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

June 2016/Iyar/Sivan 5776

# Shavuot

Celebrate the Giving of the Torah

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Service with Yizkor  
beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Catered Luncheon Follows

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In memory of May Tetenman

## FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

*With one voice.*

Sinai. The place where our ancestors encountered God and received the Ten Commandments. An experience that we relive each year during the holiday of Shavuot by reading from the Book of Exodus.

Notable in this reading is how much space is devoted to the description of the “Sinai Scene”--thunder, lightning, trumpets, whispers, trembling, smoke and fire. Why not, simply: the Israelites travelled to Sinai where God revealed the Ten Commandments? Isn't the significance of the Ten Commandments in their contents--in what they tell us about how to conduct our lives?

Of equal, or perhaps even greater, importance than the Commandments themselves, is the entirety of the Sinai experience. Sinai was not only about forming an eternal relationship with God but also about forming an eternal bond with each other and with future generations. The enormity of Sinai ensured that everyone there was entirely *present*. That everyone's individuality was completely transcended so they could experience the power of Sinai together--as one collective soul. This is exemplified in the Torah's declaration that the entire nation spoke *with one voice* as they accepted the authority of Torah--experiencing unity with God and with each other at exactly the same moment!

The Sinai experience looms so large that our tradition teaches that every single Jewish soul--past, present and future--was in attendance on that day. As if to say that no true Jewish soul can exist without Sinai.

We recreate Sinai whenever we gather for an experience that transcends our individuality--an experience where we can be fully present--an experience where our collective souls bond through sharing the same spiritual thrill at exactly the same time.

Our Temple had such an experience a couple of weeks ago, immediately prior to our Annual Meeting. The Merrymanders, the Bates all-female *cappella* group, had generously agreed to sing for us. For three songs we were captivated by their beautiful voices, excellent harmonies and arrangements. Captivated, but not yet fully present. At least I wasn't. But then, *with one voice*, the group began to sing *Oseh Shalom*. In that moment, all of us who were fortunate to be present were thrust into “presence.” Not one of us had a single individual or outside thought. Instead, we experienced all together, as one, the enormity of this gift. The shock of hearing a Bates choir singing in Hebrew. The sheer joy that we felt knowing how hard they all must have worked to prepare this song. For us! The power of a musical gift so selflessly offered. And as we leapt to our feet in thunderous applause, our souls overflowing with appreciation, we shared a bonding experience as powerful as Sinai.

May we have many such Sinai moments in the months and years to come.

Rabbi Sruli

## FROM THE RABBI...continued

P.S. I am happy to say that we have similarly powerful experiences in our community all the time. At least monthly, sometimes more often. Watching, as a community, our Hebrew School children performing a Yiddish play for Chanukah, singing together in tribute to those who perished during the Holocaust or standing up to sing the Hatikvah on Israel Independence Day, are just a few of the recent moments that come to mind. Let us cherish our memory of the Sinai experience and seek to recreate it often, thereby reaffirming and strengthening our bonds with God and each other.

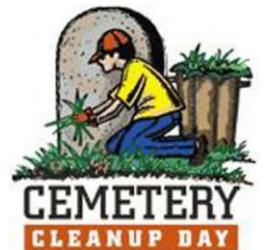
P.P.S. Rabbi Sruli will participate in this year's World Refugee Day event on June 3 at Simard-Payne Memorial Park, Lewiston, at 4 p.m. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will be leading Shabbat Services at Beth Israel Congregation in Bath, Maine on June 3 at 7 p.m., at Temple Israel in Portsmouth, NH on June 10 at 7:30 p.m., and at the Maine Conference for Jewish Life on June 17. Rabbi Sruli will also teach a class about Klezmer music on Tuesday, June 14 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Auburn Public Library. This class is being offered by Senior College.



