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*Mo'adim l'simcha – wishing you a happy Sukkot!*

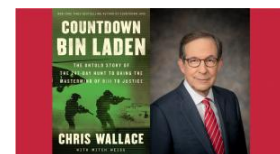
## JCA PROGRAMS

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### **CHRIS WALLACE DISCUSSES *Countdown bin Laden***

*Presented in partnership with the National JCC Literary Consortium and hosted by the MJCCA*

**Thursday, September 23rd | 8 PM ET**



Following Chris Wallace's "riveting" (*The New York Times*) and "propulsive" (*Time*) #1 national bestseller *Countdown 1945* comes a deeply reported, revelatory, and thrillingly told account of the final months of the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

**Virtual ticket:** \$11 | Ticket with book + shipping - \$36

[Register](#)

### **YIDDISH CULTURE FESTIVAL**

*Presented in partnership with the Maine Jewish Film Festival*

**October 1-3, 2021**

**Tickets:** \$10 per film, or buy a pass for \$18 for both films

Join MJFF and the JCA for our second annual Yiddish Culture Festival. Featuring online film streaming of *The Last Klezmer* and *Black Honey: The Life and Poetry of Avraham Sutzkever* and a special musical performance:



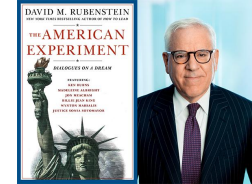
- **Film streaming:** Friday, Oct. 1 at noon through Sunday, Oct. 3 at midnight.
- **Virtual klezmer concert** live via zoom with Rabbi Sruli Dresdner and Lisa Mayer: Saturday, October 2 at 7:30 PM
- **Discussion with the filmmaker** of *The Last Klezmer*: Sunday, Oct. 3 at 7:00 PM

[Register & Learn More](#)

**DAVID RUBENSTEIN DISCUSSES *The American Experiment - Dialogues on a Dream***

*Presented in partnership with the National JCC Literary Consortium and hosted by the MJCCA*

**Sunday, October 3rd | 8 PM ET**



The capstone book in a trilogy from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *How to Lead* and *The American Story*—featuring American icons and historians on the ever-evolving American experiment. In this lively collection of conversations—the third in a series from David Rubenstein—some of our nations' greatest minds explore the inspiring story of America as a grand experiment in democracy, culture, innovation, and ideas. **Virtual ticket:** \$11 | Ticket with book + shipping - \$40

[Register](#)

**JCA ANNUAL MEETING**

*Online via Zoom*

**Thursday, October 7th | 5:30 PM EST**



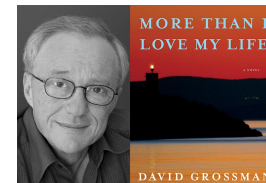
Please join us for the JCA Annual Meeting, where we'll honor new and retiring Board members, celebrate our community award winners, review the past year, and share our vision for the year ahead!

Zoom link will be posted [here](#) and in this email soon. Stay tuned!

**DAVID GROSSMAN DISCUSSES *More Than I Love My Life: A Novel***

*A virtual author talk presented by the JCA as a member of the JBC Network, and hosted by the Jewish Book Council*

**Weds. October 20th | 12:30 PM EST**



Join internationally best-selling author David Grossman in a conversation about love, trauma, and healing. *More Than I Love My Life* is the story of three generations of women on an unlikely journey to a Croatian island and a secret that needs to be told. The novel was inspired by the true story of one of Grossman's longtime confidantes who, in the early 1950s, was held on the notorious Goli Otok (the "Adriatic Alcatraz"). David Grossman is one of Israel's most acclaimed authors, and two-time winner of the National Jewish Book Award as well as the Booker Prize and Sapir Prize. Moderated by the Jewish Book Council's own Marilyn Hassid.

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**AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD**

\*Local programs highlighted in light blue

**HONEY'S GARDEN HARVEST LUNCH IN THE SUKKAH**

*Temple Beth El, 400 Deering Ave. Portland*

**Sunday, Sept. 26th | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Celebrate the fall harvest festival of Sukkot with a vegetarian potluck lunch at Temple Beth El and Levey Day School! Friends and neighbors of all ages are encouraged to join us for this outdoor gathering featuring foods harvested from Honey's Garden, and any vegetarian dish you care to bring. Volunteers will be serving food to limit the number of people accessing the buffet, but if you prefer to bring a bag lunch that is also fine! We hope to see you there.



