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## BETH ABRAHAM SISTERHOOD

The Beth Abraham Sisterhood had a fantastic end of the year program! On Wednesday evening, June 17, the ladies served a delicious meal at the traditional Past President's Dinner. Since this organization was formed, the meal has been prepared by past presidents of the Sisterhood.

This year the menu included pizza pot pie, garlic bread and tossed salad - yum!

The ladies of the Grasshopper Shop presented a mini fashion show. "Naot" brand sandals and linen seem to be what's "in". In addition to the clothes, we were shown a variety of items from the store such as jewelry, books and aromatherapy supplies. We were also shown netted bug suits that are more than just practical. In addition to warding off black flies, they are adorable!

Rabbi Isaacs installed the following officers:

Co-Presidents: Samara Gopan

Naomi Podolsky

Vice President: Jo-Ann Kirstein

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Advisor: Norma Berg

Membership: Shirley Schneider

Hospitality: Ida Gopan

To top off the evening, Dr. Bruce Freedberg, one of our Schul members, entertained us with songs and poetry. He is quite the musician and accompanied himself on the piano. The poem, written by Bruce himself, tells the tale of the old Carr St. Schul and had us all in stitches! We are indebted to him for a hilarious show.

## BETH EL NEWS

**CONGREGATION BETH EL.** Bangor's Reform synagogue, is located at 183 French Street, Bangor. Unless indicated otherwise, all events take place at the synagogue. All are welcome. For more information on the synagogue or its activities, call Beth El at 945-4578.

**FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT WORSHIP:** Services will take place at 7:30 p.m. on July 3 and August 7. On July 3, Dr. Noah Nesin will speak about his recent trip to Israel and about the prospects for liberal Judaism there. Free babysitting and a

playroom for young children are provided. Services are followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

**BAT MITZVAH - MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES:** On Saturday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m., Rachel Shulman will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah. Rachel is the daughter of Murray and Patricia Shulman of Bangor. On Saturday, August 22, at 10:00 a.m., Samantha Braziller will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah. Samantha is the daughter of Stephen and Devra Braziller of Lee.

**EARLY MINYAN:** A brief Erev Shabbat service, conducted mostly in Hebrew, will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 10 and July 24, and August 14 and 28.

**FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES:** will take place on Saturday, July 11 and August 15 at 10:00 a.m. Family services are open to all, and are geared toward families with young school-age children. The services include songs and a story, last less than an hour, and use a children's prayer book. They are followed by an Oneg Shabbat of juice and cookies.

### **NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION:**

- Eric Brown was named Family Doctor of the Year by the Maine Academy of Family Physicians.
- Arline Keith sang at Carnegie Hall in May with the University of Maine Chorus.
- Barbara Mintz was elected co-vice president of the Maine chapter of the American Association of University Women.

**BETH EL CHOIR GEARS UP FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS:** The Beth El Choir begins preparing for the High Holy Days in August. All are welcome to join in learning the songs we will be singing at evening services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The first rehearsal will be on Monday, August 17, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Subsequent rehearsals will be on Sundays, August 23 and 30, and September 6 and 13, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

## Congregation Beth Israel News

• An **adult bar/bat mitzvah class**, taught by Cantor Deborah Marlowe, is in the planning stages for the Fall. If you are over the age of 13 and have not had the opportunity to achieve this important goal in your Jewish life, this may be just for you! Details will follow.

• An **adult choir** is being planned, also for the Fall. This group will be lead by Deborah Marlowe with the assistance of Danny Williams. Deborah and Danny have considerable experience in the leadership of choirs, and Beth Israel is excited to be able to offer this opportunity to the membership and to the

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- Registration for the 1998-1999 school year in the Beth Israel Hebrew School has begun. Any family interested in enrolling their child for the first time may contact Steven Mogul at 947-3633 for details.

- Our **Shabbat service** coverage for the summer is as follows:

July 11-Cantor Deborah Marlowe

July 18-Rabbi Barry Krieger

July 25-Rabbi Harry Sky

August 1-Cantor Deborah Marlowe

August 15-Rabbi Joseph Schonberger

August 22-Cantor Deborah Marlowe

August 29- Rabbi Harry Sky

September 1- Rabbi Barry Krieger

- There is an opening for a teacher in the Beth Israel Hebrew School. Please contact President Berney Kubetz at 947-8576 if you might have time to share with these children.

- The **Fall Sisterhood luncheon** will be held on September 15 at noontime. Sisterhood President Nanci Miller invites current members and all those interested in joining the Sisterhood to attend.

- The Sisterhood will again be sponsoring a **YIZKOR Book** for the High Holy Days. Leslie Rosenblatt will be sending out the necessary forms for this important project.

