



# MA CHADASH! מה חדש!

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

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**Saturday Evening, May 6, 2017**

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**

***Greg Boardman, Superb Maine Fiddling · Amy Jensen, Classic Rock · Divertimenti, Classical Song · The Merimanders, A Cappella · Sruli and Lisa, Klezmer · Big Mama and the Professor, Roots Blues · Le Bon Truc Trio, Traditional French Music and Song · Lew Zidle, Irish Song · The Franco-American Trio · And More!***





Hi Everyone.

Most of you know that Lisa's boys, Zachary and Aaron, have an almost telepathic musical simpatico. What you may not know, is that they have been singing together, in harmony, since they were very young. But what you really don't know, is that one of their childhood original songs was: "45 minutes 'til Shabbos is over—bop, du bop, du bop, bop bop bop." The countdown would continue until they finally, happily, reached "ONE more minute 'til Shabbos is over..." Lisa told me that once, on a Wednesday, when a small Aaron (yes, he was once small) was misbehaving, she threatened him that if he did not stop doing whatever he was doing, she would turn that day, Wednesday, into Shabbos. Aaron was duly horrified. "C-can you really DO that, Mommy?" Lisa still feels guilty about that one.

In liturgy and hymn, Shabbat is described in glowing terms: peaceful (as in "Shabbat Shalom"), other-worldly, fragrant, radiant, filled with delights, life-giving. But Shabbat can also be an oppressive, interminable set of restrictions, especially for children raised in Shabbat observant homes like Zachary and Aaron were. No TV, no computers, no driving anywhere, no video games. For 25 hours!

For us, and most liberal Jewish communities, Shabbat is when we come to shul, have services, sometimes a Kiddush, and then we go on with our day. All good, but something is missing, I think. We read about Shabbat in the siddur, we proclaim the holiness of Shabbat, but we don't really experience Shabbat. At least not the part of Shabbat where we rest, chill out, and commune with each other. Because we have nowhere else to be and nothing else to do.

The magic of Shabbat and the oppressiveness of Shabbat are really two sides of the same coin. Zach and Aaron may have chafed at the rules but it was precisely because of these rules that they learned to love chess, and Settlers of Catan, and countless other board games and, more importantly, to share the day with friends—friends that they were stuck with, week after week, friends that they played with long after they were sick of them, until they found new ways to enjoy them. Shabbat can and should be a day whose very rules and restrictions force us to be together, to be present. Nowhere else to be and nothing else to do.

But maybe not for 25 hours. Let's start with about 7 or 8 hours. How about on Shabbat, June 24<sup>th</sup>, with friends and family, children and seniors? A day without phones and computers and cars. But with great food and drink and a leisurely afternoon of bonding together through talking and walking and playing and studying, side by side. And when it's over, a Havdallah ceremony that actually means something—a ceremony that sends us back to our regular lives, wistful for the magic of restrictions.

Shabbat Shalom.

Rabbi Sruli



**Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members of our Temple. Please call 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.**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I cannot take credit for this story as it was first written by Tuvia Bolton.

On the morning after Napoleon had won one of his most important battles, he summoned the commanders of his various legions to a pompous ceremony in his war-room to reward their bravery in battle. The commander of the Bavarian troops stepped forward, fell to one knee before his king and declared: "I ask for autonomy for *Bavaria!*"

"So it shall be!" proclaimed the Emperor to the ministers and officials surrounding the scene. "Autonomy for Bavaria!"

The Slovakian general then stepped forward, fell to his knee and similarly declared, "Liberty for Slovakia!" "Liberty it shall be!" shouted Bonaparte.

And so it was with the Arabian and the Ukrainian generals. "By G-d, autonomy and statehood for Arabia, and for the Ukrainians!" Napoleon announced.

Finally, the chief of the Jewish legion stepped forward. "And what of you, my loyal friend?" Napoleon asked. "What reward do you ask for your bravery?"

"I would like a cup of hot coffee with milk and no sugar, two bagels with cream cheese, and some lox on the side."

Without hesitation, Napoleon sent one of his officers to bring the Jew's order, saluted all those present, and left the room. Meanwhile, the breakfast arrived, and the Jewish general washed his hands for bread, sat down, and began eating while the other generals gaped in amazement.

"You fool!" one of them blurted out. "Why did you make such a stupid request? You could have asked for a nation, riches and power! Why did you waste your wish on a couple of bagels?"

The Jew stopped eating for a moment, looked up at them with a smile and replied: "At least I got what I asked for."

As I was trying to decide what to write this month, I came across this story. It struck me that as we often want to strive for the stars, at times we must also understand what is realistic. By no means does this mean to stop reaching for your goals, just maybe take smaller steps until the goal is attainable. For instance, maybe you recently had knee surgery. Today, walk a bit...tomorrow walk a bit more...soon you will again be running. See you at the annual meeting on May 24.





