



Chadashot Ha'am

March 2013

Adar/Nisan

A Message from Rabbi Saks

Passover always begins on the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Typically, these events are as far apart as a few weeks, but this year they fall only five days from each other. The vernal equinox, of course, is the first day of spring when there exists an equal number of hours of light and darkness, when the days that follow will have more light than darkness for the next six months. Passover, as well, is a celebration of spring, which is why the Jewish calendar adjusts slightly each year to keep Passover in close proximity to the beginning of this season.



Often, we find ourselves living in two worlds with too few opportunities to notice their intersection. On the one hand, we exist in a Jewish calendar where our year begins in autumn, our festivals occur at the edges of the growing season, and our celebration of light falls during the darkest time of the year. On the other hand, the secular calendar is filled with holidays marked by seasonal sales at the mall, a new year that leaves us writing the wrong year on checks, and cycles of school and work that leave us yearning for more summer.

Then, every so often, our Jewish and our secular lives coincide, like this year. The relationship is always there, but this year perhaps, it's easier to notice. Spring brings about the end of winter – or so we hope – with snow melting and bulbs pushing their green sprouts up through the thawing ground. Passover, too, brings a bursting forth. We tell the story of our enslavement

in Egypt and the slow process, like the flowers in the garden, of pushing our way to freedom. Always there, but perhaps more noticeable this year, we see the themes of rebirth and hope in the coming of spring and in the celebration of Passover.

One passage in the Passover *Haggadah* tells us, "If God hadn't taken our ancestors out of Egypt, then we would still be enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt, along with our children, and our children's children. Even if all of us were wise, all of us discerning, all of us veteran scholars, and all of us knowledgeable in Torah, it would still be required of us to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. The more one expands and embellishes the story, the more commendable."

Like the cycle of the seasons that reminds us, while the ground is still frozen and covered with snow, that spring will still come, the retelling of the story of Passover reminds us that we might still find ourselves enslaved and that we still possess the power to find the path to freedom.

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President's Message - Lisa Pierce

What does it mean to be a Jew today?

This is a big question. One of the most eye-opening realizations for me during our strategic planning research has been the notion that there are a lot of different answers to this question, and that each of them is correct. Through the rose-colored glasses of nostalgia, it's easy to imagine a *Fiddler on the Roof* kind of world where the questions and answers used to be simpler. But in the 21st century, we are assimilated Reform Jews living in a rich and varied secular world that exposes us to many demands and choices, and the answers are complex and all over the map.

As a conversation starter at our recent Board and Strategic Planning Team Retreat, we watched a video of a poem written and recited by Andrew Lustig titled *I am Jewish*.^{*} I encourage you to take a few minutes to watch it. I found it compelling, not because I necessarily identify or even agree with what Andrew says. What really spoke to me was his authenticity. He offers no apology and no excuse for being who he is or believing what he believes. He is unquestionably a Jew in our modern world.

The poem eloquently says to me that we are not going to sustain our synagogue solely with an old-school approach.



In the same way that Bet Ha'am is not the classic synagogue of our parents' and grandparents' generations, we must continue to evolve if we want to be the synagogue for our children's and grandchildren's generations.

The challenge is how to foster a congregational community that has relevance for all of us. Can we be a center for Reform Jewish life that sings with the passions of all of our hearts, one that appeals to Jews of every generation? Can we do that in a judgment-free zone? Can we accept different choices and still maintain a stable foundation in Jewish values and practice? How wide are our doors?

It's all too easy to cling to a fading image of the traditional, ideal Jewish family and to measure ourselves and each other against that imaginary yardstick. What would happen if we gave ourselves permission to cherish that image as history and to embrace what makes each of us a Jew or part of a Jewish family today? What would happen if we lost the guilt? Celebrated the relevant?

What will happen when we meet people where they are? Spend a minute with this line from Andrew's poem: "I am my

melody of *Adon Olam*. I am my melody of *Adon Olam*. The words may be the same but I am my melody of *Adon Olam*."

What is your melody of *Adon Olam*? What if we each shared our poems and melodies? Wow. Isn't that what it's all about?

* According to Amanda Borschel-Dan in a recent interview for *The Times of Israel*, "Andrew Lustig, 23, from Long Island's Five Towns, is no more and no less than a nice Jewish boy. He studied theater and graduated from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 2010. He's currently studying Jewish texts on a year program in Jerusalem, and before that he worked as a salesman at a Kate Spade handbag shop in Manhattan."

