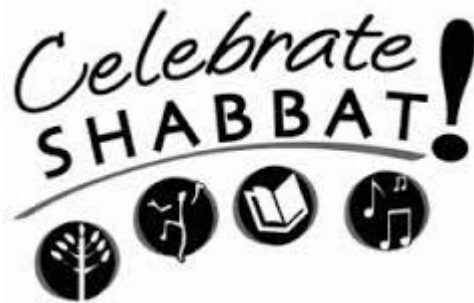




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What's New! The newsletter of Temple Shalom Synagogue Center, Auburn, Maine ק"ק היכל שלום

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Shabbat Dinner
and
MUSICAL Shabbat Service

Friday, October 23
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us as we usher in Shabbat with a delicious and elegant Shabbat Dinner expertly catered by Mike Gagne followed by spiritual and spirited musical prayers and dance by Rabbi Sruli, Lisa and Aaron!!!

Please RSVP to Julie by October 19.

FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

As I write this, I bask in the afterglow of our ever-more-participatory High Holiday services. I am so grateful to so many of you who contributed personal readings and insights as well as to our choir members who added their wonderful voices throughout the services. I am also grateful to everyone who contributed to our thoughtful discussion about issues surrounding contemporary Jewish Identity in America.

Last year around this time, I was fortunate to attend a very thought provoking lecture at Bates college on the subject of new religious practices. At the beginning of his talk, the speaker, a distinguished professor of religion, asked the audience if we knew what the fastest growing religious group in America is. "Nuns" he answered. We gasped. He smiled. And then assured us that he was not referring to the Catholic Sisters but was, in fact, talking about "Nones." Recent surveys of religious affiliation in America show, that to the question: "What is your religion?" the fastest growing group is, sadly, those who answer "None."

Despite this sobering statistic, as we focused this Yom Kippur afternoon on an article entitled "The Pathology Plaguing American Jews," our community was virtually unanimous in the assessment that we are doing just fine. Sheri Olstein rejected the suggestion in the article that American Jews suffer from anxiety, Aaron Burke pointed out how happy he was to be part of a community that is so welcoming to everyone regardless of affiliation, identity or practice and Lesli Weiner stressed that being part of a smaller Jewish community encourages all of us to be even more involved and deepens our Jewish identity and connection.

I agree-- and your strong and enthusiastic participation in our High Holiday and year-round services and activities are a testament to the vibrancy of Jewish life in central Maine. Lisa and I are thrilled and excited to be a part of it!

May we continue to make Judaism an important part of our lives and identities.

Rabbi Sruli



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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, Rabbi Sruli has been with us for a whole year now, and as President, I'm proud to say we definitely made the right choice. I'm still pinching myself for the good luck that we were looking at the same time he was looking. It was beshert. And I'll let you in on a little secret. Eh! It should actually be shouted from the rooftops. The reason they wanted to come here, to Temple Shalom, was because of YOU! Yes, they originally liked the feeling they got from our newsletter and from how we described ourselves in our ad. But then they fell in love with our people when they came up. Yeah, we were checking them out, but they were also checking us out! And we passed. They could tell that even though we are a small community, we are warm and welcoming and willing to

work hard to have a vibrant Jewish life here in L/A. So I thank you all for being the wonderful folks that you are, each one of you being an integral part of what makes us such a desirable Jewish community.

By now you've all had the chance to see that what I said last year about Rabbi Sruli, Rebbetzin Lisa and their whole blended family holds true. They are joyful and enthusiastic, and they not only speak well, but they listen well too. And their music is something to enjoy no matter what venue they are playing in, here for Shabbat, at the Maine Conference for Jewish Life at Colby, at the public library or even in a gazebo in some field. We've had a chance to study with Sruli and hear his biblical insights every Thursday and Shabbat. And he and Lisa have made the Hebrew School an exciting place for our children to learn and identify as Jews.

The Rabbi has done his job, now it's time for us to do ours. Our dues structure does not cover our yearly expenses, bare bones as they are. I know most of you honestly do what you can, but we all have to do more. Even a little bit more could help, although a lot more would be even better. Examine how you set your priorities when it comes to where your money goes. I bet there is some room for an increase in your donations.

Our Capital Campaign has gotten off to a good start, but we have a long way to go. We need to be able to operate on the interest earned from our investments to make us truly sustainable. And you can make this happen. If you have not been contacted yet to make an extra monetary commitment over the next few years, then you will be soon. I hope you will welcome the opportunity to discuss your continued support for what we do here at Temple Shalom. We've hired a talented and learned Rabbi and want to be able to pay him for many years to come. We have an invaluable office manager, Julie Waite, and we'd like to be able to afford to put her back to full time. No one answers the phone here in the afternoons anymore. We have the daily expenses of keeping the building open such as heat, electricity, air conditioning, cleaning, telephones and snow plowing. Wasn't that bill something last year!! And then there are the issues of an aging building such as leaking windows and thread-bare carpet.

We have a full year planned of dynamic programming that are also line-itemed in our budget. Let it be known that nothing happens here without a lot of volunteer effort and monetary backing. You can help with both. What will it take to keep Judaism alive in Central Maine now and for future generations? This is our mission, right now. How will you help support our inclusive Jewish House of Worship? I am asking you to evaluate what Temple Shalom means to you and to the local Jewish community.

This is my last year as your President. We have term limits for a reason. It will be someone else's turn to volunteer for this honor. But it's been the positive feedback and all the smiling faces that have made this job so rewarding. So my wish for the coming year is that our numbers will continue to grow and that you all will come to shul with joy in your hearts, not just on the High Holidays, not even just for services. But for all the amazing events offered within these walls. And I appeal to you all to back up these feelings with hearty donations. This is the first day in the future life of Temple Shalom. L'chaim!

