

# THE MAINE JEWISH MUSEUM

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Admission to the museum and cultural events continues to be by donation, thanks to our generous supporters!



Floating Apples by Tama Silverstein Louden

## Passing the Torch

from a recent letter by MJM board president, Jody Sataloff



~ Gary Berenson ~

Read the [article in today's Forecaster](#)

Ani to lead the museum into its next phase of development! ve her transition into this new capacity.

With warmest regards,

Jody Sataloff  
President of the Board

Dear Friends,

As you may have heard, Gary Berenson, Executive Director of the Maine Jewish Museum, will complete his rabbinic training within the next several months. As such, he is leaving his position with the museum as he prepares to become an ordained rabbi... Gary's departure will not take him away from 267 Congress Street. Rather, he is stepping into the role of serving Etz Chaim's congregation with renewed focus and guidance...

We are pleased to announce that Assistant Director Ani Helmick, active in the museum's growth for the past two years, will be installed as our new Executive Director. Ani brings a wealth of experience, creativity, and professionalism to this new position, and we are thrilled to ha

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 1st, at 7:00 P.M.** at the Maine Jewish Museum as we come together to pass the torch, honoring Gary for his lasting contributions and welcoming



Ani Helmick

This will be followed by the Tom Brokaw-Jane Pauley program from 92nd St Y below

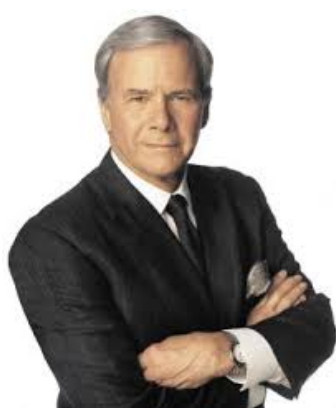


## Your Life Calling: Jane Pauley with Tom Brokaw

**Tue, April 1, 7:15 approx**

**(see below)**

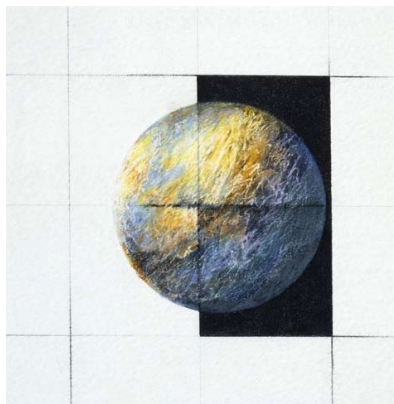
Pioneering TV anchors Jane Pauley and Tom Brokaw reunite for an inspiring discussion about "the lucky generation"-boomers who, at 50 and up, are finding their true callings. Pauley shares practical ideas and motivating advice from her new book, Your Life Calling-as well as her own personal story of reinvention. A not-to-be-missed evening for anyone who knows the yearning for "something different" or "something more."



Please note this is a recorded presentation that originally aired in February. The program will begin immediately following the celebration ceremony recognizing outgoing and incoming Executive Directors, Gary Berenson and Ani Helmick



## JOSEFINA AUSLENDER : Departures and Arrivals



Series: Voyage

*You asked; we listened!*  
**JUST SCHEDULED...**  
*A conversation with the Artist*  
**April 3rd, 7:00pm**

**First Friday Art Walk**  
**April 4th, 5:00-8:00pm**  
**through April 21**

## Being Human: Conversations That Matter

a multi-faith/philosophy discussion series with facilitator, Margo Mallar

Intended as a series of community conversations, we explore everyday encounters with big questions. Each program runs 7-8:30 pm and begins with a small panel of speakers who present their thoughts on the evening's theme; it then shifts to small group conversations with all present.

Warm soups and beverages will be available beginning at **6:30pm**.  
Donations are encouraged but not required.

March 27

### **Authority**

George Mason, artist and Pious Ali, executive director of the Maine Interfaith Youth Alliance

April 10

### **Art and Play**

Sarah Shepley, artist and faculty member of the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine; Willa Wirth, silversmith; Amy Bruch, Minister of Liturgical Arts, UCC Norwell MA

## "The Return" Sunday, April 6, at 4 pm



*I will write these times like faint brush strokes against the great wordlessness of God. . . wield this fountain pen like a hammer, my words so many hammer blows,"* Etty Hillesum wrote in her diary in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam in 1942.

The Thinking Heart Ensemble will perform selected passages from their work based on Hillesum's journal and letters, share about their journey to Auschwitz-Birkenau to return her voice where it was taken from her, and lead discussion about the relevance of her legacy of courage and love.

**April 6, 4:00pm**

The mission of the Maine Jewish Museum is to honor the contributions and diversity of Maine's Jewish immigrants in the context of the American experience. Through exhibits and programming, the Museum seeks to build bridges of appreciation and understanding with people of all backgrounds.

Join us in celebrating Jewish ART, HISTORY and CULTURE in Maine.

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