



MA CHADASH!

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

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ק"ק היכל שלום

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**The Library at Temple Shalom
in conjunction with the
Auburn Public Library
present
The Second Annual
Maine-ly Jewish Storytelling
Festival**

**Thursday, July 14, 7:00 PM
Temple Shalom Sanctuary**

**Featuring Storytellers, Poets and Bloggers
Dessert and Wine**

Rebbetzin of Ceremonies: Lisa Mayer

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

This one is a two-parter:)

Part one: I am still flying from the amazing Maine Conference for Jewish Life!

Our family goes on a lot of long car trips. Aaron, age 21, often entertains us with philosophical life games. One of his favorites is to ask each of us to name someone we would like to have a private lunch with if we were allowed to choose anyone in

the world. Well this game became a reality this past Friday night. Okay it wasn't private, and there was no lunch, but spending an evening with Ambassador Dennis Ross was truly a dream. Ambassador Ross, who has advised every U.S. administration since the first President Bush, deftly outlined the entirety of the Middle East political landscape as it exists today--from Egypt to Syria to Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq and the Gulf States and, of course, Israel. He gave us an overview of each U.S. President's attitude towards Israel over the past 30 years. And he carefully listened to and answered all of our questions.

What an amazing start to a conference that gathered together over 200 of Maine's Jewish residents for an entire weekend of music, prayer, study and more study. So much talent, so much spirit, so much love, so much learning and so much togetherness. I am especially proud of our Temple Shalom contingent--always front and center, eager to soak up and contribute to every experience. And I am especially proud of Leslie, for sharing her book club expertise with the rest of Jewish Maine.

Part two: New: Shabbat Services on Friday!

A few weeks ago, at the Temple's Ritual Committee meeting, we decided to try something exciting and new. We are planning to substitute (on a trial basis) a Friday night Shabbat service for a Saturday morning Shabbat service, one Shabbat per month. The committee asked me to communicate the details, so here goes:

First, why? The committee felt that many in our community are unable to attend Shabbat morning services. Others come from communities where the primary Shabbat service was on Friday. Others prefer (or miss) regular Kabbalat Shabbat services.

Second, what? The new Kabbalat Shabbat services will be mostly traditional. They will also be filled with music and energy and learning. By special request, each service will include a sermon (requested by some) or a Torah study (requested by others). Each service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

Third, when? The new Kabbalat Shabbat services will begin at 7:00 p.m. The first Kabbalat Shabbat, in July, will be on Friday night the 8th (no Shabbat morning services on the 9th) and in August, on the 19th (no Shabbat morning services on the 20th). The August service will be hosted by our new President, David Allen, together with his wife, Anne.

May we continue to gather together in prayer and friendship for many years to come.

Rabbi Sruli

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last Friday, Rabbi SruLi was the guest rabbi at Temple Israel in Portsmouth. Although, Rabbi Senter, of Temple Israel and Rabbi SruLi had never met, our rabbi was invited down to Portsmouth to be the guest rabbi and to lead a musical Shabbat service.

We have a connection with Temple Israel, as almost 26 years ago, Anne and I were married there. We decided to make the ride down, have dinner at one of our favorite restaurants (Isidore on the Rocks, South Berwick) and then go to Temple for Shabbat service.

Shabbat service was wonderful. Full of music. Full of dancing. Full of joy. After the service, many people told me how much they enjoyed the service....wondering if every service was so full of music and joy. I told them they are. I told them how lucky we are to have a rabbi and rabbitzen who have become part of our community. I told them how lucky we are, in central Maine, of all places, to have a small, but vibrant and engaged congregation. When I told them that we get 20+ people to Thursday minyan, they were shocked.

In last month's newsletter, I shared my desire to put Temple Shalom on firm financial footing. Thank you to all those who generously contributed in the past. Your donations are very much appreciated. However, our annual deficit remains at \$30,000-\$50,000. To get onto firm financial footing, we need to raise additional funds. With this in mind, the Board has **unanimously** approved a fund raising campaign called Dollar-A-Day. We are asking every Temple member (or family) to donate just one dollar a day for a year.

Many people end up with a dollar's worth of change in their pockets at the end of each day. If cash is tight, maybe you give up a cup of coffee now and then so that you can help the Temple with a dollar-a-day. Maybe it is as simple as putting a dollar in an envelope every evening and at the end of the month, you have \$30. Your participation will help reduce our deficit and ensure the long term financial stability and viability of Temple Shalom. Now, a dollar is not a lot, but all of our dollars together can add up to tens of thousands of dollars.

