



MA CHADASHI! **מה חדש!**

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

August 2019/Tammuz/Av 5779



Bonnie and Larry Faiman

**Cordially Invite the
Temple Shalom Community
to our Sixth-Annual
Kiddush Levana Event!**

When: Saturday, August 17th, at 7:00 pm

**Where: At the home of Bonnie and Larry
Faiman, 1 Shore Path Road, in Auburn.**

Dessert and scintillating conversation will be served.

**The Kiddush Levana/Havdallah service will be
accompanied by music, singing, and dancing.**

(And, if we're lucky, the shrieking of Bonnie and Larry's Smoke alarm!)

Please RSVP, 786-4201 or temple6359@aol.com

FROM THE RABBI



A story from the Jerusalem Post, July 12th, 2019:
It is not unusual for a wedding to leave many of the guests in tears. However, a wedding in Israel last week did not leave a dry eye in the house for a very special reason. Muawiya Kabha, a Muslim paramedic in a response unit of United Hatzalah, made a special appearance at the wedding of Shahar Kugelmas and Nir David, and recounted to the guests present how in April 2009, he had arrived at the scene of a car crash to find Shahar dead. The car that Shahar was a passenger in had crashed into

a tree.

"When I arrived there after two minutes, the doctor told me 'this injured girl, don't touch her. I have already declared her dead. Let's treat the driver,'" Kabha recalled through the microphone. "I told him okay you treat the driver and I stayed treating Shahar. When I got to Shahar, she was in cardiac arrest. And per protocol, the doctor was right, we needed to declare the death. But what I felt from above is that I still need to try and save her," Kabha said to applause from the wedding guests.

Kabha explained how he continued CPR on Shahar for about 40 minutes whilst she was still stuck in the car before accompanying her on the way to the hospital. "We continued CPR on the way to the hospital and at the entrance to the hospital she had a heartbeat. Her heart started to beat. I want to tell you that when I returned home that night, I didn't have any hope," Kabha recalled. "I put my head on the pillow and thought the Angel of Death had beaten me. But at least I knew that I did everything I could to try and save her. In the end, I must have done what I needed to do, because look, Shahar is with us."

Kabha concluded: "Because I saved your body, you saved my soul. Thank you, thank you. Mazal Tov. I love you both."

As much as I want it too, I know that this story has nothing to tell us about politics or the conflict. But it has a lot to tell us about humanity. That this Muslim paramedic serves in a volunteer ambulance service operated by (and mostly for) observant Jews. His unbelievable dedication to saving the life of someone from "the other side." That he became an honored guest at a Jewish wedding. That divine inspiration finds all humans and motivates the most extraordinary behavior. How guilty we should feel when we demonize based on stereotype. And of course, the infinite power of love.

Rabbi Sruli

P.S. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will be teaching at KlezKanada from August 19th to August 25th. It is a wonderful program. Please visit klezkanada.org for more information.

Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members or our Temple. Please call or text his cell phone 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



Twice now, I have been present as people have chosen to be Jewish and taken the final steps in conversion.

The second time was this evening, July 21 at our cottage on Taylor Pond. The weather was perfect as three people made the choice to become Jews...the choice to be a part of our Community...the choice to be part of a People that stretches back over 5000 years.

Of the three who converted today, each may have begun their individual journey to join our people for different reasons, but each came to love the Jewish religion...what it means and what it represents. Each converted for the right reasons. Each converted because, in their hearts, they feel Jewish. Each wants to be part of this 5000 year history that continues to bring meaning to so many.

In many cases, one who converts knows more about Judaism than one born into our faith, much like a new American citizen, at times, knows more about our American history than one born here.

At times, those born Jewish, again like Americans born here, take what we have, our traditions, our sense of community, for Americans, our freedom, our free speech, for granted. Yet, those who convert can treasure and enjoy the feelings of being Jewish differently and, often with a greater sense of appreciation.

Does this stem from how we often value something we worked for more than something we were given? Is this because we tend to value something that is new to us more than the things we have had for a long time? Do those of us, born Jewish, take our Judaism for granted? Do we not know the value of what we have?

