



**MA CHADASH!**

What's New! The newsletter of Temple Shalom Synagogue Center, Auburn, Maine

**מה חדש!**

ק"ק היכל שלום

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# Shavuot

## Service and Lunch and Learn

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.



**We are excited to welcome Rabbi Erica Asch of  
Temple Beth El in Augusta who will lead the study session**

*Shavuot Service will include Yizkor  
Luncheon will include blintzes  
Study, led by Rabbi Asch, will begin at 1:00 P.M.*

**Thanks to Bertha Bodenheimer and Malca Wilner  
for co-Chairing the Luncheon**

Please RSVP to Synagogue Office 786-4201 or [temple6359@aol.com](mailto:temple6359@aol.com)

## FROM THE RABBI



**An old joke: What's the difference between a Jew and a WASP? A WASP leaves but never says goodbye, a Jew says goodbye but never leaves!**

**While this joke is based on generalizations—not every WASP is cold and not every Jew likes to linger—we are, I believe, culturally conditioned to extremely slow goodbyes. And it's a good thing.**

**In preparation for our Lag B'omer event, I was listening to a Hasidic recording of a very long hymn. This hymn contains a line for each of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet—in order. It took quite a while to sing through the hymn but when the Hasidim reached the last letter of the alef bet, “tav,” they lingered, repeating that last line perhaps 20 times! I could actually feel the energy build as that last line was sung over and over.**

**Most of the most powerful moments in life happen while we are holding on to something—when we refuse to let go, at least for a while. Think about the customs and traditions we observe after a loved one dies. We say one more psalm, shovel one last shovelful of dirt, create a shiva home, say kaddish for an entire year, and then on every yahrzeit.**

**There is a Yiddish expression that my father used frequently: “Yoitzeh tzu zayn.” It means doing the bare minimum to get through some sort of obligation—a prayer service, a Shabbat zemirot (table song), reviewing the weekly Torah portion, visiting an aging relative. It meant that your heart wasn't in it, that you were doing it just to say you did it. And a sure sign that you were doing something “yoitzeh tzu zayn,” was that you couldn't wait for it to be over and move on. I am grateful to my father, ob”m, for many things but perhaps most of all for teaching me the value of throwing your heart and soul into everything you do—and if you are just going to race through it, then don't bother doing it in the first place.**

**In our life together, I know that we really mean it when we desperately hold on to what we are doing. A Torah study on Thursday or Shabbat morning, the discussion over breakfast or lunch, singing Oseh Shalom, dancing in the chapel on a Friday night. That we keep coming back to pray, study, sing, connect and discuss, week after week after week. When we can't seem to leave, even long after we have said goodbye.**

**Rabbi Sruli**

**P.S. Lisa and Rabbi Sruli will be performing a concert at the Turner Gazebo, 98 Matthews Way, on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. This concert is open to the public. (Indoors in case of rain). Suggested donation: \$5.00.**

**Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members of our Temple. Please call or text 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.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last month, we re-introduced Dollar-A-Day. Dollar-A-Day is an easy way for each of us to help the Temple in its time of need. If everyone participates in Dollar-A-Day, then we can cut this year's deficit in half from \$60,000 to \$30,000. That goes a long way in keeping us on sound financial footing.

That's right, without your help, without your financial participation, Temple Shalom will have a deficit of \$60,000 this year. These bills cannot go unpaid. We will have to dip into our investments and long term reserves. This will jeopardize our future.

Do you want to be the reason that this Temple, our home, the center of Jewish life in Central Maine ceases to exist?

Some have said that I ask for money too often in my Ma Chadash writings. We need three things to remain vibrant: a great rabbi (and we have that); an active congregation (and we have that); and financial support. If we lose any one of those three, then Temple Shalom is in jeopardy. I want to make sure that this Temple, this community, is here for many years to come, BUT, we can only do this with your continued participation and a bit more money.

Can you really not afford an extra dollar each day? Can you really not find a way to save that little bit from your budget? I ask that you really think, is the Temple worth my support? Do I want a Temple here so that our children can be Bar/Bat Mitzvah'd? Do I want a Temple here for when children are born and when others pass?

Please re-consider your financial support and give just a little more. I thank you and those who come after us will thank you.

David Allen

## 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](mailto: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 first Thursday of the month, the service will begin at 8:00 A.M. All other Thursday morning services will continue to begin at 7:00. All services will continue to have a service, discussion and breakfast.



