



Ma CHADASH!

What's New! The newsletter of Temple Shalom Synagogue Center, Auburn, Maine

מה חדש!

ק"ק היכל שלום

April 2016/Adar II/Nisan 5776

Community Passover Seder

Saturday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m.

*Adults: Members - \$25

*Children 12 & under: \$15

*Adults: Non-Members - \$30

*Children under 5: No Charge



Paid reservations MUST be made ASAP by calling 786-4201!

No one turned away for inability to pay, but we must have the reservation.

FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

One of my earliest joke memories (courtesy of my favorite uncle, Chaim, for whom Charlie is named):

A large group of convicts have been imprisoned together for many years. To pass the time they would tell jokes. After a while they had heard every one of each other's jokes so many times that they decided to simply assign each joke a number. For example, someone might call out "38!" and the other convicts

would chuckle as they recalled the joke.

One time, a convict called out a number, the other prisoners chuckled as usual, but one prisoner busted out laughing and continued to laugh for several minutes. The others asked him why he found this particular joke so funny. His response: "I've never heard that one before!"

At the end of the Passover seder, we sing a peculiar hymn: "Who Knows One," which assigns an association to each of the numbers between one and thirteen. "One" reminds us of God, "two" of Moses' tablets of the law, "three" of the Patriarchs, "four" of the Matriarchs, "five" of the number of books that make up the Torah, and so on.

What are the most important things for a Jewish person to know? What should we teach our Hebrew School children, or someone who would like to convert, or those who have had a minimal Jewish education?

"Who Knows One" recognizes that the essence of what makes a Jewish family or community is our shared associations. We may come to the seder with differing levels of Jewish knowledge, commitment, tradition or observance but we leave the seder acknowledging that what is most important is what we share. That we are a community because "eight" reminds ALL of us of the day a newborn Jewish baby is circumcised, and "twelve" reminds EACH of us of the number of the Israelite tribes.

Being Jewish is not about something we do, or know, or believe. It is about identity. It is about the things that mean the most to us. And when the same things that mean the most to us mean the most to those with whom we share our lives, we have community.

May we always treasure the special bond that we share with each other and with Jewish people throughout the world.

Rabbi Sruli



Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members of our Temple. Please call Rabbi Sruli on his cellphone at 914-980-9509 if you would like to speak with him or to arrange a time for a meeting. You can also call or leave a message at the Temple office and Rabbi Sruli will get back to you.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I love Passover! At first I was thinking it was because of the food. Every Jewish holiday is associated with some special food, but Passover takes this to another level. For the religious, almost everything you eat for 8 days must be kosher specifically for Passover. Not easy to do in Maine. But most of us are primarily interested in not eating anything leavened, and this is the challenge I love. Cakes without flour, cookies made from egg whites and everything made with matzoh. The competition as to whose matzoh balls are the lightest. And who knew you could use matzoh instead of noodles when making lasagna, and they don't even need pre-cooking?! And then there's all the foods you need specifically for the seder like charoset and all that horseradish. Yum! I love cooking for Passover.

The other nice thing about Passover is the social aspect. It's a time to gather with friends and family. No one should need to celebrate Passover alone. Our Temple hosts a wonderful, fully catered, seder attended by over 100 people. The cost is so reasonable, but you must make a reservation. Today! And if you have nowhere to go on the first night, let Julie know. I'm sure we have members who have room at their seder tables for one or two more.

And then there's the seder itself. There's nothing better than watching all those joyous faces as we sing the old favorites and the re-worded, laughably irreverent songs, as we retell the story of the exodus from Egypt. It's a far-cry from the mumbled, all-Hebrew, endless seders my Grandpa led back in the day. Every year our seder is a little different, often with new faces sitting around the table. And the best part is I'm getting to introduce a new generation to the story of our people and how we embrace our freedom. Isn't it amazing to know that this same story has been told for hundreds of years? L'dor v'dor.

