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

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

7:00 P.M.

OUR FIRST TISH OF THE NEW YEAR!

WE WILL SING:

SLOW SONGS AND LIVELY SONGS AND TABLE BANGING SONGS

OLD SONGS AND NEW SONGS

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SONGS OF TRANQUILITY AND SONGS OF ECSTASY.

PLUS, STORIES AND MEDITATIONS.

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FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

The Biblical Book of Proverbs (14:28) teaches B'rov Am Hadrat Melech: Huge gatherings of people glorify the king.

Based on this verse, our tradition encourages us to show honor to God by gathering in large groups for prayer or the performance of mitzvot.

And so we do. We eschew private prayer in favor of coming together at shul for a group prayer experience. Some may find this counter-intuitive—would we not have an easier time

baring our deepest secrets or delving into our innermost feelings in a private setting? Perhaps. Nevertheless, we have long decided as a community that the energy that we each bring to a communal service, energy that we share with and absorb from each other, energy that multiplies as it makes its way from person to person, is far too important. Even our private prayers, silently communicated, are enhanced by the devotion of others.

A wonderful way to increase the energy of our services, I think, is to share the leadership of the service. So I am proposing something that I am calling "Own-a-Prayer." I would love for everyone that comes to services to select a particular Hebrew prayer to call your own. It could be just a few words or lines or multiple paragraphs, it could be musical, but you would learn the prayer well enough to lead others and it would become your prayer.

I am confident that everyone can do this no matter your current level of reading Hebrew. I will, of course, help you select and learn an appropriate prayer. So please contact me and let me know that you are willing to take this on. I promise I will make it very easy for you.

May we share our holy voices with each other for many years to come.

Rabbi Sruli

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



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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Okay. So the truth is, I can't think of what to write about this month. I've been feeling a bit overwhelmed lately as it seems like life is dictating to me rather than me running my life. Do you ever feel like that? And since I'm writing this just before Halloween, zombies come to mind. There's no thinking there, just mindless marching on.

Obviously, I don't want to live like that. I tell myself to stop. Look around. Pay attention. I do, and what do I see? At first I notice the brown grass, the dead flowers, the leaves falling from the trees. But then I start to see the beauty in the turning leaf colors. And the Montauk daisies and the mums bravely flowering for the Fall. I'm even enjoying the crisp Autumn air and the brilliant sunsets of October. As my mind starts to awaken, I think about how humans and Mother Nature are all just preparing for the next season. The birds are flying south to their winter homes, as are some people. The grass and trees are going into hibernation mode. People are putting away their lawn mowers to make room for their snow blowers. Animals are growing their winter coats just as we start to bundle up. There is a symmetry to all this and I can appreciate the cycle of life.

And while I am now enjoying the beauty of Autumn as the season changes, I think I may even be looking forward to the first snow and that pristine blanket of white and those icicles that glisten in the fleeting sun. Yes, there's much to like about each season, including winter. And if you live in Maine, you just have to!

But I also want to give some credit for my mood change to the ruach of Friday night. The musical Shabbat service with Rabbi Sruli, Lisa, Zach and Aaron was magical. With over 60 people gathering to enjoy the delicious meal Mike catered and the service in the sanctuary, it truly was a joyous community event. The children dancing in the aisles, the toes tapping, hands clapping, people singing, musicians playing, mouths smiling, bodies swaying.....well you get the picture. It was all very spiritual, and I feel much better. Sometimes, you just have to take the time to renew your own soul.

Lesli Weiner

PRESCHOOL WISH LIST!



Gorilla Swings (2) \$29.00 each (safer than hard plastic ones we have now)

Set of Bristle Blocks \$30.00

2 Tumbling Mats for Social Hall and classroom \$125 each

All available at Wal-mart:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our next meeting will be on
Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.



