



MA CHADASHI! **מה חדש!**

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

December 2018/Kislev/Tevet 5779

Join Us for Our Mega-Chanukah Party!



Sunday, December 9th, 2018, 4:00 pm

Mega-Menorah lighting,

followed by a catered dinner, music, games,

plus, a heart-warming

Chanukah play performed by our Hebrew School!

Remember to bring your Menorahs

and Chanukah Candles so we can all enjoy the light together!

Crafts and dreidel games available for the kids.

It's LATKE TIME ~ See you there!

Suggested Donation: \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members, children free

RSVP – 786-4201 or temple6359@aol.com

FROM THE RABBI



As we attempt to move on from the tragic events of this past November—Pittsburgh, Thousand Oaks, deadly wildfires—I would like to share excerpts from a new Thanksgiving poem composed by Americans of all backgrounds and ages— including many schoolchildren—responding to a request from NPR asking Americans what they are most thankful for this year.

The sun rising behind farm houses in the Midwest. The clear mountain rivers in Montana. I hope we have the wisdom to treasure all of it. A glimmer of dawn. First flickers in Maine. For the mountains, magnificent weathered beacons of topographical wonder.

Tengo gracias that I can speak my mind, y no aye consecuencia graves when I do so. I won't lie, I struggled with this question. With all the fighting, hate and violence, it has been difficult to remember to be thankful. However, when I read stories of people who stand up and speak out for justice and truth, I become immensely grateful and proud of America. Freedom to whisper against kings.

I am thankful that other people are still trying to come here. I am thankful for the vastness of our borders and the beauty of our natural lands. Sunshine streaming softly while we sip our morning coffee. But across the oceans our troops fight ensuring that we keep our rights, to give us a land of the free. For the first responders. For hope.

I am thankful for America's history, warts and all. Our past, full of light and dark. Read the history of heroes and villains. See our country for what it is. Free Press and free speech to speak out against injustices in our country. For family. For places to walk safely, places to paddle, arcades of trees, varied, inexpensive food, tools and workplaces...To worship whoever we want, to say whatever we want, to go wherever we want. For the public libraries. They raise up voices whom others attempt to silence. For diversity. For differences. My son is transgender, and I am grateful for those who treat HER with respect and kindness.

I am thankful that my hybrid existence, hinted by my brown skin and slanted eyes, can make sense in America. For many spectacular parks in our nation—from the huge and awe-inspiring Grand Canyon to the tiny neighborhood park with the small playground and the pretty benches painted by local artists. I am grateful that America can change, too. For the millions who take to the streets, challenge authority, insist on change, demand justice, resist evil, tell their stories.

To read the entire poem, Google: “NPR Thank You, America Poem”.

A well-known Jewish-American joke holds that every Jewish holiday can be described like this: We were persecuted, we fought, we won, let's eat. However, there are other sacred days on the Jewish calendar that can be described differently: We were persecuted, we fought, we lost, let's fast. November saw so much tragedy and horror but also so much beauty in coming together, in caring, in shared tears as well as shared hope. Our traditional calendar teaches us that in fully confronting and fully experiencing both the tragic and the joyous—Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) and Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day)—we are most fully Jewish—and most fully American.

Rabbi Sruli

P.S. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will perform with the Bates College Choir on Saturday, December 1 at 8 p.m. at the Olin Arts Center at Bates College. This concert is free and open to the public. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will perform for the Holiday Party at Clover Manor on Thursday, December 13 at 8 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Take a deep breath, relax. Feel each word, dwell on each line.

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba

Tree of Life

b'alma di-v'ra chirutei, v'yamlich malchutei

Senseless killing

b'chayeichon uvyomeichon uvchayei d'chol beit yisrael,

Hate

ba'agala uvizman kariy, v'im'ru: "amen."

Anti-Semitism

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.

