



**MA CHADASHI!** מה חדש!

What's New! The newsletter of Temple Shalom Synagogue Center, Auburn, Maine ק"ק היכל שלום

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*Bonnie and Larry Faïman Cordially Invite the  
Temple Shalom Community to our Third-Annual  
Kiddush Levana Event!*



*When: Saturday, September 3, at 7:00 pm*

*Where: At the home of Bonnie and Larry Faïman,  
1 Shore Path Road, in Auburn.*

*Dessert and scintillating conversation will be served.*

*The Kiddush Levana/Havdallah service will be accompanied by  
Instrumental music, singing, and dancing led by  
Rabbi Sruli, Rebbetzen Lisa and friends.*

*Please RSVP, 786-4201 or [temple6359@aol.com](mailto:temple6359@aol.com)*

## FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

Many years ago, Lisa and I were asked to present traditional Jewish music during the Holiday Lights week at the Bronx Zoo in NY. There we were, on a small stage in one of the great old Zoo buildings, playing Chanukah songs. For an audience of approximately forty people. And six camels.

After 30 minutes or so, we started to play a melody by the Klezmer giant, Naftule Brandwein.

The strong rhythm of the tune is rooted in traditional Arabic music. After the first few bars, Lisa and I looked at each other incredulously—"did you see that?" The camels were dancing! Unmistakably. Was this a coincidence? Or were the camels actually responding to the music?

We were scheduled to perform the next three nights as well. And the same thing happened. No reaction from the camels as we meandered our way through the traditional Chanukah repertoire but as soon as we launched into the Arabian rhythm, the camels began to dance!

I don't know where those camels came from—or what music was on their Ipod playlists, but what became obvious was how strongly that Arabic-style music resonated in those camels *kishkes* (yiddish for guts/intestines). A kind of primal, visceral connection. To them, this music was *heymish* (yiddish for traditional/familiar/comfortable).

I think the same is true for *Yidden*, Jewish people. Whether we are lighting *Shabbes* candles, singing a favorite song in *shul*, eating *kugel*, or listening to Yiddish language and music, our *kishkes*, our innermost places, resonate with *heymishkayt*, tradition.

This past month, Lisa and I were asked to present traditional Yiddish music to the 200 campers at Camp JRF, the summer camp for the Jewish Reconstructionist movement. The camp administration was a little worried that these Jewish-American kids, raised on contemporary American (and a little Israeli) pop music, would not be able to relate to the music of their *bubbies* and *zaydies*.

But, the moment those camels, uh...campers, heard the old-world, East-European rhythms and melodies, sounds deeply embedded in their *kishkes*, they began to dance. And they did not stop dancing for the next 24 hours!

As a community, we thrive when we swim in the soup of our heritage—culturally as well as ritually. In my opinion, we thrive best when we are not even sure where ritual ends and culture begins. Or vice versa. Because both are our legacy and both feed our bodies and souls. Our Yiddish bodies and souls. Our *kishkes*.

May we celebrate our beautiful heritage, cultural and ritual, for many, many generations to come.

Rabbi Sruli

P.S. Rabbi Sruli will be presenting Yiddish and Klezmer music at the Maine "Funtensive" Jewish Summer Day Camp in Augusta on Wednesday, August 10 at 1:00 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Whose responsibility is it to financially support the Temple? Is it yours? Is it mine? Is it the couple of 'Big Givers'? Is it all of us?

Each of us has a responsibility to do what we can to financially support the Temple. Each of us cannot rely on just a couple of 'Big Givers' to ensure the financial security of OUR Temple. Dollar-A-Day gives you an opportunity to do just that...support our Temple. Be a part of ensuring that Temple Shalom is here for many years to come.

Some have said that they cannot afford \$365 per year. Think of it as just a single dollar per day. At the end of the day, can you look in your wallet and pull out just a dollar? Will that really hurt? Is that really a financial hardship to you? Can you look other members in the eye and say: "It is not MY responsibility to help?"

One member told me that s/he (so that I do not give any hints as to who this person is) gives enough and cannot give more? I asked if just one dollar more a day...just \$30 more per month...would really make a difference? S/he said it would and s/he just could not afford the dollar. Over three weeks later, s/he emailed me and said s/he really thought about it and decided the Temple was worth the added dollar per day and joined Dollar-a-Day. Thank you!

