

# THE MAINE CONFERENCE FOR JEWISH LIFE

A CELEBRATION OF JEWISH LIFE IN MAINE



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Dear friends,

I sincerely hope that this email finds you and your families both healthy and safe. I am writing you to share that we cannot hold the [Maine Conference for Jewish Life](#) as an in-person event this June. In order to comply with Governor Mills's guidelines and to keep our communities safe in this extraordinary time, we have decided to move our conference online. While we are of course heavy-hearted by the thought that we won't see one another in person just yet, we are excited and eager to bring an inspiring, exciting, and uplifting program of learning.

Our reformatted conference will include a statewide Shabbat service on Friday, June 12, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m., and Sunday learning sessions, running from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.—culminating in a private concert with Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg of Nefesh Mountain. (You can find the full line-up below.) Although it will not be the same as our three-day adventure in Waterville, this will be a wonderful opportunity to learn, to sing, and to say a digital hello to old and new friends, from across the state and beyond.

From everyone at the Center for Small Town Jewish Life, our best and warmest wishes for your continued health and safety. As ever, if you have any questions, please just let me know!

Warmly,  
Melanie Weiss  
*Director of Summer Programs*

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## Register for the Online Conference!

We want to make sure everyone interested in the newly formatted conference is able to participate, so registration is free, though donations are welcome. Registration gives participants the ability to join and exit the day's programs as they wish, with just

one set of login information. Want to take part in some excellent Jewish learning? Here's what to do:

**1) Please make sure to [register](#)** (if you registered for the in-person MCJL, another email with special instructions was sent to you; you will need to re-register).

**2) Please spread the word!** We'll have new [Facebook posts](#) going up in the next month to promote this opportunity—please like, share, and reach out to your friends!

[Register Here](#)

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## Online Conference Schedule

### Friday, June 12, 2020

5:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services

### Sunday, June 14, 2020

10:00 a.m. Introduction by the director of the Center for Small Town Jewish Life, Rabbi Rachel Isaacs

10:15 a.m. Israeli musicians and music educators Or and Feliza Zohar

11:00 a.m. Rabbis Panel: A Text on One Foot: What Text Gives You Comfort Right Now?

12:00 p.m. Rabbi Adina Allen and the Jewish Studio Project: Creativity in Times of Challenge

12:45 p.m. "Edek:" Film Short Screening and Conversation with Barbara Merson. *This session is made possible by the Maine Jewish Film Festival*

1:30 p.m. A Moment of Meditation and Music with Cantor Sheila Nesis

2:15 p.m. A Kosher Wilderness Experience with Brian Kresge

3:00 p.m. Storytelling with Lisa Mayer, followed by a brief closing ceremony

4:00 p.m. A Private Concert with Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg of Nefesh Mountain!

**Our new schedule is also available on our [website](#).**

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