



Welcome to  
**Temple Beth El of Augusta, Maine**

*embracing a spirit of community, lifelong Jewish learning, commitment to  
inclusiveness, and active participation in Jewish life in Central Maine*

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Tevet-Shevat-Adar 5780/Jan.-Feb. 2020

*From the desk of Rabbi Asch...on sabbatical!*



## *TBE Schedule: November—December*

### Services

*Friday, January 3*

7:00pm Shabbat Service led by Allen Goldey

*Saturday, January 11*

10:30am Shabbat Service led by Stacey

Mondschein Katz

12:15pm Kiddush Lunch

*Friday, January 17*

6:00pm Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Lisa Vinikoor

7:00pm Potluck dinner

*Friday, January 31*

6:00pm Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Sruli

Dresdner and Rebbetzin Lisa Mayer

7:00pm Potluck dinner

*Saturday, February 8*

10:30am Shabbat in the Wild

*Friday, February 14*

7:00pm Shabbat Service led by Jay Franzel

*Friday, February 28*

6:00pm Shabbat Service

7:00pm Potluck Dinner

### Torah Study

*Saturday, January 4*

10:30am Torah Study led by Rabbi Susan

*Saturday, January 18*

10:30am Torah Study led by Rabbi Lisa Vinikoor

*Saturday, February 1, 15, 22, 29*

10:30am Torah Study & Kiddush Lunch

### Hebrew School

*Sunday, January 5, 12, 19, & 26*

9:30am Hebrew School

*Sunday, February 2, 9, & 23*

9:30am Hebrew School

**No Hebrew School on Sunday, February 16**

### TBE Activities

*Monday, January 13*

6:30pm Intro to Judaism class – guided tour of the Holocaust & Human Rights Center of Maine with Director Shenna Bellows

*Saturday, January 25*

6:00pm 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting

*Saturday, February 3*

6:30pm Intro to Judaism

*Sunday, February 9*

11:00am Tu B'Shevat Seder

*Sunday, February 9*

2:00pm Teens in Waterville for Broomball & Rock Climbing

*Wednesday, February 12*

5:30pm Soup & Study

### Interfaith Activities

*Every Tuesday*

12:30pm Volunteering at Addie's Attic

*Monday, January 20*

9:00am – 12:00pm Interfaith Community

Breakfast @ St. Francis Xavier Church in Winthrop

### Who you gonna call?

- **Death and Serious Illness** – Call Nancy Kelly (207-622-4076) and she will put you in touch with a rabbi.
- **Services** - Jay Collins
- **Torah Study** - Cree Krull
- **Pastoral Care** - Susan Bakaley Marshall
- **Requests from the Discretionary Fund** - Rev. Carie Johnsen, (207) 622-3232
- **Sabbatical Committee** - Fran Rudoff, Chris Zinck, and Jay Collins will be serving as the sabbatical committee and making sure that everything runs smoothly. Contact them or Darlene in the Temple Office with questions.



## Notes from the Board: Getting Involved with Immigrants

**By Nancy Kelly**

With the recent influx of refugees and immigrants into Augusta and the surrounding area, I thought it might be of interest to look back into the not-so-recent history of newcomers into the capital city.

In the late 1970s, many Vietnamese families settled in the area. These people were often referred to as the “Boat People” of Vietnam. They were the fortunate ones able to escape the war and the Communist regime in their native country. The early 80s marked the arrival of more than 40 Cambodian families who had escaped “The Killing Fields” of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge. Local Protestant churches sponsored these families and brought them to Augusta.

Jeanne Davis, an Augusta resident who volunteered with the Resettlement Program, often was described by area ESL teachers and families as this city’s “one-person resettlement program.” She was responsible for putting a face on the refugees in Augusta and forming a strong advocacy group to fight for their civil rights here. I often referred to her as a saint as she dedicated so many years of her life to providing the needed support that was lacking in our city and our schools.

The Cambodians were followed by families from Lebanon and Afghanistan. Little by little, we began to grasp the needs of our new neighbors who were coping with issues with physical and mental health, housing, transportation, and of course, language and culture. The city schools eventually agreed to follow federal guidelines and began to build an appropriate ESL program for the children. Jeanne continued her work, which also included helping people fill out HEAP applications, dealing with housing requests, and serving endless hours at the food bank. She was also a very strong advocate on our local ESL Advisory Board. I could not have run a successful ESL program without her endless help.

