

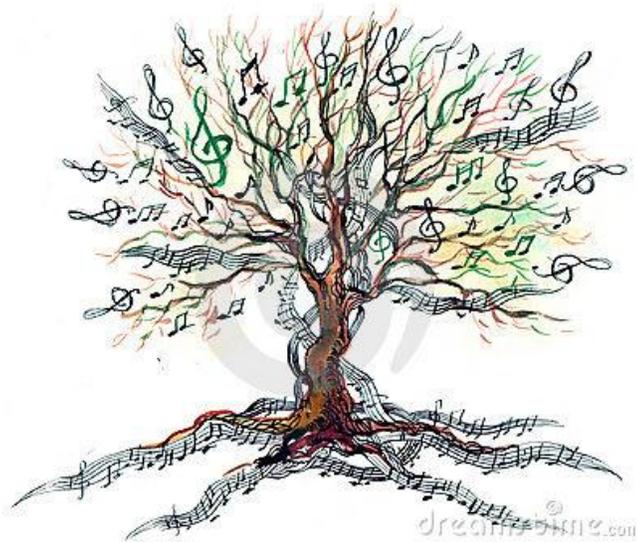


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What's New! The newsletter of Temple Shalom Synagogue Center, Auburn, Maine ק"ק היכל שלום

February 2017/Shevat/Adar 5777

A Musical and Mystical TU B'SHVAT



Friday evening, February 10, 7:00 PM

Please join with our Temple Shalom family around one candle-lit table to celebrate TU B'SHVAT, The Festival of the Trees.

Sip and mix wines as we explore secrets of the ancient Kabbalists and partake of the seven holy species from the land of Israel!

This program will be led by Rebbetzin Lisa.

"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

FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

Last month, Temple Shalom was privileged to observe MLK Day by participating in the annual Bates College Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Service. There is something very special about joining with people of all faiths and especially communities of color to reaffirm our shared belief in the basic humanity of all Americans.

While there we heard a truly inspiring sermon from the Rev. Dr. Chaz Howard, the Chaplain and Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life at the University of Pennsylvania. One of Dr. Howard's major themes was the need to combat prejudice and unfairness with "defiant joy." (He used Charlie and Johnny as an example to make his point, but that's another story). This idea of defiant joy brought back some strong memories for me. Memories of Simchat Torah celebrations of my youth.

From about the time I was thirteen, a similar, and thrilling, scene occurred each Simchat Torah towards the end of Hakafot—the spirited dancing with the Torahs. We had already spent several frenzied hours dancing with all our hearts but then, at the end of the seventh and final Hakafa, invariably some of the older members of the community would decide that it was time to conclude the service. Before the service could continue, however, the Torahs had to be returned to the Ark.

This is where the fun started. The younger generation (myself included) would surround the Torahs in concentric circles. We would sing more and more loudly and dance more and more wildly, forming a barrier that made it impossible for the "authorities"—teachers, Rabbis, parents—to retrieve the Torahs. This would go on for as long as half an hour while we (the younger generation) watched our elders grow more and more frustrated. Ultimately the disapproval would reach a point where we knew we had gone too far. We would reluctantly allow the Torahs to be returned to the Ark—still singing and dancing. I can still clearly hear the song we sang while all this was going on, "Se'u Shearim Rosheichem—Let the gates open up for the Honored King"—always the final Hakafa song.

The exquisite joy of Simchat Torah was in these moments transformed and expanded into *defiant joy*.

Looking back (now as member of the older generation), I question the experience. At the time, I believed we were solely motivated by our enthusiasm for the Torah. Now, I realize that being able to stand up to our elders (a rare, and rarely tolerated, occurrence), was what truly energized us. Joy is a very powerful and holy spiritual tool. Defiance, perhaps not so much. Is the fact that my strongest memories are of those moments of defiance a sign that I never really belonged inside that circle of dancers?

May we find true joy and power *inside* everything we do.

Rabbi Sruli

P.S. On Monday afternoon, February 6, Rabbi Sruli will speak to a class of Bates Students who are studying Jewish lives in Eastern Europe.