**This month's traditional and musical  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
will be held on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.**

**The Service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat!**

**There will be no Shabbat Services on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Shavuot Services and Luncheon on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### **New Project - Yom Hoo-ledet Sa-me-akh, Chai!**

Happy birthday to me.  
Happy birthday to Larry.  
Happy birthday to my children.  
And happy birthday to their children.

Wow, that's eight birthdays!  
Mazel Tov to me!!!

Please join me, Bonnie Faiman, in this new project called  
Yom Hoo-ledet Sa-me-akh, Chai! And donate \$18.00 to celebrate  
each birthday of your loved ones.



*Melissa Johnson*

*invites the Temple Shalom Community  
to share her special day*

*as she is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah*



*Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.*

*Luncheon and music to follow service*

*RSVPs greatly appreciated*

*Please consider a donation to Temple Shalom in lieu of gifts*

# !!BOOK GROUP NEWS!!



On May 13 we met to discuss *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish who will be speaking at the JCA the week after. Present were Helen Perry, Margaret Meyer, Lindsey Walker, Judy Abromson, Bonnie Faiman, Bertha Bodenheimer, Babs Shapiro and me, Lesli Weiner. Others who couldn't make the meeting will join us in Portland for dinner and then the JCA. WE all agreed that, even though the book was almost 600 pages, we loved it. The two story lines were interesting,

the characters were rich, and the attention to detail and the research involved was tremendous. Under the guise of a novel about documents and correspondence between rabbis in the 1660's, there was much to learn of the theology of the day and the incredible injustices which dogma-driven society has perpetrated against women, homosexuals, Jews and others. And the parallels between that time period and the academic researchers in the 1990's made for an engrossing and engaging story. This was time well-spent.

*The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris is our next book. This from Amazon:

## **"The #1 International Bestseller & New York Times Bestseller**

This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov—an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity.

In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a *Tätowierer* (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners.

Imprisoned for over two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism—but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive.

One day in July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her.

A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful re-creation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions."

Our next Book Group will meet on MONDAY, JUNE 10 from 4 – 5:15. Here is a list of our next chosen books. Please join us in reading:

- July 15.....*1185 Park Avenue* by Anne Roiphe
- August 12.....*The Last Watchman of Old Cairo* by Michael Lukas
- September 9.....*The Wartime Sisters* by Lynda Cohen Loigman
- October 14.....*Cousins' Club* by Warren Alexandar
- November 11.....*Button Man* by Andrew Gross
- December 9.....*A Woman In Jerusalem* by A.B. Yehoshua
- January 13.....*The Diplomat's Daughter* by Karin Tanabe

## MORE WAYS TO GIVE TO TEMPLE SHALOM!

For instance, when you buy something on Amazon, go to [www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com). The prices are the same as on Amazon.com and a percentage of every purchase goes to the Temple. If you have not done so, please go to [www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com) and register and designate Temple Shalom – Auburn Maine, as the charity that you want to benefit from your Amazon purchases. Then, each time you want to go to Amazon, go to [www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com).

Are you using CLINK bags? These are free bags, available at the Temple. Put all of your returnable bottles and cans in the CLINK bag and then bring the bag to Hannaford. Instead of giving you the returnable money, the money will be put into the Temple's account and a periodic check will be sent to the Temple. Another easy way to help the Temple.

For \$250 you can sponsor one month of the Ma Chadash. You can do this in memory or honor of someone or just like that. (Call David or Julie 786-4201)

You can sponsor an event. The minimum is \$250 and you can put a cap on the amount you are willing to donate. Do this in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. (Call Lesli for details.)

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Lee Leveille of Auburn  
David Mazur of Waldoboro  
Joel Packer of Litchfield  
Jonathan & Jennipher Greven and children: Reece, Scarlett,  
Parker and Sebastian of Falmouth

## 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, Sara Graf, Robert Galumbeck, Isaak Gekhtin, Anne Geller, Detlef Gerlach, Ariella Green, Sharon Hemond, Elizabeth Johnson, Suzan Katzir, Bill Lancet, Henry Lefkowitz, Susan Lifter, Bruce Meyer, Sandy Miller, Maude Olsen, Joel Salberg, Bert Silverstein, Sara Tedlow, Sandy Traister, Neal Weiner,** and all others who are not well at this time.



