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THE MYSTICAL ASPECTS OF TU B'SHVAT



PLEASE JOIN WITH OUR TEMPLE SHALOM FAMILY AROUND ONE CANDLE-LIT TABLE TO CELEBRATE TU B'SHVAT, THE FESTIVAL OF THE TREES.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 22, 7:00 PM

SIP AND MIX WINES AND NIBBLE ON THE REBBETZIN'S HOME-MADE SPICED NUTS, 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.

PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 18 AT 786-4201, TEMPLE6859@AOL.COM

***"ERETZ CHITA U'SEORA V'GEFEN U'TE'EYNA, V'RIMON,
ERETZ ZEY'T 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.

Lisa and I just returned from a wonderful Shabbat experience in Westchester, New York as we shared in the Bar Mitzvah celebration of Max Kohn, the son of our very good friends, Sam and Ella Kohn.

The Bar Mitzvah took place at Temple Israel Center, one of the largest Conservative synagogues in the United States. During Shabbat morning services, the Rabbi, Gordon Tucker, told this story.

When Max was four-years old he had the following conversation with Rabbi Tucker:

Max: Is God real or pretend?

Rabbi Tucker: How much time do you have?

Max: A lot!

Several weeks later, the Synagogue was celebrating the holiday of Simchat Torah. Rabbi Tucker was dancing with four-year-old Max on his shoulders. The dancing and singing in honor of the Torah was unusually spirited that year. During a particularly intense moment, Rabbi Tucker looked up at Max and proclaimed, "REAL."

This past Shabbat, after marveling at thirteen-year-old Max's masterful reading of the Torah and Haftarah (in addition to his leading the Kabbalat Shabbat and Shacharit services as well as Max's thoughtful and meaningful explanation of the Chazak prayer—the prayer that concludes the reading of each book of the Torah), once again Rabbi Tucker looked up at Max and proclaimed: "REAL."

God's presence in our lives, even God's very existence, can be elusive, even to Rabbis, even to Rabbis of the stature of Rabbi Gordon Tucker. But in very special moments, such as those of intense community celebration, or when a young adult expertly carries on our sacred traditions, God's presence fills every portion of our souls.

May we have many opportunities to share such spiritually great moments together so that our souls will always be filled with the reality of God's warm, loving and reassuring presence.

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.

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2015 ended on such a sad note with the death of 2 more members of our Jewish community. There are still a few Temple members who remember Esther Shapiro, although her family had moved away. The Rabbi and his family had just visited her in the nursing home, bringing her Chanukah joy. Each passing leaves a hole.

Morris Silverman was family. He touched so many people in all aspects of his life. You couldn't help caring for Morris, because he couldn't help caring for you. Everyone I talk to has some 'Morris story' to tell, including myself. He has left many of us heartbroken. It has been healing to be with his family and friends at shiva minyans. Now we will turn our attention to Adele and watch over her. It's what Morris would

want.

So we start 2016 with a heavy heart, but also with a plan of action. We have many events on the calendar, from religious services and holidays to just plain fun, like Cafe Shalom. Our membership is starting to grow again, so if you haven't been to shul lately, you may see some new faces. For such a small Jewish community tucked away in central Maine, we have a high percentage of participation. So join us and become part of the majority. The camaraderie and *ruach* we exude makes this place so special. It's what makes us all family. And there's always room for more. I could use another brother, or aunt, or even a grandchild. We need each other, now, in life, and beyond.

Lesli Weiner



The teachers and children of the preschool would like to sincerely thank all of the people who have donated money and items to the preschool. Without your generosity we would not be able to purchase new toys and update our classroom!

Thank you all!
Ginna Caldwell
Tracey Miller



Continuing our first Lunch and Learn series of the New Year, 5776!



Tuesdays: January 12 and 26.

Lunch at 12:00, Learn from 12:30 to 1:30.

Anne Allen has once again graciously offered her home so we will meet at

1 Locksley Road, Auburn.

She has even more graciously offered to provide a "spread," so all you have to bring is yourself!

