



Ma CHADASH! מה חדש!

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

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Purim 2016

Friday, March 25 at 7:00 PM

Please join us at Queen Esther's Royal Table

*Sing-along Megillah composed by Rebbetzin Lisa
Traditional readings from the Megillah Scroll by Rabbi Sruli*

Wine, Hamantaschen, Nosh

*Bring canned or other non-perishable items to help
feed the hungry (an important Purim Mitzvah!)*

**Please bring your Mishloach Manot
to share with other community members**

RSVPs encouraged. Please call Julie at 786-4201 or email temple6359@aol.com



FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

Purim is coming!

To many of us, Purim is a holiday for children. And it is. Costumes, parades, songs, and, it's the one time of the year that parents actually encourage the kids to make noise!

But Purim is not only for kids. While I have nice memories of celebrating Purim as a child, it is my adult Purims that continue to resonate.

One of our nicest Purim traditions is Mishloach Manot (in traditional Yiddish pronunciation: Shalach Manos). The Hebrew word "manot" is the plural form of "man" or manna, as in 'manna from Heaven,' but, simply, "a food portion".

This tradition is first mentioned in Megillat Esther (the Scroll of Esther), traditionally read on Purim. "And the sending of gifts of food from one friend to another" reads the Megilla. It is one of four primary Purim traditions; the others being: publicly reading the Megilla, gifts of charity to the needy and a festive meal.

In my community growing up, Shalach Manos (as we called it) was a very big deal. Preparations began weeks before as my mother fretted about this year's theme. It had to be new, original and, ideally, evocative of the Purim story. What she rarely took into account was the challenge that I would face in attempting to deliver her latest creations to 25 of her closest neighborhood friends. On my bicycle.

One particularly memorable experience was when my mother decided to pair a whole pineapple with a bottle of wine, loosely tied together with a festive ribbon. Too large to fit in my bicycle's basket, I used an old wagon. The sidewalks of Kew Gardens are very uneven and often steep. Several times per block, either a pineapple or a bottle of wine would be ejected as the wagon hit a bump, and would roll down a steep hill with me in hot pursuit. I remember coming home and crying to my mother, "No more pineapples!" She honored my request.

So let's make Mishloach Manot a big part of our Purim celebrations this year! I would encourage you to prepare several Shalach Manos and bring them to our Shul Purim celebrations—on Friday evening, March 25, for adults and, for the Hebrew School, on Sunday, March 27. Please remember to include your name inside each package so that we know who to thank:) We can then exchange the Shalach Manos with each other. A traditional Mishloach Manot consists of at least two ready-to-eat food gifts, but you can be creative if you like. In this way, we will honor this festive tradition and, more importantly, the spirit of the tradition—which is for Purim to be a holiday that brings our community even closer together.

May we take our fun traditions as seriously as our serious traditions!

Rabbi Sruli



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am writing this in my daughter Jocelyn's villa in Doha, Qatar. Most of you know I come here every year to spend precious time with my grandsons, Graham and Boden. Their parents have been in country for 8 years now, and the lifestyle will be really hard to leave. Of course traveling to any foreign country is an adventure, but being in Qatar, for me, is a cultural and religious challenge. This is a Muslim state with mosques on every few corners, all with turrets equipped with loudspeakers so the call to prayer can be heard by everyone 5 times a day. (This is actually quite melodic.) Some also broadcast the sermon. I would love to know what they are saying, and preaching to their people. Qatar does not persecute other religions and even has allowed a Christian church or two to be built, although they also have their Sabbath on Friday, as Sunday is a work day here. However, any proselytizing is strictly forbidden.

