



MA CHADASH!

מה חדש!

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

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TU B'SHVAT



Friday evening, February 7th, 7:00 PM

Please join us as we celebrate TU B'SHVAT, The Festival of the Trees.

Sip and mix wines as we explore the secrets of the aleph bet as revealed to us by the ancient Kabbalists and partake of the seven holy species from the land of Israel!

This all-new 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



Last night, Lisa and I, Temple Shalom members, and the Bates' Jewish Student Union had the privilege of presenting a musical offering at the Bates' Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service. We shared the beautiful Shabbat evening song, *Shalom Aleichem*, as one large chorus, and then led a spirited dance through the aisles which drew in people of all faiths and traditions. This was an important opportunity for our Jewish community to publicly affirm our commitment to stand with all who are victims of oppression and discrimination.

It was also heartwarming to experience the great outpouring of love and solidarity that the larger community has for us.

This year saw yet another leap in violence, hate, division and, shockingly, antisemitism. The song *Shalom Aleichem* evokes these concerns. Here are the words that I used to introduce the song.

The Jewish people begin the Sabbath on Friday evenings after dark. The liturgy that accompanies our Friday night meal begins not with a prayer or hymn, and not with a text that mentions the Sabbath, but rather with a blessing. And who is being blessed? Angels.

For too many centuries and in too many places (and, sadly, even now), Jews felt in danger and vulnerable on the eve of the Sabbath and so we imagined angels accompanying us on the dark walk from the relative safety of the Synagogue to the relative safety of our homes. Before we turn to our own Sabbath meals, we show gratitude by blessing these angels sent from Heaven to protect us by singing "*Shalom Aleichem Malachei Hashalom*—We bless you with peace, Angels of Peace."

But I would like to say one more thing, in Hebrew, especially Biblical Hebrew, the word for angel—*malach*—literally means messenger and can refer to human beings as well as supernatural beings. As we contemplate the horrors of being "othered"—of having a target projected upon us by those filled with hate and violence, whether because of our race, accents, religious practice, ethnicity, sexual or political identity—this song, *Shalom Aleichem*, reminds us that there have always been and there will always be human angels who, while not themselves targets, are nevertheless willing to endanger their own lives in order to show solidarity and offer protection.

Many of those angels are in this room.

Shalom Aleichem Malachei Hashalom—We bless you with peace, You who are on a mission of peace.

May we all reaffirm our commitment to being angels of peace.

Rabbi Sruli

P.S. Rabbi Sruli will teach about Jewish customs surrounding death for a class called Death and the Afterlife at Bates' College in Lewiston on Friday, March 13th at 12:00 p.m. Rabbi Sruli will teach a Jewish music class on Tuesday, March 23rd at 1:00 p.m., at the Maine Coast Waldorf School in Freeport, Maine.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Family is something to be valued, nurtured and cherished. We have friends who never seem to get along with their families, both in-laws and blood relatives. Anne and I are so lucky that we get along with and like both of our families.

Anne is one of seven and five of her siblings live within a couple of miles of her parents in Somerset, Massachusetts. Her brother John, has three kids and they all play hockey. One is a senior in high school. Over the years, we have never had the chance to see any of them in a game. Friday, after one snow storm and before another, we decided to

make the four-hour drive (shockingly, with loads of traffic through Boston) to my in-laws. We saw the two older boys play and win their game. However, my eleven year old niece lost her game.

About ten of us had lunch on Saturday and then hung out at my father-in-law's just enjoying each other's company. Everyone always gets along. We can talk politics and disagree, but not be disagreeable. We can talk about life and our kids and work and anything else and even when we disagree, we know that each of us is a good person. Each has a good heart. Each would do anything for anyone else in the family.

We support and lift each other in difficult times. Each of us is there to celebrate in the good times.

I recently met someone who had not spoken to his father in three years AND he and his father live about a half mile from each other. Both are good people, but they had a falling out. If this looks like you, reach out...make amends...enjoy the love and support of family.

David Allen

MA CHADASH ALERT!!

Online only for March

Next month you will be receiving the newsletter via EMAIL so check your inbox at the beginning of March for all the latest news and upcoming programs!

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



January 13th started out nice enough.....and then it started to snow. What else is new?! Only a few of us showed up but we decided to go home before the roads got any worse. We were also supposed to choose our next set of books. And since we really liked *The Diplomat's Daughter* and wanted the chance to discuss it, by popular vote we decided to push everything back a month.