As we move into the 2020s, it is hard to believe that 40+ years have gone by. Our city now reflects the faces of more new refugees and immigrants, this time from Syria and Iraq. There is still a steep learning curve for many city agencies, but we are most fortunate to now have several new ways to help support our new neighbors. One such organization is called Capital Area New Mainers Project, and according to Executive Director (and Temple member) Chris Myers Asch, “Many Temple members are involved in CANMP, a cross-cultural organization that welcomes immigrants and works to build a thriving, integrated community.” CANMP works to connect immigrants and Americans, meet immigrants’ needs, and educate the broader community about the challenges immigrants face and the benefits they bring. Temple volunteers serve as tutors, drivers, and members of Family Mentor Teams, and they participate in CANMP’s many events, including the International Kids Festival. If you are interested in getting involved with CANMP, please contact Chris: [newmainersproject@gmail.com](mailto:newmainersproject@gmail.com).

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## Notes from the Board (continued from page 3)

A second organization is a clothing bank in Augusta where individuals and families can pick out new or used clothing and linens that have been donated and take items away free. Addie's Attic is part of Bridging the Gap, a community resource center that also includes Everyday Basic Essentials, a personal and household hygiene pantry, and during the winter, the Augusta Community Warming Center, where people can come to keep warm and converse with visitors. Addie's began as a part of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, but is now under the auspices of Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal church, located at 209 Eastern Avenue. It is open year-round. Hours of operation are below.

Volunteers for Addie's Attic come from two categories: the No Person Left Behind Volunteer Program and the Community Volunteer Program. The first program helps people build skills and prepare for regular jobs, and participants work with a staff person in order to achieve these goals. The second program involves anyone who is interested in helping out in various jobs around the Attic. Currently, four members of our Temple volunteer at Addie's Attic/Bridging the Gap, all in the Community Volunteer Program: Jeff Frankel (Tuesday afternoons, customer service/restocking), Mike Levey (two Wednesday mornings per month, miscellaneous duties), Sue Offer (Thursday mornings, sorting) and David Klein (Thursday afternoons, customer service, restocking). Donations of clothing and linens may be brought to the church during the hours in which Addie's Attic is open.

Beyond these offerings, Deb Sewall and others have volunteered at the Augusta Food Bank for many years now and have helped many of our new families learn how to use this food source. Margy Burns Knight has worked for years, teaching ESL and writing books about their plight, as well as helping our refugee and immigrant women find a space to cook their native foods and share these wonderful dishes with the community at large. Many cooking classes have taken place at our Temple and hopefully more will continue in the near future either at the Temple or the new Multicultural Center headed by CANMP.

We should be very proud of our Temple's support and continued friendship with the growing refugee/immigrant community here in Augusta. Please consider getting involved in this wonderful opportunity to share and learn.

### **BRIDGING THE GAP**

209 Eastern Ave, Augusta, Maine 207-248-1782

#### **WARMING CENTER**

December 2nd - March 31st

Monday - Friday

9am - 4pm

#### **ADDIE'S ATTIC & BASIC ESSENTIALS**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am - 2pm

1st & 3rd Saturdays 10am - noon

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm





**22nd ANNUAL WINE TASTING**  
**January 25, 2020 @ 6:00pm**  
**and DONATE FOR THE SILENT**  
**AUCTION!!**

This year's theme, "**South Pacific**," promises to bring warmth and light to a Maine winter night! Our beloved sommelier, Syd Sewall, is selecting a range of appropriate vintages from Australia and New Zealand, and the tasting will be accompanied by delicious Pacific Rim themed food. We are thrilled to welcome back the musical stylings of **Ethan Bessey's band, the Waydowns!** And, you won't want to miss trying your luck at our **new Wine Pull...** pull a cork and see what you get! It might be a bottle of Two Buck Chuck, or it may be a deliciously aged Cabernet!

We'll have another wonderful **Silent Auction** as well as a special **Live Auction!** We're excited to announce that our very own Chuck Cohen will sling rhythmic and enticing words as our auctioneer for a small number of select items.