So, that's why the following came as a total surprise. I was watching Graham play T-ball with the other mothers and got to talking to Jen, who is the drama teacher at the Middle School in The American School of Doha (ASD). She told me the musical this year is '13' which is about a Bar Mitzvah! I asked her if she was Jewish. She said no, but her husband is (another surprise.) Then I asked if any of the kids there even knew what a Bar Mitzvah was. She said probably not, but neither do the kids in the script. Apparently, this Jewish boy from NY moves to Indiana just before he turns 13, and he wants all the cool kids to come to his big party. There's a lot of adolescent angst going on, plus this is a Jewish ritual, so I asked how it got by the censors. Whenever there is a production of any kind, it has to be officially approved. Jen said they had to rewrite parts, emphasizing the 'coming-of-age' aspect. Also the part where he reads from the Torah scrolls had to be removed as that would be interpreted as proselytizing. There's also a scene where the twelve year old boys are talking about tongue-kissing the girls, and I'm sure that has to go. Last year there was some kissing in the High School play at ASD, and the Qatari parents were quite upset. To avoid this from happening again, my son-in-law Nick, who is the assistant principal of the Middle School, had to sit in on an early run thru of '13' to see if there was anything the censors might have missed. I am definitely getting tickets to go see this just before I come home. I hope the kids at ASD and their parents get more out of it than it just being a big party. I do remember when Jocelyn and Corinne had their Bat Mitzvahs they invited their friends from Elm Street School in Mechanic Falls who had no idea what this ceremony was all about. And now they know!

Then for my own education, tomorrow I am going on a tour of the State Mosque. There are a lot of visiting grandparents here at the ASD complex, and we have been meeting once a week for lunch at the clubhouse. One of their daughters has arranged a personal tour of this Mosque for us, which should be very interesting. I wonder if proselytizing Islam is allowed. We shall see.....

Lesli Weiner

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our next meeting will be on
Monday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.



Early Bird Discount

for this year's

Maine Conference for Jewish Life

June 17–19, 2016

Location: Diamond Atrium, Colby College

Costs:

We are offering an early bird discount! Register now through March 31st and tuition is \$36 per person per day! After that, the price will be \$45 per person per day and will increase to \$60 for registrations received after June 1. This fee includes all meals.

For registration and more information, please visit http://www.colby.edu/administration_cs/special_programs/programs/2015/2745225/Maine-Conference-for-Jewish-Life.cfm.

Lesli Weiner and Rabbi Sruli will be offering workshops!

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.



SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Deborah Frank Burdo, Michelle Lisi Deloro, Fleck Family, Christie James, Elizabeth Johnson, Mark Johnson, Bethany Kornstadt, Leonard Bell, Dennis McCreery, Sandy Miller, Richard Rau, Joel Salberg, Shamilla, Roger Sutherberg, David Sisk, 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.



Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members or 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.

Temple Shalom proudly presents



Saturday Evening, April 2, 2016

Reception at 6:00 p.m., Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Wine and Cheese—Dessert and Coffee

Lisa Mayer, Rebbetzin of Ceremonies

Cost is \$10.00 per person

Performances for the Evening Include

The Franco-American Youth Orchestra · World-Renowned Fiddler, Greg Boardman and Friends · The Amazing Singer/Songwriter, Liz Helitzer · Sruli and Lisa · The Blues of Big Mama and the Professor · Chicks with Sticks · And More!



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



No news. Too many members were away, so we postponed it until MARCH 14. The book will still be *The Hilltop* by Assaf Gavron, an Israeli. This is an award-winning novel about life in a West Bank settlement, so be sure to pick up your copy at the library or on Kindle.

We will also be choosing our next set of books, so come with suggestions and reviews. Also, be sure they are easily available, which means that a newly released best-seller may have to wait for the next round.

Our next book is already chosen. It is *Saving Sophie* by Ronald Balson. We previously read his novel *Once We Were Brothers* and really liked how he told a story. We'll discuss Balson's latest book on APRIL 11. I'd better get reading.....lesli

LOOKING FOR JEWISH GESTATIONAL CARRIER!

We are a married couple living in NY in search of a healthy Jewish gestational carrier (with no biological link) who is willing to make our dreams come true (prefer unmarried, divorced, or widowed but will consider a married Jewish Carrier). Healthy BMI, no more than one C-Section, and under age 39.

Extremely generous compensation package, including all related costs.

