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November 2, 2020 - 15 Cheshvan 5781

Dear JCA Family,

Though we are all developing incredible strategies for coping with and navigating uncertainty, we know that tomorrow's election raises fears, concerns, and questions. Local clergy have several events planned this week, which we have compiled below, and we'll be sharing an interview with Cantor Nesis later in the week including some of her beautiful songs.

In terms of safety, the JCA remains an active part of the Secure Communities Network, a joint effort by the Jewish Federations, the FBI, Homeland Security, and thousands of Jewish Synagogues, JCC's, and other Jewish organizations. Through SCN, we receive weekly updates and guidelines for responses to different kinds of circumstances or threats. We will continue to circulate this material within the community as appropriate; right now SCN has indicated they are not aware of current threats to the JCA or to the Jewish community in Maine or anywhere in the country, but if at any point we experience civil unrest, we will share information about the situation with you, and will be alert to the safety of all of our Jewish communal institutions.

While the precariousness of this time is real, our country has been through narrow times in the past. I have always loved Abraham Lincoln's appeal to the "better angels of our nature," which is given beautiful expression in the pride and joy on the faces of our Goldman Family Preschool students during the "mitzvah awards" at Shabbat each week. For children, caring for and celebrating one another can be so simple and accessible. As adults, we are great at reasoning our way to conflict, but Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said that mitzvot "open our eyes to the abundant possibilities of creating the good."

The JCA will be here for you as a resource throughout this election season. We encourage you to reach out with specific questions or concerns, and to let us know what you need that we might be able to connect you to. Thank you so much for all you are doing to find and create goodness in the world!

L'shalom,

Molly Curren Rowles
Executive Director

JCA PROGRAMS

The Stakes Are High: Post-Election Analysis

*Brought to you by the JCA and Jewish
Federations of North America*

Friday, November 6 | 11 AM - 12 PM ET

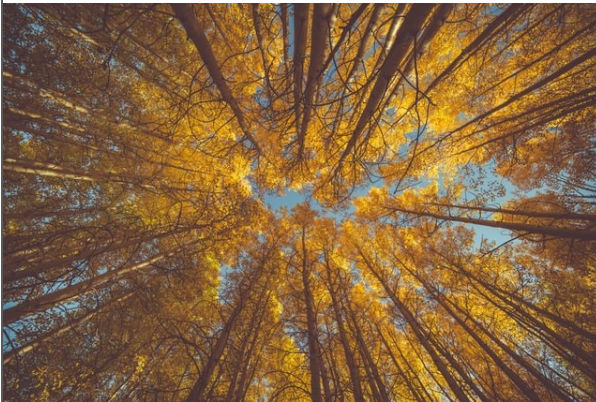
At this moment we can only speculate about the outcome, but by Friday, we will



want to take stock on what it all means. Join CNN Analyst Bakari Sellers, JTA Washington Bureau Chief Ron Kampeas and other guests to learn how the election will impact our public policy agenda.

[Register](#)

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



A Multi-Faith Gathering of Hope Before the Election

Monday, November 2 | 7:00 PM

Join Rabbi Saks of Congregation Bet Ha'am and leaders of Southern Maine's faith communities on the eve of the election to share prayers and messages of hope and peace. Together, we will rise above the partisanship and join our voices in solidarity at this key turning point for our nation. The service will be live-streamed on the [Maine Council of Churches' Facebook page](#)

[Join tonight at 7PM](#)



WEDNESDAY, NOV 4
POST ELECTION NIGHT CHECK-IN AT 7:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY ADULT EDUCATION ON
BUILDING RESILIENCE
7:30 PM
Led by Rabbi Vinikoor - Online

Post Election Night Check-In

Presented by Beth Israel Congregation
Wednesday, Nov 4 | 7:00 PM

Plan to take care with a Post Election Night Check-In and discussion on Building Resilience. In a world full of chaos and uncertainty, what keeps us grounded and how can we foster fortitude and joy? Join Rabbi Vinikoor for text study and conversation about Judaism and resiliency. We'll examine stories and texts as well as our own experience for how to build strength and hope in the face of adversity and fear. Check your inbox for Zoom link or send inquires to participate to office@bethisraelbath.org.

[Email Beth Israel Bath to RSVP](#)

Beyond the Election: An Evening of Torah and Re-Centering

Presented by Temple Beth El

Beyond the Election:
An Evening of Torah and Re-Centering

with Rabbi Braun & Lorin Troderman

November 4 | 7pm | Temple Beth El via Zoom

Wednesday, Nov 4 | 7:00 PM

Hiney mah tov u'manayim, shevet achim
v'achot gam yachad - Behold how pleasant
it is for us all to be together.

This election cycle has been particularly
hard for all of us, regardless of political
affiliation. All are invited to join Lorin
Troderman and Rabbi Braun for 90 minutes
of Torah study to unite, anchor, and renew
us.

[Zoom Link](#)

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