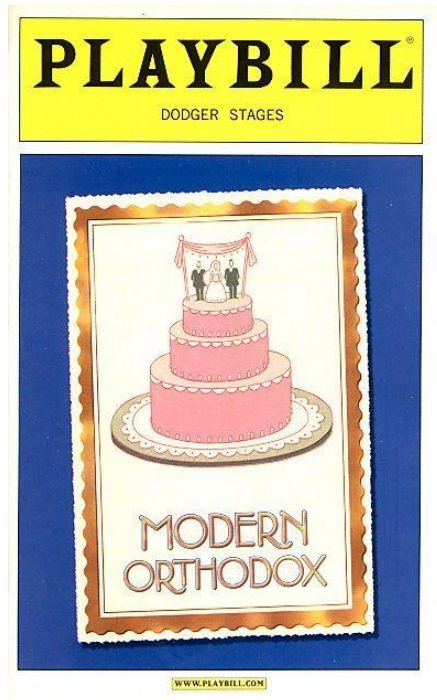
I think, at times, we may take it for granted. However, we are reminded, again and again, of who we are as a People. Each of us may have a different trigger that reminds us...maybe it is going to services on Shabbat or Thursday morning minyan or a holiday or even just eating a Jewish food. For others, it may be a Jewish tragedy that reminds us of the People we are and that we are one People...that our religion and our traditions mean something.

Whether you chose Judaism or were born Jewish, think of ways that you can be a little more Jewish. Think of ways to remind yourself of why you are Jewish. Think of ways to be Jewish. **And most importantly, think of what being Jewish means to *you*.**

David Allen

Temple Shalom Members - Please take note!

In an effort to save money, the Board has voted to send annual meeting notices and other notices, etc to you via email. For those who do not have email, we will continue to send by US mail. Thank you.



Modern Orthodox

by Daniel Goldfarb

A Staged Reading

Featuring Ellen and Herb Frankel, Lisa and Rabbi Sruli
Coached by, Martin Andrucki, Charles A. Dana Professor of Theater, Bates College

Friday, August 9th

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30 p.m.

Play at 7:30 p.m.

Hilarious and raunchy—Two New York City couples on opposite sides of the religious divide—each looking for just the right kind of "kosher" love.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE SUBJECT MATTER IS A BIT EXPLICIT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR ANYONE UNDER 18. IF YOU BLUSH EASILY, THIS MIGHT NOT BE YOUR CUP OF MANISCHEWITZ.

*The playwright is one of the writers and co-producers of *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, and this play had its premiere in New York City, in 2004.*

There will be no Shabbat Services, Saturday August 10th



Renoir and Degas vs. Pissarro and Monet The Impact of the Dreyfus Affair on the Impressionist Movement

By Ilana Dresdner, Master of Letters, University of St. Andrews, Scotland

Saturday, August 3rd

Service at 9:30

Lecture at 10:30

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.



REMINDER:

The first Thursday of the month, the service will begin at 8:00 A.M. All other Thursday morning services will continue to begin at 7:00. All services will continue to have a service, discussion and breakfast.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FEMALE-ONLY EVENT TO WELCOME THE NEW MOON ROSH CHODESH

at Bertha Bodenheimer's summer cottage on Taylor Pond.
74 Waterview Rd., Auburn, cell phone: 203-918-0460

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
5:30PM
POTLUCK



It's a fun gathering full of song, food
and conversation.

Please RSVP with intended potluck contribution
786-4201 or temple6359@aol.com

Directions: from Hotel Road take East Shore Road. This is the same road you take to the Faiman's home and to the Olstein's home.

Take the first right which is Waterview Drive. My cottage is 7 houses down on the water side. Both cottages are beige and there is a marker on the tree.

For those of you who know the Olstein's cottage I am only 4 down from them. Parking is tight so those of you who do not mind walking can park at the Olstein's. In my yard, please park close together and one behind the other 2 deep so we can park about 10 cars.

!!BOOK GROUPO NEWS!!



We canceled the July meeting at the last minute for a variety of reasons, one being that summers get busy. But since a lot of you New Yorkers want to talk about *1185 Park Avenue* by Anne Roiphe, we will add that to our August meeting.

The Last Watchman of Old Cairo by Michael David Lukas is our next book. This 4 star novel is the

winner of many awards. This is a synopsis to entice you further:

“Joseph, a literature student at Berkeley, is the son of a Jewish mother and a Muslim father. One day, a mysterious package arrives on his doorstep, pulling him into a mesmerizing adventure to uncover the tangled history that binds the two sides of his family. For generations, the men of the al-Raqb family have served as watchmen of the storied Ibn Ezra Synagogue in Old Cairo, built at the site where the infant Moses was taken from the Nile. Joseph learns of his ancestor Ali, a Muslim orphan who nearly a thousand years earlier was entrusted as the first watchman of the synagogue and became enchanted by its legendary—perhaps magical—Ezra Scroll. The story of Joseph’s family is entwined with that of the British twin sisters Agnes and Margaret, who in 1897 depart their hallowed Cambridge halls on a mission to rescue sacred texts that have begun to disappear from the synagogue.