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From the Religious School Director

Orly Mendelson Biggie



The first seder of *Pesach* (Passover) is on Monday night, March 25. On Sunday, March 24, our morning Religious School students will welcome Rabbi Wilansky, from *Chabad* of Maine, who will bake *matzot* with them. The name *Chabad* is an acronym in Hebrew for *chochmah* (wisdom), *binah* (understanding) and *da'at* (knowledge). Many of our children have not had opportunities to meet Jews from other branches of Judaism. Rabbi Wilansky is a *Chasidic* Jew. *Chabad* was founded in the late eighteenth century by Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi. The *Lubavitch* branch of *Chabad* takes its name from *Lyubavichi*, the town in Russia where most of the group lived prior to World War II.

Chasidim traditionally demanded that every *Chasid* disseminate Torah and Judaism to those around him. Rabbi Wilansky works to bring Jews closer to traditional Orthodox practices. The baking of *matzoh* is one way for our students to learn more about the traditions of *Pesach*.

We will also prepare our classrooms for *Pesach* by removing all the *chametz* (unleavened food not to be eaten during *Pesach*). Since we will have Religious School on Sunday during *Pesach*, our classrooms will be clean and ready for the holiday.

I wish you all a wonderful *Pesach*!

Schedule of Services

Friday, March 1

Family Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 2

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Ki Tisa - Parah

*Bar Mitzvah: Sam Berman, son of
Kerri & Jeff Berman*

Friday, March 8

Family Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 9

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Vayak'heil/P'kudei - HaChodesh

Friday, March 15

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 16

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Vayikra

Friday, March 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 23

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Tzav - HaGadol

*Bat Mitzvah: Mollie Stone, daughter of
Deborah & Mark Stone*

Friday, March 29

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 30

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Chol HaMo-eid Pesach

**Please join the congregation
in celebration as our students are called
to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah.**

Religious School News

Thank you

Thank you to last month's substitute teachers: Jeff Schwartz, Martin Lodish, Doug Watts, Sarah Szanton and Jill Rosenthal.

Grades 4A & 5 will participate in the *Shabbat* service on Friday, March 8. A *Shabbat* potluck dinner for the students and their families will begin at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP by Friday, March 1.

Grade 4 Study for Parents with Rabbi Saks

On Sunday, March 10, parents of fourth grade students will participate in a workshop, "Parenting the Four Children: How to Respond When Your Child is the Smart, Simple, Wicked or the One Who Doesn't Know How to Ask". Parents of children of all ages are welcome to join Rabbi Saks for this workshop.

Maine Jewish Film Festival Youth Program for Grades 6-12, Sunday, March 10, 3:30 PM, Nickelodeon Theatre, Portland

All students in sixth grade through high school are invited to the free screening of the movie, *A Bottle in the Gaza Sea*. This film is sponsored by the Maine Jewish Film Festival Youth Program. The program will take the place of our regular, evening Religious School.

Matzoh Bake

On Sunday morning, March 24, Rabbi Wilansky will bake *matzot* with our students as part of our preparations for *Pesach*. We will not have a morning assembly for Grades 1-3 that day.

Please bring Kosher for Pesach Snacks on Sunday morning, March 31

We will meet during the *Chol HaMoed Pesach*, so please send snacks that are Kosher for *Pesach* (fruits and veggies are always appropriate).

Grades 7-10 will meet from 1:00-3:00 PM on March 31

Sunday, March 31, is the last day of *Pesach*, so we will meet at a special time that day. (The last day of *Pesach* and the previous evening are holidays.)

Bet Ha'am Launches Synagogue Program for New Members, and We Want You!

by Nathan Szanton

Remember the feeling of being brand new in an organization, like a school or workplace? It can be intimidating, awkward and generally uncomfortable.

The Membership Committee has been thinking about how to ease those feelings for new Bet Ha'am members and help them feel welcome, supported and at home. We know from our own experience and from looking at the literature that the most effective way to help new members of an organization feel connected, comfortable and ready to contribute to that organization is to get to know existing members.

So, we've decided to start a program that pairs new members with existing members. We're calling it the Synagogue Program. The plan is simple. Each new Bet Ha'am member or family will be assigned a Bet Ha'am synagogue - an individual or family who has volunteered to be a friend and mentor for that new family. When possible, we'll match new members with a synagogue with common characteristics, such as living in the same town or being at the same stage of life.

There is only one requirement for the synagogue role: to contact your new member/ family! Beyond that, you can do whatever you would like to help welcome them into the community. This could include:

- ◆ inviting them to come to services with you
- ◆ giving them a tour of Bet Ha'am's building (*This could be a good way to get to know it better yourself!*)
- ◆ inviting them for a meal on *Shabbat*
- ◆ building a *sukkah* with them
- ◆ going hiking or cross-country skiing with them

The range of things you could do together is almost limitless!

