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September 29, 2021 - 23 Tishrei 5782

## JCA PROGRAMS

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### 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* on the Eventive platform, and a special musical performance:

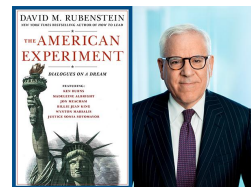
- **Film streaming:** Friday, Oct. 1 at noon through Sunday, Oct. 3 at midnight.
- **Virtual klezmer concert** live via Zoom with Rabbi Sruli Dresdner and Lisa Mayer: Saturday, October 2 at 7:30 PM
- **Discussion** with Yale Strom, Director of *The Last Klezmer*: Sunday, Oct. 3 at 7PM

[Register & learn more via MJFF](#)

### 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

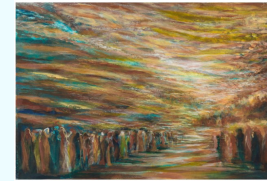
*Online via Zoom*

**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!



**TORAH CONVERSATIONS: An online weekly study group**  
**facilitated by Ellie Miller**  
**Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Starting October 14th**



We continue our journey through the the Torah, beginning with the book of Exodus, engaged in a careful reading of every word of the text. We focus on language and structure along with the stories and values the text imparts.

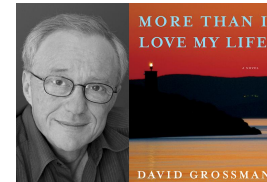
This is a weekly Zoom gathering, informed by various translations of the Hebrew text and a variety of commentaries, ancient and modern. All are welcome to participate on a drop-in basis – no prior experience is necessary. A text of the Hebrew Bible is required - all translations are appropriate. The sessions will last one hour, with an opportunity to continue the discussion for an additional 15 minutes until 11:15 AM.

**All participants must sign up by Tuesday, October 12th** (including former attendees) to join the study group and receive the Zoom link.

[Sign up to join the group](#)

**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"). Moderated by the Jewish Book Council's own Marilyn Hassid.

The book is available to [order locally from our friends at Longfellow Books.](#)

[Register](#)

## AROUND THE JEWISH WORLD

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**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.

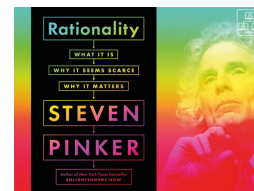
Join us for a conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. Bennett, who came into office in June leading a broad-based coalition, is expected to address the major challenges facing Israel, the rising tide of antisemitism, and the relationship between the Jewish state and North American Jewry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

Register

## **RATIONALITY MATTERS: STEVEN PINKER'S ROAD MAP TO PROMOTING IT**

*A virtual event presented by the Temple Emanuel Streicker Center*  
**Tuesday, Oct. 5th | 6:30 PM ET**



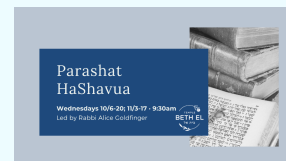
Human beings have unlocked the laws of nature and dramatically increased life expectancy...yet still swallow fake news, cling to conspiracy quackery and regularly descend into violence. Are we simply wired to be little more than cavemen?

Upon the release of his new book, *Rationality: What It Is, Why It Seems Scarce, Why It Matters*, Pinker will speak about how the seemingly rational pursuit of individual and group self-interest can lead us to lose our minds — and how we can develop collective rationality to curb such baser instincts.

Register

## **PARASHAT HASHAVUA with Rabbi Goldfinger**

*An online weekly Torah portion study group with Temple Beth El*  
**Wednesdays | October 6-20; November 3-17 • 9:30-10:30 AM**



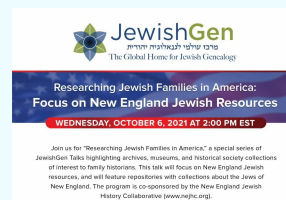
Join us for six Wednesday mornings on Zoom to study the weekly Torah portion! Led by Rabbi Alice Goldfinger, the class will be a conversation across time with ancient and modern commentators. The Conservative Movement's *Etz Hayim: Torah and Commentary* is a helpful, but not necessary, guide for our study. The book is available to borrow or purchase from TBE.

There is no charge to participate but **registration is required and the class will be capped at 15 participants**, so register today! Questions? Email [office@tbemaine.org](mailto:office@tbemaine.org) or call us at (207) 774-2649.

Register

## **NEW ENGLAND JEWISH ROOTS: Researching Jewish Families in America**

*Presented by JewishGen.org*  
**Weds. October 6th | 2:00 PM ET**



Join us for “Researching Jewish Families in America,” a special series of JewishGen Talks highlighting archives, museums, and historical society collections of interest to family historians. This talk will focus on New England Jewish resources, and will feature repositories with collections about the Jews of New England. The program is co-sponsored by the New England Jewish History Collaborative ([nejhc.org](http://nejhc.org)).

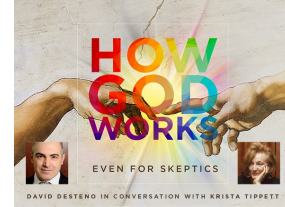
**Speakers: Harris Gleckman of Documenting Maine Jewry, and Rachel King, Lindsay Sprechman Murphy, Kate-Lynn Laroche, Elizabeth Rose, Ellen Kowitt**

Register

## **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.

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## YOGA & FITNESS

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

*With Ashley Flowers Yoga*

**Wednesdays | 5:30 – 6:30 PM**



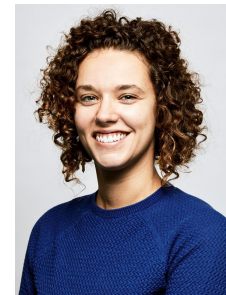
There is no better place to practice yoga than outdoors with the grass beneath your toes, and the wind in your hair! Practicing outside also allows us ample space for social distancing and lots of fresh air. Find a deeper sense of connection to yourself, to mother earth, and to your community with in-person, 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!](#)

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## 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

**National  
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unused diaper boxes. Any size diaper is helpful, but the larger sizes (4, 5, 6) would meet a stronger need for our community members.

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## **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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