Joyce Fienberg (75), Richard Gottfried (65), Bernice Simon (84), Sylvan Simon (86)

Yitbarach v'yishtabach, v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnaseh,

Rose Mallinger (97), Jerry Rabinowitz (66), Cecil Rosenthal (59), David Rosenthal (54)

v'yithadar v'yit'aleh v'yit'halal sh'mei d'kud'sha,

Daniel Stein (71), Melvin Wax (87), Irving Younger (69)

b'rich hu,

We are all one

l'eila min-kol-birchata v'shirata,

Not just Jews, but all peoples

tushb'chata v'nechemata da'amiran b'alma, v'im'ru: "amen."

May hate no longer find a home in any heart

Y'hei shlama raba min-sh'maya

May love and acceptance for all and from all

v'chayim aleinu v'al-kol-yisrael, v'im'ru: "amen."

Take root and grow

Oseh shalom bimromav,

Across all peoples and in all hearts

hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu

May peace and love reign

v'al kol-yisrael, v'imru: "amen."

For ever and ever.

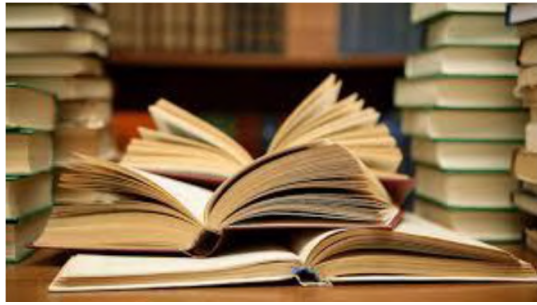


Our next meeting will be

Monday, December 10

7:00 pm

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



It was a small group on November 12th, including Bertha Bodenheimer, Judy Abromson, Lindsey Walker, Helene Perry and me, Lesli Weiner. We had read the first book in Maggie Anton's trilogy *Rashi's Daughters: Joheved*. Those who didn't come had said they just thought they wouldn't like the book or they had trouble getting into it and so gave up. Well, the five of us would

like you to know that you missed out on some interesting reading, making this a good addition to our 'erotic book club!' Anton masterfully got us engrossed in a love story while teaching us Talmud! This is also the story of the 11th century French Jewish community, how they lived, loved, worked, ate, prayed and interacted with their non-Jewish neighbors. And to quote the author, "I wrote this book because I wanted to share my research into Jewish women's lives in medieval France, how the prosperity and tolerance they enjoyed differed from the negative stereotypes usually associated with the Middle Ages."

Our next book has been changed to *And After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer. This is a National Jewish Book Award winner. What follows is a quick summary, so as not to give too much of the story away:

"The *New York Times*-bestselling author of *A Fierce Radiance* and *City of Light* returns with a new powerful and passionate novel—inspired by historical events—about two women, one European and one American, and the mysterious choral masterpiece by Johann Sebastian Bach that changes both their lives. Interweaving the stories of Susanna and Sara, and their families, *And After the Fire* traverses over two hundred years of history, from the eighteenth century through the Holocaust and into today, seamlessly melding past and present, real and imagined. Lauren Belfer's deeply researched, evocative, and compelling narrative resonates with emotion and immediacy."

So join us on MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 at 4 PM. Happy Chanukah to you and your families.....lesli

Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members of our Temple. Please call or text Rabbi Sruli on his cell phone 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.

To all who have a subscription to the SunJournal newspaper – the Temple can receive a \$100 credit to be used for advertising from each person who calls!

Call now and ask for Will at 689-2954 and ask that it be credited to Temple Shalom!



**This month's traditional and musical
Kabbalat Shabbat Service**
will be held on Friday, December 21st at 7 p.m.

**The Service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat where
Marianne Wise will share photos and stories of her recent
African Safari Experience!**

There will be no Shabbat Services on Saturday, December 22nd.

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.



REMINDER:

The Ritual Committee has discussed changing the starting time for the Thursday morning Minyan service. They have decided to begin the service at 8:00 A.M. on the first Thursday of December, January and February. All other Thursday morning services will continue to begin at 7:00. All services will continue to have a service, discussion and breakfast.

Welcome New Member!

