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

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Café Shalom

Temple Shalom is proud to Present

Café Shalom

Saturday Evening, February 28

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m., Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Wine and Cheese—Dessert and Coffee

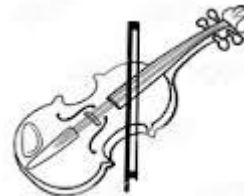
Cost is \$10.00 per person

Please RSVP by Feb. 20th

Special Honoree: Julie Waite, our beloved Temple Administrator, for her 36 years of dedicated and devoted service to our Temple.

Performances for the Evening Include

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



**All proceeds will help support Temple programs and activities
so please invite your friends and neighbors!**

FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

At last week's Lunch and Learn, we studied what is probably the most famous maxim contained in all of Pirkei Avot: **Im Ein Ani Li Mi Li, u'Kishe Ani l'Atzmi Ma Ani**. Loosely translated, this means: If I am not my own advocate in life, no one else will advocate for me, but, at the same time, if I only focus on myself, then my life is pointless. This maxim is attributed to the great Talmudic sage, Hillel.

We discussed that not only is this good advice for each of us individually but that we also need to consider this advice collectively, as a community. In other words, while it is vital for us to focus on our community's health and longevity—because certainly no one else will—our community will not stay relevant unless we also look outwards to how we can contribute to the betterment of the world.

Then, just a few days later, Phyllis Graber Jensen brought us an extremely powerful Martin Luther King, Jr. Day program which I am confident moved all in attendance to want to do something to let all New Mainers (particularly in the Somali community) know that they are welcomed and valued.

Coincidence—I think not!

Hillel concluded his maxim with the words: **v'Im Lo Achshav, Eimatai**—and if not now, when. As if to say, the very moment that the notion that you need to act on behalf of others for your life to be meaningful penetrates your consciousness, that is the very moment that you need to put a plan of action into place to do just that.

At the conclusion of the MLK Day program, we were asked, in the spirit of Hillel, to immediately write down something that we might do to help improve race relations in our community. At the same time, I asked for volunteers from our shul to form a task force on race relations that will determine ways in which we can positively contribute—as a shul community—to this important and holy mission. I am happy to report that quite a few of those in attendance volunteered. I encourage anyone else who would like to be a part of this task force to contact me, again, in the spirit of Hillel, without delay.

And to everyone else, please strongly consider participating in the initiatives that will be developed by the task force. Parents, please strongly consider involving your children and teens in these programs.

Making a positive contribution to the community we live in by assisting those that are in need is not only a vitally important personal Mitzvah, but is also vital to the continued health of our community.

Shalom.

Rabbi Sruli



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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



A couple of weeks ago we celebrated MLK Jr Day with a meaningful program at the Temple. Both films we watched showed how a community's actions can stop bigotry and hatred in its tracks. We were asked to write down one thing we would do, personally, to further harmony amongst all peoples in our own community.

This got me to thinking about how being Jewish in Maine does make me feel "different." When I first went to work at the Post Office in Auburn over 30 years ago, a fellow rural carrier was relating a story in the break room about how she had been "Jewed down" over some price for something she was selling. I was appalled but not speechless. I pointed out how this was a derogatory remark at the expense of the Jewish people. I did not take it personally because I realized she had said it out of ignorance.

Light bulb going on!! Isn't that where most bigotry and hatred and anti-semitism comes from - ignorance? So I was always on my guard, here in this very 'white bread' state, to educate those who had not really had any contact with Jews. I didn't overdo it, but I found myself a resource for many inquiring minds.

The thing is, it works both ways, and I'm not sure I have been very good at learning about, and rubbing shoulders with, the 'others'. I am taking a Melton class called Beyond Borders which examines the relationship between the Israelis and the Palestinians throughout history. The premise is that by learning the stories behind the stories, going back generations, perhaps I can get a better understanding of what fuels the conflict, hoping to find some common ground.

But how to make this about people rather than ideas? To flesh out the abstract. Why not in our own community? That's why I'm so excited about Rabbi Sruli's idea to form a task force to create a bond with the Somali community right here in our midst. There's so much we can learn about, and from, each other. After all, how much contact have I actually had with any Somalis?

I aim to correct this. And I hope you will join this important social action effort we can achieve as a community coming together. Kumbaya.

Lesli Weiner

CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY PARKING

Due to fire regulations put forth by the Auburn Fire Department, we are asking that no vehicles park in the circular driveway in front of the building. Thank you for your attention!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our next meeting will be on
Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.
(Please note change in meeting date)





Please join with our Temple Shalom family around one candle-lit table to celebrate TU B'SHVAT, The Festival of the Trees. Friday evening, February 6, 7:00 PM

Sip and mix wines and nibble on the Rebbetzin's home-made special spiced nuts, as we unlock the secret powers of the ancient mystics through chanting, blessing and singing, while partaking of the seven holy species and other delights from the fruitful land of Israel!

This program will be led by Rebbetzin Lisa.

Please RSVP by January 30th at 786-4201.

"Eretz chita u'seora v'gefen u'te'eyna, v'rimon, eretz zeyt shemen u'dvash-- [Israel is] a land of wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olive oil and honey" Deuteronomy 8:8

HOLD THE DATE

Maine Conference for Jewish Life--June 12 to 14, 2015

Details to come, but it will be an amazing opportunity to immerse yourselves in an environment filled with Jewish learning, spirit, camaraderie, music, prayer, food and each other--for an entire weekend! Rabbi Sruli

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.

THANK YOU!

To the estate of Seymour Tetenman for a very generous donation to General Fund and to the Bert Bodenheimer Passover Fund. May his memory be for a blessing for his family, our community and for all of Israel.

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



No news is snow news, here in Maine. We got snowed out on January 12, and so will squeeze in a brief review of Bill Bryson's *One Summer: America 1927* at our next meeting in February. We're now reading *Patrimony: A True Story* by Philip Roth. I had it with me in a doctor's office recently, and the receptionist had never heard of Roth. So I mentioned *Goodbye, Columbus* and *Portnoy's Complaint* but drew total blanks. I realized I was either dating myself, or erroneously thinking that everyone reads 'Jewish books.'

But that's what our infamous Book Group does. We read books by Jewish authors and about Jewish topics. Hence this memoir by Roth who "is hailed by many as the reigning king of American fiction." The book description says that *Patrimony* "touches the emotions as strongly as anything Philip Roth has ever written. Roth watches as his eight-six-year-old father—famous for his vigor, his charm, and his repertoire of Newark recollections—battles with the brain tumor that will kill him. The son, full of love, anxiety, and dread, accompanies his father through each fearful stage of his final ordeal, and, as he does so, discloses the survivalist tenacity that has distinguished his father's long, stubborn engagement with life."

One five star review said, "by turns tragic, sardonic, humorous and moving, this book is a window into the values of late twentieth-century America, both good and bad." So join us on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 at 4 PM to discuss 2 books that look at the American way of life in the last century.....lesli

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of, **Tom Bailey, John Calloway, Fleck Family, Christie James, Elizabeth Johnson, Peggy Kraemer, Sandy Miller, Guy Pilote, Richard Rau, Joel Salberg, Esther Shapiro, David Sisk, Toby Wallach, Neal Weiner, Shamilla**, 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.



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The Temple can earn free advertising with the Sun-Journal! We can use this advertising to promote an open house and have more people come join us for events, like the Chanukah party.

If you have a subscription to the Sun-Journal, then you can get free advertising for Temple Shalom. It is easy and only takes 3-5 minutes.

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CONDOLENCES TO

To the family of Jayne Wilner, daughter-in-law of Malca Wilner and wife of Jonathan (Jody) Wilner who passed away on January 14.

To the family of Stuart Gersen, a former member of Temple Shalom, who passed away on January 16.