Volunteering for this role models the important Jewish and Bet Ha'am value of *hachnasat orchim* - welcoming strangers. Your efforts will not only make a meaningful difference in the life of a new member or family, they will also be a great opportunity to expand your social circle.

Won't you volunteer to become part of a Bet Ha'am extended family today? Just call the office at 879-0028 to sign up! You'll soon receive a new member's name and contact info, and the rest is easy. **Thank you in advance for your help in this very important mission!**

Strategic Planning Update

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 17**, and plan to join the Strategic Planning Team for a **Congregational Forum**. We will hold two sessions, during morning and evening Religious School, to update the congregation on our preliminary findings and to seek additional input on a range of issues.

The Board and the Strategic Planning Team continue to work together to assess the information gathered through the Congregational Survey and the work of the nine Strategic Planning Study Circles. At the January Board meeting, our strategic planning consultant, Gary Stern, presented an analysis of the survey results. Surveys were completed by 288 individuals, with a range of ages, length of membership and types of households that closely mirror the demographics of the congregation as a whole. This is an extraordinarily high and representative rate of response that gives the results a high degree of validity as a reflection of the congregation's opinions.

In February, the Board and Strategic Planning Team met for an all-day retreat. A highlight of the retreat was hearing Rabbi Saks share his vision for the congregation in the coming years. Among the exciting suggestions were religious school innovations, enhanced adult learning, broadening participation in *Shabbat* observance and new initiatives for congregational involvement in community social justice work. Our treasurer, Tom Rosen, presented a ten-year assessment of the congregation's financial outlook, and the group identified a preliminary direction for our financial plan. We have begun to identify goals and key actions to include in our strategic plan.

Please plan to join us at either the morning or evening session of the Congregational Forum on Sunday, March 17, to hear an update on our work to date and to give your continuing input. Please check the Bet Ha'am weekly email for more details on the schedule and discussion topics for the forum sessions.

Adult Library News

by Stephanie Cummings

Anyone who has participated in a book group knows how difficult it can be to sustain a reading group over time. The Library Committee has been discussing reviving the Book Group on an occasional, ad hoc basis. The Committee decided that Allegra Goodman's Harry Spindel Lecture presents a perfect opportunity to test this idea.

The Book Group will convene after the Harry Spindel Lecture at Bowdoin College to discuss one of Allegra Goodman's novels.

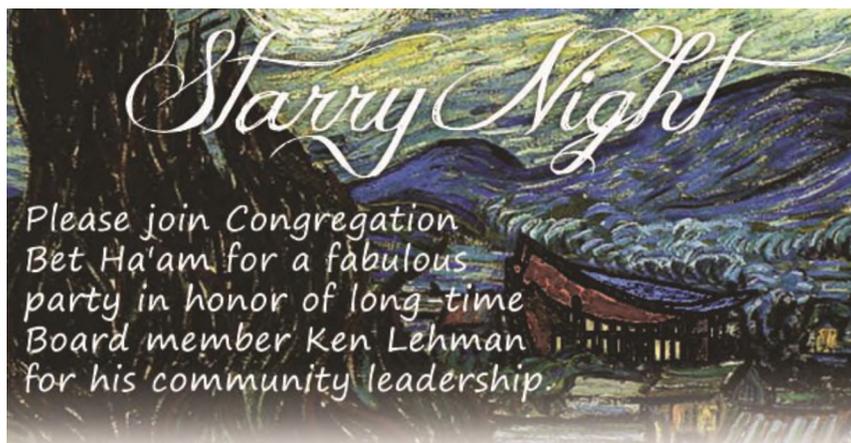
If you are interested in joining us, please email Stephanie Cummings at suktho22@gmail.com with your choice of one of the following titles for our Book Group discussion:

- *Intuition*
- *The Family Markowitz*
- *Paradise Park*
- *The Cookbook Collector*
- *Kaaterskill Falls*
- *The Other Side of the Island*

For more information about the Harry Spindel Memorial Lectureship in Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Affairs on April 11, at 7:30 PM, at Bowdoin College, go to <http://www.bowdoincollege.edu/calendar/event>.

For more information about Allegra Goodman, go to www.allegragoodman.com.

We also invite you to explore the books about Passover that are now on display in the library.



*Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 6pm to 11pm
Congregation Bet Ha'am, 81 Westbrook Street, South Portland*

Starry Night festivities include dinner, dancing with live music from the Time Pilots and a silent auction.