### **JFNA GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Virtual**

*Presented by the Jewish Federations of North America\**

**Sunday, October 3rd | 2 pm EST**



The last year has seen dramatic events with far-reaching consequences for the Jewish community, from the pandemic to thousands of rockets falling across Israel. And we have shown, once again, that when we work together we can tackle anything.

Join us for a conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. Bennett, who came into office in June leading a broad-based coalition, is expected to address the major challenges facing Israel, the rising tide of antisemitism, and the relationship between the Jewish state and North American Jewry in an exclusive conversation with Jewish Federations Chair Mark Wilf.

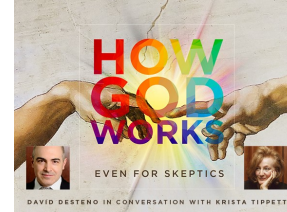
*\*The JCA is a member of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and is your Jewish Federation for Southern Maine.*

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### **HOW GOD WORKS... EVEN FOR SKEPTICS - David Desteno in Conversation with Krista Tippett**

*Virtual event presented by the Temple Emanuel Streicker Center*

**Wednesday, Oct. 6th | 6:30 PM EST**



Sitting shiva reduces the pain of grief. The Apache Sunrise Ceremony empowers teenage girls to cope with the challenges of womanhood. Saying grace before meals increases empathy. Really?

If you consider these beliefs to be questionable, you need to hear from pioneering psychologist David DeSteno, who will present cutting-edge scientific evidence that religious practices and faith provide a toolbox for coping — even for the skeptical. And if you accept the truth of his assertion based on your own experience, you won't want to miss discovering how right you were all along.

[Register](#)

### **WALK AGAINST HATE**

*Organized by the ADL (Anti-Defamation League)*

**Sunday, October 10th**



On October 10th, we're on the move to fight hate across the country! It's not just a walk — it's an opportunity to move as an individual, family or community toward a future without antisemitism, racism and all forms of bigotry.

However you move, register for the 2021 ADL Walk Against Hate today! Join an in-person Walk in your community or sign up to participate virtually in the national event. Engage

friends, family, neighbors and coworkers, and set a fundraising goal to make a difference in your community. Let's Get Moving!

[Sign Up](#)

## YOGA & FITNESS

### **OUTDOOR YOGA IN PAYSON PARK**

*With Ashley Flowers Yoga*

**Wednesdays | 5:30 – 6:30 PM**



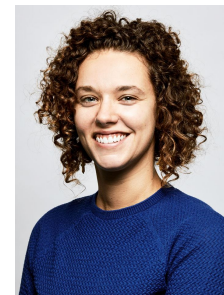
There is no better place to practice yoga than outdoors with the grass beneath your toes, and the wind in your hair! Practicing outside also allows us ample space for social distancing and lots of fresh air. Find a deeper sense of connection to yourself, to mother earth, and to your community with in-person, outdoor yoga! Pre-registration required through Ashley's website. Class location will be emailed to registered attendees.

[Register](#)

### **ONLINE YOGA CLASSES**

*With JCA instructor Ashley Flowers*

- **Monday - 5:30 PM Evening Yoga**
- **Tuesday - 11:30 AM Midday Yoga**
- **Wednesday - 9:00 AM Rise & Flow Yoga**
- **Thursday - 10:15 AM Midday Yoga**
- **Friday - 9:00 AM Rise & Flow Yoga**



Classes are \$5/session. Plus enjoy several free yoga/meditation videos [here!](#)

[Register](#)

## JCA NEWS & UPDATES

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE JCA**

The JCA is currently hiring for several full time and part time positions. For more information about these exciting opportunities to join our team and how to apply, [CLICK HERE.](#)



### **KJFS DIAPER DONATION DRIVE to recognize National Diaper Need Awareness Week!**

Michael Klahr Jewish Family Services is proud to recognize National Diaper Awareness Week from 9/27 – 10/3. As part of our commitment to raising awareness, we are hosting a [diaper donation drive at the JCA during this week.](#) We will happily take opened boxes as well as unused diaper boxes. Any size diaper is helpful, but the larger sizes (4, 5, 6) would meet a stronger need for our community members.



### **PROPOSED SLATE OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2021-2022**

In advance of our [Annual Meeting on October 7th](#), the JCA is pleased to announce the proposed slate of Board Members for

2021-2022! Join us on Thursday, October 7th at 5:30 PM, where we'll honor new and retiring Board members, celebrate our community award winners, review the past year, and share our vision for the year ahead.



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