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Hanukkah 5782/November 2021

Dear Friends of the Center for Small Town Jewish Life,

We are always grateful for the many ways you support Jewish life in Maine: by attending our programs, by learning, singing, dancing, and celebrating with us, by making suggestions, by listening, by engaging. Without you, we would not exist.

On this Giving Tuesday, and every day, we say *todah rabah*, thank you, for your ongoing support. Please continue to make our work possible by [donating to the Center](#). Your contribution will help us continue to bring the best of Jewish learning and culture to all of you—to all of us—here in the state of Maine, for years to come.

With warmest wishes for a luminous Festival of Lights! *Chag Urim Sameach!*

The Center for Small Town Jewish Life staff:

Rabbi Rachel Isaacs, Rabbi Erica Asch, Rabbi David Freidenreich, Liz Soloway Snider, and Melanie Weiss

Donate to the Center Today

A Maine Hanukkah Celebration

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
5:30 PM

**HAVDALAH, CANDLE LIGHTING,
"WAGER IN THE BATHHOUSE,"
AND MUSIC, ON ZOOM!**



Light Candles, Laugh, and Sing with Us
Saturday, December 4, 5:30 p.m.

We're excited to welcome you all to our statewide Hanukkah celebration this Saturday! Our talented rabbis have held their dress rehearsal for Rebbetzin Lisa's "Wager in the Bathhouse," featuring singing, disrobing, re-robing, rubber ducks, and a whole lot of jelly doughnuts! Rabbi Sruli is warming up his accordion, and we can practically smell the aroma of latkes sizzling in Jewish kitchens from Fryeburg to Machias.

There will be havdalah and hanukkiah lighting. Have yours on hand so you can join us as we light candles and sing the blessings. It'll be a *mechaye*—a real joy!—to be together from all across the state—and beyond—celebrating from our own homes, as one.

To get the Zoom link, register below. See you Saturday for the seventh candle!

[Register for Hanukkah Here!](#)

Trope Training with Eliana Willis

January 20 and 27, February 3, 2022



Would you like to learn Torah trope? This three-week class with Center rabbinical fellow Eliana Willis will cover the basics of Torah cantillation, focusing on the most common tropes. Eliana will also discuss how to go about learning an aliyah, using the Rosh Hodesh Torah reading as a case study, and share online resources to support your Torah reading beyond this class.

Enrollment is limited to 10 students, with preference given to Maine residents who will serve the local community with their newly learned skills; there are only a couple of spaces left, so register soon to secure a spot.

Registrants are required to commit to attending all three classes. The success of this program depends on class attendance. **If you cannot attend all**

three classes, please do not sign up for the training.

Days: Thursdays January 20, 27, February 3

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Prerequisites: Participants must be able to read Hebrew text aloud, and should expect to spend time outside of class practicing.

\$36 suggested donation

About the instructor: Eliana Willis, a rabbinical fellow with the Center for Small Town Jewish Life, is a third-year rabbinical student at Hebrew College in Boston. She is a cantillation enthusiast and has taught trope to b'nai mitzvah students and to adults. She teaches Talmud at Teen Beit Midrash, a pluralistic and inclusive learning space for teens, and spent last summer as a fellow with T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights. She has a BA in Environmental Studies from University of California, Santa Cruz, and worked as an outdoor educator before starting rabbinical school. Originally from Los Angeles, Eliana is spending time this year learning, singing, and connecting with the Maine Jewish community.

[Register for Trope Training Here](#)



CENTER NOTECARDS+BEANIES FOR SALE!

Get Your Maine Artist Notecards and Center Beanies

Stay warm this winter with a soft, cozy hat to protect you from the wind and snow! And how about sending one-of-a-kind cards to family and friends? We have gorgeous, unique treats to send and share: Center insignia beanies, and notecards featuring the work of three Maine Jewish artists:

- *Divinity is Everywhere*, by Camille Davidson
- *Schmita 2020, Five Baskets*, by Asherah Cinnamon
- *Cold Wind, Warm Sun, Maranacook*, by Hélène Farrar

Packets of nine cards, three of each design, and beanies, are available for sale for \$18, shipping included.

To place an order for cards or beanies, click on the links below. Thank you, and enjoy!

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