- Speaking of our Beth Israel Sisterhood, this group has been very active in the past year. The projects currently underway include repair, restock, and repainting of the kitchen, as well as re-landscaping in front of the Beth Israel Synagogue. We are appreciative of all of their efforts!

- **Beth Israel holds services twice daily and Shabbat services every Saturday. Our services are completely egalitarian and are open to the entire community.**

- **Anyone interested in becoming a member of Beth Israel Synagogue or in receiving more information about our many activities and events, please contact Berney Kubetz at 947-8576 or Treasurer Art Blank at 825-4194.**

## An Invitation to the Bangor Jewish Community

On Wednesday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m., **Borders Books/Music/Café** will host a discussion and booksigning with **Reuven Alpert, author of *God's Middlemen: A Habad Retrospective (Stories of Mystical Rabbis)***, recently published by White Cloud Press of Ashland, Oregon. Alpert, who now lives in New York's Hudson River Valley, is a native of Bangor.

Borders is located at 116 Bangor Mall Blvd, across from Sears. All of our author events are free and open to the public. For more information or to reserve an autographed copy of *God's Middlemen*, contact Andrea Stark, Community Relations Coordinator, at 990-3300.

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### THE JEWISH NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH THE ROSH HASHANAH HOLIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21-22

It is not too early to send us your greetings for publication! New Year Greetings are a wonderful way to express Good Wishes for the New Year to your friends and loved ones - and to support the Jewish Community Council.

Format A: Alphabetical Listing \$ 8.00

Listing of your family and/or names. EXAMPLE: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown and Joe.

Format B: Special Message Heading for \$8.00 followed by family names at \$5.00 per entry.

☐ L'Shana Tova Tikosevu

☐ A Happy New Year to All

☐ Peace, Health and Happiness Through the Year

☐ Best Wishes for the New Year

☐ A Happy & Healthy New Year to All

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## MAZEL TOV

- James A. Lieberman, son of David and Marcia Lieberman wed Karen Gordon, daughter of Michael and Harriet Gordon of Randolph, NJ on May 25.

## SPECIAL MENTION

- Jessica Davidson Manaker received her M.D. degree from Medical University of South Carolina in May. Jessica is the daughter of Valerie and David Levy of Orono.
- Matthew J. Lieberman, son of David and Marcia Lieberman, received his M.S. in Counseling at Salem State College in May.
- Congratulations to Max Brooks, Sam Kates-Goldman, and Caroline Levy on their confirmation at Beth El Synagogue.
- The New England Symphonic Chamber Ensemble performed a Mozart selection at Carnegie Hall in New York on May 23. Arline Keith of Bangor was among the 200 voices that were conducted by Dennis Cox, Professor of Music at the University of Maine. 70 of the vocalists were current or former members of the University Singers.
- Jeremy Brodsky received the top chemistry award at John Bapst High School in Bangor. He also is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.
- Congratulations to Lisa Darrah upon her graduation from Herman High School on June 6. Lisa is the daughter of Alan and Vicki Darrah and the granddaughter of Helen Rolsky.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- The family of the late Ruth Lieberman would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, and expressions of sympathy.
- Esther Gopan would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and well wishes during her recent illness.
- My sincere appreciation to you, my friends of the Community, for your support, concern and many acts of thoughtfulness during my recent illness. - Fondly, Rhoda Bernstein

## CONDOLENCES

- To Eleanor Chason on the death of her brother, Dr. Joseph Bloom.
- To the family of the late Yale Adelman. Died May 19, 1998.
- To the family of the late Harold Epstein. Died May 25, 1998.
- To the family of the late Ruth Lieberman. Died May 28, 1998.

- To Heather Hallsey-Bernstein on the death of her father, Harry Hallsey.
- To the family of the late Martin Pincus. Died June 16, 1998.

## Youth Aliyah

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## HONOR ROLLS

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

#### Bangor High School

Seniors: Sara Kates-Chinoy, Andrew Silver

Junior: Rachael Weinstein

Sophomores: Garrett Corbin, Jessica Rosenblatt

Freshmen: Jesse Kates-Chinoy, Sam Kates-Goldman

#### Brewer High School

Junior: Abby Weissman

Sophomore: Meisha Rice

#### John Bapst Memorial High School

Junior: Jeremy Brodsky

#### Orono High School

Sophomores: Caroline Levy, Rose Whelan

Freshmen: Jeremy Latour, Dustin Sleight

**NOTE:** If your name has been omitted, please call 941-2950 so that we may place it in our next issue.

***Congratulations to all 1998  
high school and college graduates!***

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