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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



Heading Home –

The Tale of Team Israel

*Free film streaming as part of the Maine
Jewish Film Festival*

Co-presented by the JCA

Available starting Nov. 20th

The underdog journey of Israel's national baseball team as they compete for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. With their ever-present 'Mensch on the Bench' mascot by their side, the team laughs, cries and does much soul searching, discovering the pride of representing Israel on the world stage. [View the trailer here.](#)

Register

FITNESS

**Stretch & Reflect – A special live
Zoom workshop with JCA Yoga teacher
Ashley Flowers**



Stretch & Reflect

Sunday, November 15 | 10 – 11:15 AM
\$10/person

Do you want to be your best self? Yes, of course you do, don't we all! Are you being your best self though? That is the question! When it comes to our personal lives, we generally have no metrics or data, no logical method that we implement to achieve our goals. In this workshop we'll combine self-care with statistics, the measurable with the magical.

Register

[Sign up for Ashley's regular M-F classes!](#)

BOOK FESTIVAL

IN YOUR LIVING ROOM

Live

BOOK FESTIVAL IN YOUR LIVING ROOM - LIVE!

*Presented by the JCA in partnership with
the JCC Literary Consortium and MJCCA - Atlanta**

**A portion of the proceeds benefits the JCA when you register through these links.*

ESTHER SAFRAN FOER
I Want You to Know We're Still Here: A
Post Holocaust Memoir
Monday, November 9 | 8:00 PM

**Opens with Kristallnacht
Commemoration - Rabbi Brian Glusman**

Esther Safran Foer grew up in a home where the past was too terrible to speak of. The child of parents who were each the sole survivors of their respective families, for Esther the Holocaust loomed in the backdrop of daily life, felt but never discussed. The result was a childhood marked by painful silences and continued tragedy. Even as she built a successful career, married, and raised three children, Esther felt herself searching. When



Esther's mother casually mentions an astonishing revelation—that her father had a previous wife and daughter, both killed in the Holocaust—Esther resolves to find out who they were, and how her father survived.

Tickets: Free virtual ticket, or one virtual ticket and one copy of book for \$35:

[Register](#)



JOHN GRISHAM - *A Time for Mercy*
Weds. November 11 | 3:00 PM
Zoom Author Talk + Q & A

There is a time to kill and a time for justice.
Now comes *A Time for Mercy*.

Jake Brigance is back! The hero of *A Time to Kill*, one of the most popular novels of our time, returns in a courtroom drama that showcases #1 *New York Times* bestselling author John Grisham at the height of his storytelling powers. Bursting with all the courthouse scheming, small-town intrigue, and stunning plot twists that have become the hallmarks of the master of the legal thriller, *A Time for Mercy* is John Grisham's most powerful courtroom drama yet.

Tickets: \$11, or \$37 for one virtual ticket (includes one copy of the book and shipping):

[Register](#)

MICHAEL IAN BLACK - *A Better Man: A (Mostly Serious) Letter to My Son*
& CLEO STILLER - *Modern Manhood*
Wednesday, November 18 | 8:00 PM

Michael Ian Black, *A Better Man: A (Mostly Serious) Letter to My Son*

A poignant look at boyhood, in the form of a heartfelt letter from comedian, actor, and author, and father Michael Ian Black to his teenage son before he leaves for college, and a radical plea for rethinking masculinity



and teaching young men to give and receive love.

Cleo Stiller, *Modern Manhood: Conversations About the Complicated World of Being a Good Man Today*

Here are a few self-evident truths: Predatory men need to go, sexual assault is wrong, and women and men should be equal. If you're a man and disagree with any of the aforementioned, then this book isn't for you.

Tickets: \$11 for one virtual ticket or \$32 for one virtual ticket and copy of either book, or \$50 for one virtual ticket and copy of both books:

[Register](#)



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



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 office@bethisraelbath.org.

[Email Beth Israel Bath to RSVP](#)

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

Presented by Temple Beth El
Wednesday, Nov 4 | 7:00 PM

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

with Rabbi Braun & Lorin Troderman

November 4 | 7pm | Temple Beth El via Zoom



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](#)



Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg on "Repentance and Repair in the Public Square"

Sponsored by UMaine Judaic Studies
Thursday, November 5 | 7:00 PM

Rabbi Ruttenberg will dive deep into the Jewish model for interpersonal repair. The idea that those who have caused harm should do the work of repentance and amends is one that Rabbi Ruttenberg believes is positively counter-cultural in America today.