***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.***

### CEMETERY NEWS!

The Cemetery Committee is scheduling a Community Day to help do trimming and walkway clearing at the Beth Jacob Cemetery, on the Old Danville Road, Auburn, on Sunday, June 5, at 8:30 AM. Please bring trimmers (gas or electric – don't forget an extension cord) and/or flat bladed shovels (for clearing and edging the walkways). We plan to have a generator available, but, if you have a portable generator you can bring, that would be a great help.



Thank you.

Hank Meyer, Chairman, Cemetery Committee.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Shalom.

This is my first article as President of Temple Shalom and my first published work! (Don't expect Steinbeck or Stephen King) First of all, I thank Lesli for all of the hard work she has put in over the last five years. She has done a great job. She brought in a new rabbi. Rabbi Sruli, Lisa and their family have been a great addition to our Temple Shalom family. They have rejuvenated the Temple Shalom community and have been welcomed by the greater community as well.

Since the arrival of Rabbi Sruli and family, participation at events, from Minyan, to the Community Passover Sedar have increased. Additionally, we have had a revitalization of things like Lunch and Learn and Cafe Shalom. More music, literally and figuratively, has been brought into our lives. What a great addition to our community. Our programming calendar has many wonderful events. So, our congregation is on sound footing with our spiritual leadership and with all of the programming. That leads me to where we are not on such sound footing...finances.

Each year we deplete our investments by about \$30,000 - \$50,000 depending on how the market performs, the level of donations and the dues we collect. This means that some day we will run out of money. We need to raise more funds. My goal, over the next two years, along with the Board and a committee, is to put Temple Shalom on sound financial footing. I want to ensure that Temple Shalom will be here for many more years to come. I, along with the Board, will keep you posted about our plans and how you can help. Of course, you can always speak up and make suggestions and help out. I want to stress, we are not in a dire situation now and not even close to a dire situation. However, I want to make sure that we are never in a dire situation.

As many of you know, I grew up in Auburn. Although I lived away for 30 years, Auburn has always been my home and this Jewish community has always been in my heart. I look forward to the next two years and with your help and the Board's help, it will be a successful two years. Always let me know how the Temple can help you and what can make things better – in whatever your definition of 'better' is...maybe more meaningful, maybe more enjoyable...for you.

Israel just celebrated 68 years since its founding. After you read this, please say a little prayer for peace in Israel and the world over.

Hebrew Word of the Month: Generosity נדיבות nedivoot

David Allen

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

Our May meeting was extra special because our Rebbetzin Lisa led the discussion about *ReVisions: Seeing Torah Through a Feminist Lens* by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein. The extra special regulars who attended were Malca Wilner, Margaret Meyer, Bertha Bodenheimer, Judy Abromson, Babs Shapiro, Adele Silverman, Helene Perry and me, Lesli Weiner. And we were joined by some women who helped make this meeting so extra special: Paula Marcus, Sheri Olstein, Marion Rausch and Estelle Rubinstein. Lucky 13!!



This book references many stories from the Torah, so we felt that Lisa would be most knowledgeable of these as written, and then could help us uncover the Torah's female spirit. Rabbi Goldstein divided the book into three parts: the power of women, blood and water, and gods and goddesses. Many of us who have been very attuned to the Shekhina and all-things feminist in Judaism, did not find anything too earth-shattering in this book which was, after all, written in 1998. However, I will say that I think Lisa could make anything sound fascinating and exciting, as she did a marvelous job bringing the women's stories to life and adding insight and interpretation above and beyond what the book offered. And that is what makes book groups so invaluable. First of all, we are reading books we may not even think we are interested in. But it's the discussions that help us to get more out of each book we read. And those times we hear directly from an author, or have an 'expert' lead our discussion, just helps to make that book and that book group extra special.

