



# MA CHADASH!

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

# מה חדש!

ק"ק היכל שלום

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**4<sup>th</sup> Annual**

## **MAINE-LY JEWISH STORYTELLING FESTIVAL**

**Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.  
Temple Shalom Sanctuary**

*Featuring  
Storytellers, Writers & Poets  
from within a 437 Mile Radius*

**Wine and Homemade Sweet Specialties**

**Suggested Donation, \$5**

## FROM THE RABBI



### Who is a Jew?

I would like to share with you a recent incident that took place in Israel.

Not because it is uplifting. Quite the opposite. I just can't get it out of my head.

As reported by the Times of Israel this past June 19:

*Far-right activists chanted slogans cheering for the death of an 18-month old Palestinian outside a courthouse in central Israel as the late toddler's family walked near them following a hearing Tuesday. Referencing toddler Ali Saad Dawabsha, killed in a 2015 arson attack carried out by Jewish terrorists, right-wing extremists chanted **"Where is Ali? Ali's dead," "Ali's on the grill"** and other hate slogans.*

*Roughly two dozen youth had gathered outside the Central District Court in the [Israeli] city of Lod for a ruling regarding the admissibility of the confessions given by the two [Jewish] suspects in the firebombing of the Dawabsha home, which killed toddler Ali Saad Dawabsha and parents Riham and Saad Dawabsha in 2015. Another son, Ahmed Dawabsha, who was 5 at the time, underwent months of treatment for severe burns sustained in the attack.*

*The chanting took place as uncle and grandfather Nasr and Hussein Dawabsha, who have served as guardians for Ahmed Dawabsha since the attack, walked out of the courtroom accompanied by Joint (Arab) List MKs Ahmad Tibi and Ayman Odeh. A spokesman for Tibi managed to capture most of the chants on video, including those of one young religious activist who approached the crowd of Dawabsha supporters and shouted, **"Where is Ali? He's burned!"** as he laughed.*

From the accompanying video it is clear that these extremists were all dressed as ultra-pious religious Jews—kipot, long payot (side curls), tzitzit – and you can hear them singing a Jewish song together.

"Why does this bother me?" I ask myself. "Who cares what a fringe group of misguided crazies does?" On the other hand, what kind of person, let alone one raised in a religious Jewish environment, can taunt a grandfather – to his face—over the brutal murder of his 18-month-old grandson? How can there be more than 20 young adults who are willing to publicly celebrate the death of a toddler?

Our Talmud teaches that the true nature of a person emerges when it comes to his wallet or when he is angry or drunk. Similarly, wouldn't the depraved behavior of an extremist fringe at least hint to the nature of the larger community? What does this say about their community? Or our community?

Rabbi Sruli

P.S. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will participate in the installation ceremony for Rabbi Lisa Vinikoor on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Congregation in Bath. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will lead a Shabbat Service at Temple Beth El, Bangor, on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will perform at the Eldridge Street Synagogue in N.Y.C. on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a program called "A Sabbath of the Mind."

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As you surely are aware, this page is entitled President's Message. In it our President, David, imparts his wisdom through humorous, thoughtful, measured, anecdotal, and, on occasion, pleading columns that are generally intended to make us ponder how we can be better Jews, better people, together be a better community, and how Temple Shalom can be central in our efforts to accomplish these goals. He generally hits the mark squarely and gets us to think about the force of his message. For this we are grateful.

David asked us, the members of the Temple Shalom board, if any of us would undertake to pinch hit for him and write one of the monthly messages. I volunteered and, taking David's lead, would like to share my thoughts with you about our Temple and how it makes us better people.

I guess the first question to ponder is why a Temple, what is its purpose, what are its goals, why should a community seek to share this institution? The simple answer would seem to be to serve as a vehicle for the performance of religious practices, religious ritual, and communal prayer and celebration.

