



**Ma CHADASH!** מה חדש!

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

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# Shavuot



**Celebrate the Giving of the Torah**

Saturday, May 23

Service with Yizkor

beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Catered Luncheon Follows

Please R.S.V.P. by May 15<sup>th</sup>

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## TEMPLE SHALOM ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 17 at 11:30 A.M.

See details inside!

## FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

*Hine ma tov u'ma-nayim Shevet ach-im gam ya-chad*, so begins the opening lines of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. **"See, how good and beautiful our lives are when brothers (and sisters) sit together in community."** (a loose translation).

These words are familiar to us all as the lyrics of one of our most beautiful and heartfelt community songs. Let me take some midrashic license: the Hebrew word "shevet" is spelled exactly the same way as the Hebrew word "Shabbat" (the Hebrew letters "shin", "bet", "taf" spell out both the words "shevet" ("sit") and "Shabbat"). So, from a midrashic perspective, a valid reading of this biblical verse would be: **"See, how good and beautiful are our lives when brothers (and sisters) SPEND SHABBAT together in community."**

Lucky for us, we have not one but two wonderful opportunities to spend Shabbat together in community!

First, on May 8 and 9, our Temple Shalom community will get together for an inter-generational **Shabbaton**. We will eat together, pray together, sing together, play together and study together all Friday night and into Shabbat morning and beyond! Those who are brave enough will sleep overnight in our social hall—bring your sleeping bags, tents, etc.—but going home to sleep is also acceptable :) Either way, this will be an extraordinary opportunity to experience an almost-full Shabbat while strengthening bonds of community, love and friendship.

Second, the **Maine Conference for Jewish Life**, June 12 to 14, is another amazing opportunity for our community to spend Shabbat together—not only with each other—but also with other Jewish communities throughout Maine. Those who came to last year's conference can tell you how absolutely terrific it was. Great lectures and classes, great davening, great meals, all infused with an unparalleled warmth and camaraderie. Our Temple Shalom community will even have our own private together time over Shabbat!

The gift of Shabbat is, in essence, the gift of community. I hope we all take advantage of these wonderful Shabbat gifts.

May we celebrate many Shabbatot together "in community."

Rabbi Sruli



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

## 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](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.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Do you wonder why we have such a beautiful building for our synagogue? Why we hire a Rabbi? Why we fully staff our Hebrew School? Why we have a variety of services, including Family Shabbat Services? Why you pay dues for all this, and more, even if you don't have children or pray traditionally?

Well, you'd understand, and kvell with pride, if you had been at Jessica and Rachel Jensen's B'tai Mitvah on April 18th. Not only did they each chant two aliyot from the Torah scroll (without vowels!), but they were also very comfortable with the traditional Shabbat service. I have been to Bar/Bat Mitzvot where the youngster just sits on the bima, only connecting to the prayers when it's 'their turn.' But I could see the Jensen twins' mouths moving in prayer and a true recognition of what was going on. I give a lot of credit to their parents, Amy and Robert, who have raised them to embrace their Jewish identities, and tirelessly schlepped them, and their twin brothers, to Hebrew School from Naples. I give a lot of credit to their Hebrew School teachers throughout the years who gave them the foundation to build on their Jewish knowledge and pride. I give a lot of credit to our Rabbi for preparing them for this big day in their lives when they are accepted as adults in the Jewish community.

And I give a lot of credit to YOU ALL, for your membership dues and your generous donations, to keep this institution alive and able to make all of this possible. This is how the Jewish people have survived against all odds, by educating our youth and paving the way for their lives as Jews to flourish. Perhaps they'll go to Jewish camps, join Hillel in college, visit Israel with Birthright, take advantage of Jewish adult education. And of course, raise Jewish children of their own someday. This is our wish for Rachel and Jessica, and for all the children of our Temple families. Thanks for all you do to make this happen. I feel so lucky to be a part of such a giving and caring community.  
Lesli Weiner

## TEMPLE SHALOM ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 17 at 11:30 A.M.



Your Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons have lots to report.

Come join us to hear what we've accomplished in the past year,  
and our plans for the future of Temple Shalom.

Vote for new Board members.

Much will be revealed, including a  
Proposed By-Law change

(a printed copy of the change will be mailed to Temple members before the meeting)

Person of the Year!

