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March 31, 2021 - 18 Nisan 5781

JCA PROGRAMS

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.

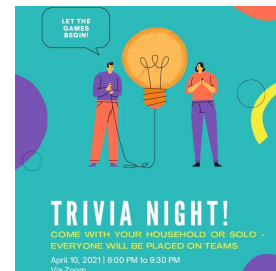
The book will be available to order from our friends at Longfellow Books at this link: <https://www.longfellowbooks.com/event/community-event-yellow-bird-sings>
Limited copies will include a signed bookplate.

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

ALL STAR MUSICAL YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

An online concert celebrating Israel Independence Day, presented by the JCA's Cantor Kurt Messerschmidt Memorial Fund
Sunday, April 11th | 3 PM



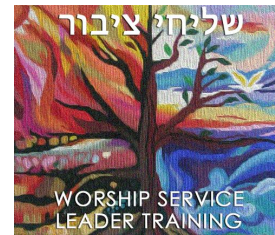
Join Jewish Rock Radio for a celebration of Israel Independence Day featuring Israeli superstar, David Broza, Josh Nelson, Chava Mirel, Nefesh Mountain, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, Rick Recht, Shimon Smith, Laurie Akers, Rabbi Lisa Silverstein, teens and college students from Israel and special guest leaders including Dan Shapiro (Former US Ambassador to Israel), Rabbi Eric Fingerhut (President and CEO of JFNA), and more!

Free! Advanced registration required by Sunday April 11th at 12 noon to receive the Zoom link.

Register

SHLICHEI TZIBUR TRAINING PROGRAM **Empowering Worship Service Leaders** **With Cantor Sheila Nesis**

Made possible by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life, the Messerschmidt Memorial Fund at the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, and the Covenant Foundation



Monthly classes on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM
Starting Tuesday, May 25

This yearlong experience is designed to empower individuals to lead worship services, *shiva* minyans, singing circles, etc. within their own communities. Through once-monthly online classes and individual coaching sessions with Cantor Sheila Nesis, participants will build the skills they need to succeed as prayer leaders. Enrollment will be limited.

Tuition: \$120 for the yearlong program (\$10/month for class and individual coaching). Cost should not be a barrier to participating in this program.

Application deadline: Friday April 23.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the program by Friday, May 7. Questions? Please contact Liz Snider at essnider@colby.edu.

For more information visit:

<https://jewishlife.colby.edu/2021/03/25/shlichei-tzibur-prayer-leader-training-program/>

LEARN TORAH & HAFTARAH CANTILLATION

The Center for Small Town Jewish Life is pleased to offer training in Torah and Haftarah trope with the Center's Rabbinical Fellow Eliana Willis starting in June 2021. If you are interested, please contact Liz Snider at essnider@colby.edu.

Apply to the Shlichei Tzibur Training Program

YOM HASHOAH FILMS, DISCUSSION & COMMUNITY OBSERVANCE

Presented by the Maine Jewish Film Festival and the JCA

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY FILMS & DISCUSSION

Free Film Streaming

Sunday, April 4th at 9 AM – Weds., April 7th at Midnight

Euphoria of Being

When choreographer Reka Szabo reads a memoir by dancer Eva Fahidi, a 93 year old survivor of Auschwitz, who returned to

Hungary alone following the murder of 49 family members, Szabo is compelled to choreograph Fahidi's story. An unforgettable portrait.

You Only Die Twice

When Israeli director Yair Lev's mother inherits a house from a distant relative, she discovers that her father died 'twice' - as Ernst Bechinsky in Palestine and Ernst Bechinsky in Austria. But which was the real one and which the imposter? The director's search for the answers takes you on a thrilling ride from Zagreb to Tel Aviv.



Zoom Discussion with *You Only Die Twice* Filmmaker Yair Lev Tuesday, April 6th | 2 PM

Both films are available for free streaming on the Eventive platform. You must reserve your ticket via MJFF for access. (Links for the films will not be emailed).

[Register for free tickets](#)

COMMUNITY YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCE – Holocaust Remembrance Day Weds. April 7th | 6:30 PM

Join us for a brief online commemoration of Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day, through memorial prayers, poems and songs, with poet and historian Anna Wrobel, and Rabbi Carolyn Braun of Temple Beth El.



Advanced registration through the JCA required by 4/7 at 4 PM to receive the Zoom link.

[Register](#)

FITNESS & DANCE

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. Exact location of the class will be emailed to registered attendees.



[Register](#)

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Free online sessions with Barbara Merson
Sundays through April 11th | 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Looking for a fun way to get some exercise? Join us Sundays on Zoom for a free Israeli dance class. Dancers of all experience levels are welcome! Each class will start with a review of beginner and classic Israeli dances. The last part of class will focus on a (slightly) more difficult dance and requests. You will be amazed at how quickly you will learn and how good it will feel to move! Instructor Barbara Merson is a highly experienced



Israeli dance teacher with a very wide repertoire. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and have some water handy.

[Contact Barbara for Zoom Link](#)

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

*Local programs highlighted in light blue

DAYS OF MEMORY: FROM COMMEMORATION TO CELEBRATION

Special virtual experiences presented by the JCC Association



Join the JCC Association's signature three-night viewing experience on **Virtual J**, featuring exclusive content created by the JCC Movement for Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, and Yom HaAtzmaut.

These events will use storytelling, first-person accounts, music, and more, so North America's Jewish community can observe these Israeli holidays by exploring how telling and retelling is shaped by memory; transformed through commemoration; and, over time, shared in celebration.

Day of Memory flagship events will be broadcast at 8 PM EST:

- April 7, 2021 - Yom HaShoah: Honoring Jewish Resilience and Storytelling
- April 13, 2021 - Yom HaZikaron: The Power of Jewish Peoplehood Through Personal and Collective Mourning
- April 14, 2021 - Yom HaAtzmaut: Moments of Pride Through Israeli Innovation

[Register](#)

Shalom Hartman Institute Spring Days of Learning

GATHERING MEANING & MEMORY: New Rituals for Remembrance on Yom Hashoah

April 7 - 8, 2021

We open on April 7th with a global *Hitkansut* (gathering) ceremony and continues throughout the day on Thursday, April 8 with opportunities for text study, conversation, and reflection.



SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE מכון שלום חרטמן
OF NORTH AMERICA מרכז הורטמן

HOME/LAND: Celebrating Israel at 73 A Day of Learning for Yom Ha'atzmaut

April 14 - 15, 2021

Explore historic and modern perspectives on the State of Israel as we celebrate Israel's 73rd birthday on April 14-15.

[Register](#)

BEIT MIDRASH: Disagreeing Without Being Disagreeable

Presented by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life

Monday, April 12th | 6 PM



Beit Midrash is an annual series that brings together college students and community members for several evenings of study throughout the year. This spring, Beit Midrash is going virtual and is the perfect opportunity to connect after Pesach for some Jewish learning. Join us via Zoom to learn with fellow community members from the comfort of your home.

[Register](#)

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.



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