But there is so much more. What about friendships. For Bonnie and me, the Temple is our home away from home, where we meet friends, spend time with them, and share the occasions that make our lives so rich, whether they be joyous, sad, entertaining, intellectual, or otherwise.

What about learning. We have learning in abundance at Temple Shalom. Every Thursday morning we have a prayer service which includes an insightful discussion of the week's Torah portion. We learn by reading and trading ideas. We don't always agree with each other or (gulp) with G-d. More learning on Shabbat mornings. Further review of the Torah portion and vigorous discussion. What does it mean, how is it relevant to our lives. The learning is personal, meaningful for each of us. We also learn at our Shabbat eve services. More learning for us to ponder and consider.

Do you like a different kind of learning? How about our Temple Book Group. A book each month with a lively discussion. Some of the best contemporary writing generally by award winning authors. Or what about our Temple programs. Speakers presenting subjects and directing discussions on topics of interest to everyone. Want to learn about Qatar? Was God at Auschwitz? The meaning of Kristallnacht? The relationship of Jews and Arabs in Israel? We learn about these subjects and many others.

What about entertainment. We have world class music at our Shabbat and holiday services. We have guest musicians playing Klezmer, classical, modern. Have you been to Cafe Shalom?

Oh, and did I forget the food? The best is, of course, the superb breakfast made by the men of our Temple (just kidding, but it is good). Like blintzes, veggie burgers, hot dogs (kosher, naturally), Israeli delicacies, Mike's superb meals including the break the fast? We have them all.

And that is just part of why Temple Shalom is central to all of our lives. The people are first. Our Rabbi and Rebbetzin are fantastic. Please come often to confirm that I am right. Temple Shalom. The gem of central Maine.

Larry Faiman,  
Member of Board



***Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members of our Temple. Please call or text Rabbi Sruli on 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 at the Lake

(hosted by the Olsteins)

Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

*Service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch.  
Please RSVP with intended potluck contribution.*

**Address: 48 Waterview Drive, Auburn  
(Phone if lost - 241-7848 or 576-7927)**

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

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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.





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YOU TO SHARE IN OUR JOY WHEN OUR SON



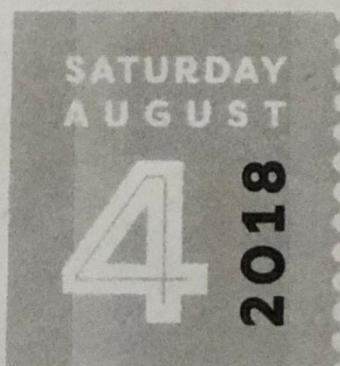
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**ANDREW JACOB**

IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS A

**BAR MITZVAH**

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**AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING**

Temple Shalom Synagogue Center  
Seventy-Four Bradman Street  
Auburn, Maine

*Kiddush Luncheon to Follow Services*

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**ALLYSON & PETER CASARES**

Please RSVP to the Temple Office, 786-4201!

**SHE'S BACK!!!!**

**FRIDAY, JULY 20 at 6:30 PM**



**DR. JOCELYN (WEINER)  
MITCHELL**

**“What’s Up with Qatar?  
The Domestic Policy Opportunities  
of an International Blockade”**

**Abstract**

Here’s a thought: What if the blockade against Qatar by its neighbors is actually a good thing? In this talk, I suggest that Qatar is using the crisis to its advantage, by pushing through domestic policy goals that may not only reshape its own country but also the Gulf as a whole. Since the beginning of the Persian Gulf diplomatic crisis in June 2017, the state of Qatar has been busy addressing large-scale geopolitical, economic, and security challenges. Yet the small kingdom has gone beyond these pressing issues to engage in extensive domestic policy shifts, from expanded citizenship rights to stronger labor protections to increased foreign business and investment opportunities. In this talk I suggest that Qatar’s rulers are seizing the opportunities provided by this period of uncertainty to make surprisingly strong progress on societal issues that have been simmering for far longer than the blockade itself.