Please RSVP to Julie if you plan on attending so that Anne will have an idea of how much to prepare.

Community, Study and Food—what can be bad?

*Reminder: The last of the Multi-faith Roundtables for the year
At the Auburn Public Library, January 5, 12:30 to 1:30.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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



BATES COLLEGE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INTERFAITH SERVICE

Sunday, January 17 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

This year, the Temple Shalom Synagogue-Center community will observe MLK Day by participating in the annual Bates College Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Service. Please join Rabbi Sruli and Lisa to sing the well-loved prayer Oseh Shalom. The service will be held in the Peter J. Gomes Chapel, corner Campus Avenue and College Street, from 7-8 p.m.

Author and professor emeritus of Christian social ethics at Princeton Theological Seminary, the Rev. Dr. Peter Paris will speak at the service that celebrates the spiritual dimensions of peace and justice work. The service also includes moments for meditative reflection, as well as jazz, gospel and multi-faith music by Bates community members.

Oseh shalom bimromav
Hu ya'aseh shalom aleynu
Ve'al kol yisrael
Ve'imru Amen

He who makes peace in his high places
He shall make peace upon us
And upon all of Israel
And say Amen

TEMPLE MEMORIAL FUNDS

Last month we highlighted five 'Memorial' and 'Special Use' funds: the Abromson, Berent, and Nussinow Memorial Funds, and the Library and Rabbi's Discretionary funds.

Many of us weren't aware of what the money in the various funds is designated to accomplish. Hopefully, this will help inform those who wish to select and add to an existing fund. Let's look at another five this month.



BELL MEMORIAL FUND: In memory of the Bell family members who were devoted to the Lewiston-Auburn Jewish community for generations. The fund is designated for the maintenance and needs of the Temple Shalom chapel.

SHIRLEY GOODMAN MEMORIAL FUND: In memory of Shirley Goodman who was a devoted and active member of Temple Shalom. The moneys in this fund are used for decorating and beautification of our building and have provided the colorful interior of the ark in the Temple sanctuary, the display stands for childrens' books in the library, and painting of the nursery school.

RANDY SILVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND: In memory of Dr. Randy Silver, the loving partner of our active and devoted member, Malca Wilner. The fund provided all the furniture for our library, including the warm and comfortable sofa and chairs. As funds accumulate a new table will be added.

MITZVAH FUND: This fund is used to provide moneys disbursed by the Temple Program/Social Action committee to various not-for-profit local and national charities. These often have no direct connection to the Temple but enhance the dedication and respect of our Temple to the needs of the general community.

PULPIT-PRAYERBOOK FUND: (Minimum donation-\$25) This fund was formed to purchase new prayer books for the membership. These include the daily prayer books, books specifically used during the High Holidays, as well as our Torah transcript and translations (Chumash). Books purchased have the donor's names noted on inside cover bookplates.

There are yet another nine or ten permanent funds established that benefit the Temple. We will describe more next month, but if you wish to find the end use of any fund, a call to the Temple office is all that is needed.

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

'Twas the night before winter solstice, and still pre-snow, when Book Group met to discuss *The Sisters*



Weiss by Naomi Ragen. Present were Adele Silverman, Malca Wilner, Margaret Meyer, Babs Shapiro, Bertha Bodenheimer, Helene Perry, Judy Abromson and me, Lesli Weiner. Every choice one makes has consequences. Ragen opens our eyes and minds to women born into ultra-orthodox families who remain in their communities (some happily, others not so happily), and the women who dare to exercise their God-given right

of free will and leave their restrictive communities. And don't you know, we women had plenty of opinions on this matter! Other points of discussion centered around the effect of religious faith on family life, sibling relationships, guilt, forgiveness, redemption, choice of career, women's choice's, family dynamics, unplanned pregnancies, and education. Ragen freely used Yiddish words and sayings, and included a glossary in the back of the book.