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've been racking my brain and trying to find a topic to write about this month. I toyed with writing something, non-partisan, about the election, but choose not to.

So, here is something I wrote years ago and always liked the story. I hope it puts a smile on your face.

It was a beautiful spring morning. The sun was shining, birds were chirping and all of the snow had finally melted. The sweet smell of spring was in the air.

In a few minutes Jake and I would have to leave for school. Jake looked out the window and saw three birds sitting on the picket fence. A smile came to his face. "Dad", he asked, "can I go out for a minute?"

My first thought was to say 'no'. After all, he did not have shoes or socks on and we would be leaving for school soon. But, Spring was in the air, so I told him he could.

He yelled, "I'm going to catch one of those birds." And bounded out the door. I thought of telling him 'no way', but I figured there was no reason to discourage him. He ran across the yard. I could hear his feet squishing in the grassy mud mix that made up our front yard. His blond hair flying behind him. With a Father's eye, I knew he had a huge smile on his face. A smile of sheer joy. One that said he did not have a care in the world, except catching those birds. One I knew, but he did not know, that he did not have a chance in the world to catch, except in his child's imagination.

As he neared the fence, the birds lazily flew off and settled in a tree across the street. Jake stood there with his eyes gazing towards those birds. I thought he would come back to the door with a frown of disappointment on his face. He came back with a smile just as large as when he flew out the door moments ago. He looked up at me and said, "I almost had them." I didn't bother to tell him he never came close, because he **believed** he almost caught them.

As he walked to the door, the spell was broken. I told him he had to clean those muddy feet before he came in the house.

It's amazing how a child's mind works. Even though he probably **knew** that there was no way he could catch those birds, he nevertheless **believed** that he could catch those birds.

Donation pitch for the month: If you enjoyed the story, send an extra donation to the Temple or commit to attend one thing at the Temple that you normally would not.

David Allen

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our next meeting will be on
Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences on the recent passing of long-time members Sylvia Day and Sherman Shapiro.

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

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



Meeting a half hour earlier than usual on January 9, Melissa Johnson, Helene Perry, Margaret Meyer, Babs Shapiro, Judy Abromson and I, Lesli Weiner, discussed 2 books. First was our December book, which was *The Devil's Arithmetic*, a young adult novel by Jane Yolen. While being pretty descriptive of the horrors the Nazis subjected their Jewish captives to in the death camps, there were also such messages like good humor can produce hope, which can sustain life. We felt this would make a good teaching tool to middle school aged children, as it was meant to.

Our January book was *American Dervish* by Ayad Akhtar. Interestingly, the author says "he drew from the sensibilities of Jewish writers and filmmakers like Saul Bellow, Philip Roth and Woody Allen when thinking about how to give form to his experience growing up as a young Muslim in the Midwest." The story works on many levels. It's a coming-of-age story that explores religious fanaticism, prejudice, friendship, betrayal, hypocrisy, puberty, romantic love, love of God, and what it means to be an outsider. We recommend this book to any thoughtful American striving to gain greater understanding of what it means to be Muslim. The parallels between any religious fundamentalists and their strict, close-minded sets of beliefs, and hard-line Muslims, are equally full of intolerance.

Our next book is based on a true story. Ayelet Waldman's *Love and Treasure* weaves a tale around the fascinating history of the Hungarian Gold Train in the Second World War. Here's the book description:

"In 1945 on the outskirts of Salzburg, victorious American soldiers capture a train filled with unspeakable riches: piles of fine gold watches; mountains of fur coats; crates filled with wedding rings, silver picture frames, family heirlooms, and Shabbat candlesticks passed down through generations. Jack Wiseman, a tough, smart New York Jew, is the lieutenant charged with guarding this treasure—a responsibility that grows more complicated when he meets Ilona, a fierce, beautiful Hungarian who has lost everything in the ravages of the Holocaust. Seventy years later, amid the shadowy world of art dealers who profit off the sins of previous generations, Jack gives a necklace to his granddaughter, Natalie Stein, and charges her with searching for an unknown woman—a woman whose portrait and fate come to haunt Natalie, a woman whose secret may help Natalie to understand the guilt her grandfather will take to his grave and to find a way out of the mess she has made of her own life.

