



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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Simchat Torah 2019

Friday, October 18th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Most Joyous Night of the Year

Pizza in the Sukkah!

Celebrate with the Torahs!

Seven Exciting Dances and Games!

Live Music!

All Ages!

FROM THE RABBI



A story:

About five hundred years ago, a certain Jewish man was sentenced to prison for many years. He was not so concerned about his loss of freedom, but he was greatly distressed that he would no longer be able to join the minyan for prayer or perform the most important Jewish rituals. He appealed to the court for permission to leave the prison during prayer times. Unsurprisingly, his request was denied. He was permitted, however, to select

one day each year when he would be allowed to join his fellow Jews in the synagogue. But which day to choose?

His first thought was Rosh Hashanah—when he would be able to hear the all-important sounds of the shofar. But what about Yom Kippur? Aren't the Yom Kippur prayers the most important of the year? Then he thought about the holiday of Purim. Wouldn't it be nice to hear the scroll of Esther and be inspired by its story of salvation? What about Passover? A Passover without Matzah? Without a Seder? And then there's Simchat Torah. How wonderful to dance in a frenzy with his fellow Jews in honor of the holy Torah!

Completely stymied, the Jewish prisoner presented his dilemma in a letter that he sent to Rabbi David ben Zimra, Chief Rabbi of the large and learned Egyptian Jewish community. The Rabbi's surprising answer: tomorrow, or as soon as possible, whatever the day happens to be.

Our Jewish essence is not defined by the number of times during the year that we participate in communal prayer and ritual—or even the specific occasions that we choose—but rather by our desire and longing to always be connected to our people and our traditions. And no day is better than any other to feed and delight our Jewish souls.

May we all be inspired by the awesomeness of this sacred season to indulge in Jewish experiences every day of the year.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Rabbi Sruli

P.S. Rabbi Sruli will share Jewish end-of-life practices with the d'Youville Palliative Care committee on October 15th at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's d'Youville Pavilion in Lewiston.

Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members of 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



Rosh Hashana is past and Yom Kippur is just a few days away. Soon, we will ask for G-d's forgiveness. Soon, we will ask our friends to forgive any transgressions we have made towards them.

Temple Shalom has had another active year. For me, the low and high point were the same. That was the evening, shortly after the attack on Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, that the Lewiston-Auburn community came together in support of us Jews, diversity and all that is good. The Temple was truly, standing room only. We had people of all faiths come and say 'this (attack on Tree of Life) is not right. This will not stand.' I was so overwhelmed by the outpouring of support, that I was speechless...hard for me to do. There are good people out there.

Later in the year, as you may know, we had some graffiti on our Temple Shalom sign. This was reported to the FBI and the Auburn Police. The consensus is that it was kids who did this. We had no added vandalism or problems, but we remain vigilant. Collette Monuments cleaned up the graffiti within a day of us notifying them AND they did it at no cost. There are good people out there.

As you know, security is a major concern and we are tackling it now. A Security sub-committee has been formed and has obtained a \$20,650 Federal Grant to be used for security, although not for personnel. Working, with Homeland Security, the FBI, Auburn Police and others, we are actively putting together a plan to make sure our members, guests and building are secure and safe.

We have instituted a \$100 security assessment to every member. (A family is one member.) If you have paid this, thank you. If not, please pay it soon. This money is needed to hire police and take care of other necessary security issues not covered by the grant. Additionally, you can sponsor security at an event. This year, High Holiday security was sponsored, in part by Scott & Amy Nussinow and Anne & David Allen. If you would like to sponsor security at an event, please contact me or Scott Nussinow.

Our fiscal year ended on August 31. We ended with a deficit of \$56,000. This means we had to take this money out of our investments. If donations and dues remain the same for this fiscal year, we expect the deficit to be a little higher. At this rate, we will run out of money in 13-16 years. That means that your **Temple will have to close its doors in 13-16 years.** I have asked for money in a number of ways. But, bottom line is, please give so that you are the reason Temple Shalom survives for decades to come. Please give generously so that Jews in the L/A area continue to have a Temple of their own. Please give generously because helping your community feels good and is a mitzvah.

That's my pitch. Much shorter than usual, but your money is needed now, more than ever. Please look in your hearts and do what you know is right.

Whether you give \$100, \$1000, \$10,000 or more, I hope to see you at Temple often enjoying services, events, friends and family.

As you enter this new year, enter it with a renewed purpose **to understand how your actions impact those around you.** Anne and I wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life.