[Register](#)



Center for Small Town Jewish Life - FALL SHABBATON **November 7 – 8**

Join us for the 7th annual Fall Shabbaton and the first virtual Shabbaton of its kind!

SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:00 PM

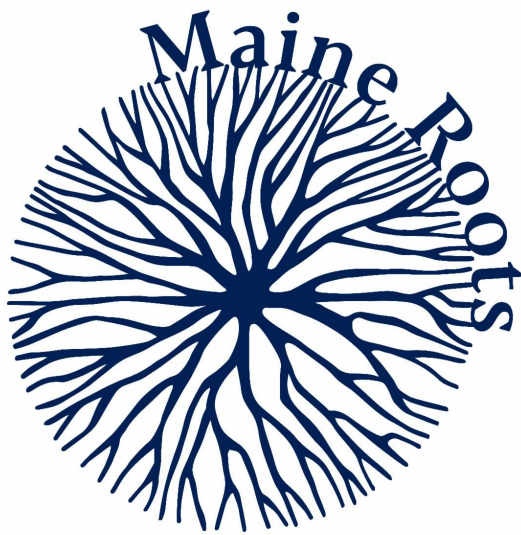
- Community Havdalah and Concert with Deborah Sacks Mintz

Sunday, Nov. 8th from 10 AM - 3 PM

- Racial Justice and Diversity in the American Jewish Community with Yoshi Silverstein
- Global Jewish Cooking with Daniel Heinrich
- Imagining Post-Pandemic Jewish Life panel discussion
- Torah Study & Music with Deborah Sacks Mintz

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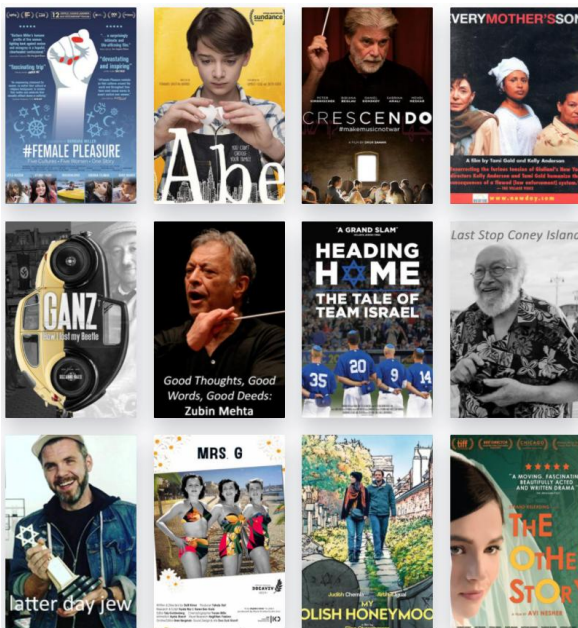
The Maine Roots Retreat is back and going virtual!
w/ the Center for Small Town Jewish Life
Saturday, Nov. 7 - Sunday, Nov. 8



Join us for a weekend of connection and reconnection to our roots in the Maine landscape and Jewish community! This virtual retreat is open to Jewish adults, ages 22-33.

The Maine Roots retreat will begin with Havdalah on Saturday evening and run through Sunday afternoon. Our schedule will weave in and out of programming for the CSTJL Fall Shabbaton—with dedicated sessions just for our cohort. Together, we will explore racial justice and diversity in the Jewish community, move through an embodied Jewish practice workshop, cook delicious food, and forge connections, all while remaining connected with the wider Maine Jewish community.