Our next choice is *The Innocents* by Francesca Segal. The book description is as follows:

"A smart and slyly funny tale of love, temptation, confusion, and commitment; a triumphant and beautifully executed recasting of Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*.

Newly engaged and unthinkingly self-satisfied, twenty-eight-year-old Adam Newman is the prize catch of Temple Fortune, a small, tight-knit Jewish suburb of London. He has been dating Rachel Gilbert since they were both sixteen and now, to the relief and happiness of the entire Gilbert family, they are finally to marry. To Adam, Rachel embodies the highest values of Temple Fortune; she is innocent, conventional, and entirely secure in her community--a place in which everyone still knows the whereabouts of their nursery school classmates. Marrying Rachel will cement Adam's role in a warm, inclusive family he loves.

But as the vast machinery of the wedding gathers momentum, Adam feels the first faint touches of claustrophobia, and when Rachel's younger cousin Ellie Schneider moves home from New York, she unsettles Adam more than he'd care to admit. Ellie--beautiful, vulnerable, and fiercely independent--offers a liberation that he hadn't known existed: a freedom from the loving interference and frustrating parochialism of North West London. Adam finds himself questioning everything, suddenly torn between security and exhilaration, tradition and independence. What might he be missing by staying close to home?"

What was I just saying about choices having consequences? But maybe we should also be asking "Is the grass always greener on the other side of the fence?" I'm curious to know where this book will take us. So grab your copy and join us on MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016lesli

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Adele Silverman, Nancy Levinsky, Arthur Silverman and families on the recent death of long time member and friend, Morris Silverman.

We extend our condolences to Deena and Philip Shapiro and families on the recent death of their mother, Esther Shapiro.

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

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, Sandy Miller, Richard Rau, Joel Salberg, Shamilla, David Sisk, Roger Sutherberg, Toby Wallach, Neal Weiner,** 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.



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) 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

Ellen & Aaron Burke	Jan	21
Robert & Jackie Laskoff		29



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Penelope Markle	Jan	1
Sarah Olstein		1
Henry Meyer		3
Becca Platz		9
Jennifer Cohen		10
Cynthia Hart		10
Sofe Silverman		10
Neal Weiner		12
Elyse Bodenheimer		14
Phyllis Lisi		14
Rachel Fakhery		16
Adrienne Rau		17
Mattie Ablitz		18
Victoria Cohen		20
Gillian Schair		20
Theodore Graham		22
Susan Teich		22
Bertha Bodenheimer		23
Rosa Cohen		23
Kristine Rausch		23
Behzad Fakhery		25
Sandra Traister		25
Jackie Laskoff		29

JANUARY 2016 YAHRZEITEN

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

Ida Benson	2
Walter Jaeger	2
Sylvia Kutzen	3
Ruth S. Williams	3
Robert Kelley	4
Elsie Goodman	5
Ida Finks	11
Morris Fishman	11
Augusta Olstein	12
Ellen Schleicher Bodenheimer	12
Celia Supovitz	14
Bernard Weiner	14
Henry Brody	15
Bernard Marcus	15
Reevan Levine	16
Janet Wilner Kornreich	17
Maynard Schwartz	17
Ernest B. Williams	17
Martin Miller	19
Milton Millstein	20
John A. Platz	20
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Tuesday, 1/5	12:30 pm	Multi-faith Round Table at Auburn Public Library
Thursday, 1/7	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 1/9	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 1/10	10:00 am	Hebrew School
Monday, 1/11	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Tuesday, 1/12	12:00 pm	Lunch & Learn at Allen home Please RSVP!
Thursday, 1/14	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 1/16	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 1/17	10:00 am	Hebrew School
	7:00 pm	MLK Interfaith Service at Bates
Thursday, 1/21	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 1/22	7:00 pm	Celebrate Tu B'Shvat
Saturday, 1/23	10:00 am	Family Shabbat Service
Tuesday, 1/26	12:00 pm	Lunch & Learn at Allen home – Please RSVP!
Thursday, 1/28	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 1/30	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 1/31	10:00 am	Hebrew School