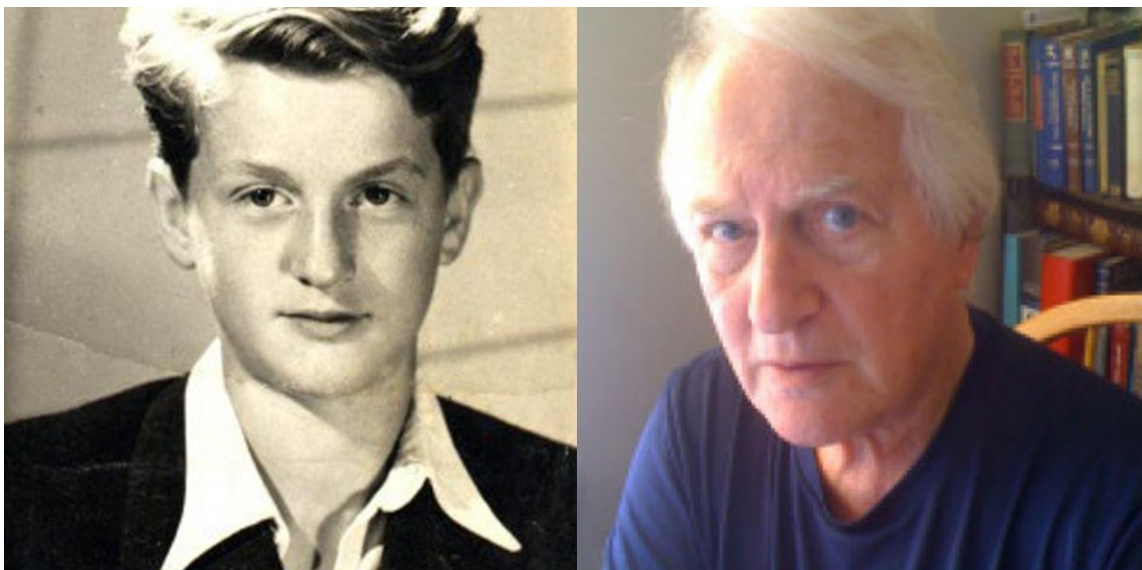
Sunday, November 8th
Holocaust survivor remembers his experiences
in a Kristallnacht talk at Temple Shalom;
student's prizewinning essay shared

Charles Rotmil, a hidden child and survivor of the Holocaust who now lives in Portland, will speak about his wartime experiences at 1 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, at Temple Shalom Synagogue-Center, 74 Bradman St., Auburn. For more information, please call the synagogue at 207-786-4201. A catered noontime lunch precedes the talk. Please R.S.V.P. by calling or [emailing the synagogue](#) office if you would like to join us for lunch.

Rotmil's talk is titled: "Coming Out of Silence: My Story as a Hidden Child in Belgium and France." He and his family lived through Kristallnacht in Vienna.

This November, worldwide ceremonies will commemorate the Nov. 9-10 program of terror known as "Kristallnacht" that occurred on November 9 and 10, 1938, in Nazi-occupied Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. These commemorations have been held for many years.

This year's Temple Shalom's Kristallnacht program includes a special reading of the prize-winning essay for the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine's annual contest for graduating high school students asked to answer the following question: "Why is it important that the remembrance, history and lessons of the Holocaust be passed to a new generation?" Temple Shalom member Able Kaplan, 13, will read the top essay authored by Emily Payne, a 2015 graduate of Lewiston High School.



CONDOLENCES

To Allyson & Peter Casares and family for the recent passing of Peter's father, Henry Joseph Casares. May his memory be for a blessing and may the family know only joy and naches.

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

A very small group met on October 19 to choose our next books and discuss *The Book of Jonah* by Joshua Max Feldman. Present were Helene Perry, Bonnie Faiman, Bertha Bodenheimer and me, Lesli Weiner. The book met with mixed reviews. The story loosely correlates to the Bible account, even going so far as to give the chapters names such as 'In the Belly of the Whale' and 'Nineveh.' However, this does not mean this is a religious, or even a spiritual book. The author himself says it is "the story of people grappling with experiences that directly counter what they expected from their lives."



Feldman said that he hoped to portray his own belief "that our greatest resource in trying to find the answers to life's mysteries and calamities and uncertainties is in the people around us." And I feel his fine writing style led us to those conclusions.