David Allen

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



Four of us, Sandy Traister, Margaret Meyer, Bertha Bodenheimer and Lesli Weiner, met on September 9 to discuss *The Wartime Sisters* by Lynda Cohen Loigman. We had previously read, and liked, her novel *The Two-Family House*. Both books are character-driven with a historical backdrop. This month's book took place in the Springfield, MA armory during WWII. It was

interesting to learn of the wartime efforts of those who stayed at home, especially the women. The story really centered around the 2 sisters and all the baggage they carried with them from their upbringing in Brooklyn. How can 2 sisters be so different? So if you like a story that is real enough to tug at your heartstrings, that demonstrates what happens when trust is broken, that shows the powerful destruction of secrets, and that proves that finding strength from within is possible, then take the time to read this book.

Our next novel is *Cousins' Club* by Warren Alexander, available on Kindle for just \$2.99. It's only 179 pages so it should be a quick, hilarious, read. Here's a short synopsis from Amazon:

"When the matriarch of the least successful Jewish family in America gets tired of their misfortune, she consults mystical texts for help.

Determined that their next grandchild will be a genius who changes their fortunes, and convinced that no one in her clan is smart enough to raise a genius by themselves, she decides that the child will be passed from household to household to gain their collective wisdom.

A picaresque romp set in 1950's Brooklyn, *Cousins' Club* is a delightful escape filled with unusual events, radical rogues, cockeyed intellectuals and pie-eyed strivers.

★★★★★ - *"Mix a little Alfred Hitchcock, Agatha Christie, some history of lower Manhattan circa 50's & 60's and throw it all into a pot of hysterical Jewish humor. Cousins' Club is a delightful read."*

Our next meeting is on MONDAY OCTOBER 7 at 4PM. I will be visiting family in Qatar so Helene Perry will be leading the discussion. Please join us during the Holiday season. L'shana tova.....lesli

**NOTICE
OF
BOARD
MEETING**

TEMPLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on
Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm



Center for Small Town Jewish Life Fall Shabbaton

***A weekend of Jewish music and learning with Nefesh Mountain
and Talmudic scholar Ruth Calderon***

***Friday, October 25-Saturday, October 26, 2019
Colby College***

Join community members from across the state for the Center for Small Town Jewish Life's sixth annual Fall Shabbaton—a spirited, joyful gathering celebrating the best of Jewish life in Maine. Together we will experience a Shabbat weekend full of song, learning, meals, prayer, and outdoor exploration suitable for all ages. Our featured artist is Nefesh Mountain, a bluegrass and American roots band that taps into Jewish tradition. We will also be joined by Talmudic scholar Ruth Calderon, a former member of Knesset. The weekend will be capped off by Nefesh Mountain in concert on Saturday, October 26 at Colby College. Concert tickets are included with Shabbaton registration. For details on the complete schedule, local accommodations, and registration, <http://www.colby.edu/jewishlife/fall-shabbaton/>

Check out Nefesh Mountain's gorgeous new video for [A Mighty Roar](#), which was recently featured in [Rolling Stone](#).

Register for just \$18 for the entire weekend!

For more information contact Liz Soloway Snider, 207-322-5032, liz.snider@colby.edu.

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.



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Sophie Kaplan	Oct 1
Melanie Rausch	4
Willard Hertz	10
Judy Abromson	15
Amy Nussinow	16
Amy Jensen	17
Lisa Belanger	18
Ian Mason Rausch	20
Lewis Zidle	21
Matthew Cohen	22
Elcha Buckman	23
Timothy Zidle	23
John Isaacson	24
Jerryanne LaPerriere	25
Ian Bodenheimer	27
Scarlett Chervenak	29



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Joel & Elisabeth Salberg	Oct 6
Shelley & Richard Rau	9
Kenneth & Charlene Goodman	28
Lewis & Joy Zidle	29

Yahrzeiten

Frieda Barr	Oct 1
Leonard Bell	2
Winnie Plavnick	3
Paul Krasner	4
Ann Forin	8
Patricia Schnitzer	12
Jeffrey Bell	12
Samuel A. Nussinow	12
Natalie Abromson	14
Edyta Bialuski	15
Anita Graber	19
Elaine Martha Miller	19
Harvey Baker	20
Mounes Elyeshmerni	20
Elaine Kaduson	20
Esther Krakower	21
Paul Roberts	22
Barry Silverstein	23
Norman Izenstatt	24
George Shapiro	24
Louis Cohen	25
Louis Steinman	26
Marsha Plavnick	30
Marcy Plavin	31





YOM KIPPUR BREAK-THE-FAST - PLEASE RSVP!

