



# Maine Jewish Museum

CELEBRATING MAINE'S JEWISH ART, HISTORY AND CULTURE IN A RESTORED 1921 SYNAGOGUE

## Maine Jewish Museum

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## Inspiration/Exploitation: Feeling the Deep Sea

A zoom discussion with Beth Orcutt

Sunday, November 7th  
2:00 pm

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**Join Bigelow Laboratory Senior Research Scientist Dr. Beth Orcutt for a discussion of her work and her recent collaboration with artist Michel Droge. The free event will be held in-person at the Maine Jewish Museum and streamed via this Zoom event.**

Beth studies microbial life in deep-sea environments and the effects of human activity, like deep sea mining, on these fragile and precious ocean ecosystems. Through a series of conversations with Michel, she inspired the "Deep Sea" series of paintings – and gained a new perspective on her research.

This event is free to attend, click [here](#) to register.  
Zoom link will sent upon registration.

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Dr. Beth Orcutt is a marine microbial biogeochemist who explores life below the seafloor in sediments and the oceanic crust. Her research looks at how microbes thrive in these deep sea environments, how their life impacts the cycling of

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elements on Earth, and how they may be impacted by emerging deep sea industries.

Michel Droge is a painter, printmaker, and educator whose work engages with the environment and the human condition in an era of uncertainty. Their work is informed by these sublime environments, mysterious life forms, uncharted territories, and conversations about the risks of human impact in these rarely seen primordial places.

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Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences is an independent, nonprofit research institute located in East Boothbay, Maine.

From the Arctic to the Antarctic, Bigelow Laboratory scientists use innovative approaches to study the foundation of global ocean health and unlock its potential to improve the future for all life on the planet.

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Hours: Sunday through Friday 11am-4pm Closed: Saturdays

*Masks required for all visitors.*

*Please maintain 6 ft distance from one another.*

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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