Happy Passover.....Lesli Weiner

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Deborah Frank Burdo, Michelle Lisi Deloro, Fleck Family, Christie James, Elizabeth Johnson, Mark Johnson, Bethany Kornstadt, Leonard Bell, Dennis McCreery, Sandy Miller, Richard Rau, Joel Salberg, Roger Sutherberg, Toby Wallach, Neal Weiner, David Wyman**, and all others who are not well at this time.

We like to hear good news! Whenever you request that a name be put on this list, please let us know when that name can be removed.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our next meeting will be on
Monday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars – Temple Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 15th!

BRUNCH AND PROGRAM - SUNDAY, APRIL 10 AT 10:00 A.M.

Join us for a brunch and a presentation about "Three Generations of a Kibbutz Family" at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 10. Phyllis Graber Jensen will share a story in pictures and words about a 13-member clan whose members spanned three generations as they confronted their future -- 30 plus years ago -- on Naot Mordechai, a kibbutz in northern Israel.

Please RSVP, 786-4201 or temple6359@aol.com



My Name is Asher Lev

"You should see it. Your children should see it. Everyone should see it." *New York Magazine*

"Asher Lev is truly a classic. A must see." *Arts and Leisure News*

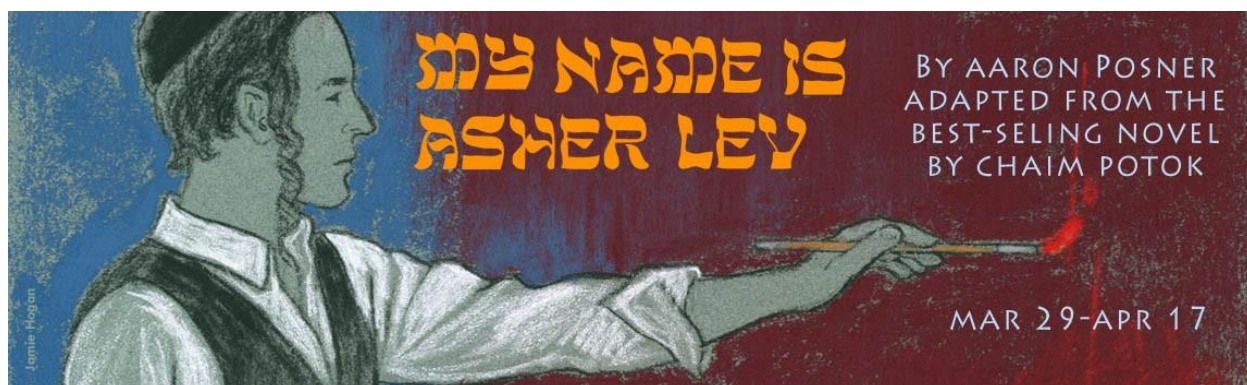
"Compelling and personal, yet universal" *Associated Press*

Based on the best-selling novel by Chaim Potok, this award winning drama tells the powerful story of a boy prodigy who is driven to be a painter at any cost – against the will of family, community and tradition. Born into a Hasidic family in post-World War II Brooklyn, his artistic genius threatens to estrange him from both his parents and his observant Jewish community.

Chaim Potok (February 17, 1929 – July 23, 2002) was an American [Jewish](#) author and [rabbi](#). Potok is most famous for his first book [The Chosen](#), a 1967 novel which was listed on *The New York Times*' best seller list for 39 weeks and sold more than 3,400,000 copies. Potok wrote many novels including a sequel to *The Chosen* in 1969 entitled [The Promise](#), which details the issues of the value and identity between Orthodox and Hasidic Jews. In 1972, he published [My Name is Asher Lev](#), the story of a boy struggling with his relationship with his parents, religion and his love of art.