**Bio**

Dr. Mitchell is an Assistant Professor in Residence at Northwestern University in Qatar, and an affiliated faculty member of Northwestern University’s Middle East and North African Studies Program in the Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences. She holds a BA in political science and Middle Eastern studies from Brown University (2003) and an MA (2008) and a PhD (2013) in government from Georgetown University. She and her husband Nick have lived and worked in Doha, Qatar, since August 2008. But most importantly, Jocelyn is the oldest daughter of Neal and Lesli Weiner and the mother of their grandsons Graham and Boden.

**6:30 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat (musical service)**

**7:15 PM: Oneg of home baked delicacies**

**7:30 PM: Dr. Jocelyn Mitchell, Guest Speaker**

**RSVP for this FREE event: 786-4201**

**There will be no Shabbat Services on Saturday, July 21**

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



On June 11, Margaret Meyer, Helene Perry, Joel Olstein, Judy Abromson, Bonnie Faiman, Adele Silverman and me, Lesli Weiner, met to discuss *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. This is an historical novel centered around the Italian theater in WWII. It reads like a spy thriller with twists and turns, but is in fact so authentic that Sullivan didn't even change the names. At the end he even tells us what actually happened to each character.

This page turner is a war-time love story while also paying homage to the brutal truth of Nazi atrocities. The Book Group found this page-turner compelling and enlightening but agreed it could have been edited down from its 526 pages.

Our next book is *The Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff. Here is Amazon's book description:

**"A powerful novel of friendship set in a traveling circus during World War II, *The Orphan's Tale* introduces two extraordinary women and their harrowing stories of sacrifice and survival**

Sixteen-year-old Noa has been cast out in disgrace after becoming pregnant by a Nazi soldier and being forced to give up her baby. She lives above a small rail station, which she cleans in order to earn her keep... When Noa discovers a boxcar containing dozens of Jewish infants bound for a concentration camp, she is reminded of the child that was taken from her. And in a moment that will change the course of her life, she snatches one of the babies and flees into the snowy night.

Noa finds refuge with a German circus, but she must learn the flying trapeze act so she can blend in undetected, spurning the resentment of the lead aerialist, Astrid. At first rivals, Noa and Astrid soon forge a powerful bond. But as the facade that protects them proves increasingly tenuous, Noa and Astrid must decide whether their friendship is enough to save one another—or if the secrets that burn between them will destroy everything."

We will meet up again on MONDAY, JULY 9 at **3 PM**. Please note the earlier hour due to the Program Committee annual retreat. Summer is a great time to sit back and read a good book.

Enjoy!!!.....lesli

## 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, Lloyd W. Cohen, Enid Ehrlich, Isaak Gekhtin, Anne Geller, Ariella Green, Sharon Hemond, David Izenstatt, Michael Jesser, Elizabeth Johnson, Helene Krasner, Jimi LaPerriere, George Laskoff, Susan Lifter, Bruce Meyer, Sandy Miller, Maude Olsen, Marsha Plavnick, Judy Rizk, Sybil Rohilly, Joel Salberg, Bert Silverstein, Sara Tedlow, Sandy Traister, Neal Weiner, Janet Zidle,** 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.*

***‘Discover the Joys of Classical Music’***



## **Musicians from Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival**



**Sunday, July 29, 4:00 p.m.,  
at Temple Shalom**

**Free and Open to the Public**

I want to thank Larry Faiman for writing such a fine article in my stead. If you have not read it yet, please take a moment and do so.

Please remember to turn off or silence cell phones during Temple programs and services. If you feel that you absolutely need to be in touch, please set your cell phone to vibrate and be sure to leave the room before taking the call. While, we understand, that sometimes people forget to turn off their phones or their phone ringers -- it happens to all of us -- we are hoping to minimize interruptions to our programs and services. Also, please keep the side talking to a minimum. I have seen many times where the rabbi is speaking and many people are just chit chatting. When we have speakers or musicians, please give them your full attention. If you must have a conversation, even a brief one, please step out of the room. The rabbi and our guests deserve our attention and respect.

