



Celebrating Jewish Art, History, and Culture in Maine

THE MAINE JEWISH MUSEUM

Dear Harris,

The Maine Jewish Museum is offering an engaging lineup of cultural programs and art exhibitions in the coming 6 weeks, as you'll see below. If you haven't visited recently, please come see how we've grown. It is an exciting time for us and we'd like you to be part of it!

Many people tell us they have deeply meaningful experiences when they visit. I'd like to know what you've experienced... Take a moment to describe what the museum mean to you. How would you like to see our programs expand? Your responses will help inform the direction we take.

Also, would you consider volunteering a few hours a month? There are many ways you can get involved; I'd be happy to discuss this with you in detail. Our success is dependent on the generosity and creativity of our volunteers and supporters. I look forward to welcoming you again soon.

With warm regards, Ani

ps. You can send me a line [here](#)

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Hours: M-F 10:00-2:00
Often later, call ahead.
NOW OPEN SUNDAYS
1:00-5:00

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Upcoming Programming and Exhibits

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["Let There Be Light" Menorah Show : Nov 13-Jan 9](#)

[The Hours After Death, Nov 20, 7-8:30](#)

Film Screening & Concert: **BLUE TATTOO** **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2pm**

In 2007, a singer-songwriter from Ithaca, NY and a holocaust survivor from Elmira came together to form a unique bond with a shared purpose.

Dina Jacobson told her story; Joe Crookston crafted a song. Together they turned the message and memory of the holocaust into a deeply personal experience for this and future generations.

Join us for a screening of Blue Tattoo and live music with Joe Crookston, followed by a discussion about memory and the power of story featuring Dr. Robert Atkinson, Director of the USM Life Story Center

October 26th

2:00pm

\$12 suggested donation



Official Selection
Buffalo
International
Jewish Film
Festival 2014

Saheli in Concert Nov 2, 3:30pm



**You're Invited to the Portland Debut
Concert of the Vocal Quartet "Saheli"**

Eli Arlen, Sue West, Shirsten Lundblad and Catherine Eliot present an eclectic repertoire that draws from several genres - folk, world music, spirituals and quirky indie tunes. Saheli seeks to inspire and celebrate the human spirit through music.

November 2, 2014
3:30pm
\$10 suggested donation

Upcoming Exhibition in the Spiegel Gallery: **Unorthodox Crafts**



Meryl RUTH
Carol STEIN
Molly VOGEL
Ellen WIESKE



Unorthodox Crafts

November 7 to December 24

opening reception: Nov. 7 ~ 5-7pm

Nancy Davidson, Curator

Join us for an out of the box exhibition of Unorthodox Crafts

*Meryl RUTH : Nationally Recognized Ceramic Artist, teacher - Meryl creates clay teapots in whimsical designs, such as playing cards and musical instruments.

*Carol STEIN : Multi-media artist, Teacher, Psychotherapist - wall hangings and vessels made of handmade rice paper and mixed media

*Molly VOGEL : Hand-Carved Wearable Art made of jet stone and other materials, MECA Graduate

*Ellen WIESKE : Metalsmith Artist, Teacher, Assistant Director of Haystack School of Crafts - "quilt" patches constructed out of everyday metals, joined to become colorful wall hangings. "The ordinary becomes extraordinary."

November 7-December 24
opening reception: Nov 7, 5-7pm
First Friday Art Walk: Dec 5, 5-8pm

Learn about... The Moral Courage Project in an Evening of Community Engagement



The Moral Courage Project (MCP) connects students with those who have experienced helping under catastrophic conditions. Stories of compassionate action in the face of difficulty can inspire the development of moral courage in future generations. MCP works with several schools in Maine to bring this program to as wide an audience as possible.

Film: The Danish Solution - How Danish citizens rescued Jews in their community from annihilation during the Nazi occupation.

Presentation: Students, teachers, and USM faculty talk about The Moral Courage Project, what it is and plans for the future.

Light Dinner and Live Music: A soup supper with music by the Casco Bay Tumblers.

Poetry: Group poetry writing exercise with Portland's first Poet Laureate, Martin Steingesser.

Performance: The Thinking Heart: The Life & Loves of Ety Hillesum performed by Martin Steingesser, Judy Tierney, and Robin Jellis

Saturday, November 8, 2014 4:30-9:00pm

Suggested Donation \$10, Students and teachers free

Presented in partnership with the University of Southern Maine Dept. of Counselor Education

In recognition of Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) - Nov 9, 1938 "Witness Us" : holocaust reflections auschwitz/birkenau

Clay Sculpture - Marji Greenhut

November 9 - December 7

Talk with the artist each Friday throughout the exhibit 12-2pm
Of these sculptures, the artist has said, *"They emerged from my hands from another place, demanding to be witnessed. They capture the shadows and echoes of the millions murdered at auschwitz and birkenau and the many other world holocausts since then."* Marji invites visitors to also become witnesses by holding any of the 50 pieces, each of which has multiple images, often on both sides.



Opening November 9 ~ 2:00-4:00pm

Join us for Kaddish with Rabbi Berenson: 3:30pm
3rd floor exhibition hall

"Let There Be Light"

**2014 Menorah Invitational Co-curated by Nancy Davidson and June Fitzpatrick
Inaugural Exhibit in the Fineberg Family Community Room**

Opening November 13, 5-7 pm
Through January 9



Lucy Breslin	Lissa Hunter
Rush Brown	Nanci Kahn
Sarah Brown	Deborah Klotz
Clara Cohan	Lin Lisberger
Susan Dewsnap	Nancy Nevergole
Randy Fein	Gary Rattigan
Laura Fuller	Toby Rosenberg
Jim & Holly Gallante	Meryl Ruth
Eva Goetz	Simon van der Ven

Discovering Beauty and Power in the Hours After Death with Jean Berman

Is there more to death than grief and sadness? Are we missing a portal into the mystery and wonder of life? Are there simple ways to be with a loved one immediately following death that bring meaningful closure?



Reflecting on cross-cultural practices and personal experience, followed by an intimate and respectful demonstration of a ceremony, you are invited to come open your mind and heart to "discover beauty and power in the hours after death".

Jean is an Interfaith Minister anchored in Judaism and ordained by the Chaplaincy Inst. of Maine. She has experience working with the dying, and has studied customs surrounding death and dying in a variety of cultures. She develops rituals and ceremonies for life transitions including weddings, healing, and adolescent rites of passage, as well as ceremonies of closure for death, divorce, and other forms of loss.

Thursday, November 20
7:00-8:30pm
suggested donation \$10

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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