Here is just a small sampling of auction items waiting for you!

Rosemont Market Private Wine Tasting
Boy's Campership at Camp Winnebago
Family Camp Experience at Camp Winnebago
Full Spa Day at Akari
Sunset Sailing Cruise
Tickets to Portland Symphony
Autographed Red Claws Items
Polycarbonate suitcase from TripQuipment
Two Bon Jovi concert tickets from Coast 93.1

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TIME PILOTS



Our Bet Ha'am Passover Seder will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 5:30 PM in the social hall. Enjoy telling the Passover story, singing songs, and eating a delicious meal with your Bet Ha'am friends. More details to follow.

If you are interested in helping to plan or assist with our seder, please email Erin Koepf at ekoepf@une.edu.

We Need You!

by Mark Carignan

What a great response we had to the Strategic Planning Committee's survey! As a Religious School teacher and member of the Education Committee, Life-long Learning Study Group and Strategic Planning Committee, I was especially interested in the opinions and perspectives on Bet Ha'am's Religious School and Adult Learning in the survey responses. 53% of those surveyed wanted to continue our tradition of an all-volunteer Religious School staff and at a cost that is a fraction of the tuition in other local and regional congregations.

As many people commented, having parents serve as teachers is one of the most effective means of demonstrating just how important Jewish education is to a family and the larger community. This preference also presents some challenges to our congregation.

It is impressive that two-thirds of our current teachers do not have children currently enrolled in Religious School. And some of our teachers have been volunteering to work with our children for more than ten years. As we plan for next year's Religious School, we have a huge number of openings – about twelve in the morning program and about six in the evening program. I have been a member of Bet Ha'am for many years, and this is the most staff vacancies I can remember. We do not have reserves of teachers waiting in the wings. We are in danger of losing the all-volunteer program that we have provided for the past twenty-seven years.

The time has come to convert our desire to maintain the volunteer model of our Religious School into action. After intensive recruiting, we still need 12 volunteers in the morning and six volunteers in the evening to step forward and make a commitment to volunteer in our classrooms next year.

We have a number of ways you can join this effort and options for you to get the support you need to help teach our children:

- A variety of roles: teacher, co-teacher, classroom aid
- Instructional support, lesson plans, media aids and coaching

Volunteering at Religious School is also an opportunity to expand your own knowledge and skills and as well as a chance to demonstrate how important our children's Jewish education is.

If you meant what you said in the Strategic Planning Survey and have even a small interest in helping us maintain our all-volunteer Religious School, please contact me or Orly so we can talk about your strengths and interests and see where you might best fit into our Religious School. I will write an update to this article in next month's *Chadashot* and will update you on our progress toward our goal. Thank you for your consideration.



Charoset Contest

Sunday, March 10, at the Passover Workshop

Apples, nuts, wine and lemon juice?

Figs?

Dates?

Pistachios?

Cinnamon?

Cardamom?

Make a batch of your favorite version(s) and
bring them for us to taste!
Win bragging rights for the year!

Social Action Committee Plans Service on Gun Violence on March 15

The Bet Ha'am Social Action Committee is planning a *Shabbat* service focusing on efforts to end gun violence on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 PM.

The service will include a sermon about Judaism's teachings on the topic of gun violence. At the service's conclusion, information will be provided about bills addressing gun sales, background checks and related topics that are before the Maine Legislature this session.

Garden Notes

Come Learn How to Prune on Sunday, March 17

Cold weather is the best time to prune, before the sap runs. We are fortunate that the Garden Committee's newest member, Lauren Lehman, has offered to teach a session on the skill of pruning that will be useful not only to the Committee but to anyone in the Congregation who is getting ready to prune shrubs. Lauren has worked for O'Donnell's Nursery for years, and she's both an expert gardener and a great teacher.

Come join us on Sunday, March 17, at 11:15 AM for a Workshop on Pruning Shrubs.

We will start inside with an introduction to pruning tools. Then we will head out to the garden for a demonstration and hands-on lesson. Dress for the weather and bring your favorite pruning snips and gloves.

Refreshments will be provided.

You will leave this session with the knowledge and confidence you need to tackle pruning your own shrubs.

Here are some future garden activities to help you look forward to spring:

April 28 Seed Exchange - Share your extra seeds. Try something exotic.

May 12 Annual Plant Sale - Think about what you might donate.

ADULT LEARNING: Something for everyone!

We hope you will take advantage of one or more of the many learning opportunities that are coming up at Bet Ha'am. Please support our ability to continue to offer such a wonderful variety of high quality programs by joining us! All programs are free of charge.