As always, we need your help with contributions. Please think creatively about donations – maybe connected to our theme! Our goal is to feature at least 50 items, with a wide range of bidding opportunities, so we need many members to help out! **If you have a special item (value of \$200+) that we might include in the Live Auction, please contact Fran Rudoff to discuss your object or idea.**

Some things to consider include:

- **Treasures:** art, crafts, jewelry, sports or other memorabilia, a bottle of vintage wine, a themed "South Pacific" gift basket, etc.
- **Food:** yummy cookies, pies, cakes, breads, jams – you know what people like!
- **Gift Certificates:** maybe to your favorite Asian restaurant?
- **Experiences:** gourmet or themed dinner at your home; tickets to sports events; tickets to music, dance or theater performances; use of a vacation home; ski passes; a guided hike; a round of golf at your course, a boat ride, a canoe trip, a VIP tour of a special place; etc.
- **Services:** music or art lessons; pet sitting; baby sitting; a photo shoot; graphic design (business cards, web site, etc.); legal or financial consultation

We would love to know about your donation commitment and have all items at the Temple by Sunday, January 12, 2020. Please drop off your items during regularly scheduled events (i.e. services or Hebrew School, etc.) or during regular Temple office hours.

**To help us plan, please complete the donation form and send/email to Fran Rudoff as soon as possible, but no later than January 12, 2020.**

PO Box 71, Litchfield, ME 04350 or [frudoff@gmail.com](mailto:frudoff@gmail.com), 207-212-9544



## 2020 Wine Tasting January 25, 2020 **SILENT AUCTION!**

Please help make the Silent Auction for the **22<sup>nd</sup> annual wine tasting** the best ever by making a donation! Please think creatively about donations - art, crafts, jewelry, baked goods, experiences (dinner at your home), tickets to sports events or performances, use of a vacation home, ski passes, a round of golf at your course, a boat ride, a canoe or kayak trip, music or art lessons, a VIP tour, pet sitting, baby sitting, sports or other memorabilia, a bottle of vintage wine, a themed gift basket, a photo shoot, etc.

Please complete this donation form and send/email to Fran Rudoff as soon as possible,  
but **no later than January 12, 2020.**

PO Box 71, Litchfield, ME 04350 or [frudoff@gmail.com](mailto:frudoff@gmail.com), 207-212-9544

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact, if business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Donation Item:

Suggested Value: \_\_\_\_\_

**Auction donations should be dropped off at the Temple by Sunday, January 12, 2020.** If items need to be picked up, please provide details:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If the item is a gift certificate, will you provide the certificate and promotional material for the auction? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no If no, how will we receive the certificate? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Note: No goods or service were provided in exchange for this charitable donation, allowing the value of the contribution to be tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.*