There will be a Break-the-Fast this year **on Wednesday, October 9th**. All are welcome. There is no set fee required; as we have in the past, we ask for donations to help defray our costs. Suggested donations; \$5 per person (child or adult). For those who observe the traditional prohibition against carrying money on Yom Kippur, there will be slips of paper next to our donation jar. Write an "I.O.U." and you'll be billed. **This is a catered food event and we need to know that you will be attending, please R.S.V.P. 786-4201.**



Temple Shalom wishes a heartfelt Mazel Tov to Jeff Stern
on the occasion of his Grandfather's induction into the
Maine Jewish Hall of Fame!

The Maine Jewish Film Festival is kvelling about the first Maine Yiddish Culture Festival coming Saturday, Nov. 2, and Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019.

The Yiddish Culture Festival will explore the Jewish culture that originated in Eastern Europe and expanded into the cities of the U.S and Canada. Explore this culture through an extraordinary combination of music, film, language and food. Please note that all events are individually ticketed. If you want to skip right to ticketing go to [Brown Paper Tickets](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/3419) for a list of all events: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/3419> or visit the festival site itself for more information: <https://mjff.org/year-round/culture/ycf/>

So - don't be a schlemiel* and miss out – the Festival looks forward to seeing you at the first Maine Yiddish Culture Festival!

The Festival kicks off with a Klezmer Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, at One Longfellow Square. Hankus Netsky of the Klezmer Conservatory Band and **Eden MacAdam-Somer** will be joined by clarinetist **Zilien Biret**, percussionist **Grant Smith** and baritone saxophonist **Zach Meyer**. Maine's own **Casco Bay Tumblers** will open.

The Festival continues on **Sunday, Nov. 3, at the JCA with a full day of fun events.**

Saturday at 7:30 PM – A Klezmer Music Concert at One Longfellow Square featuring Hankus Netsky (of the Klezmer Conservatory Band) with Eden MacAdam-Somer and ensemble. Maine's own Casco Bay Tumblers open.

Sunday at 10:30 AM – Novelist, lecturer, performer Michael Wex, author of *Born to Kvetch, Just Say Nu, How to Be a Mentsh (& not a schmuck) among others.*

Sunday at Noon – Family program featuring music and story-telling with Rabbi Sruli Dresdner and Lisa Mayer.

Sunday at 2 PM – A lecture and dance party featuring Hankus Netsky and Eden MacAdam-Somer

Sunday at 4 PM – A film and reception featuring *Chewdaism, A Culinary Tour of Jewish Montreal* and food by Rose Foods.

The Yiddish Festival concludes on Sunday at 4:00 PM with *Chewdaism, A Jewish Taste of Montreal.* Eli Batalion and Jamie Elman, the comedic duo behind the Yiddish-language web series *Yid Life Crisis*, rediscover the Jewish Community of Montreal and take you along for an informative and hilarious ride. The film will be followed by a reception catered by **Rose Foods** (dairy/veggie) and **Tin Pan Bakery**. The program opens with the short film, ***A Day in Warsaw***, newly restored by the National Center for Jewish Film.

The Festival has received funding from The Onion Foundation, The Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, One Longfellow Square, Rose Foods, and Tin Pan Bakery to help make the Yiddish Culture Festival possible.

For more information, www.MJFF.org

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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, Sara Graf, Robert Galumbeck, Isaak Gekhtin, Detlef Gerlach, Joel Goodman, Ariella Green, Sharon Hemond, Elizabeth Johnson, Suzan Katzir, Henry Lefkowitz, Susan Lifter, Bruce Meyer, Sandy Miller, Joel Salberg, 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.



CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

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In memory of Iris Laskoff

Speedy recovery to Elcha Buckman

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To thank all of my friends who made donations

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OCTOBER AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Tuesday, 10/1	9:00 am	Office Closed, Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Day Service
Thursday, 10/3	8:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast (Please note later time)
Saturday, 10/5	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 10/7	12:30 pm	Mahjong
	4:00 pm	Book Group Meets
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Tuesday, 10/8	6:00 pm	Kol Nidrei Service
Wednesday, 10/9	9:00 am	Yom Kippur Service
	4:15 pm	Mincha
	5:00 pm	Study Together
	6:00 pm	Yizkor
	6:15 pm	Ne'ilah
	7:00 pm	Break-the-Fast – RSVP!
Thursday, 10/10	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 10/12	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 10/14	12:30 pm	Mahjong/Office Closed for Sukkot
Thursday, 10/17	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 10/18	5:30 pm	Simchat Torah Pizza Party – RSVP!
Saturday, 10/19	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 10/21	12:30 pm	Mahjong /Office Closed for Simchat Torah
Thursday, 10/24	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 10/26	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 10/28	12:30 pm	Mahjong
Thursday, 10/31	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast