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## JCC ANNUAL MEETING PLANNED FOR MAY

The JCC Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2010.

Norman Minsky, Barbara Podolsky and Howard Segal are the current members of the Jewish Community Council Executive Committee.

*Anyone in good standing wishing to be nominated for any office of the Council (Director or Officer), or wishing to nominate any other person in good standing, shall present to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee the name to be nominated prior to the meeting at which the election is to be held. Such person will have his name on the ballot along with the nominations of the Nominating Committee.*

Please contact the JCC office at 207-941-2950 if you would like to serve on our board or Executive Committee.

## JEWISH FEDERATION OF BANGOR

The 2009 Fund Drive for the Jewish Federation of Bangor is now underway. Funds collected help several Jewish organizations locally and nationally and others through United Jewish Communities.

Please call us at 207-941-2950 if you would like the list of organizations funds are allocated to.

Please make checks payable to the Jewish Federation of Bangor and mail to 6 State Street #314, Bangor, ME 04401.

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## TREES IN ISRAEL

Trees for planting in Israel can be purchased through the JCC office. Purchasing a tree is a wonderful way to honor a friend or loved one and also is a way to honor the memory of loved ones.

Please call the Jewish Community Council office at 207-941-2950 for more information or to buy a tree certificate.

## COMMUNITY NEWS DEADLINE

The deadline for the March issue of *The Community News* is Thursday, February 18, 2010. Please include events for March and April. Please note that the March issue will contain any Pesach information submitted.

You may send submissions by email to [bangorjcc@midmaine.com](mailto:bangorjcc@midmaine.com) or through our website at [www.jccbangormaine.org](http://www.jccbangormaine.org). Snail mail may be sent to Jewish Community Council, 6 State St #314, Bangor, ME 04401.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATES

*GRANT REQUESTS ARE  
CONSIDERED TWICE A YEAR BY  
THE JCEA.*

*DEADLINES ARE APRIL 1 AND  
OCTOBER 1.*

*APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE  
AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL OFFICE.*

*CALL 207- 941-2950.*

Dear Friends,

Please see below our JCC membership form. It is worth reflecting on the valuable services provided by the Jewish Community Council.

The JCC plays a critical role by bringing the whole Jewish community together for interaction as Jews and provides programming of interest to all. The JCC represents and serves members of the three congregations, as well as unaffiliated Jews, and is the only organization filling this need. Your dues help our community thrive by supporting numerous activities and functions including:

- Concerts, speakers, and films for the Jewish community celebrating over 350 years of Jewish life in America
- *THE COMMUNITY NEWS*, a newsletter that keeps the entire Jewish community informed and connected
- A STAFFED OFFICE serving all 3 local synagogues, the Jewish Federation, the Friendship Club (Jewish Senior Citizens Club), Jewish National Fund campaign and other local Jewish groups
- THE JEWISH FUNERAL CHAPEL, which was beautifully renovated several years ago
- INFORMATION AND REFERRALS for Jewish vacationers to the area and those considering relocation
- A WEB SITE offering a community calendar, a listing of programs and services available to the Jewish community, candle lighting times, information on kosher groceries, and valuable links to our synagogues and Jewish organizations in the area and worldwide

If you are not a member or have not yet renewed your membership, please consider completing and returning the form below with your dues.

Best wishes,  
JCC Executive Committee

**JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FORM**

\_\_\_ I/we would like to join the JCC

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Single Senior Citizen | \$50  |
| Single                | \$75  |
| All others            | \$100 |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ *check here if this is a new address*

***Dues are cut in half for 1st time members***

\_\_\_ I/we would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*please make checks payable to:*

Jewish Community Council  
6 State Street #314  
Bangor, ME 04401



## Congregation Beth El Upcoming Services and Events Schedule

### **January**

*Friday, January 1* – Friday Night Shabbat Service – 7:30 p.m.

*Friday, January 8* - Friday Night Shabbat Service - 7:30 p.m.

*Saturday, January 9*- Shabbat Family Service - 10:00 a.m. Led by Grades 2/3—Torah and Tapas - 5:00 p.m.

*Thursday, January 14* - Book Group - 7:00 p.m. (*Defending the Human Spirit* by Rabbi Dr. Warren Goldstein)

*Friday, January 15* – Friday Night Shabbat Service – 7:30 p.m.

*Saturday, January 16* - Torah Study - 9:30 a.m.

Rosh Chodesh Study Group - 4:00 p.m.

*Saturday, January 23* - Torah Service - 10:00 a.m. led by Grades 4,5,6 followed by a luncheon kiddush.

### **February**

*Friday, February 5* – Friday Night Shabbat Service – 7:30 p.m. led by Grade 9/10

*Thursday, February 11* – Book Club - 7:00 p.m. (Film) Dear Mr. Waldman viewed in Jewish film festivals around the world shown at the home of Sol Goldman and Barbara Kates.

*Friday, February 12* - Friday Night Shabbat Service - 7:30 p.m.

*Saturday, February 13* – Shabbat Family Style - 10:00 a.m. led by Grades K-1

*Sunday, February 14* - Rosh Chodesh Study Group - 4:00 p.m.

*Friday, February 19* - Friday Night Shabbat Service - 7:30 p.m.

*Saturday, February 20* - Torah Study - 9:30 a.m.

*Saturday, February 27* - Megillah Reading - 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, February 28* - Purim Ball

### **March-April**

***The Three Abrahamic Faiths*** ---Tuesday evenings

A six part program on Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Congregation Beth El is an open, welcoming and inclusive reform congregation.

It is located at 183 French Street in Bangor.

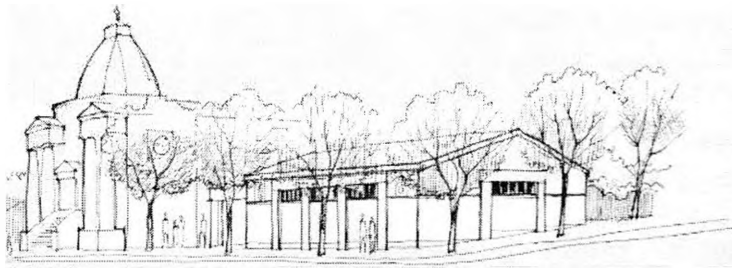
For more information about Beth El activities, call 945-4578 or visit the website at [www.me002.urj.net](http://www.me002.urj.net)



## CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

**A Conservative Synagogue serving  
Bangor and the surrounding communities.**

**Congregation Beth Israel** is a vibrant community with a heritage filled with one constant – a love of Judaism. We welcome interfaith couples, students, singles, families and seniors. All services are fully egalitarian. Shabbat services begin at 9:00 AM each Saturday, and are followed by a delicious and lively Kiddush. Everyone is welcome to learn and grow with us!



### MAZEL TOV

**Mazel Tov to Emma Brickman on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah.**  
Emma is the daughter of Erica & Scott Brickman from Fort Kent

### ON-GOING ADULT EDUCATION AT BETH ISRAEL

All classes (except the Hebrew class) are in English  
**Talmud Class** with Rabbi Schwarzman - Mondays at noon

**The Book of Samuel** with Rabbi Schwarzman - Tuesdays at 7:30pm – 19 Grove Street

**Learn How to Pray** with Bettina Schwarzman - Wednesdays at 7:30pm

**Introduction to Judaism** with Rabbi Schwarzman - Thursdays at 1:00pm

**Beginning Hebrew** with Nori Kazdoy  
Thursdays at 2:00pm – For those that know a bit of Hebrew  
Thursdays at 6:00pm – For the absolute beginner – NEW!

**Jewish Parenting** with Rabbi Schwarzman - Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:30pm

**Parshat Hashavua** with Eric Odier-Fink - Thursdays at 7pm

**Pirkei Avot** with Rabbi Schwarzman - Saturdays at 12:30

### ISRAELI MOADON

Our movie for February will take place on Sunday the 14th. The fun begins at 7pm at the home of Doug and Nori Kazdoy at 555 Grandview Avenue in Bangor. The Kazdoys can be reached at 907-4156 or dkazedoy@yahoo.com. The title to be announced.

### BETH ISRAEL COFFEEHOUSE

Those that attended our coffeehouse in October were intrigued by Nahma Sandrow's lecture on Yiddish theater. Nahma's knowledge of the history of Yiddish theater was extraordinary. She donated her book "Vagabond Stars: A World History of Yiddish Theater" to our library.