PORTLAND STAGE COMPANY

- **Location:** [25 Forest Ave, Portland ME](#) [207-774-0465](#)
- **Dates:** 3/29-4/17
- **Price:** [Previews \\$37; Evenings & Final Thu Matinees \\$42; Weekend Matinees \\$47; Discounts for Seniors, Students and Groups](#)



SHABBAT SERVICES REMINDER

Shabbat morning services begin at 9:30 am each week. We have a prayer service from 9:30 to 10:30 followed by Torah Study from 10:30 to 11:30. Please feel free to attend either or both segments.

In accordance with sacred Jewish tradition and practice, times are approximate.



Temple Shalom proudly presents



Saturday Evening, April 2, 2016

Reception at 6:00 p.m., Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Wine and Cheese—Dessert and Coffee

Lisa Mayer, Rebbetzin of Ceremonies

Cost is \$10.00 per person


Performances for the Evening Include

The Franco-American Youth Orchestra • World-Renowned Fiddler, Greg Boardman and Friends • The Amazing Singer/Songwriter, Liz Helitzer • Sruli and Lisa • The Blues of Big Mama and the Professor • Chicks with Sticks • And More!





COLBY COLLEGE, JUNE 17 - 19, 2016

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<http://web.colby.edu/mainejewishlifeconference>
 and find us on facebook 



CENTER FOR
SMALL TOWN
JEWISH LIFE



Please remember to register by March 31st to take advantage of the EARLY BIRD SPECIAL of just \$36/day (\$45/day from April 1 to May 20, \$60/day after June 1). Scholarships are available. Housing: Available in Colby dorms (\$60 for the weekend) or at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Waterville).

Food: Kosher food with vegetarian options is provided. Note dietary restrictions on your registration form.

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!BOOK GROUP NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

After taking off a month, Book Group reconvened on March 14. Present were Malca Wilner, Margaret Meyer, Adele Silverman, Helene Perry, Bertha Bodenheimer and me, Lesli Weiner. Our book was *The Hilltop* by Israeli author Assaf Gavron. This was a satirical look at settlement life in the West Bank with all of its complexities. Gavron manages to humanize the settlers while still making a political statement. Americans may not get all the nuances of the novel's take on this look at Israeli society, but we all got a good feel for the orchestrated chaos of the current settlement crisis in the 'Wild West Bank.'

Because of the lack of available library copies of our scheduled April book, we have opted to read this 4 1/2 star novel instead, *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. Following is the description from Amazon:

"From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Dovekeepers* and *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*: a forbidden love story set on the tropical island of St. Thomas about the extraordinary woman who gave birth to painter Camille Pissarro—the Father of Impressionism.

Growing up on idyllic St. Thomas in the early 1800s, Rachel dreams of life in faraway Paris. Rachel's mother, a pillar of their small refugee community of Jews who escaped the Inquisition, has never forgiven her daughter for being a difficult girl who refuses to live by the rules. Growing up, Rachel's salvation is their maid Adelle's belief in her strengths, and her deep, life-long friendship with Jestine, Adelle's daughter. But Rachel's life is not her own. She is married off to a widower with three children to save her father's business. When her husband dies suddenly and his handsome, much younger nephew, Frédéric, arrives from France to settle the estate, Rachel seizes her own life story, beginning a defiant, passionate love affair that sparks a scandal that affects all of her family, including her favorite son, who will become one of the greatest artists of France."

So pick up one of the numerous library copies, or download to your kindle. Then join us for the discussion on MONDAY, APRIL 11 at 4PM.lesli



WISH LIST!

Sand for Sand Box

Home Depot Gift Cards
(any amount)



Registrations are now being accepted for the Summer Program!
Limited space available – register your child today!

LOOKING FOR JEWISH GESTATIONAL CARRIER!

We are a married couple living in NY in search of a healthy Jewish gestational carrier (with no biological link) who is willing to make our dreams come true (prefer unmarried, divorced, or widowed but will consider a married Jewish Carrier). Healthy BMI, no more than one C-Section, and under age 39.

Extremely generous compensation package, including all related costs.

