

# CENTER FOR SMALL TOWN JEWISH LIFE

November 2019/ Cheshvan 5780



Thank you for making this Fall Shabbaton our best yet!

Dear Friends,

For us at the center, the Fall Shabbaton felt like the last big gathering of the High Holiday season. It's hard to believe we've crossed the threshold into 5780, and in such style! Many thanks to each one of you who stepped out to celebrate the new year with us. The sixth Fall Shabbaton was one of our most spirited, and we are so grateful to be here, in this moment, celebrating in community with you. *Shehecheyanu!*

And just like that we are on to the next thing! There is a lot of programming on the calendar for our Maine teens, an application to teach at the 2020 Maine Conference for Jewish Life, and more. Read on for all the latest from the center.

Here's to a rich late fall season,

The Center Staff

P.S. [Follow us on Facebook](#) to see more photos from the Shabbaton weekend.



# JEWISH YOUTH CONNECTION

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS  
TO CONNECT,  
LEARN, AND TRAVEL

Nov. 17, 2019 | Dec. 8, 2019 | Feb. 9, 2020

The new season of Jewish Youth Connection programming is off to an energetic start!

- **Nov. 17: Trampoline Park**
- **Dec. 8: Paint Your Own Pottery**
- **Feb. 9: Broomball and Rock Climbing**
- **March 15: Cooking Together**

We have four more teen events on the calendar for the 2019-2020 school year, capped off by a teen Shabbaton in New York City! The catch? You have to attend at least three of our five yearly events to be eligible to register for the Shabbaton (registration will be announced in the spring, and will be first-come, first-served).



**Register Here for the Next Event!**

## We Want You to Teach at the 2020 Conference



We are currently accepting applications for next summer's Maine Conference for Jewish Life. The conference will be held June 12-14 in Waterville. Each year's conference covers a wide variety of topics, and we are always looking for new and interesting ideas, so please do forward this application to anyone in your life who you think would make a great presenter. We're really looking forward to learning from you!

**All submissions must be received by November 18.** If you have any questions, please contact Mel Weiss, Director of Summer Programs for the CSTJL, at [maweiss@colby.edu](mailto:maweiss@colby.edu).

**Apply to Teach Here**

## Mark your Calendars for the Intergenerational Beit Midrash

**Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Chace Community Forum, Downtown Waterville  
First floor of the Bill & Joan Alford  
Main Street Commons

Are you a Jewish parent? Maybe you have Jewish parents, or you know someone who does. No matter your background, this evening is an opportunity to dive into text together and explore what Jewish tradition has to say about raising a Jewish family.

Join us for dinner and an intergenerational evening of text study, where college students and community members come together to share unique perspectives on traditional texts.

RSVP to the [Facebook Event](#) for the latest information on this event.

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