Our November coffeehouse featured artist Frann Addison, a talented metalsmith. She designs and creates beautiful Judaica such as kiddush cups, mezuzahs, spice boxes, seder plates and more. She presented a lively lecture and slide show about the history of ceremonial Jewish art objects found in the home. For those of you who were unable to attend and want to see her creations, check out her website at [www.frannaddisonjudaica.com](http://www.frannaddisonjudaica.com).

Our ever popular Coffeehouse will not be meeting for the months of February & March. We'll keep you posted!

### HEBREW SCHOOL

The Hebrew School had a wonderful December! Learning about Hanukkah, trope, studying history, Torah skills and the list goes on! The Hebrew school joined the Sisterhood at the Holiday Craft Fair by selling over \$80 worth of used books with the proceeds to go to purchasing new books for the Hebrew school library. The library saw its first official program with the Mitzvah Munchkins and the Righteous Readers reading Jewish folktales and creating crafts. We look forward to sponsoring many more reading programs in the future!

Along with members of our community, we joined together to celebrate Hanukkah with crafts, storytelling, songs and latkes! The delicious Kosher Chinese buffet was a very delicious and successful fundraiser for the school. Many thanks to Chef Keith Manaker! Our mitzvah for the month - We put together lap quilts from donated fleece and flannel to give to the elderly! And last, but certainly, not least, we joined Governor and Mrs. Baldacci at the Blaine House for the lighting of the state hanukkah!

January and February will be a bit quieter as we settle in for some serious learning and look forward to a Jeopardy play off with all the classes during the last week of the month. It is time to study our Hebrew, history, Torah, and traditions and time to share in the joy of community.

#### **DON'T MISS OUT ON BETH ISRAEL HAPPENINGS!**

If you would like to receive weekly email notifications of Beth Israel events, let us know at [cbisrael@prexar.com](mailto:cbisrael@prexar.com) or 945-3433.

#### **A GIFT OF LOCAL JEWISH HISTORY**

Beth Israel 120 year history DVD \$15 or \$18 if mailed  
100 Years centennial book - \$54.

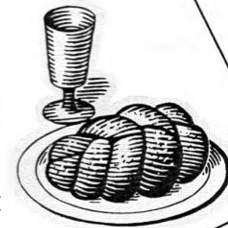
# CONGREGATION BETH ABRAHAM

## KOSHER MEALS AVAILABLE

There are no Kosher restaurants in town. Are you in need of a Shabbos meal? Are you planning to be on the road? Do you need to give a shiva gift? Have you no time to cook? Do you not know how to cook? The **Beth Abraham Sisterhood** has a solution for you.



Our meals will feed four people amply and consist of roasted chicken, potato kugel, vegetable kugel, brownies, rolls, grape juice, salt and tea light candles. Each meal costs \$75. Orders must be made in advance. Please call The shul at 207-947-0876 and **leave a message.**



Congregation Beth Abraham is Bangor's Orthodox synagogue. It is located at 145 York Street.

Phone Number : 207-947-0876

Web Address:  
[www.jewishbangor.com](http://www.jewishbangor.com)

## SERVICES

### Morning Services:

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Sundays            | 7:30 AM |
| Monday thru Friday | 6:45 AM |
| Saturdays          | 9:00 AM |

### Afternoon / Evening Services:

Approximately 20 minutes before sunset. Call 207-947-0876 for exact times.

**CONDOLENCES**

- To the family of the late Sanford Miller.
- To the family of the late Beryl "Bennie" Fer.
- To the family of the late Gloria Adelman.
- To Martin and Dara Perfit on the passing of Sylvia Tannenbaum, mother of Martin Perfit.
- To Debby Messer on the passing of her sister, Joyce Walpert Kellner.
- To Clifton Page on the loss of his mother.
- to Daniel and Phyllis Guerette on the passing of Raymond Guerette, Daniel Guerette's father.
- To Janet Simpson on the passing of her husband, Sandy Goldman.
- To the family of Philip Winograd.
- To the Tandy Berkey family on the passing of Herbert Tandy, father of Daniel Tandy.
- To David Lee and Kim Berry-Lee on the passing of John Berry, father of Kim Berry-Lee.

***Please note:** Occasionally we receive calls from people asking where they can mail condolence cards or letters. Please call the JCC office at 207-941-2950 and we will do our best to accommodate you.*

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