Lesli Weiner

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



The Book Group has previously read two books by David Liss: *A Conspiracy of Paper*, which was his first novel, and *The Coffee Trader*. We obviously like his historical thrillers, for we just read his latest one, *Day of Atonement*. Two days before Yom Kippur, Bertha Bodenheimer, Malca Wilner, Elinor Goldblatt, Judy Abromson, Bonnie Faiman, and me, Lesli Weiner, met to discuss it. While we did not feel this was his best work, most of us felt that Liss still managed to produce a page-turner. He tends to take an historical event and weaves a tale around it. In this case, it was the Lisbon earthquake of 1755 that brought him to Portugal, and then he wrote a revenge story set in this unjust society of the Inquisition. There are twists and turns that leave you dizzy until you reach the last page and it all comes together. As usual, we learned a lot from Liss' well-researched narrative.

Our next novel is *The Book of Jonah* by Joshua Max Feldman. Since the story of Jonah is fresh in our memories, having just read it on the High Holidays, we should have no trouble seeing the parallels in this parable. The review from *Booklist* certainly seems to make this clear. Well, you be the judge: "Feldman's intriguing first novel, a modern retelling of the Bible's Book of Jonah, examines the dilemma of faith amid life's failures and loss. Blessed with ambition and good looks, Jonah Jacobstein is a 32-year-old New York City corporate lawyer who has recently been placed on a high-profile case. While out celebrating that evening, he experiences a vision of the city being destroyed, a catastrophic vision right out of the Bible. As Jonah struggles to comprehend this inexplicable vision, the first of several, and the questions it brings, his life spirals out of control. He calls it quits with an on-again, off-again lover, confesses his infidelity to his girlfriend, destroys a family member's relationship, and sends an incriminating email that leads to his termination at work. Alone and unemployed, Jonah journeys abroad, living an aimless life with no recognizable ties to his past. While wandering, he crosses paths with Judith, a hardened young woman whose own tale of loss and struggle for meaning parallels Jonah's. Feldman's expansive tale offers an invigorating, timeless exploration of existential crises within a contemporary world."

So join us on MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 4 PM. See you then.....lesli

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:).



WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMEBERS!

Please welcome our newest members to our Temple Shalom Family!
Patricia Suzanne and daughters Elizabeth and Mimi from Norway, Maine



Multi-Faith Round Table begins at the Auburn Public Library on Tuesday, October 6th at 12:30PM

The first round-table will discuss "The Tree of Life vs. The Tree of Knowledge."

Rabbi Sruli will be joined by Pastor Roger Cousineau of East Auburn Baptist Church, Rev. Doctor Jody Cohen Hayashida of First Universalist Church in New Auburn, and Pastor Richard Waller of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Copies of the Biblical texts will be provided, and the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

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.

MUSEUM LA TOUR

Sunday, October 18 from 1pm-2:30pm



Come join us for an exciting opportunity to have a tour of Museum LA with its founder and director, Rachael Desgrossiellers. Rachael will walk us through the museum and talk about life at the Bates Mill, and its environs, when the mill was thriving and an integral part of the LA community.

After the tour, we will reconvene at Davinci's restaurant, also in the mill, for friendship and conversation.

Please RSVP, to the Temple office, by Wednesday, October 14 so that Rachael knows how many to expect on her tour.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Joel & Elisabeth Salberg	Oct 6
Shelley & Richard Rau	9
Kenneth & Charlene Goodman	28
Lewis & Joy Zidle	29
Sara & John Bumby	30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Sophie Kaplan	Oct 1
Melanie Rausch	4
Joseph Worthy	6
Willard Hertz	10
Judy Abromson	15
Ezra Ablitz	16
Amy Nussinow	16
Amy Jensen	17
Lisa Belanger	18
Ian Mason Rausch	20
Lewis Zidle	21
Matthew Cohen	22
Timothy Zidle	23
John Isaacson	24
Chad Nussinow	24
Jerryanne LaPerriere	25
Jennifer Worthy	25
Ian Bodenheimer	27

OCTOBER 2015 YAHRZEITEN

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

- Oct. 1 Anita Graber
- 1 Elaine Miller
- 4 Harvey Baker
- 4 Mounes Elyeshmerni
- 4 Elaine Kaduson
- 5 Esther Krakower
- 6 Paul Roberts
- 8 Norman Izenstatt
- 8 George Shapiro
- 9 Louis Cohen
- 10 Louis Steinman
- 16 Charles Day
- 23 Ruth Burke
- 26 Richelle Cohen Levoy
- 26 Samuel Cohen
- 26 Marie Jaeger
- 28 Abraham Miller
- 29 Martin Burke
- 29 Harris Isaacson
- 29 Avis Schwartz
- 30 EC Nussinow
- 30 Hyman Rubinstein

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Thursday, 10/1	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 10/3	9:30 am	Shabbat Service for Sukkot
	11:00 am	Yizkor
Sunday, 10/4	5:00 pm	Simchat Torah Service & Pizza Party – RSVP!
Monday, 10/5		Office Closed – Shemini Atzeret
Tuesday, 10/6	12:30 pm	Multi-Faith Round Table at Auburn Public Library
Thursday, 10/8	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 10/10		No Shabbat Service – Rabbi away
Sunday, 10/11		No Hebrew School – Rabbi away
Thursday, 10/15	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 10/17	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 10/18	10:00 am	Hebrew School
	1:00 PM	LA Museum Tour – RSVP!
Monday, 10/19	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, 10/22	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 10/23	6:00 pm	Musical Shabbat Service & Dinner – RSVP!
Saturday, 10/24	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 10/25	10:00 am	Hebrew School
Thursday, 10/29	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 10/31	9:30 am	Shabbat Service