Register

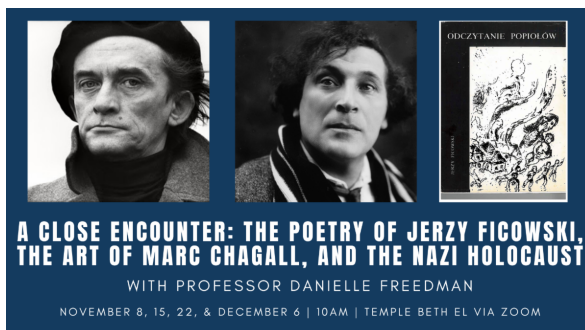


First Virtual Maine Jewish Film Festival November 7–22, 2020

After 23 years, MJFF is thrilled to announce the launch their first Virtual Film Festival. Join us for two weeks of films and programming, specially curated by MJFF. Everything can be watched from the comfort and safety of your home. Thank you to our supporters — sponsors, foundations, donors and volunteers — who have made this possible!

Tickets are on sale now. Visit our [2020 Virtual Festival welcome page](#) to learn more, browse the films, and purchase tickets.

Purchase Tickets



A Close Encounter: The Poetry of Jerzy Ficowski, the Art of Marc Chagall and the Nazi Holocaust A Zoom course with with Professor Danielle Freedman.

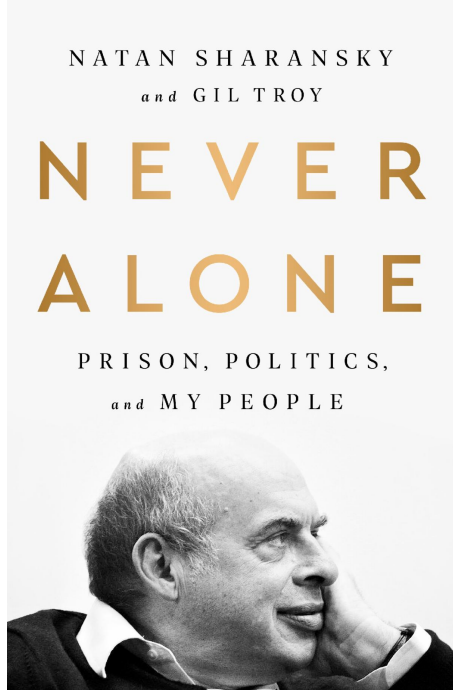
Presented by Temple Beth El
Sundays, Nov. 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6 | 10 AM

Registration required by November 5

Register

AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

Never Alone:
Prison, Politics, and My People



A Zoom conversation with co-authors Natan Sharansky and Gil Troy
Presented by the Jewish Federations of North America

Thursday, November 5 | 1:00 PM

Legendary Soviet refusenik Natan Sharansky speaks with co-author of the new book *Never Alone: Prison, Politics, and My People*, McGill University professor Gil Troy. They discuss both Sharansky's famous odyssey from a nine-year stay in a Soviet gulag to the promised land as an international celebrity, as well as his take on the state of the Jewish world today.

[Register](#)



Never is Now: ADL's Summit on Antisemitism and Hate
November 8-19

Join thousands of experts, community and business leaders, students and concerned community members by taking part in Never Is Now, the world's largest summit on antisemitism and hate. Delivered virtually in 2020, Never Is Now is the best way to learn about and discuss contemporary drivers of antisemitism and hate and learn how to add your voice to the conversation in combating bias of all kinds.

[Register](#)



For Everything There Is A Season: Daily Life in Biblical Times
With Dr. Oded Borowski

Presented by the Temple Emanuel Streicker Center

Wednesday, November 11 | 10:00 AM

For decades, biblical archaeologists have excavated major sites to study important events, historical personalities, architecture and battles. But recently, they've begun excavating smaller sites and using new types of laboratory analysis to unlock the secrets of how ordinary people lived. Household archaeology provides the context for the world and history that fascinate us, and using its techniques, Dr. Borowski will take us on a tour of the daily lives of our ancient forebears.

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Chaplains Council**
Serving Jews Who Serve

a signature program of
**JCC Association
of North America**

**NATIONAL JEWISH COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION OF
VETERANS DAY**

WED 11.11 @ 11:11AM (PST) | 2:11PM (EST)



**The National Jewish Community
Celebration of Veterans Day**
*Presented by the JWB – Jewish Chaplains
Council of the JCC Association*
November 11 | 2:11 - 3:00 PM EST

This short, celebratory event will acknowledge and honor Jewish veterans, some of whom will share personal stories of their service in the U.S. military and the positive influence it has had in their lives.

[Tune in here](#)

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