Be entertained by Manic Optimists,  
a capella singing group from Bates College.



Support our efforts on your behalf. Attend and be counted.

Brunch will be catered by a group of our "Men"

Please RSVP by May 13<sup>th</sup>!

## PASSOVER SEDER A HUGE SUCCESS!

The families of Temple Shalom gathered together on the second night of Passover for our annual community Seder. We had about 145 people attend.

This year was the year of the Musical Seder! Rabbi Sruli, Rebbitzen Lisa, and their sons, Aaron and Zack, led the families in a combination of a traditional Seder with music, song, and dancing. We are truly fortunate they have found their way to Maine and joined our congregational family.

Mike Gagne, our adopted congregational family member, and his staff prepared and served a wonderful meal. This year we were near our maximum capacity in the kitchen for preparing the Seder meal. We are grateful to have them as part of our community.

Aaron and Ellen Burke were again kind enough to pick up and deliver the wine to the Temple. They also made a very nice donation towards its purchase.

Because of the generosity of some of our members, we were able to keep the price very affordable. We thank the following for their kind donations: Fredda and Ken Wolf, John Isaacson, Marilyn Simonds, Jackie and Bob Laskoff, and Paula and Tom Platz. We also wish to thank 5 anonymous donors who made contributions.

We also extend our thanks to Joe Moscinski and Julie Waite for all their help in handling many of the details of the Seder. Joe was kind enough to make a trip to Levine's in Peabody to pick up our order. As always, Julie did a great job coordinating all the details.

Please feel free to let us know your comments about the Seder. You may leave your comments with Julie or you can contact me at [stettnman@gmail.com](mailto:stettnman@gmail.com) or call me at 998-2767.

We need both your participation and financial support to continue our Jewish heritage in central Maine.

Thank you.

Stan Tetenman

## SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Michelle Lisi Deloro, Doris Factor, Fleck Family, Marie Hendrickson, Christie James, Elizabeth Johnson, Peggy Kraemer, Irene Marshall, Sandy Miller, Doug Murphy, Guy Pilote, Richard Rau, Joel Salberg, Esther Shapiro, David Sisk, Roger Sutherberg, Toby Wallach, Neal Weiner, Shamilla**, 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.



## CONDOLENCES

To the family of Dorothy Lifshitz who passed away on April 10, 2015.



A huge "thank you" goes out the Ellen & Frederick Port of Bangor, Maine for making a very generous donation to the Preschool Fund. The Port's are the parents of our Preschool Committee chairman Ally Casares and the donation was made in her honor!



Don't Forget to Register Soon For the 2015  
**Maine Conference for Jewish Life**  
June 12 to 14.

Please go to  
<http://web.colby.edu/mainejewishlifeconference/> for more  
information and to register.

There is a fantastic lineup of scholars and  
talent. Guaranteed to be a memorable Jewish experience.

Cost is only \$120 for the entire weekend!  
Scholarships are also available.

Great for the entire family (babysitting is available).



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



Spring has sprung our Book Group into action, and we had a good-sized group on April 13: Helene Perry, Malca Wilner, Babs Shapiro, Judy Abromson, Phyllis Lisi, Adele Silverman, Sandy Traister, Marsha Auster, and me, Lesli Weiner. We were originally supposed to have a phone interview with Laurel Corona, the author of *The Mapmaker's Daughter*. However, that has been postponed until our next meeting in May so we simply discussed the book a bit and wrote down some questions to ask Ms. Corona. If you have any questions you'd like answered about the book, or about the life of Jews in Spain and Portugal during the 1400's, please be sure we get them so we can ask the author. Or better yet, join us at 4 PM on MONDAY, MAY 11. We will be meeting at Bertha Bodenheimer's place at 28 Rubellite Lane, Auburn. You can call her at 783-0316 for directions.

We spent the majority of the meeting choosing our next books. So write them down and save the dates in your calendar. They are available on kindle and through the Maine library system, and also through Amazon.

June 8..... *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit  
July 13..... *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah  
August 10..... *Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey: The Lost Legacy of Highclere Castle*  
by The Countess of Carnarvon  
September 21..... *The Day of Atonement* by David Liss  
October 19..... *The Book of Jonah* by Joshua Max Feldman  
November 9..... *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure



# Temple Shalom Inter-Generational Shabbaton

Friday, May 8th, 5 PM through Saturday, May 9th, 1:00 PM

Highlights include:

Special Lag B'omer **BONFIRE** (Shabbat compliant)!

**IN-SHUL CAMPING!!!** Bring your tents, sleeping bags, air mattresses, etc. and camp out in our social hall or on the grounds. Camping is optional of course!

Late-night adult **STUDY** session!

**MUSICAL**, family Shabbat Service on Friday night and **FAMILY** Shabbat service on Saturday morning!

Shabbat Chicken **DINNER** (6:00 pm), late night snacks and **BREAKFAST**, Saturday morning (Shabbat morning services begin at 9:30 am).

**WINE** and **WHISKEY** for adults who are spending the night!

Special **NIGHT ACTIVITIES** for **KIDS** and **TEENS**!

Cost: \$15 per adult for entire Shabbat, \$10 for Friday evening (kids and teens are free!)

Please RSVP to Julie at the Temple office by May 5.



## A BISSEL OF JEWISH MAINE (by Nancy Levinsky)



**Taste of Israel**  
**Sunday, May 17, 2015**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Temple Beth El, Portland**

**Alex Katz:** Selections, features a rotating selection of artwork. **Colby College Museum of Art Waterville, ME Through June 7** - Alex Katz was born in Brooklyn, NY. From 1949-1950 he attended the Skowhegan (ME) School of Painting and Sculpture. From June-September every year he moves to his clapboard farmhouse in Lincolnville, ME. He has a wonderful relationship with Colby College.

**Woman in Gold,** a movie playing in area theaters. 2015 British/American drama based on a true story of the late Maria Altman, a Jewish refugee. Legal battle, painting, Austria, Nazis... leading up to a Supreme Court Case, Republic of Austria vs. Altman in 2004.

## TEMPLE SHALOM PRESCHOOL 2015 Summer Sessions!

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June 29–July 2

**SESSION 2** July 13–16  
July 20–23

**SESSION 3** August 3–6  
August 10–13

Monday – Thursday  
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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

Laurence Faiman	May	1
Jessica Teich		1
Mazie King		2
Sara Bumby		3
Stuart Cohen		3
Miriam Sofia Cohen		5
John Calloway		9
Jennifer Cohen		9
Jenna Wise		9
Faye Libby		13
Amelia Ross		16
Susan Shapiro		16
Lucas Rau		19
Alison Fakhery		21
Mark Johnson		25
Greg Levinsky		26
Mitchell Ross		31

## **MAY 2014 VAHRZEITEN**

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

May	2	Morris Amsel
	2	Pauline Bondorowsky
	6	Eve Shapiro
	7	Rose Millstein
	7	Steve Bieringer
	7	Murray Rubinstein
	10	William Leavitt
	10	Jean Renard
	13	Isadore Bondorowsky
	15	Beatrice Garber
	19	Michael Dennis
	21	Lillian Rosen
	22	Aaron M. Krakower
	23	Jack Kaduson
	24	Goldie Isaacson
	29	Ruth Schleicher
	29	Barry Traister
	31	Cecile Kates

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**

Mark & Angela Schraiberg	May	3
Li'el & Brian Boudreau		13
Daniel & Kristine Rausch		15
Sam & Bob Allen		21
Matthew & Janet Zidle		25



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Saturday, 5/2	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 5/3	10:00 am	Family Hebrew School
Monday, 5/4	5:15 pm	Program Committee meeting
Thursday, 5/7	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 5/8	5:00 pm	Inter-Generational Shabbaton begins – RSVP!
Saturday, 5/9	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 5/10	10:00 am	Family Hebrew School
Monday, 5/11	4:00 pm	Book Group
Thursday, 5/14	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 5/16	10:00 am	Family Shabbat Service
Sunday, 5/17	11:30 am	Brunch & Temple Annual Meeting – RSVP by May 13th!
Thursday, 5/21	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 5/23	9:30 am	Shavuot Shabbat Service & Lunch – RSVP by May 15th
Monday, 5/25		Office Closed for Memorial Day
Thursday, 5/28	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 5/30	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 5/31	10:00 am	Family Hebrew School