If you are interested in helping us please contact us at JewishSurrogateWanted@gmail.com

A BISSEL OF MAINE

My Name is Asher Lev by Aaron Posner adapted from Chaim Potok's novel
Portland Stage Company, March 29-April 17, www.portlandstage.org, 774-0465

Crossing Delancey by Susan Sandler, The Public Theater, Lewiston, May 6-15
www.thepublictheatre.org, 782-3200

Jerry Seinfeld, Merrill Auditorium, Portland, ME
Friday, May 6, 2016 @ 7 PM., www.porttix.com, 842-0800 Mon-Sat 12-6

YAHREZEITEN

If you are observing a yahrzeit and are planning to come to Thursday morning minyan to say Kaddish, we urge you to contact **Bob Laskoff** (ral@laskofflaw.com) and let him know so that he can include that information in his weekly reminder email. It is your responsibility to call friends and neighbors to make sure there are enough people for the minyan.

We all enjoy our Thursday morning Minyans and breakfast schmoozes.
HELP! We need volunteers to shop and setup. A sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.



CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Betty and Julie Wise and family of Florida on the recent passing of their son, Michael Wise.

We extend our condolences to Marcia and Manny Plavin on the recent passing of their daughter-in-law, Cathy Plavin.

May God comfort you together with all the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



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✂-----tear off and return-----

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Adults: x \$30.....\$ _____

of Adults..... x \$25.....\$ _____

of Children 5-12:..... x \$15.....\$ _____

of Children under 5 (No Charge, but we need to set places at the table
and plan activities) _____

of Vegetarian Meals _____

Clip and mail with your check to
Temple Shalom Synagogue-Center,
74 Bradman Street, Auburn, ME 04210

Remember: We MUST receive your paid reservation by
Monday, March 28th!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Paul & Marion Rausch

Apr 14



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Finley Barter-Levine	Apr	1
Robert Laskoff		2
Elliot Katz		5
Harold Shapiro		5
Stanley Tetenman		6
Sharon Day		7
Zachary Olstein		8
Judith Ross		12
Julie Cohen		13
Teagan Barter-Levine		15
Daniel Penan		15
Allyson Casares		16
Barry Rodrigue		16
Janet Zidle		16
Joan Levenson		17
Lesli Weiner		17
Andrea Levinsky		19
Riley Barter-Levine		22
Steven Cohen		24
Susan Brown		25
Michael Meyer		29
Lila Wollman		30



APRIL 2016 YAHRZEITEN

(Yahrzeits begin at nightfall on the evening prior to the date listed below)

Apr	1	Frances Smullin
	4	Jacob Markle
	10	Pearl Steinman
	10	Lillian Zidle
	12	Sheldon Nussinow
	14	Betty Granat
	15	Rabbi David Berent
	15	Ida Perry
	17	Edward Reeves
	17	Paulyn Rosenthal
	21	Robert Meyer
	24	Lydia Izenstatt
	25	Abraham Perry
	26	Joseph Margolin
	27	Sally Faiman
	27	Murray Rubinstein
	28	June Margolin
	28	Murray Nussinow
	30	Pearl Salberg



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The mission of Temple Shalom, Synagogue-Center is to foster a strong Jewish identity and an active Jewish Community.

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To Dr. Albert Shems for a complete and
speedy recovery

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In memory of Michael Wise

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Bertha Bodenheimer

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Funds are used to support the Temple Shalom Nursery/Preschool

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Saturday, 4/2	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
	6:00 pm	Café Shalom – Please RSVP!
Sunday, 4/3	10:00 am	Hebrew School
Thursday, 4/7	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 4/9	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 4/10	10:00 am	Hebrew School
	10:00 am	Brunch/Program – Please RSVP!
		"Three Generations of a Kibbutz Family
Monday, 4/11	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday, 4/14	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 4/16	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Thursday, 4/21	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 4/23	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
	5:00 pm	Passover Seder – RSVPs Needed!
Thursday, 4/28	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 4/29		Office closed for Passover
Saturday, 4/30	9:30 am	Shabbat Service