Join Susan Bakaley and Chris Marshall  
for our eighteenth annual

# *Shabbat in the Wild*

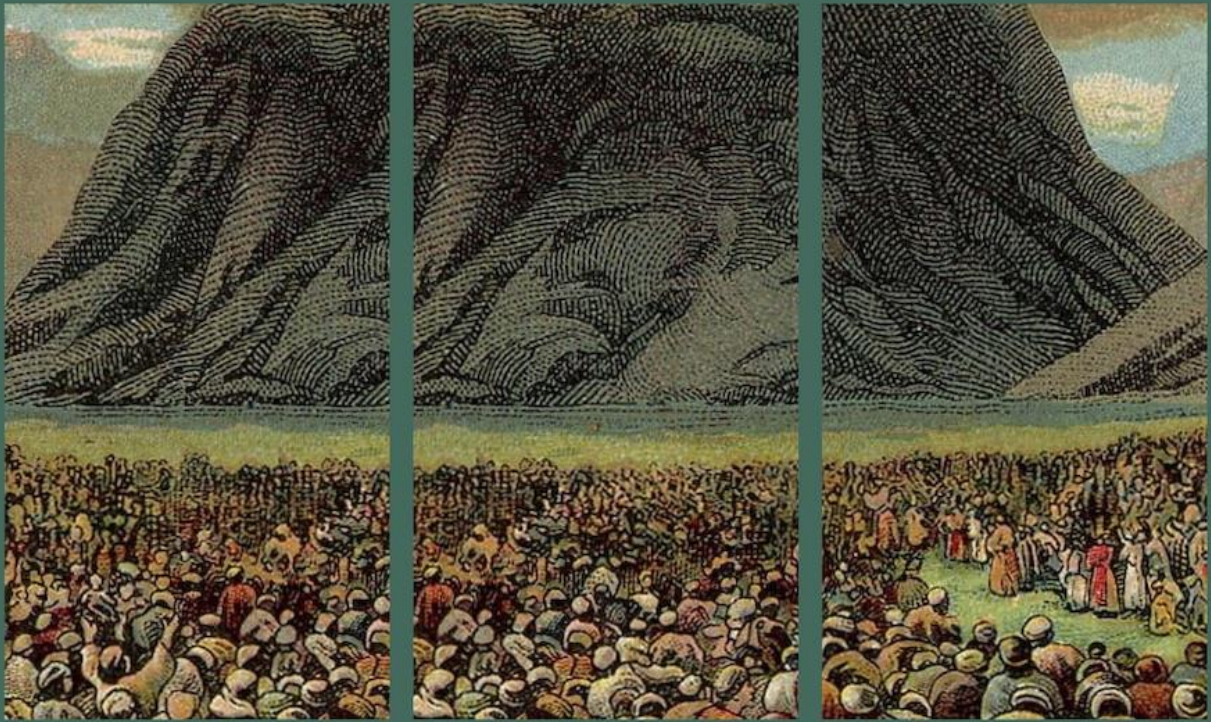
Dress for the weather, wearing boots and layers. Bring warm hats and gloves or mittens and snow shoes, if you have them, as well as some birdseed or bread crumbs. Skis don't work well on these trails. There will be a dairy potluck lunch at the house. Bring a favorite tree fruit to share for our dessert.

**FEBRUARY 8TH, 2020**

**AT 10:30 AM**

For more information, directions and RSVP  
contact: Susan & Chris [wiserock@fairpoint.net](mailto:wiserock@fairpoint.net)  
or 589. 4632

*What's happening at TBE*



# Soup and Study: Teaching on the 10 Commandments

*with Jonathan Cohen*

JOIN FOR A DELICIOUS DINNER AND  
STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF JEWISH  
TEXTS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12TH  
FROM 5:30-7:00PM

TEMPLE BETH EL  
PLEASE RSVP TO THE OFFICE SO WE HAVE  
ENOUGH FOOD



## Meet Our Guest Rabbis!

### **Rabbi Lisa Vinikoor, Beth Israel Congregation (Bath) January 17-18**

Rabbi Vinikoor joined Beth Israel Congregation as its spiritual leader in 2017 after a 14-year career as a public-school educator and social justice community organizer in Massachusetts. Her teaching and justice work inspired her to seek a career as a rabbi, where she continues to teach and to act for social justice change from a Jewish lens. A lifelong learner, Rabbi Vinikoor enjoys studying and teaching the texts of our sacred Jewish tradition.

Born and raised in a small Jewish community in Vermont, Rabbi Vinikoor attended Smith College, where she earned her undergraduate degree in History, and the University of Massachusetts, Boston, where she earned her master's degree in Education. She received rabbinic ordination from the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City. In addition to serving the Beth Israel Congregation, Rabbi Vinikoor also serves as the rabbi for Jewish students at Bowdoin College. Rabbi Vinikoor and her wife, Alyssa, live in Bath.



### **Rabbi Sruli Dresdner, Temple Shalom (Auburn) January 31**

Rabbi Sruli combines the best of many worlds – a scholarly background in Talmud and the law, musical virtuosity, a passionate Jewish spirit, and a gift for creating a happy and magical community. Sruli received Rabbinic Ordination from Dean Rabbi Yitzchak Wasserman, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Judaic Studies from the Denver Talmudic Seminary in 1982. Sruli went on to attend Fordham Law School where he graduated with honors and was a member of Law Review.

More than 15 years ago, after practicing law, Sruli returned to Jewish life full time as a Klezmer musician and Jewish educator. He and his wife Lisa are international Jewish performers and personalities, and they have been featured on PBS-TV and National Public Radio. Sruli and Lisa serve Temple Shalom in Auburn.

