

*What a weekend of Jewish culture and learning we have planned for you! In addition to the Sunday sessions we already wrote you about, we have a full array of opportunities to study, pray, and tromp around at the Common Ground Fair with Rabbi Margalit.*

*Jewish life is alive and well in midcoast Maine. Please come take advantage of these golden opportunities!*

**Shabbat Weekend with Rabbi Natan Margalit Focuses on Agriculture and Jewish Life**

**Thursday, Sept. 22, 7-8:30 p.m.: Truth Sprouts from the Earth: The Seasons, Agriculture, and Jewish Life**

Jews have been a wandering, urban, diaspora people for a long time, but our roots are in the land, with the changing of seasons, the intricate and dynamic balance of rain, sun, soil, animals, and humans that make for fertility and flourishing. Those seeds in the land are still to be found in Jewish tradition, especially in our holiday cycle. In this evening of learning and discussion we'll open up a new perspective on familiar themes, new insights into old traditions. Now that the environment and the way we produce our food have become such vital concerns in our modern lives, it's time to integrate ancient Jewish wisdom into our ecological worldview.

**Friday, Sept. 23: Rabbi Margalit and Adas Go to the Fair!**

The Common Ground Fair embodies and expresses core values of Tikkun Olam, agriculture, and Jewish ethics. We'll gather on the Central Lawn of the fair at the MOFGA fairgrounds in Unity at 12:30 p.m. Brown bag it or purchase a delicious organic lunch from one of the dozens of great food vendors and farm stands. *Let us know if you're coming; maybe we can carpool.*

We'll do some singing, and then make a trip to the booth of Elisheva Rogosa in the Agricultural Products section; Elis is the one with the wheat sheaves on her booth. She makes challah and demonstrates the use of ancient grains, the same species of grain actually used in biblical times. Everyone is invited to meet at Eli Rogosa's Heritage Grain Conservancy booth for an Erev Shabbat potluck at 6 p.m. on Friday, after the close of the Fair. Rabbi Margalit will head back to AY for Shabbat services. *Please let us know if you're coming to the Fair so we can look out for you and meet up!*

**Friday, Sept. 23: Shabbat Services, 7 p.m.**

Join us for services at 7 p.m., followed by dessert and a discussion on The Exile Within, a psycho-spiritual reading of the dramatic blessings and curses in this week's Torah portion, *Ki Tavo*.

**Saturday, Sept. 24: Shabbat Services, 10 a.m.**

We'll have a traditional Shabbat service. At 11 a.m. there will be Torah reading and discussion on Parshat *Ki Tavo*. This will be followed by lunch and further discussion about Jewish values, organic farming, and contemporary food culture.

See you at Adas Yoshuron!

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