





#### 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 y<u>ou</u>'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

#### **Maine Jewish Museum** 267 Congress St Portland, Maine 04101 207-773-2339

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**

Blue Tattoo : Oct 26, 2pm

<u>Saheli in Concert: Nov 2, 3:30pm</u>

<u>Unorthodox Crafts: Nov 7-Dec 24</u>

The Moral Courage Project - Nov. 8

Witness Us: holocaust reflections Nov 9

"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



### Saheli in Concert Nov 2, 3:30pm

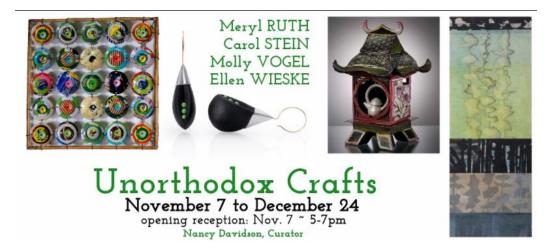


You're Invited to the Portland Debut Concert of the Vocal Quartet "Saheli"

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



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 Tummlers.

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

Performance: The Thinking Heart: The Life & Loves of Etty 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 ihe 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.

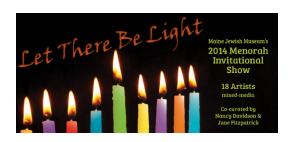


Opening November 9 ~ 2:00-4:00pm Join us for Kaddish with Rabbi Berenson: 3:30pm 3rd floor exhibition hall

### "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 Deborah Klotz Sarah Brown 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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