## Donations

### Building Fund Capital Campaign

- Anonymous (2)
- Rabbi Erica & Chris Asch
- Cynthia & Gregg Bernstein
- Emily & Ethan Bessey
- Mike & Sarah Drickey
- Judith Feinstein
- Vivian Flamm
- Richard Goldman
- Greene-Milstein Family Foundation
- Tinker & Reg Hannaford
- Linda Kallin
- Roberta Katz
- Paul Linet
- Hildie Lipson
- Deborah Sandler
- Scott Schiff-Slater
- Deb & Syd Sewall
- Nancy & Charles Shuman
- Chris & Thea Zinck



### In Honor Of

- Marty & Bob Faigin in honor of the birth of Acer Faigin

### Yahrzeit/Memorials

- Li'el Boudreau & Rebecca Stevens in memory of Arlene Fine
- Li'el Boudreau & Rebecca Stevens in memory of Julia Feldman
- Richard Dana in memory of Leonora Dana
- Mike & Sarah Drickey in memory of Dorothy Drickey
- Vivian Flamm in memory of Dorothy Moser
- Andrea Freed in memory of Murray Freed
- Ellen Freed & Carol Barlow in memory Murray Freed
- Joan & Lowell Freiman in memory of Beatrice Freiman
- Anya & Allen Goldey in memory of Beatrice Freiman
- Judith Graber & Paul Kuehnert in memory of Joel Davis
- Seth Greene in memory of Joan Price
- Betty Jespersen in memory of Myron Shulman
- Elaine Katz & Martin Hanish in memory of Sidney Katz
- Elaine Katz & Martin Hanish in memory of Harriet Katz
- Yale Marienhoff in memory of Bernard Marienhoff
- Albert Rudoff in memory of Syliva Rudoff
- Deb & Syd Sewall in memory of Joel Davis
- Beth & Steven Shapiro in memory of Eli Bulba
- Beth & Steven Shapiro in memory of Daniel Bulba
- Nancy Storrow in memory of Joel Davis
- Gail & Gary Weiss in memory of Natalie Cohen

Making a donation to Temple Beth El is a special way to honor family and friends.

### Terumah

This fund includes the former General Fund and Dues and covers all temple operating expenses.

### Building Fund

This fund is for major repair and rebuilding of our facilities.

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

This fund helps Rabbi Asch meet special needs in the community.

### Yahrzeit/Memorials/Honoraria

These contributions are made in memory or honor of family and friends.

### Memorial Plaques

Remember a loved one with a memorial plaque in the synagogue.

Donation: \$250

*Payment due at time of order.*

### Tree of Life

Acknowledge a life milestone in a special way by adding a personalized, inscribed leaf to the Tree. Donation: \$36.

*Payment due at time of order.*

Please make checks payable to Temple Beth El. Indicate the fund to which you want to contribute and mail to TBE, Box 871, Augusta, ME 04332. Undesignated checks will go to the General Fund. *Temple Beth El accepts Visa & Mastercard. Please contact the office with any questions.*

## Temple Beth El

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### Committee Chairs:

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 Fran Rudoff (Fundraising)

## January Yahrzeits

January 1	David S. Goldman
January 2	Edmond Betit
January 3	Leoni Adler
January 5	Hayden Goldberg
January 6	Genevieve Kus
January 6	Max Cohen
January 9	Alexander "Alex" Davis
January 13	Howard Director
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January 15	Rhoda Boughton
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January 24	Philmore Schiff
January 26	Beatrice Schatz
January 26	Frank J. Lipman
January 28	Leo Bessey
January 30	Jarvey Gilbert



## February Yahrzeits

February 3	Jacques Grunblatt, MD
February 4	James Carvutto
February 4	Leah Deborah Freed
February 5	Leonard Fels
February 7	Jacob Dana
February 7	Odell Kominers
February 8	Erik Eckert
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February 11	Lauraine Goodrich
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February 12	Meyer Muller
February 13	Davis Spalding
February 14	Selma Dana
February 14	Walter Barlow
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## *Refuah Sh'leimah (Get Well) to:*

Carole Fitzgerald  
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