Our next book is *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure. The description of this debut novel sounds intriguing: "In 1942 Paris, gifted architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money - and maybe get him killed. But if he's clever enough, he'll avoid any trouble. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a challenge he can't resist. But when one of his hiding spaces fails horribly, and the problem of where to hide a Jew becomes terribly personal, Lucien can no longer ignore what's at stake. *The Paris Architect* asks us to consider what we owe each other, and just how far we'll go to make things right. Written by an architect whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every soul hidden and every life saved."

Get your copy of this 4.5 star bestseller and join us on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16. (Please note this date change!)

We spent the rest of the meeting choosing our next 4 books. Mark them in your calendar:

- December 14.....*The Sisters Weiss* by Naomi Ragen
- January 11.....*The Innocents* by Francesca Segal
- February 8.....*The Hilltop* by Assaf Gavron
- March 14.....*Saving Sophie* by Ronald Balson



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BISSELL OF MAINE

Susan Ross, formerly of Lewiston, Maine is the author of *Kiki and Jacques*, a middle school novel which came out in August, 2015. Susan grew up in Lewiston-Auburn, Maine. She attended Brown University and NYU School of Law. After practicing law, Susan taught legal writing in Brooklyn and Budapest, and creative writing to kids in CT. *Kiki and Jacques* was inspired by the large influx of New Mainers from Somalia to Susan's home town in Maine.....A local boy and a refugee girl from Somalia overcome cultural challenges in a small Maine town. Can be purchased on www.Amazon.com.

From **Nancy Levinski...Susan** was two grades ahead of me in Hebrew School. Her parents, Erica and Jerry Ross owned Star Millinery and Cloak Store on Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Madeleines by Bess Welden, Portland Stage Company - Nov 18-22

World premiere of an original one-act play, written and co-produced by Affiliate Artist Bess Welden.

\$18 for tickets , call the Box Office 207.774.0465, Debra has returned to her childhood home to care for her declining mother Rose, an exacting baker who supported herself and her daughters with a successful cookie business. When Jennifer, Debra's older sister, arrives for Rose's funeral, shared memories and old sibling grievances boil to the surface. As the sisters bake their mother's most treasured Passover recipe, a startling secret emerges that changes everything they thought they knew about themselves, each other, and their family. (Portland Stage Company)

Ragtime - **Bob Marcus** formerly of Auburn will be touring with Ragtime this year. He plays the grandfather. The closest the tour comes to Maine are performances in Concord, NH, Waterbury CT and Worcester, MA, all in January. If you need more information you can go to www.ticketmaster.com or contact Nancy Levinsky for information other than tickets.

2016...

My Name is Asher Lev, Portland Stage Company...3/29/2016 - 4/17/2016.

Brunswick Music Theatre will be doing *Fiddler on the Roof*, Summer, 2016.

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, Peggy Kraemer, Sandy Miller, Richard Rau, Joel Salberg, Shamilla, Esther Shapiro, David Sisk, Roger Sutherberg, Toby Wallach, Neal Weiner**, 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.



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) 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.

THE L-A MUSEUM

After signing up for the L-A Museum tour that took place on a Sunday in mid-October, I reconsidered attending. I assumed it would be a 'ho-hum' experience, but it was, I thought, perhaps better than doing nothing on a Sunday afternoon.

WAS I WRONG!!

In addition to the fact that the eight of us who attended enjoyed the expertise of our docent, Executive Director Rachel Desgrossiellers, we were impressed by the displays of family pictures, artifacts, and a wealth of historical information relating to our twin cities.

Rachel spoke of the self-described simple mill hands and shoe workers who were responsible for many of the innovations and inventions that improved the manufacturing processes in those industries. For those of you who are familiar with the Bates "George Washington" and "Martha Washington" bed-spreads, you must remember the tufts of yarn that made the design on the spreads. Expert engineers couldn't figure out how to attain those little knobs, but a mill worker came up with the process!

Most of these so-called lowly laborers didn't realize until many years later that they were innovators, nor did they ever dream that they would amaze and win the respect of their children and grand-children when they described the sweatshop working conditions in the mills, yet how they sometimes felt that 'home' was their job in the weave-room!