We have about 95 members. So far, 22 people have committed to Dollar-A-Day. We need more. We need you. We need you today....not tomorrow...not next week, but today. (As a reminder, we need 42 dollar-a-day participants for any of the sponsor money to kick in and 55 participants to get all of the sponsor money.)

Don't think of reasons not to contribute. Think of reasons TO contribute. A great rabbi...an active Jewish community in Central Maine....Large Passover Seder....Thursday minyans....Friday night services...Wonderful programming....A great rebbetzin...just knowing the Temple and Jewish community are here when the need arises.

For those of you who choose not to help out, please do the following: (Really do it...don't just sit at the kitchen table and read this.) Go to a mirror. (Are you up? Last chance...) Go to a mirror. Look yourself in the eye. Tell yourself: "I cannot afford one dollar a day." Well, could you honestly say that? Could you look yourself in the eye?

Again, whose responsibility is it to support the Temple? If you don't help out, who will? If not now, when?

Thank you to all those who have contributed. Here are the ones who have committed to dollar-a-day and have not yet been recognized:

Andrew Bodenheimer; Estelle Rubinstein; Aaron & Ellen Burke; Daniel & Kristine Rausch; Behzad & Harriet Fakhery; and two anonymous donors. Thank you!

Now, it is your turn to join dollar-a-day.

On sadder note, more terrorism has struck. This time in Nice. Can we do more than hope and pray? Is there a way to reach those so willing to do harm? Is there a way to teach them the Golden Rule? May G-d bless those who died and were injured in Nice. May G-d bless those who would do us harm and help them find a peaceful and not a violent path for them.

David Allen, President

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

It's summer and a great time for reading a good book! Filling up the round table on July 11 were



Malca Wilner, Bonnie Faiman, Sandy Traister, Adele Silverman, Bertha Bodenheimer, Margaret Meyer, Helene Perry, Judy Abromson and me, Lesli Weiner. The novel *The Girl From Krakow* turned out to be loosely based on what happened to the mother of author Alex Rosenberg. He is a professor of philosophy and has written a lot of academic books but felt people were not understanding his thesis that "science can help

answer the philosophical questions that bother all of us." So he began *The Girl From Krakow* as an attempt to put some of his difficult arguments into a form easier to grasp. But pretty soon the challenge and pleasure of writing historical fiction took over and we are rewarded with the story of a Jewess hiding in plain sight during WWII. It's a story of love, perseverance, sacrifice and survival.

Our next book is written by the Maine author Tess Gerritsen. She is best known for her medical mysteries in the celebrated Rizzoli & Isles series. However, *Playing With Fire: A Novel* is a standalone thriller with a Jewish twist. This is the book description on Amazon:

"In a shadowy antiques shop in Rome, violinist Julia Ansdell happens upon a curious piece of music—the *Incendio* waltz—and is immediately entranced by its unusual composition. Full of passion, torment, and chilling beauty, and seemingly unknown to the world, the waltz, its mournful minor key, its feverish arpeggios, appear to dance with a strange life of their own. Julia is determined to master the complex work and make its melody heard.

"Back home in Boston, from the moment Julia's bow moves across the strings, drawing the waltz's fiery notes into the air, something strange is stirred—and Julia's world comes under threat. The music has a terrifying and inexplicable effect on her young daughter, who seems violently transformed. Convinced that the hypnotic strains of *Incendio* are weaving a malevolent spell, Julia sets out to discover the man and the meaning behind the score.

"Her quest beckons Julia to the ancient city of Venice, where she uncovers a dark, decades-old secret involving a dangerously powerful family that will stop at nothing to keep Julia from bringing the truth to light."

Our Book Group meets next on MONDAY, AUGUST 8 at 4 PM in the Temple Library. We will discuss the book and formulate some questions to ask the author because TESS GERRITSEN WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE GRAY PUBLIC LIBRARY ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17 AT 6:30 PM!! This event is free, but tickets are necessary, so if you would like one please contact me. Our group is meeting at 4:30 at Cole Farms for dinner first. Sounds like a fantastic field trip. Hope you can join us.....lesli

## MAZEL TOV

To Marianne Wise on the birth of a granddaughter Teagan Michael Wise born on June 17, 2016.

## CONDOLENCES

To Edward Bell on the recent passing of his wife Peggy.

To Jeff Stern on the recent passing of his father.

To Bob Laskoff on the recent passing of his uncle Rubin Laskoff.



**Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members or 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.**



**Friday, August 12, 7 p.m. at Temple Shalom**

## **Concert & Dance**

*featuring*

**Sizzlin' Hot Klezmer and Gypsy-Jazz Music!**

by Boston-based fiddler *Jon Cannon*,  
pianist *Neil Pearlman* and clarinetist *Sara Mann*.

*Contras & circle dances called by Cindy Larock,*  
**Rebbetzin Lisa Mayer to lead Jewish/Israeli dances.**

**Admission: \$5**

Co-sponsored by Temple Shalom and the Maine Folque Co-op.

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Our next meeting will be on  
Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.





## L-A Jewish Federation

Our Federation allocated last winter's campaign contributions a few weeks ago. While a large share of the funds was sent to Temple Shalom in order to help maintain an active Jewish life in our communities and several smaller gifts were sent to other local and national organizations, four thousand dollars was forwarded to the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). That allocation was divided by JFNA to several institutions in Israel, among them, KISHORIT, an agency of KREMBO WINGS.

Michael Jeser, the author of the 'Blog from Israel' below, was born in Lewiston in 1976 to our then Jewish Community Center and Federation director Paul Jeser and his wife Faye. Michael is now the Federation director in Portland, Oregon. He writes about his recent trip to Israel and in particular about just one agency that our Federation dollars help to fund.

### MICHAEL JESER'S BLOG FROM ISRAEL

Have I mentioned that I love this place? I wrote yesterday about my feelings being back in Israel and reconnecting with my family. Rather than glance over another series of interactions from today, I want to hone in with some detail about yesterday's visit with my cousin Roie. Ami (Roie's father) and I picked him up yesterday before Shabbat Dinner from his home in a unique and special place called Kishorit. Roie is a young adult with autism. He has been living at Kishorit for a number of years and I want to share just a bit about him and about some of what I learned during our visit.

According to their website, and for more than two decades, ***"Kishorit is a home for life for adults with special needs in the Western Galilee. It is a supportive community that provides a continuum of residential, social and vocational services. Kishorit members live full, independent lives, and mature and grow old with dignity."***

More than 100 residents live in Kishorit, including Roie. Ami shared that Kishorit's model of caring for the special needs population significantly differs from the more typical approach of *inclusion* that we see and hear about in the US. Indeed, Kishorit is only for adults with special needs. Each day, Roie will eat 3 meals in the dining hall, participate in social activities and field trips, and even gets to work closely with a horse every day (which he absolutely loves!). He lives in a suite style apartment with common space to share with his roommate.

This topic is of particular interest to me given that I volunteered for years in Los Angeles for a group of adults with range of developmental and cognitive disabilities, through LA's Jewish Family Service. I always loved being with that community, getting to know them, sharing experiences like hiking, dancing and stargazing, and engaging in conversations that illuminated their rich and distinct personalities. When working with this population, one experiences the total absence of pretense and judgement, complete authenticity and honesty. Perhaps it was my relationship with Roie in my early 20s that inspired me to get involved with working with this population.

Roie and I always had fun together. We would play silly games like switching letters around on common words and seeing if we could understand each other. We would sit together quietly, hold hands and just enjoy each other's company. We would name members of the family in the US ...note he would always smile and laugh at the sound of my father's name. His inner beauty and spirit emanates from him through every interaction. Getting to spend time with Roie, once again, absolutely warmed my heart!

I have always been in awe of how Roie's parents care for him, and am thrilled that they were able to find such an incredible home, where Roie will be able to live the rest of his life. Since Ami and Rachel moved up north, they are now just 20 minutes away and no doubt have some peace of mind that their beautiful son (now a man) is in a safe, stimulating, and enriching environment. And yet, the reality that the families of many others with special needs may not be able to care for their loved ones is not lost on me.

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When I said goodbye to Roie last night, I thought about an inspiring program our Jewish Federation of Greater Portland funds in Israel. The impactful and moving “Krembo Wings ” program is *“the only inclusive youth movement in Israel for children and youth with and without disabilities, providing weekly social activities for young people with all types of mental and physical disabilities together with their able-bodied peers. Established in 2002, Krembo Wings operates tens of branches across Israel, and welcomes thousands of young people aged 7 to 21 from all cultural, religious and socio-economic backgrounds.”* Please read more about their incredible work on their website!

While Krembo Wings is just one of many programs, initiatives and organizations we fund, it offers an insight into the values that inform our work. I’m so proud to work for an organization that demonstrates compassion for those in need. I’m proud to be part of a movement that builds community. Whether supporting people with disabilities, investing in programs that support survivors of sexual violence, or equipping and empowering disadvantaged and disconnected youth living in the periphery of Israeli society, our Federation truly impacts the lives of countless Israelis.