**Friday Evening, MAY 12th**

**Dinner from 5:00 TO 6:00**

**Program from 6:15 to 7:30**

**BONFIRE!**

**HOT DOGS-VEGGIE BURGERS-MARSHMALLOW ROAST**

**This year we will**

**sing the songs of 3 great Abrahamic faiths**

**songs Led by**

**Hadith Abdulle, Rev. David French, Sruli and Lisa**

**STORIES and Dancing**

**FOR ALL AGES!**

**Suggested donation: \$5.00 for adults, kids are free**

**MEET AT THE TEMPLE SHALOM FIRE PIT (NEAR THE MEGA-MENORAH)**

**RSVP'S ENCOURAGED**

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**CALLING ALL MEMBERS!**

**TEMPLE SHALOM'S**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**

**7:00 PM**

**Our year in review**

**Vote for new Board members**

**Secret reveal: Person of the Year!**

**Make your own sundaes**

**Entertainment!**





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



A pair of members, Margaret Meyer and Sandy Traister, met on April 3 to discuss *Chasing the Rabbit: A Dad's Life Raising a Son on the Spectrum* by Derek Volk. Volk is brutally honest with his readers about the challenges of raising his son Dylan who has Asperger's Syndrome. Volk shares his inner thoughts and emotions as the family copes with the many difficulties that Dylan faces in forming friendships, navigating public school systems, and being a part of a family. On many of the experiences told by Derek Volk, Dylan shares his thinking on the situation; his is a different perspective, showing us a glimpse into his mind and reasoning. As educators, hearing the stories of Dylan progressing through the school system gave us pause to recall students we had with unique needs and wonder did we do all we could. The reader is brought up close and personal to the frustrations and the hard work that this family has had to deal with each day, first trying to find specialists to help Dylan deal with his Aspergers, once diagnosed, and to find a way to help Dylan. Questions arise as you read. Could the parents have done better? What would we have done? How are the siblings affected, and how would my kids have handled a sibling with a disability? Do we know family members or friends who have a child with autism? Are we judgmental or supportive? The Volk family struggles continue today. It is a fascinating read of a Maine family and worthy of further discussion at our next meeting in May.

Our next book is *From Sand and Ash* by Amy Harmon. We meet May 8th. Here is a book description from Goodreads:

"As children, Eva Rosselli and Angelo Bianco were raised like family but divided by circumstance and religion. As the years go by, the two find themselves falling in love. But the church calls to Angelo, and despite his feelings for her, he chooses the priesthood. Now more than a decade later, Angelo is a Catholic priest and Eva is a woman with nowhere to turn. With the Gestapo closing in, Angelo hides Eva within the walls of a convent, where Eva discovers she is just one of the many Jews being sheltered by the Catholic Church. But Eva can't quietly hide, waiting for deliverance, while Angelo risks everything to keep her safe. With the world at war and so many in need, Angelo and Eva face trial after trial, choice after agonizing choice, until fate and fortune finally collide, leaving them with the most difficult decision of all."

Take care! Happy Pesach! Heading to NY to be with kids!

Margaret

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## SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Gary Buckman, Deborah Frank Burdo, John Calloway, Carson Hudson, Michelle Lisi Deloro, Enid Ehrlich, Fleck Family, Isaak Gekhtin, Anne Geller, Ariella Green, Elizabeth Johnson, Mark Johnson, Bethany Kornstadt, George Laskoff, Sandy Miller, Ashley Olstein, Joel Salberg, Rabbi David Ross Senter, Roger Sutherberg, Sandy Traister, Toby Wallach, Neal Weiner, Betty Wise,** 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.





## National Yiddish Book Center Tour Sunday, May 7, 8AM-8PM

(Meet at 8AM at Temple Shalom in Auburn, or 9AM at the JCA in Portland)

This is an amazing opportunity to see, hear and feel Jewish History—with an authentic Yiddish accent—at the most important and magnificent Yiddish cultural center in the world. Aaron Lansky, the man who saved a million Yiddish Books, created a modern shtetl in an apple orchard—the building alone is worth the trip—and our 90-minute tour will include expert explanation and discussion of exhibits ranging from a multi-media show of seminal Jewish-American moments from television and the movies, to fascinating portraits of Yiddish writers, to the last Yiddish linotype printer from the Yiddish Daily Forverts. There is also a spectacular display of photographs (on loan from St. Petersburg, Russia) taken by ethnographer S. Ansky, who is most famous for writing *The Dybbuk*. Add to that an interactive experience of how traditional Jewish customs are having a modern renaissance (for example, how is the mikvah being used now?) After the tour, there will be a full hour to explore the museum on your own. Don't miss the gift shop—filled with some of the most unusual Jewish treasures anywhere!

The bus ride will be fun too—with a before-you-get-there video introduction from the Book Center, a short Yiddish story with English translation, a Yiddish cursing contest, and an intimate Yiddish concert by Rabbi Sruli and Lisa. Lunch, when we arrive in Western Mass will be at the delicious Atkins Farm, a real treat.

