed by various translations of the Hebrew text and a variety of commentaries, ancient and modern. All are welcome to participate on a drop-in basis – no prior experience is necessary. A text of the Hebrew Bible is required - all translations are appropriate.

To join the study group email list and receive the Zoom link, weekly readings and schedule updates, contact Diane Newman.

[Email Diane for the Zoom link](#)

PASSOVER HOLIDAY HUB

The JCA's special collection of craft ideas, recipes, music and cooking videos, podcasts, and more to help your family celebrate together or apart.



[Visit the Passover Hub!](#)

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

**Local programs highlighted in light blue*

MJFF WEEKEND EDITION – Free Film Streaming & Program

Presented by the Maine Jewish Film Festival

Sponsored by David's Restaurant and Rose Foods

Shiva Baby - Streaming March 19 – March 21

A young Jewish woman anxiously juggles an accumulation of mishaps and potentially disastrous encounters, each threatening to expose her messy

multitude of secrets, all at the same family gathering. A sharp-witted satire. (Sexual content.)

Ottolenghi and the Cakes of Versailles - Streaming March 19-23

Via London, Versailles, and Instagram, follow celebrity chef Yotam Ottolenghi on his quest to bring the sumptuous art and decadence of Versailles to life in cake form, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC with the assistance of five renowned pastry chefs.



Tues. March 23 at 7 PM - Ottolenghi director Laura Gabbert joins MJFF for a live discussion about making the film.

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

[Reserve Tickets through MJFF](#)

LIMMUD E-FESTIVAL OF JEWISH IDEAS

Sunday, March 21st | 1:00 – 8:00 PM

Sign up for sessions with thought leaders and change-makers celebrating the most interesting Jewish ideas today.



[Register](#)

PASSOVER PATISSERIE – Baking with Daniel Heinrich

With the Center for Small Town Jewish Life

Sunday, March 21st | 3 PM

We could all use some delectable treats at our seders —and ways to make the holiday special and meaningful. Daniel Heinrich, a former chef and current grad student at Brandeis University, leads us in making delicious desserts to brighten the Pesach table. No experience necessary! Register for the Zoom link and ingredient list.



[Register](#)

JEWISH RESPONSES TO THE RISE OF HITLER

with Michael Brenner

Annual Berger Family Holocaust Lecture

Presented by Colby College and the Center for Small Town Jewish Life

Tuesday, March 30th | 7 PM

The challenges that Jews faced with the rise of the Nazi party in Germany remain relevant today amidst dramatic political and social changes in Europe and the United States. How did German Jews of different political and religious stripes respond to the rise of the Nazi threat from Hitler's rise in the early 1920s to his final appointment as chancellor in 1933? When do we recognize political danger, and how do we react to it?



[Register](#)

JCA NEWS & UPDATES

Employment Opportunities at the JCA

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.](#)

JCA Community Time Capsule 2020-21

Please join this project by contributing a [memory, photo, song, or quote/saying](#) that captures something about the essence of this past year, or reminds you of how it has felt, together with a description of what it means to you. Please send your Time Capsule submissions via [Google form](#) or by [emailing us](#) your memory! We are so excited to share this with our community, and to build something we can all reflect on in years to come.



'Hannaford Helps' Reusable Bag Program benefitting KJFS

For the month of March, every time a reusable \$2.50 *Fight Hunger Bag* is sold at the Hannaford store located at - **415 Philbrook Avenue, Hannaford Plaza, So. Portland** - Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services will receive a \$1 donation. Please join us in helping to reduce waste, while also supporting KJFS this March!



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