The Last Watchman of Old Cairo is a moving page-turner of a novel from acclaimed storyteller Michael David Lukas. This tightly woven multigenerational tale illuminates the tensions that have torn communities apart and the unlikely forces—potent magic, forbidden love—that boldly attempt to bridge that divide.”

Be sure to request a copy from your local library or get it on kindle. Then join us on MONDAY, AUGUST 12 at 4 PM. Summer is a great time to curl up and read. Don't you agree?!lesli

MORE WAYS TO GIVE TO TEMPLE SHALOM!

For instance, when you buy something on Amazon, go to www.Smile.Amazon.com. The prices are the same as on Amazon.com and a percentage of every purchase goes to the Temple. If you have not done so, please go to www.Smile.Amazon.com and register and designate Temple Shalom, Auburn Maine, as the charity that you want to benefit from your Amazon purchases. Then, each time you want to go to Amazon, go to www.Smile.Amazon.com.

Are you using CLINK bags? These are free bags, available at the Temple. Put all of your returnable bottles and cans in the CLINK bag and then bring the bag to Hannaford. Instead of giving you the returnable money, the money will be put into the Temple's account and a periodic check will be sent to the Temple. Another easy way to help the Temple.

For \$250 you can sponsor one month of the Ma Chadash. You can do this in memory or honor of someone or just like that. (Call David or Julie 786-4201)

You can sponsor an event. The minimum is \$250 and you can put a cap on the amount you are willing to donate. Do this in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. (Call Lesli for details.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Jacob Allen	Aug	12
Daniel Abromson		14
Stuart Isaacson		15
Jacob Teich		15
David Mazur		18
Seth Meyer		18
Danale Jensen		19
Joseph Jensen		19
Jed Kutzen		19
Deena Weinstein		20
David Allen		22
Hali Isaacson		22
Sam Allen		23
David Gardner		26
Jerrold Cohen		30
Rocky Isaacson		30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Neal & Lesli Weiner	Aug	3
Harvey & Elaine Bell		5
Emily & Annette Macaluso		5
Naomi & James Nesbitt		5
Lewis & Helene Perry		7
Jerrold & Jennifer Cohen		11
Joel & Jennifer Simons		15
Christopher & Mara King		23
Joshua & Samantha Kahn		25
Lisa & Ray Belanger		30
Amy & Robert Jensen		31



Yahrzeiten

JenniferLee Levine	Aug	7
Randall Silver		7
Dorothy Krasner		9
Adele Brown		10
George Laskoff		10
Mario Nigro		10
Charles Pributsky		12
Muriel Ross		12
Charles Wilner		13
Bernice Harris		14
Clara Marcus		15
Fannye Roberts		19
Seymour Tetenman		22
Nathan Kutzen		24
Lester Miller		29
Jay Graber		30



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SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Georgette Belanger, Phil Bray, Gary Buckman, John Calloway, June Wilner Chason, Sara Graf, Robert Galumbeck, Isaak Gekhtin, Anne Geller, Detlef Gerlach, Elinor Goldblatt, Ariella Green, Sharon Hemond, Elizabeth Johnson, Suzan Katzir, Bill Lancet, Henry Lefkowitz, Susan Lifter, Bruce Meyer, Sandy Miller, Maude Olsen, Joel Salberg, Sara Tedlow, Sandy Traister, Neal Weiner**, and all others who are not well at this time.



*Wishing you a speedy
and complete recovery.*

We like to hear good news! Whenever you request that a name be put on this list, please let Temple Shalom know when it can be removed.

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AUGUST AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Thursday, 8/1	8:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast (Please note later time)
Saturday, 8/3	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
	10:30 am	Lecture by Ilana Dresdner
Monday, 8/5	12:30 pm	Mahjong
Thursday, 8/8	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 8/9	6:30 pm	Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service
	7:30 pm	Modern Orthodox – A Staged Reading
Saturday, 8/10		NO Shabbat Service
Monday, 8/12	12:30 pm	Mahjong
	4:00 pm	Book Group Meets
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
Thursday, 8/15	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 8/16	7:30 pm	Greg Boardman Concert
Saturday, 8/17	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
	7:00 pm	Kiddush Levana (Faiman home) RSVP!
Monday, 8/19	12:30 pm	Mahjong
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, 8/22	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 8/24	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 8/26	12:30 pm	Mahjong
Thursday, 8/29	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
	5:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh/Pot luck at Bertha Bodenheimer's Cottage – RSVP
Saturday, 8/31	9:30 am	Shabbat Service