Our next book, available most readily on kindle, is *Saving Sophie* by Ronald H. Balson who also wrote *Once We Were Brothers*. Balson's second novel is the powerful story of the lengths a father will go through to protect his daughter. It's an action-packed thriller that will take you on an unforgettable journey of murder and deception, testing the bonds of family and love. The book takes place in Chicago, Hawaii, and the Israel/Palestine area of the Mid-East. Our next meeting is MONDAY, JUNE 13 at 4 PM in the Temple library. See you then.....lesli

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## SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Nicole Buck, Gary Buckman, Deborah Frank Burdo, Michelle Lisi Deloro, Fleck Family, Ariella Green, Christie James, Elizabeth Johnson, Mark Johnson, Bethany Kornstadt, Leonard Bell, Dennis McCreery, Sandy Miller, 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.





**Friday, June 24th  
7:00 P.M.**

***Our first Tish under the Stars!***

**We will sing:**

*slow songs and lively songs and table banging songs  
old songs and new songs  
songs of hope and songs of peace  
songs of tranquility and songs of ecstasy.  
Plus, stories and meditations.*

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## 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.



## MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Greg Levinsky, grandson of Adele Silverman and son of Nancy and Ken Levinsky, brother to Andrea for graduating in the top ten from Deering High School in Portland. Greg will be attending Boston University in the fall as a journalism major in the College of Communications. He has also been selected as one of 15 students from New England who will attend a week long seminar at the Boston Globe.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Still time to sign up for the Summer Program, begins June 21st!

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5 (must be 3 by 1/1/2016)

\$70 per session / 20% discount for siblings

Snacks provided / pack a lunch



For more information: 207-786-4201

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## 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

Bonnie & Laurence Faiman	June	5
Margaret & Henry Meyer		6
Arthur & Donna Silverman		18
Andrew & Sharon Bodenheimer		21
Melissa & Mark Johnson		21
Babs & Michael Shapiro		22



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Margaret Meyer	June	1
Charlene Goodman		2
Kenneth Levinsky		6
Naysa Worthy		6
Ellen Burke		7
Melissa Burke		8
William Zidle		11
Arthur Silverman		13
Linda Isaacson		14
Molly Platz		14
Matthew Zidle		15
Joseph Platz		16
Mark Carlson		18
Sruli Dresdner		19
Karen Calloway		24
Barbara Shapiro		26
Elizabeth Barter		29
Shelley Rau		30

## JUNE 2016 YAHRZEITEN

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

June	3	Beatrice Garber
	7	Michael Dennis
	10	Lillian Rosen
	10	Aaron Krakower
	11	Jack Kaduson
	12	Goldie Isaacson
	17	Ruth Schleicher
	17	Barry Traister
	19	Cecile Kates
	23	Lillian Cohen
	24	May Tetenman
	26	Milton Burke
	26	Milton Krasner
	28	Evelyn Levine
	30	Jack Schnitzer



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Rabbi Sruli Dresdner

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To Scott Nussinow in honor of a speedy recovery

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In honor of Greg Levinsky's graduation

In honor of Ilana Dresdner's graduation

To Sheri & Joel Olstein in honor of the birth of a new grandson

To Joel Olstein in honor of receiving the "Person of the Year" award

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In memory of her father, Jack Kaduson

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To Susan Allen in memory of her mother

To David & Meryl Gordon in honor of the birth of a grandson

To Yvette Gordon in honor of the birth of two new great grandsons

In memory of May Tetenman

To David Allen to congratulate him on becoming the incoming President of Temple Shalom

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## JUNE AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Thursday, 6/2	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 6/4	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 6/5	8:30 am	Cemetery Community Cleanup Day
	10:00 am	Hebrew School
Thursday, 6/9	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 6/11		NO Shabbat Service
Sunday, 6/12	9:30 am	Service for Shavuot, includes Yizkor followed by lunch sponsored by the Bodenheimer, Tetenman & Allen families – Please RSVP!
Monday, 6/13	4:00 pm	Book Group
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, 6/16	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 6/18		No Shabbat Service
Tuesday, 6/21	4:00 pm	Program Committee Annual Retreat
Thursday, 6/23	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 6/24	7:00 pm	Tish
Saturday, 6/25	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Thursday, 6/30	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast

