

# CENTER FOR SMALL TOWN JEWISH LIFE



Dear Friends of the Center for Small Town Jewish Life,

At first glance February may appear to be a rather quiet time of year in Maine, but the center does not hibernate. We are in full tilt, and there are great things ahead in our calendar! As we look ahead to the next weeks, months and warmer days, we hope you'll join us for some or all of these upcoming events in Waterville and beyond.

With great anticipation,

The Center Staff

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## **The Maine Conference for Jewish Life**

Registration is live!



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

**Registration is open for the 2019 Maine Conference for Jewish Life!** The Maine Conference for Jewish Life is a pluralistic opportunity for superior Jewish learning and joyous celebration in central Maine. It pays to register early because registration prices will go up at the end of March. If you need any convincing, check out our gorgeous video with conference highlights from last year's gathering.

[Register Here!](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendars!



# BEIT MIDRASH

SO, WHAT DO YOU HAVE  
TO BELIEVE TO BE JEWISH?

## **Beit Midrash—What do you have to believe to be Jewish?**

Wednesday, February 27, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Mary Low Coffee House, Colby College

Join us for the first Beit Midrash event of the year where we come together as one Colby and Waterville community to explore the Jewish concept of "emunah," or faith. This spirited text study and discussion will take place over dinner at Mary Low Coffee House on the Colby campus. Everyone is welcome! Come prepared to eat and discuss the role faith plays in our own spiritual identities.

## **Family Table—Shabbat, Faith and Song Beit Midrash and Shabbat Dinner with Colby Hillel**

Friday, March 15, 6-8 p.m.  
Colby Hillel room, Pugh Center, Colby College

For the second Beit Midrash gathering we will broaden our scope of study to ask what role "emunah", or the Jewish concept of faith, plays in the Jewish family. Join us for Shabbat dinner and communal text study in the Colby Hillel room in the Pugh Center on campus. All are welcome!

## **Maine Jewish Youth Connection**

Sunday, March 10, Afternoon

The last Jewish Youth Connection event of the season before our April trip for a tour of Jewish Boston! Details forthcoming. Please [subscribe to our mailing list](#) to stay in the know about logistics, registration and eligibility for April trip to Boston.

## **Community Conversations**

Thursday, May 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Chace Community Forum, Bill and Joan Alford Main Street Commons, Waterville

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

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## **Center Co-sponsorships Available**

The Center for Small Town Jewish Life at Colby College (CSTJL) is committed to bringing together institutions and individuals across lines of difference for collaboration, relationship building, and superlative Jewish learning. In that spirit, we have created a program for the center to cosponsor collaborative Jewish educational programming across

the State of Maine. The CSTJL will contribute up to \$250 for events that bring together at least two institutions in the state for accessible Jewish learning and relationship building. Events must be free to the public and should make every effort to welcome and accommodate individuals of all socioeconomic backgrounds and ages.

[Visit our website to learn more](#)

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## From the Community



### **The Berger Family Holocaust Lecture: Holocaust Memory in East and West Germany**

With Natasha Goldman, Adjunct Lecturer in Art History,  
Bowdoin College

Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m., Colby College, Diamond  
Building, Room 122

East and West Germany worked through Holocaust memory, in the form of public memorials, in different ways. While East Germany favored socialist realist public sculptures, some artists, by the late 1950s, incorporated elements of the prewar avant-garde in their work—but not without controversy. Meanwhile, in the West, a “safe” approach to public sculpture meant turning to an acceptable modern aesthetic that tended to avoid direct reference to Jews—or to the Holocaust. An investigation of the commissions of two memorials, Will Lammert’s 1957 design for the Ravensbrück memorial, and Gerson Fehrenbach’s 1963 memorial to a destroyed synagogue in West Berlin, reveal complexities that enrich our understanding of post-war Holocaust memory in both countries.



### **Maine Jewish Film Festival**

From March 9-17, 2019 The Maine Jewish Film Festival will present over 40 films in Portland, Brunswick, Lewiston, Waterville, Bangor, and Rockland. Join us in the cinematic celebration of Jewish culture. For information and ticket sales, go to [www.mjff.org](http://www.mjff.org).

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