So on FEBRUARY 10 we will meet to discuss *The Diplomat's Daughter* by Karin Tanabe. (*A Woman In Jerusalem* is now scheduled for March 9.) We will also pick our next books. So please bring suggestions with a synopsis. Also check to be sure there are enough copies available through the library system. The other rule is that it must be under 400 pages, and that it have Jewish content (of course!)

Now, if Mother Nature will only cooperate!.....lesli

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery **of Georgette Belanger, Phil Bray, Gary Buckman, Elcha Buckman, John Calloway, June Wilner Chason, Bob Fineman, Dougie Fleck, Sara Graf, Robert Galumbeck, Isaak Gekhtin, Detlef Gerlach, Elinor Goldblatt, Joel Goodman, Ariella Green, Sharon Hemond, Michael Jeser, Elizabeth Johnson, Suzan Katzir, Henry Lefkowitz, Lee Leveille, Susan Lifter, Bruce Meyer, Sandy Miller, Joel Salberg, Bob Scott, Sandy Traister, Neal Weiner, William White** 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 Temple Shalom know when it can be removed.*



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.



Shabbat Yoga Service

Saturday, February 15th, 9:30 a.m.

Led by Bonnie Shulman

Yoga for all!

No special equipment or experience necessary.

Wear comfortable clothing. You may want to bring a water bottle.

Our regular Torah Study will follow the service (10:30 a.m.)

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:

For the months of December, January, February and March, the first Thursday of the month, the service will begin at 7:00 AM. All other Thursday morning services will begin at 8:00 AM. All services will continue to have a service, discussion and breakfast.

Save the Dates



Friday, March 6th at 5:30 PM

Purim Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, March 4th at 12:00 p.m.

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

There will be no Shabbat Services on Saturday, March 28th

Maine Jewish Film Festival

begins, Saturday, March 28th



The logo features the words "Musical", "Kabbalat", and "Shabbat" stacked vertically in a colorful, cursive font. The letters are multi-colored, with "Musical" in shades of blue, red, and green; "Kabbalat" in shades of red, orange, and green; and "Shabbat" in shades of green, red, and blue. The background is a faint musical staff with notes.

This month's traditional and musical

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

will be held on Friday, February 21st, at 7 p.m.

The Service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

There will be no Shabbat Services on Saturday, February 22nd.



TEMPLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on
Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm

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Hebrew School Dates for Winter/Spring 2020

Tu B'shvat/Purim Funday: Sunday, February 9th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Purim: Friday, March 6th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Passover Funday: Sunday, March 22nd, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Temple Family Seder: Thursday, April 9th, 5 p.m.

Lag B'omer: Saturday, May 16th at 5:30 p.m. (not May 8th)

Shavuot Funday: Sunday, May 31, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (not May 17th)

**Hebrew School Picnic at the home of Rabbi Sruli and Lisa
Sunday, June 14th, 4 p.m.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

None this month!

Yahrzeiten

Lois Barr	Feb	1
Reevan Levine		1
Janet Wilner Kornreich		2
Maynard Schwartz		2
Ernest B. Williams		2
Martin Miller		4
John A. Platz		5
Jennie Krasner		7
Maxwell Passerman		7
Arthur Fishman		8
Shirley Asher		12
Anne Leavitt		13
Morris L. Cohen		19
Michael Steinman		19
Jennie Rubinstein		21
Bashi Elyeshmerni		22
Jacques Renard		22
Helene Reeves		25
George Rosenberg		26
Bert Bodenheimer		26
Philip Renard		27
Jean Brown		29
Estelle Pennamacoor		29



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FEBRUARY AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Saturday, 2/1	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 2/3	12:30 pm	Mahjong
Thursday, 2/6	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 2/7	7:00 pm	Tu B'Shvat – Festival of the Trees
Saturday, 2/8	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 2/9	10:00 am	Hebrew School
Monday, 2/10	12:30 pm	Mahjong
	4:00 pm	Book Group Meets
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
Thursday, 2/13	8:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 2/15	9:30 am	Shabbat Yoga Service, Torah Study to follow
Monday, 2/17	12:30 pm	Mahjong
	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday, 2/20	8:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 2/21	7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, 2/22		NO Shabbat Service
Monday, 2/24	12:30 pm	Mahjong
Thursday, 2/27	8:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 2/29	9:30 am	Shabbat Service