*\$55 per person includes roundtrip comfortable chartered coach bus transportation, with Wifi and lavatory, museum entrance and tour. Sponsored by the JCA and Temple Shalom in Auburn*

*For more information and to register visit*

<https://mainejewish.org/community-calendar/national-yiddish-book-center-tour-224552>

# Shavuot Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Luncheon (with blintzes) at 12:00**

**Study from 12:30 to 1:30**

**Yizkor and Yahrzeits at 1:30 pm**

**(there will be no Thursday morning service on June 1)**

**We will read and discuss the fascinating  
Book of Ruth  
(traditionally read on Shavuot)**



**Sponsored by the Tetenman, Bodenheimer and Allen families**

**In memory of May Tetenman, OB" M**

**Please RSVP to Synagogue Office 786-4201 or [temple6359@aol.com](mailto:temple6359@aol.com)**

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## 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.



# Shabbat Together!

שבת ביחד!

Hold the date:

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Great food and drink, bonding, playing, studying, hanging out.**

**More Details to come**

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## A BISSELL OF MAINE

***Tales from the Forgotten Kingdom*, performed by the Guy Mendilow Ensemble**

**Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 6 PM**, One Longfellow Square - 181 State St., Portland

Embark on a musical trek to kingdoms long forgotten and towns now vanished. Follow the stories of vagabond queens, pauper poets and lovers lost to the sea, set to spellbinding arrangements of Sephardic songs in Ladino. Journey through the Balkans to the Mid-East winding through Sarajevo, Salonica and Jerusalem. Performed by acclaimed musicians from Israel, Argentina and the USA. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, plus vendor surcharge.

Order tickets online: <https://onelongfellowssquare.com/event-registration/?ee=645>

or call 207 761-1757

## **The Maine Conference for Jewish Life | June 9-11, 2017**

[web.colby.edu/mainejewishlifeconference/](http://web.colby.edu/mainejewishlifeconference/) Colby College, Waterville, ME

### **Jewish Day Camp**

Center Day Camp, Windham, ME [www.mainejewish.org](http://www.mainejewish.org)

*CDC is a non-denominational Jewish day camp that welcomes campers ages 3 - 15 of all faiths, while exploring Jewish traditions.*

### **Jewish Overnight Camps**

Camp Modin, Belgrade, ME, [www.modin.com](http://www.modin.com)

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**Sunday Simcha** is the only Jewish music program in Maine and northern New England and one of only a handful of Jewish music radio shows in the United States. Shows are wildly eclectic- one of the few Jewish shows to feature modern, diverse, and cutting-edge recordings in addition to traditional music. On Sun from 6:30 am to 8:30 am **90.9 FM RADIO**

### **Shore Path Cottage... KOSHER B&B**

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Summer (May 1 - December 10) at 207-288-0643

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Email: [stay@shorepathcottage.com](mailto:stay@shorepathcottage.com)

Website: <http://www.shorepathcottage.com/>

### **Upcoming:**

A Gershwin Celebration Portland Symphony Pops 9/30/2017

Rodgers and Hammerstein on Broadway, Portland Symphony Pops, April, 2018



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

James & Susan Lifter	May	10
Daniel & Kristine Rausch		15
Sam & Bob Allen		21
Matthew & Janet Zidle		25

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

Laurence Faiman	May	1
Jessica Teich		1
Mazie King		2
Stuart Cohen		3
Miriam Sofia Cohen		5
John Calloway		9
Jennifer Cohen		9
Jenna Wise		9
Mimi Baumhoff		15
Amelia Ross		16
Susan Shapiro		16
Lucas Rau		19
Alison Fakhery		21
Mark Johnson		25
Greg Levinsky		26
Mitchell Ross		31

## **MAY 2017 YAHRZEITEN**

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

Herman Kleegeer	May	4
Wilfred Goodman		5
Stephen Steinman		7
Richard Wilner		7
Steve Bieringer		7
Morris Amsel		9
Eve Shapiro		13
William Leavitt		17
Jean Renard		17
Beatrice Garber		22
Lillian Rosen		28
Aaron M. Krakower		29
Jack Kaduson		30
Goldie Isaacson		31

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Thursday, 5 /4	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 5/6	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
	11:30 am	Lunch – RSVP!
		“In honor of Joel Goodman’s 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday”
Saturday, 5/6	6:00 pm	Café Shalom Reception
	7:00 pm	Café Shalom Program
Monday, 5/8	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	L-A Jewish Federation Allocations Committee Meeting
Thursday, 5/11	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 5/12	5:00 pm	Lag Ba’Omer Cookout – RSVP!
Saturday, 5/13		No Shabbat Service
Thursday, 5/18	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 5/20	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 5/21	10:00 am	Family Hebrew School
Monday, 5/24	7:00 pm	Temple Annual Meeting
Thursday, 5/25	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 5/27	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Wednesday, 5/31	12:00 Noon	Shavuot – Lunch & Learn – RSVP!
	1:30 pm	Yizkor & Yahrzeits
Thursday, 6/1		No Thursday Minyan