Bert Silverstein of Lewiston

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Georgette Belanger, Phil Bray, Gary Buckman, John Calloway, June Wilner Chason, Lloyd W. Cohen, Cheryl Dufour, Louise Forgues, Robert Galumbeck, Isaak Gekhtin, Anne Geller, Ariella Green, Sharon Hemond, Elizabeth Johnson, Suzan Katzir, Susan Lifter, Bruce Meyer, Sandy Miller, Maude Olsen, Sybil Rahilly, Joel Salberg, Sara Tedlow, Sandy Traister, 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 Temple Shalom know when it can be removed.

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(Additional)

Harriet & Behzad Fakhery
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Thanks!
for your
Support!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Estelle Rubinstein	Dec	3
Andrew Bodenheimer		6
Joshua Goodman		7
Lillian Zidle		7
Briana Robillard		9
Peter Casares		10
Jennifer Nussinow		11
Carla Marcus		15
Suzan Katzir		17
Sarah Levine		30
Patricia Suzanne		30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

None in December!

Yahrzeiten

Charles Marcus	Dec. 1
Ethel Plavin	3
Dorothy Fishman	5
Morris Zallen	5
Morris Silverman	6
Frances Silverman	7
Sherman Shapiro	9
Frances Stern	9
Sylvia LaPerriere	10
Marcia Bell	12
Mazie Schwartz	12
Jack Simmons	14
Keyla Fuks	17
Deborah Isaacson	19
Shirley Isaacson	24
Joseph Wilner	24
Peter Olejer	26
Pauline Cohen	26
Ida Wilner	27
Michael Shain	28
Walter Jaeger	29
Sylvia Kutzen	30
Ruth S. Williams	30
Jayne Wilner	31



CHINESE AND A MOVIE

Back by popular demand!

December 25 of course!

Dinner at Lotus



Movie TBD (2 possibilities:
Mary Poppins or
On the Basis of Sex)

Times TBD

Stay Tuned!

RSVP by Dec 19



PAINT 'NIGHT' AT LAVA

Sunday, January 6
34 Court St, Auburn
12:30 PM



\$12/person, materials included
Food and drink available for purchase

Non-judgmental artist on hand to guide us through
our artistic endeavors, so paint away!!!

No experience needed.
You will be among friends.

RSVPs are needed by December 21st.

Call Julie at 786-4201
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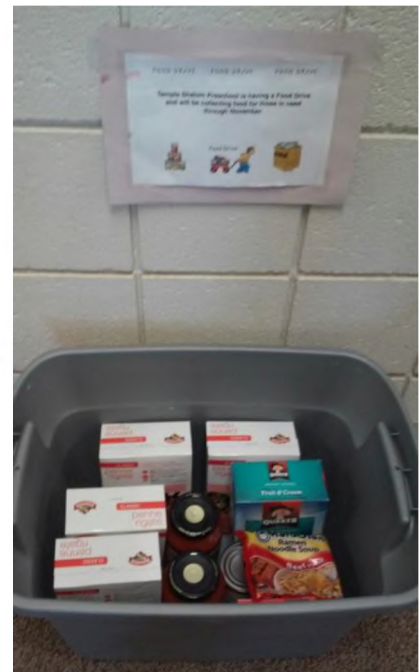
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Temple Shalom Preschool is collecting food!

Please help us fill our container with non-perishable food to be donated to the local food bank. The container is located in the hallway by the chapel door. Thank you!



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In honor of Mike Gagne's 65th birthday

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DECEMBER AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Saturday, 12/1	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 12/3	12:30 pm	Mahjong
Thursday, 12/6	8:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast (Please note time)
Saturday, 12/8	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 12/9	4:00 pm	Chanukah Party – RSVP!
Monday, 12/10	12:30 pm	Mahjong
	4:00 pm	Book Group Meets
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, 12/13	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 12/15	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 12/17	12:30 pm	Mahjong
Thursday, 12/20	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 12/21	7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, 12/22		NO Shabbat Service
Monday, 12/24	12:30 pm	Mahjong
Tuesday, 12/25		Office Closed
	TBA	Chinese Food & Movie – RSVP!
Thursday, 12/27	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 12/29	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 12/31	12:30 pm	Mahjong

