

CENTER FOR SMALL TOWN JEWISH LIFE



April 2019; Nissan 5779

Dear Friends of the Center for Small Town Jewish Life,

Here in Maine, as winter gives way to spring, we are busily preparing for Passover. In the Jewish community, we are entering a season of renewal, with buds whispering of their potential and with an array of CSTJL programming ready to blossom. Mark your calendars and join us this spring and summer for rich opportunities to step into community after an introspective winter, to celebrate the cycle of the Jewish calendar, and to grow and learn with one another. We look forward to seeing you.

Chag Pesach Sameach!
The Center Staff

The Maine Conference for Jewish Life Registration is live!



Friday, June 21- Sunday, June 23
Thomas College and downtown Waterville

Register for the 2019 Maine Conference for Jewish Life!

We're thrilled to announce that our keynote speaker at this year's conference will be Amir Tibon, Washington correspondent for *Ha'aretz*. Amir is also the author of an acclaimed biography of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. We look forward to welcoming Amir to Maine this June. Don't miss it—register today!

Questions? Contact Mel Weiss at maweiss@colby.edu.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!



BEIT MIDRASH

Eemunah or Faith and how we think
about Jewish Peoplehood

Beit Midrash

Intergenerational Discussion: *Eemunah* (Faith) and Jewish Peoplehood

Wednesday, April 10, 6-7:30 p.m.

Mary Low Coffeehouse, Colby College

In our last Beit Midrash of the semester, we will come together to explore the role *emunah*, or faith, plays in how we think about Jewish peoplehood. We'll look at a variety of texts to understand this complex topic. Everyone, regardless of affiliation or background, is warmly invited. Find us in the Mary Low Coffeehouse—located on the Colby College campus in Waterville. See you there!

Community Conversations

Who Calls Waterville Home?

Thursday, May 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Chace Community Forum, Bill & Joan
Alfond Main Street Commons, Waterville
Appetizers and Desserts by Acadia Cakes



In the third and final event in our Community Conversations series we will delve into the question: "Who Calls Waterville Home?" We'll hear from featured speakers David Greene, president of Colby College, Rabbi Rachel Isaacs of Beth Israel Congregation, and Waterville City Manager Michael Roy '74. Join us for appetizers, dessert, and spirited, facilitated discussion of this deeply relevant and personal topic.

Summer Funtensive July 8-12, 2019

Jewish camp in Maine!

Plans are underway for a week of learning, playing, and adventure at our Summer Funtensive. Scheduled for July 8-12, the Funtensive provides a camping experience for Jewish kids right here in Maine. Based at Temple Beth El in Augusta, the Funtensive attracts campers from Waterville, Augusta, Bath, Lewiston, Portland, and beyond. Jewish teens and college students will work with Rabbi Asch and Mel Weiss to provide a fun and educational



Jewish camp experience. Campers leave Funtensive with a sizable modern Hebrew vocabulary and other skills imparted through this immersive program. We can work with your community to provide transportation.

For more information, contact Rabbi Erica Asch at rabbiasch@gmail.com.

Register for the Funtensive Here!

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