Here's how your dollar will turn into tens of thousands of dollars: If all of our members participate, we will raise about \$35,000. Additionally, we have two members (sponsors) who are willing to make larger donations based on wide community support of Dollar-A-Day. The first sponsor will donate \$5000 if we raise \$20,000 and \$10,000 if we raise \$25,000. I am the second sponsor. If we raise \$15,000, I will donate an extra \$5000. Your dollar-a-day will help the Temple raise an added \$15,000! Can you be a sponsor? If so, please give me a call.

To make this simple and painless, the Temple can automatically charge your credit card each month for \$30. Just give me or Julie a call to set this up. Even if you are not donating by credit card, please call or email me or Julie to let us know that you will participate in dollar-a-day. We need your commitment by August 15 for the sponsor money to kick in.

The purpose of the dollar-a-day is to raise ADDITIONAL funds. So, don't take money you would already donate and call it dollar-a-day. The Dollar-A-Day is for donations above and beyond what you would otherwise donate.

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From the President continued:

You'll see emails and other correspondence letting you know who is participating. Of course, you can choose to be anonymous.

Here are those who are committing a dollar-a-day:

Rabbi Sruli and family – Julie tells me, that in her memory, a rabbi has never donated to the Temple.

Bertha Bodenheimer

Joel Olstein

Judy Abromson

Lesli Weiner

David & Anne Allen

Elliott Epstein

Ally and Peter Casares

Larry Faiman

Bonnie Faiman

Add your name to the list! Donate just a dollar-a-day and you can be proud that you are supporting your Temple.

The Temple needs your financial support. Can the Temple count on your support? Can I count on your support?

David Allen, President

Shabbat at the Lake (hosted by the Olsteins)

Saturday, July 23

10:00 a.m. service followed by a potluck lunch

Please RSVP with intended potluck contribution

temple6359@aol.com

Address: 48 Waterview Drive, Auburn, (Phone if lost - 241-0313 or 576-7927)

Directions - From Hotel Road take East Shore Road. Take the first right which is Waterview Drive. White house w/ green trim.





FRIDAY, JULY 29
7 PM

QATARI WOMEN: ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

Curious about Muslim women and what they think?
About politics, family, education, economics, their
government?

DR. JOCELYN MITCHELL (Lesli Weiner's oldest daughter) was involved with a large grant to research Qatari women who spoke freely in small gatherings in the comfort of their *majlis*, which is a sitting room in a private home. The research resulted in a short film and a museum exhibit exploring Qatari women's opinions and gathering spaces. Jocelyn will show the film and share her informative presentation, sure to satisfy your curiosity.

Dr. Mitchell is a Professor at Northwestern University in Doha, Qatar. She teaches Mid-East political science and, in this exciting election year, American politics. She has lived, studied and taught in Qatar for the past 8 years with her husband, Nick, and sons, Graham and Boden.

You don't want to miss this opportunity to gain some insight into the life and minds of Muslim women. Especially since the study involved a Jew (Jocelyn), 5 other faculty, and 15 undergraduate students, mostly Qatari women.

SHABBAT MUSIC AND BAKED DESSERTS
PLEASE RSVP by MONDAY, JULY 25

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



Saving Sophie was the book we read for June 13. It turns out we liked Ronald H. Balson's first book, *Once We Were Brothers*, better. That's not to say that this book wasn't a page turner, because it was. It's just that Balson had so many storylines it was hard to understand their connectivity until the end. Basically it was about what a father would do to rescue his daughter who had been kidnapped and was being held in Arab-controlled Hebron. There's also murder, embezzlement, sports betting, terrorism, and love. The author's historical research is extensive and highly accurate. His knowledge about the conflict of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian ideals are the backbone of his story. He explains them in a secular manner that shines a comprehensible light on the conflict, something most difficult to accomplish. Centuries of discord have not resolved these differences, and Balson is not foolish enough to believe that he can settle them in his story. Instead he lets them speak for themselves and evolve into a plot that is believable and highly intriguing. Present were Sandy Traister, Bertha Bodenheimer, Adele Silverman, Helene Perry, Margaret Meyer, Malca Wilner, Judy Abromson and me, Lesli Weiner.