A story of brilliantly drawn characters—a suave and shady art historian, a delusive and infatuated Freudian, a family of singing circus dwarfs fallen into the clutches of Josef Mengele, and desperate lovers facing choices that will tear them apart—*Love and Treasure* is Ayelet Waldman's finest novel to date: a sad, funny, richly detailed work that poses hard questions about the value of precious things in a time when life itself has no value, and about the slenderest of chains that can bind us to the griefs and passions of the past."

Please pick up your copy at the library or kindle and join us for our lively discussion on FEBRUARY 13 at 4PM. See you then, and may the weather gods be with us!.....lesli

YOU ARE INVITED!

Sofe Silverman and Steve Gershman proudly announce their upcoming wedding on March 12th at 11 am to take place at Temple Shalom.

We would like to invite the congregation Temple Shalom to join us for this wonderful event which will be followed by a catered luncheon reception.

Please RSVP to (253) 355-8031 by February 12th.

A 3-D VIEW OF JEWISH HISTORY



Please join us at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, for a brunch followed by a unique multimedia talk titled “The Jewish World Awakes 1860-1915,” presented by Bernard Fishman, director of the Maine State Museum. If you plan to attend the brunch, please R.S.V.P. by emailing the synagogue at temple6359@aol.com or calling 207-786-4201.

Fishman’s presentation draws on a trove of never-before-published historic images more than a century old, and shown in 3-D as they were meant to be seen. Fishman will present a virtual tour of the Jewish world before the mass migrations of the early 20th century. From the cities of Western Europe to the shtetls of Eastern Europe and Russia, from the boundaries of the Ottoman Empire to the dusty towns of Palestine, a Jewish world of diversity and tradition, now lost forever, will be revealed in its liveliness and complexity. Painstakingly digitized from 19th century and early 20th-century stereoviews, these images will show the Jewish communities that fed the streams of later immigration, and through the magic of 3-D reality make you part of those vanished places and ways of life. Don’t miss this truly unique viewing experience, never before seen in Maine. Viewing glasses will be provided free to participants.

A veteran museum director with 32 years of experience, Fishman oversees Maine’s largest museum dedicated to the preservation of the state’s natural and cultural history. Fishman received a B.A. summa cum laude in American History from Columbia University and a M.A. with honors in Ancient History and Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. Trained initially as an Egyptologist, Fishman worked for three years recording and deciphering ancient texts in Luxor, Egypt. Subsequently he became the director of a small art museum in Tulsa, Okla. He next became the founding director of the Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore, where he worked for 13 years. After a four-year directorship at the Lehigh County Historical Society in Allentown, Pa., Fishman moved to the position of executive director at Rhode Island Historical Society, where he worked for nine years.

Fishman has served as an adviser or consultant to museums nationwide. He has written and lectured widely on archaeology, architecture, art, historic preservation, education, vintage photography, scientific analysis of ancient materials, institutional development, and a variety of historical topics.

A New York City native, his significant Maine connections include 11 years as a camper and counselor at Maine summer camps. Under the name of M.H. Fishman Co. his family owned small department stores in Calais and Biddeford. “These associations were very formative in my life, and left me with a profound sense of always belonging to Maine in some elemental way,” he said when he joined the MSM in August 2012.

YAHARZEITEN

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.





Final Multi-Faith Round Table at the Auburn Public Library on Tuesday, February 7, 12:30 P.M.

The Auburn Public Library is very excited to announce the return of the Multi-Faith Roundtable discussions. This is the final All-Clergy Round Table for this year. All programs run from 12:30 to 1:30PM.