*Wishing you a speedy  
and complete recovery.*

*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.*



## **Maine Conference for Jewish Life** **June 21st to 23rd in Waterville**

**The conference is a fantastic opportunity to gather with hundreds of other Maine Jews for a weekend of learning, shmoozing, eating and fun!**

**Go to**  
**[www.colby.edu/jewishlife/conference/](http://www.colby.edu/jewishlife/conference/)**  
**for more information.**

**Go to**  
**[www.colby.edu/jewishlife/registration/](http://www.colby.edu/jewishlife/registration/)**  
**to register.**

**Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will be leading a musical  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, and Lesli, Lisa and Rabbi Sruli will be teaching!**

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## **Temple Shalom Preschool**



**Now accepting applications for the Fall!**

**Call the Temple office, 786-4201 or  
[www.templeshalompreschool.com](http://www.templeshalompreschool.com)**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Margaret Meyer	June	1
Charlene Goodman		2
Kenneth Levinsky		6
Ellen Burke		7
Joel Packer		7
Melissa Burke		8
Lee Leveille		9
William Zidle		11
Arthur Silverman		13
Linda Isaacson		14
Molly Platz		14
Jonathan Greven		15
Matthew Zidle		15
Joseph Platz		16
Mark Carlson		18
Sruli Dresdner		19
Karen Calloway		24
Barbara Shapiro		26
Elizabeth Barter		29
Shelley Rau		30

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Bonnie & Laurence Faiman	June	5
Margaret & Henry Meyer		6
Arthur & Donna Silverman		18
Andrew & Sharon Bodenheimer		21
Melissa & Mark Johnson		21
Babs & Michael Shapiro		22

## YAHREZEITEN

Ernest Hyman	June	3
Lillian Rosen		6
Aaron M. Krakower		7
Robert Allen		8
Jack Kaduson		8
Brian Magur		12
Ruth Schleicher		14
Barry Traister		14
Cecile Kates		16
Bernie Nussinow		17
Lillian Cohen		20
May Tetenman		21
Milton Burke		23
Milton Krasner		23
Jack Maloff		23
Harry Shapiro		24
Evelyn Levine		25

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## GENERAL FUND

Anne & David Allen

In memory of Robert Allen

Bertha Bodenheimer

Speedy recovery to Sandy Traister

In memory of Jane Persky

To Lisa Mayer in honor of receiving the  
"Person of the Year" award

To David Allen – so proud of you!

In memory of May Tetenman

James & Susan Lifter

In memory of Helen & Leslie Rosenthal

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In appreciation

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## YOM HOO-LEDET SA-ME-AKH, CHAI

Bonnie & Larry Faiman

In honor of Larry Faiman's birthday

In honor of Joseph Faiman's birthday

Cathy & Stan Tetenman

In honor of grandson Jake's birthday

In honor of son Marc's birthday

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Judy Abromson

In memory of Jane Persky

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Anne & David Allen

In memory of Sylvia Greenberg

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Arthur & Donna Silverman

In memory of Louis Silverman

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The Bell family

In memory of Irving & Marcia Bell

Shelley Rau

In memory of Steve Bieringer

Babs & Michael Shapiro

In appreciation

Anne & David Allen

In honor of Melissa Johnson's bat mitzvah

**LIBRARY FUND**

Bob & Jackie Laskoff

In memory of William Leavitt

**PRAYER BOOK/PULPIT FUND**

Harriet & Behzad Fakhery

Bible given in honor of Asher

Elyeshmareni's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Babs & Michael Shapiro

In memory of Wilfred Goodman

Sandra & Allen Miller

In memory of Jane Persky

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## JUNE AT TEMPLE SHALOM



Saturday, 6/1	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 6/3	12:30 pm	Mahjong
Thursday, 6/6	8:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast (please note time)
Friday, 6/7	7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service, followed by Oneg
Saturday, 6/8		NO Shabbat Service
Sunday, 6/9	11:00 am	Shavuot Service, Luncheon & Program – RSVP!
Monday, 6/10	12:30 pm	Mahjong
	4:00 pm	Book Group Meets
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, 6/13	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 6/15	10:00 am	Melissa Johnson Bat Mitzvah – RSVP!
Monday, 6/17	12:30 pm	Mahjong
Thursday, 6/20	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 6/22	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 6/24	12:30 pm	Mahjong
	4:00 pm	Program Committee Annual Retreat
Thursday, 6/27	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 6/29	9:30 am	Shabbat Service