

# CENTER FOR SMALL TOWN JEWISH LIFE

**Mid-April 2021/Iyyar 5781**

**~SAVE THE DATE~**

**For the Maine Conference for Jewish Life  
Sunday, June 13, 2021**

Join us on Zoom for an afternoon of interactive learning and community celebration! Stay tuned for more details and information about how to register.

## Shlichei Tzibur Training



A Yearlong Prayer Service  
Leader Training Program  
for Community Members

שליחי ציבור

**APPLY  
TODAY!**  
Applications  
Close on  
April 23rd!

**Empowering Community Prayer Leaders, with Cantor Nesis**  
**Monthly classes on Tuesday evenings, 7–8:30 PM • Starting Tuesday, May 25**

This yearlong experience is designed to empower individuals to lead worship services, shiva minyans, singing circles, and more, within their own communities. Through monthly online classes and individual coaching sessions with Cantor Sheila Nesis, participants will build the skills they need to succeed as prayer leaders. Enrollment will be limited.

**Application deadline: Friday April 23**

Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the program on Friday, May 7.

Tuition: \$120 for the yearlong program (\$10/month for class and individual tutoring).  
Cost should not be a barrier to participating in this program.

*Made possible by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life, the Messerschmidt Memorial Fund at the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, and the Covenant Foundation*

[Learn More and Apply Here](#)

Friday, April 16, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

## Shabbat, Together

LED BY RABBI ERICA ASCH  
AND SARA BLUMENTHAL



### Let's Welcome in Shabbat as a Maine Jewish Community!

Join Rabbi Erica Asch of Temple Beth El, Augusta, and rabbinical fellow Sara Blumenthal for a celebratory spring Kabbalat Shabbat. Now that the clocks have sprung forward, we're thrilled to offer Kabbalat Shabbat services through the Center once again.

[Register Here](#)



## Spring Funtensive!

~FOR KIDS~

EACH DAY, APRIL 19 -23  
FROM 9-10 A.M.

Spring is coming to us in Maine, and we can nearly taste the chance to hang out together in person, safely distanced outside. But...not yet. Luckily, for spring vacation we're here to offer some fun Jewish learning and to connect with each other over Zoom!

We will offer songs, stories, Hebrew games, and crafts, and every day will have a color, a letter, and a sense we'll learn in Hebrew. Generally recommended for kids ages 4-11, but all are welcome! We recommend that kids have paper, crayons or markers, and a snack with them as needed. If your kids are old enough, they should keep tape or glue and a pair of scissors nearby, too.

You'll receive an email each morning with the day's link and information. Questions about this program? Email Mel Weiss at [maweiss@colby.edu](mailto:maweiss@colby.edu).

[Register Here](#)

Sunday, May 2, 2021, 7 p.m.

# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Is discrimination on the basis of educational status dividing our country?

With panelists: Anosacha Peete-Meyers '23, Rabbi David Freidenreich, and Pastor Jamie Dickson



Each year, Community Conversations brings together Waterville faith and community institutions with Colby faculty and students to consider major issues of common concern.

This spring, we'll gather for a virtual evening and hear from Anosacha Peete-Meyers '23, Rabbi David Freidenreich, Director of Jewish Studies at Colby, and Pastor Jamie Dickson of Kingdom Life Church in Oakland, Maine. They will explore the question:

**Is discrimination on the basis of educational status dividing our country?**

After hearing from our panelists, we'll break into small groups to discuss these questions: Can this rift be bridged? If so, how can we achieve greater equity in power, influence, and status while still maintaining the unique value of higher education? Finally, how does this rift specifically impact Waterville and central Maine?

It's sure to be a rich and meaningful evening of discussion—join us!

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

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