## **A BISSEL OF MAINE**

### **Kabbalat Ohr | Receiving Light**

Camille Davidson

Spiegel Art Gallery, July 14 - September 6, 2016

First Friday Art Walk: August 5, September 2, 5pm-8pm

Monday - Friday 10am-2pm + Sundays 1pm – 5pm or by appointment

A new body of work by Camille Davidson, conceived and designed for the Maine Jewish Museum. Three new series of paintings – Kabbalat Ohr, the Sefirot series, and Jacob’s Pillow are infused with the ancient mystical practice of remaining receptive to receiving the shards of light, the sparks of Holiness, the remnants of Divine energy from Genesis that are still present in the ordinary moments of our daily lives. Ms. Davidson’s paintings seek to receive, hold, and liberate such moments. Boldly rendered, they are less didactic and more experiential, less literal and more expressive. With this new body of work our beautiful museum and synagogue space invites all to participate in the possibility of Kabbalat Ohr, receiving light.

Camille Davidson received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Maine College of Art. Ms. Davidson has the good fortune to live in Maine where she has both a summer and a winter studio. During the summer, she lives and works in the small lakeside town of Readfield where she is inspired by the woods that surround her small cabin and the lake nearby. In the winter she works in Brunswick. The long hard Maine winter provides her with the time and space to delve into her work both literally and figuratively.

## **SPEEDY RECOVERY**

We pray for refuah sh’leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Leonard Bell, Nicole Buck, Gary Buckman, Deborah Frank Burdo, Michelle Lisi Deloro, Fleck Family, Ariella Green, Christie James, Elizabeth Johnson, Yehuda ben Zvi v' Johanna, Mark Johnson, Bethany Kornstadt, Irene Marshall, Dennis McCreery, Sandy Miller, Aleza Myers, Richard Rau, Joel Salberg, Roger Sutherberg, Toby Wallach, Neal Weiner, Betty Wise, 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.





**Anne and David Allen**  
Invite you to August's  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
on  
**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

*The service, followed by an oneg,  
will be held at the family's Taylor Pond Cottage.*

**Directions to Bertha Bodenheimer's at 74 Waterview Rd. Auburn.**

**From Hotel Road take East Shore Road. This is the same road you take to the Faiman's home and to the Olstein's home.**

**Take the first right which is Waterview Drive. My cottage is 7 houses down on the water side. Both cottages are gray and there is a marker on the tree.**

**For those of you who know the Olstein's cottage I am only 4 down from them. Parking is tight so those of you who do not mind walking can park at the Olstein's. In my yard, please park close together and one behind the other 2 deep so we can park about 10 cars.**

**Yahrzeiten**

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](mailto: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.



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Neal & Lesli Weiner	Aug	3
Harvey & Elaine Bell		5
Naomi & James Nesbitt		5
Lewis & Helene Perry		7
Jerrold & Jennifer Cohen		11
Joel & Jennifer Simons		15
Christopher & Mara King		23
Lisa & Ray Belanger		30
Amy & Robert Jensen		31



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Jacob Allen	Aug	12
Daniel Abromson		14
Jacob Teich		15
Seth Meyer		18
Danale Jensen		19
Joseph Jensen		19
Jed Kutzen		19
Deena Weinstein		20
David Allen		22
Sam Allen		23
David Gardner		26
Jerrold Cohen		30



## AUGUST 2016 YAHRZEITEN

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

Aug	1	Esther Shain
	2	Irving Goldberg
	10	Randy Silver
	12	Dorothy Krasner
	15	Muriel Ross
	16	Charles Wilner
	18	Clara "Brownie" Marcus
	22	Fannye Roberts
	25	Seymour Tetenman
	27	Nathan Kutzen



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## AUGUST AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Wednesday, 8/3	5:00 pm	Rosh Chodesh at Bertha's cottage on Taylor Pond – RSVP!
Thursday, 8/4	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 8/6	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 8/8	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday, 8/11	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 8/12	7:00 pm	Concert & Dance
Saturday, 8/13	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Thursday, 8/18	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 8/19	7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by Oneg sponsored by the Allens at Bodenheimer's cottage on Taylor Pond
Saturday, 8/20		NO Shabbat Service
Thursday, 8/25	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 8/27		NO Shabbat Service