Our next book is *The Girl From Krakow* by Alex Rosenberg. Amazon's description is as follows: "It's 1935. Rita Feuerstahl comes to the university in Krakow intent on enjoying her freedom. But life has other things in store—marriage, a love affair, a child, all in the shadows of the oncoming war. When the war arrives, Rita is armed with a secret so enormous that it could cost the Allies everything, even as it gives her the will to live. She must find a way both to keep her secret and to survive amid the chaos of Europe at war. Living by her wits among the Germans as their conquests turn to defeat, she seeks a way to prevent the inevitable doom of Nazism from making her one of its last victims. Can her passion and resolve outlast the most powerful evil that Europe has ever seen?"

In an epic saga that spans from Paris in the '30s and Spain's Civil War to Moscow, Warsaw, and the heart of Nazi Germany, *The Girl from Krakow* follows one woman's battle for survival as entire nations are torn apart, never to be the same."

I just got my copy from the library and I can't wait to start reading. It is a bit longer than our usual 'under 400 page' rule, so I'd better start soon if I am to finish it by our next meeting which is on MONDAY, JULY 11 at 4 PM.

We also chose our next 9 books, so write them in your calendar for reference!

August 8.....*Playing With Fire* by Tess Gerritsen
September 12.....*The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks
October 10 (or 17).....*Notorious RBG* by Irin Carmon
November 14.....*The Girl From the Garden* by Parnaz Foroutan
December 12.....*The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen
January 9.....*American Dervish* by Ayad Akhtar
February 13.....*Chasing the Rabbit* by Derek Volk
March 13.....*Second Person Singular* by Sayed Kashua
April 10.....*Love and Treasure* by Ayelet Waldman

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

No meeting in July.

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



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, Mark Johnson, Bethany Kornstadt, Irene Marshall, Dennis McCreery, Sandy Miller, Aleza Myers, 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.

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.

LIAISON COMMITTEE *What is it?*

Lesli Weiner, chair, Ally Casares and Malca Wilner make up this small committee.

We are YOUR link to the Rabbi, IF you feel you need it. Otherwise, Sruli loves a one-on-one. So if there is something you are unhappy with, or maybe something you love that you want to see more of, and you want us to convey your thoughts or ideas to the Rabbi, we're your go-to people! We will meet every 2 months with the Rabbi, or more often if needed. Don't be shy. Every voice needs to be heard. Conversations are kept confidential.

If we don't see you in person, Julie can tell you our contact info. Call 786-4201, mornings only.



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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jeffrey & Susan Brown	July 1
Brian & Mattie Ablitz	2
Allyson & Peter Casares	3
Karen & John Calloway	7
Behzad & Harriet Fakhery	7
Joe & Chrissy Zidle	8
Victoria & Jonathan Cohen	31



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

David Teich	July 1
Sharon Chandler Bodenheimer	2
Roz Kutzen	3
Melissa Johnson	5
James Nesbitt	5
Olivia Casares	7
Naomi Nesbitt	7
Rose Wollman	7
Jeffrey Brown	8
Bonnie Faiman	8
Paul Rausch	11
Marion Rausch	12
Phyllis Graber Jensen	14
Lisa Mayer	17
Jane Persky	17
Jonathan Cohen	18
Marianne Wise	22
Anita Miles	25
Richard Rau	27
Melissa Brown	28



JULY 2016 YAHRZEITEN

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

Sara Fishman	July 2
Alan Levenson	2
Rose Bell	5
A.H. Plavin	16
Philip Rosenthal	16
Jeannette Kaye	16
Philip Isaacson	18
Elaine Cohen	26
Goldie Goldberg	26
Howard Kates	29



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In honor of Ilana Dresdner's graduation

In honor Greg Levine's graduation

In honor of Sheri & Joel Olstein's new grandson

In honor of David Allen's becoming the Temple president

In honor of Ally & Peter Casares for their work on the Lag Ba'Omer cookout event

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In memory of Evelyn Levine

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To Shelley Rau in honor of a speedy recovery

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To Helene & Lewis Perry in honor of their grandson's high school graduation

To Rabbi Sruli in honor of his birthday

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JULY AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Saturday, 7/2	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 7/4		Office Closed for Independence Day
Thursday, 7/7	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 7/8	7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by Oneg
Saturday, 7/9		NO Shabbat Service
Monday, 7/11	4:00 pm	Book Group
Thursday, 7/14	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
	7:00 pm	Maine-ly Jewish Storytelling Festival
Saturday, 7/16	9:30 pm	Shabbat Service
Monday, 7/18	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
Thursday, 7/21	9:30 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 7/23	10:00 am	Shabbat Service at the Olstein's camp, Potluck, RSVP!
Thursday, 7/28	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 7/29	7:00 pm	Qatari Women: Engagement & Empowerment
Saturday, 7/30	9:30 am	Shabbat Service