Your RSVP is helpful but not necessary, *except as noted below in red.*

March

Annual Passover Workshop Sunday, March 10, 1:00 PM

- *Charoset* Contest: Make your favorite *Charoset* and enter our second annual *Charoset* contest. You could earn a year's worth of bragging rights!
- The Great Debate: *Ashkenazic vs. Sephardic* Customs: A humorous look at different Passover customs, Steve Steinbock and Mark Carignan
- Study Sessions:
 - ◆ **How to Conduct a Fun and Enjoyable Seder**, Rabbi Saks
 - ◆ **Cooking for Passover**, Emily McEntee - *RSVP required by March 3*
 - ◆ **Backward and Forward: The Ten Plagues & the Crossing of the Sea**, Dr. Steve Simons
 - ◆ **Passover Songs, Old and New**, David Connerty-Marin
 - ◆ **Mystical Aspects of Counting the Omer**, Steve Steinbock

Free child care is available if you call the office to sign up for it by March 3.

Beit Midrash

Thursdays: March 21 & 28, April 4, 7:00-8:30 PM

This program was formerly known as the Thursday Night Mini-Series.

Choose one class; study for 3 weeks.

- ◆ **Midrash**, Rebecca Wohl-Pollack
- ◆ **How to write a D'var Torah (sermon)**, Rabbi Saks
- ◆ **A look at the Jewish idea of the Messiah from Isaiah to Daniel to Jesus and Bar Kochbah**, Ginger Spiro

April

Harry Spindel Memorial Lecture, by Allegra Goodman
Thursday, April 11, 7:30 PM at Bowdoin College

Eat, Pray, Love: A Community Conversation about Food, Worship, Sex & Sexuality

- Four-session program examining the views of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews, led by Gary Berenson and Rabbis Braun, Herzfeld and Saks
- Tuesday, April 9, at Beth El and Thursday, April 25, at Etz Chaim
- The third and fourth sessions will be on the following dates:
 - Tuesday, May 7, at Bet Ha'am
 - Tuesday, May 14, Erev Shavuot Community Study, location TBA

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Mark Washofsky: "*Talmud, Halakha, and Reform Judaism*", Friday-Sunday, April 26-28.

Coming this spring: **Beyond Torah Study**, taught by **Avis Smith**. Dates to be determined. Contact the office to express your interest. There will be a modest cost for this class. Scholarships will be available.

Join the Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery

We invite you to join the Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery today! We have many needs and many ways for you to contribute. If you have an event you would like to celebrate, a person you would like to honor, a *yahrzeit* to remember, or you just want to help support our programs, please fill out the form and send it along with your check to Bet Ha'am. Include an address if you would like an acknowledgement to be sent.

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Sandmel Education Fund

- With gratitude to Sam's Religious School teachers for their years of patience and service to our children by the Berman family

Zecher T'zaddik L'vrachah

- Condolences to Rabbi Jared Saks and Kirk Boettcher on the loss of the rabbi's grandmother, Cecilia L. Saks

MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Meditation Service 6:45 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	2 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sam Berman <i>Bar Mitzvah</i>
3 Grades 1-6 Religious School 9:00AM-Noon Kindergarten 9:00 AM Grades 7-10 Religious School 5:00 PM	4 Office Closed	5	6 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Leadership Training 6:30 PM	7 Library Volunteers 1:00 PM	8 Grades 4A & 5 <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner 5:30 PM Family <i>Kabbalat</i> <i>Shabbat</i> Service 6:30 PM	9 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM New Member <i>Havdalah</i> 7:00 PM
10 Grades 1-6 Religious School 9:00AM-Noon Social Action Committee 10:00 AM Passover Workshop 1:00 PM	11 Office Closed	12 Executive Committee 6:30 PM Gala Planning Meeting 6:30 PM	13 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Education Committee 6:30 PM	14 Library Volunteers 1:00 PM Adult Learning Committee 6:30 PM	15 Nominating Committee Noon <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	16 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
17 Grades 1-6 Religious School 9:00AM-Noon <i>Shalom Yeladim</i> 11:00 AM Garden Pruning Workshop 11:15 AM Congregational Strategic Planning Forum 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM Grades 7-12 Religious School 5:00 PM	18 Office Closed	19 Garden Committee 5:30 PM Board Meeting 6:30 PM	20 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	21 Library Volunteers 1:00 PM Adult Learning Mini-Series 7:00 PM	22 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	23 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Mollie Stone <i>Bat Mitzvah</i>
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