If you are interested in helping us please contact us at JewishSurrogateWanted@gmail.com

A BISSEL OF MAINE

Maine Jewish Film Festival March 12-19

For a complete listing and description of films and venues, please go to www.mjff.org

Here is a list of Maine Jewish Film Festival goings on just at Bates College, Olin Arts Center

3/12 Saturday @ 5:30 PM, Opening night reception followed by:

Touchdown Israel: Tackle Football in the Holy Land @ 7:00 PM

3/13 Sunday: *Once in a Lifetime* @ 3:00 PM

Wedding Doll 5:00 PM

Dough 7:00 PM

My Name is Asher Lev by Aaron Posner adapted from Chaim Potok's novel

Portland Stage Company, March 29-April 17, www.portlandstage.org, 774-0465

Crossing Delancey by Susan Sandler, The Public Theater, Lewiston, May 6-15

www.thepublictheatre.org, 782-3200

Jerry Seinfeld, Merrill Auditorium, Portland, ME

Friday, May 6, 2016 @ 7 PM., www.porttix.com, 842-0800 Mon-Sat 12-6

“Touchdown Israel” Kicks Off Maine Jewish Film Festival

The 19th annual Maine Jewish Film Festival opens Saturday March 12th at the Olin Arts Center at Bates College in Lewiston. The Opening Night festivities include a “tailgate” themed gala followed by “Touchdown Israel: Tackle Football in the Holy Land.” The reception kicks off at 5:30pm with a 7:00pm screening. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa are scheduled to perform during the reception.

LEWISTON – BATES COLLEGE, OLIN ARTS CENTER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 3/12

5:30 – 6:45PM RECEPTION

7:00PM TOUCHDOWN ISRAEL: TACKLE FOOTBALL IN THE HOLY LAND

SUNDAY, 3/13

3:00PM ONCE IN A LIFETIME

5:00PM WEDDING DOLL

7:00PM DOUGH



Tickets are on sale at Brown Paper Tickets or by phone at 800-838-3006. A complete festival schedule including featured guest speakers, panelists, and special forums is online at: www.mjff.org.

Since 1998, the Maine Jewish Film Festival has screened over 375 films and brought more than 125 guest artists from across the U.S. and around the world to Maine. With over 37,000 tickets sold to a cross-section of Maine’s movie lovers, the Maine Jewish Film Festival is one of the most highly anticipated cultural events in the state.

From Rabbi Sruli: Please show your support for Jewish culture in the Lewiston/Auburn area by attending these film screenings. We are very grateful to the Maine Jewish Film Festival for making Lewiston/Auburn an important festival venue this year.

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.



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.



Community Passover Seder

Saturday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m.

*Adults: Members - \$25
 *Children 12 & under: \$15

*Adults: Non-Members - \$30
 *Children under 5: No Charge

Paid reservations MUST be made by Monday, March 28th!

No one turned away for inability to pay, but we must have the reservation.

✂-----tear off and return-----

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Adults: x \$30.....\$ _____

of Adults..... x \$25.....\$ _____

of Children 5-12:..... x \$15.....\$ _____

of Children under 5 (No Charge, but we need to set places at the table and plan activities) _____

of Vegetarian Meals _____

Clip and mail with your check to
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 74 Bradman Street, Auburn, ME 04210



Remember: We MUST receive your paid reservation by
 Monday, March 28th!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Barry & Roz Kutzen Mar 31



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Helene Fakhery	March	6
Aaron Sever		9
Scott Wise		9
Julia Isaacson		11
Patti Levenson		13
Adam Allen		14
Michelle Lisi		15
Rachel Graham		17
Joseph Zidle		18
Raymond Belanger		19
Able Kaplan		19
Joy Zidle		23
Elinor Goldblatt		25
Charlie Dresdner		27
Johnny Dresdner		27
Kenneth Goodman		28
Cassandra Jensen		28
Sheri Olstein		29



MARCH 2016 YAHRZEITEN

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

Nathan Day	4
Leonard Nemeth	4
Rose Nussinow	5
Poppy Traister	6
Natalie Woolf	6
Marjorie Kraunz Basser	9
Lillian Kutzen	9
Annette Hertz	5
Bert Bodenheimer	11
Jules Asher	25
Joseph Zidle	26
Judge Morton Brody	28
Benjamin Abromson	30



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Thursday, 3/3	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 3/5	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 3/6	10:00 am	Hebrew School
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	7:00 pm	Screening of <i>Dough</i> at BC, Olin Arts Center
Monday, 3/14	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday, 3/17	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 3/19	10:00 am	Family Shabbat Service
Thursday, 3/24	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 3/25	7:00 pm	Purim Party
Saturday, 3/26	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 3/27	10:00 am	Hebrew School