To Dr. Stuart R. Cohen & Carmen Comeau on the recent passing of their brother-in-law, Paul Nadeau.

To Phyllis Graber Jensen on the recent passing of her uncle, Peter Olejer

A BISSEL OF JEWISH MAINE (by Nancy Levinsky)

THE WHIPPING MAN PORTLAND STAGE COMPANY - **Dates:** February 24 through March 15

In the last days of the Civil War, a wounded Confederate soldier returns to find only two former slaves in the shambles of the mansion they all called home. As the three men cautiously begin celebrating Passover, secrets come to light that batter their trust and force them to come to terms with their past, present, and future. Portland Stage Company www.portlandstage.org Box Office 774-0465

Like dogs? Like the snow?

We might just have the right winter adventure for you!

This year we are happy to offer our second Jewish dog-sledding trip. Frankly, there is no better way to experience the beauty of the Maine woods in the winter than on a dog sled. It's fun, it's challenging, and it really gets you close to nature!

Collaborating with top rated Mahoosuc Guide Service and Vermont based Rabbi Howard Cohen of 'Burning Bush Adventures', we are offering a unique four day wilderness experience for Jewish adventurers to the northwoods of Maine, combining dog mushing and cross country skiing!

Our wilderness trips include time for guided meditation and reflection, so you can really get to relax and enjoy the slow pace of the weekend. All of our wilderness trips are safe, fun, and inspirational! We believe that the more time we spend outdoors, rain or shine, summer or winter, the better for nurturing our souls and deepening our relationship with the earth and all of its inhabitants.

For more info about pricing and a detailed itinerary, please visit the February 2015 trip page on our website: <http://www.costaribbean.com/winter-2015-maine-dogsled-trip.html>

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Maine Jewish Film Festival March 3-March 21 www.mjff.org

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Rabbi Sruli Dresdner

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Joel Salberg	Feb	3
Richard Abromson		4
Natalie Cohen		4
Gary Shapiro		5
Barry Kutzen		5
Scott Kaplan		6
Calvin Bumby		8
Judith Friedlaender		8
Corinne Weiner		9
Gavriella King		14
Stacey Hensen		18
Nancy Levenson		22
Andrew Casares		24
Lawrence Mohr		26
Cathy Tetenman		27
Joel Goodman		28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Sheri & Joel Olstein Feb 1

FEBVARY 2014 YAHRZEITEN

Jennie Krasner	Feb.	1
Maxwell Passerman		1
Arthur Fishman		2
Shirley Asher		6
Anne Leavitt		7
Hyman Auster		9
James La Perriere		13
Morris Cohen		13
Michael Steinman		13
Jennie Rubinstein		15
Bashi Elyeshmerni		16
Jacques Renard		16
Isadore Shapiro		18
Samuel Simonds		18
Helene Reeves		19
George Rosenberg		20
Bert Bodneheimer		20
Philip Renard		21
Max Simonds		22
Jean Brown		23
Estelle Pennamacoor		23
Hyman Cohen		24
Elizabeth Kraemer		26
Jacob Olstein		26
Hillel Passerman		28

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Community Passover Seder

Saturday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m.

*Adults: Members - \$25

*Adults: Non-Members - \$30

*Children 12 & under: \$15

*Children under 5: No Charge

Paid reservations MUST be made by Monday, March 23rd!

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

✂-----tear off and return-----

Name: _____

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Thursday, 2/5	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 2/6	7:00 pm	Celebrate Tu B'Shvat – led by Rebbetzin Lisa Please RSVP!
Saturday, 2/7	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 2/8	10:00 am	Family Hebrew School
Monday, 2/9	4:00 pm	Book Group
Thursday, 2/12	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
	5:15 pm	Program Committee meeting
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Saturday, 2/14	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Thursday, 2/19	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 2/21	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Thursday, 2/26	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 2/28	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
	7:00 pm	Café Shalom – Please RSVP!