Rabbi Sruli will be joined by Pastor Roger Cousineau of East Auburn Baptist Church, Rev. Doctor Jody Cohen Hayashida of First Universalist Church in New Auburn, and Pastor Richard Waller of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Copies of the Biblical texts will be provided, and the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

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SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Gary Buckman, Deborah Frank Burdo, John Calloway, Michelle Lisi Deloro, Enid Ehrlich, Fleck Family, Anne Geller, Ariella Green, Elizabeth Johnson, Mark Johnson, Bethany Kornstadt, George Laskoff, Sandy Miller, Ashley Olstein, Joel Salberg, Roger Sutherberg, Sandy Traister, Toby Wallach, Neal Weiner, Betty Wise**, 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.



A BISSEL OF MAINE !

An American Tail about a young Russian mouse named Fievel who emigrates to America.

Screening at LA Public Theater 2-23-2017 @ 2 PM. Ages 4 and up.

Sponsored by the Maine Jewish Film Festival and LA Public Theater. FREE, but please call for a reservation. www.mjff.org

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**This month's traditional and musical
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
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The Service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

There will be no Shabbat Services on Saturday, February 25.

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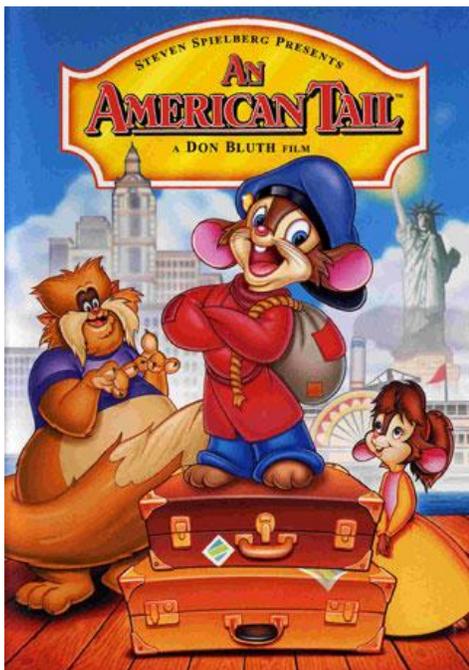
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The Maine Jewish Film Festival will be doing a special family film program in Lewiston at the Public Theater on Feb. 23rd. We will be showing the classic film "An American Tail."

There is no admission fee but tickets are required. They are available through the following link:

<http://www.thepublictheatre.org/this-season/2016-17-season/event/2016-17/an-american-tail-film-presentation>

An American Tail is fun for the whole family! In this animated classic, a young Russian mouse named Fievel emigrates to America, gets separated from his family and must find them, learning some valuable survival lessons along the way. You will laugh at Fievel's adventures and be inspired by his triumphs.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sheri & Joel Olstein Feb. 1

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Joel Salberg	Feb.	3
Richard Abromson		4
Gary Shapiro		5
Barry Kutzen		5
Scott Kaplan		6
Judith Friedlaender		8
Corinne Weiner Mockler		9
Gaviella King		14
Nancy Levenson		22
Andrew Casares		24
Lawrence Mohr		26
Cathy Tetenman		27
Joel Goodman		28

FEBRUARY 2017 YAHRZEITEN

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

Henry Brody	Feb.	1
Bernard Marcus		1
Reevan Levine		2
Janet Wilner Kornreich		3
Maynard Schwartz		3
Ernest B. Williams		3
Martin Miller		5
John A. Platz		6
Jennie Krasner		8
Maxwell Passerman		8
Arthur Fishman		9
Shirley Asher		13
Anne Leavitt		14
James LaPerriere		20
Morris Cohen		20
Michael Steinman		20
Jennie Rubinstein		22
Bashi Elyeshmerni		23
Jacques Renard		23
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Saturday, 2/4	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Tuesday, 2/7	12:30 pm	Multi-faith Round Table at APL
Wednesday, 2/8	9:00 am	Preschool Committee Meeting
Thursday, 2/9	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 2/10	7:00 pm	TuB'Shevat Seder - RSVP!
Saturday, 2/11		No Shabbat Service
Monday, 2/13	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, 2/16	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 2/18	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 2/19	11:00 am	Brunch with guest speaker Bernard Fishman - RSVP!
Thursday, 2/23	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 2/24	7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by Oneg
Saturday, 2/25		NO Shabbat Service