For those of us who have lived here for many years the hour-and a-half we spent in the old Bates Mill brought back countless memories. Do you remember Billen Shoe Co., Rangeley Heel Co., Dori Shoe Co., Sableman Heel Co., Rock Maple Heel Co., Lown Shoe Co.? These, and many others, were primarily Jewish owned business and a few of us 'old timers' were able to attach family names to many of the business names. Without realizing it we added to the museum's data base for future generations

Leaning against a wall in the mill giant silk-screens can be seen. Most were designed and made by local artisans and were used to print fabrics made in the Bates Mill. Rachel recalled that 260 of these huge (each about the size of a large door) silk screens were saved from destruction when a workman was cutting and throwing out the screens for the scrap value of the metal frames. The rescued screens now are valued at over \$1000 each!

With a seemingly prophetic eye Rachel stopped the transfer of an old wooden cabinet on the way from the mill to the dump, pried it open and found documents dating from the mid-1800's rolled up and so delicate that they will be sent to professional restorers prior to being displayed. You will see maps of the canal system in Lewiston, photos of housing that was home to hundreds of young women who emigrated from Canada to work in the mills, with the promise to their parents that they would be constantly chaperoned. There is a large loom on display as well as a group of shoes ranging in sizes from that of a small child to the boot of a husky Maine woodsman.

Photos of Lewiston and Auburn musicians dating from the 1950's are on display. Did you know that, as a percentage of population, L-A was the home of more musicians than any other place in the country? Many of us can recall fond memories of these talented bands and vocalists. If you look closely you might find a friend in a huge picture of a PAL (Police Athletic League) dance held in the Lewiston City Hall during the 1950's and '60's.

Do yourself a favor and spend a couple of hours at the L-A Museum. It will be time well spent. To check the days and hours of operation phone them at 333-3881.

The museum is now located in the Bates Mill, but realizing that redevelopment is the top priority of mill space, the museum board purchased the Miller Industries property on Beech Street in Lewiston for a future permanent home. As funds become available a new, modern, museum will be constructed on that land. Then, more space will be available for displaying artifacts in an orderly fashion. If you have any articles from yesteryear that may relate to the development of this area of Maine, contact Rachel. She may not have space for your goodies now, but with the construction of a new building your 'old-stuff' may be welcome additions to the museum.

Joel Goodman



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Having an anniversary, birthday, yahrzeit, or any other special occasion? Increase the joy of the occasion by celebrating with family and friends and sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat on a Friday evening or a Kiddush on Saturday morning. Contact the Temple office to let us know the date!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Harold & Doretta Shapiro Nov 10
Amy & Scott Nussinow 28



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Jennifer Kaplan Nov 1
Shana Platz 2
Jillian Penan 8
Michael Shapiro 10
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Harriet Fakhery 26
Jocelyn Weiner 27
Allison Penan 29

NOVEMBER 2015 YAHRZEITEN

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

Sadie Baker Nov. 1
Reva Finks Roth 4
Alfred Bodenheimer 5
Sina Amsel 6
Dorothy Allen 9
Irving Bell 9
Helmet Friedlaender 9
Allen Bean 12
Abraham Krasner 16
Rose P. Marcus 19
Arnold Goldblatt 20
Michael Abromson 21
Max Leszberg 21
Hilda Kleeger 22
Philip Rosen 22
Morris Supovitz 30

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Sunday, 11/1	10:00 am	Hebrew School
Thursday, 11/5	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 11/7	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 11/8	10:00 am	Hebrew School
	12:00 Noon	Lunch – Please RSVP!
	1:00 pm	Guest Speaker Charles Rotmil, Kristallnacht Program
Thursday, 11/12	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 11/14	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 11/15	10:00 am	Hebrew School
Monday, 11/16	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, 11/19	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 11/20	7:00 pm	Tish followed by Oneg
Saturday, 11/21	10:00 am	Family Shabbat Service
Thursday, 11/26		NO Weekday morning minyan
		Office Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Friday, 11/27		Office Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Saturday, 11/28	9:30 am	Shabbat Service