Don't forget, you can sponsor an issue of the Ma Chadash. Maybe you want to honor or remember a family member or mark a special occasion. Contact David or Julie about sponsoring. It's just \$250 and it's a mitzvah.

You can also sponsor an event. If you see or hear of an event coming up, call Lesli about sponsoring. She can give you details. You can sponsor the entire event or put a dollar limit on the sponsorship. The minimum is \$250. This, too, can be in honor or memory of someone or to mark a special occasion or just like that. I checked with the rabbi and this too, is officially a mitzvah.

Enjoy your summer!

David Allen



I would like to thank all the folks who had a part in choosing to honor me as 2018 Temple Shalom's Person of the Year. It really was an honor, and although I am never comfortable with recognition, it's nice to be appreciated.

This quote from ***The Cider House Rules***, has always stuck with me, "Well, then, Homer, I expect you to be of use". "Being of use" has always brought purpose and pleasure to my life. I am incredibly blessed to have the time and flexibility to help out where I can. We have such a wonderful Temple community, that it's easy to want to give of my time and energy.

There are countless opportunities to assist or be involved at Temple, one just needs to ask, "How can I help?" We have an incredibly dedicated group of members, who are always ready, to roll up their sleeves and get things done. I admire and appreciate each one of you because we all work towards the same goal, making our Temple a warm and welcoming place for everyone.

Since moving to Auburn, my life has been enriched because of Temple Shalom. I have thoroughly enjoyed volunteering and getting to know some of you. I'd like to encourage anyone who wants to feel more connected and cultivate new relationships, to come to Temple and see how rewarding it can be for you.

Whether you choose to come to a service, enjoy one of the many events or even lend a hand in some way, I know, you too will find joy in being a part of this wonderful community.

May you all enjoy a peaceful and safe Summer,

Anne Allen

## **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
Jonathan Cohen	18
Donald Isaacson	19
Marianne Wise	22
Anita Miles	25
Richard Rau	27
Melissa Brown	28

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**

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

## **YAHREZEITEN**

Elaine Cohen	July	3
Goldie Goldberg		3
Howard Kates		6
Sarah Shapiro		6
Esther Shain		9
Irving Goldberg		10
Jenniferlee Levine		18
Randall Silver		18
Dorothy Krasner		20
Charles Pributsky		23
Muriel Ross		23
Charles Wilner		24
Bernice Harris		25
Clara Marcus		26
Fannye Roberts		30

<p>A great way to honor special occasions or remember those who have passed is with a donation to Temple Shalom.</p>
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To Amy & Scott Nussinow in honor of  
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In honor of Babs Shapiro's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

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To Anne Allen in honor of being named  
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In honor of Babs Shapiro's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

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To Ellen & Aaron Burke in honor of grandson  
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In honor of Babs & Michael Shapiro's  
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In honor of Babs Shapiro's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

In honor of our grandchildren Benjamin Izenberg  
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In memory of Clara (Brownie) Marcus



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To Allyson Casares in honor of being  
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To Anne Allen in honor of being named  
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Wednesday, 7/4		Office Closed for Independence Day
Thursday, 7/5	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 7/7	10:00 am	Shabbat at the Lake (at the Olstein's) followed by potluck lunch – please RSVP!
Monday, 7/9	3:00 pm	Book Group (please note earlier time)
	4:15 pm	Program Committee Annual Planning Meeting
Thursday, 7/12	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
	7:00 pm	Maine-ly Jewish Storytelling Festival
Saturday, 7/14	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Thursday, 7/19	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 7/20	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by Oneg
	7:30 pm	Guest speaker, Dr. Jocelyn (Weiner) Mitchell
Saturday, 7/21		NO Shabbat Service
Thursday, 7/26	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 7/28	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 7/29	4:00 pm	Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival - Free!