



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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From the desk of Rabbi Asch

A little more than six years ago when Chris and I visited Temple Beth El for the first time, we were told about (and shown) how people came from all over central Maine to be a part of this community. The job application described the Temple as “warm and *hamish* (a cozy and welcoming place).” To be honest, most all congregations describe themselves in a similar way — what congregation wants to be unfriendly and cold? But I soon realized that our Temple truly means it.

After we moved here, I noticed a few unusual things about our congregation. For one thing, people really like to stay after services. In many places, the *oneg* will clear out within 30 minutes or so. Here, we enjoy an hour of chatting, minimum. People are genuinely happy to see one another and catch up. Also, when we put out the call for a *shivah minyan*, people always answer. Whether we knew the person who died or not, we show up to offer comfort and to help make a *minyan* so that the bereaved can say *kaddish*. That is a wonderful gift we give to one another. People drive from miles away to come to this community. We call this place home, whether we come almost every week or a few times a year.

Now we need our community more than ever. In the face of overwhelming evil and tragedy, kindness and community may seem a small thing — but they are critically important. Just as faith groups and concerned citizens have reached out to us in the past few days, we have been there for one another. Please know my door is always open, and I am here for you whenever you want to talk.

As we comfort each other, there are some concrete steps we can take in the face of such tragedy:

1. Educate ourselves

- **Attend the Kristallnacht Ceremony** at the Holocaust and Human Rights Center in Augusta on Friday, 11/9, at 12:30. It will be an opportunity to hear from a Holocaust survivor and remember those killed in the Holocaust.
- **Attend the showing of “Big Sonia”** at the HHRC on Sunday, 11/4 at 2:30pm. It tells the story of a Holocaust survivor.
- **Attend the Capital Area New Mainers Project’s Islamophobia workshop** on Sunday, 11/4, from 3-5pm at the Temple. Hatred of Muslims and hatred of Jews often go hand-in-hand.

2. Act

- **Tell the Augusta School Board to pass the proposed “Policy Accommodating Religious Beliefs and Holidays”:** The school board is currently considering the policy, and they need to see that it matters to the community. We all can call the School Board members. We also can attend the Policy Committee Meeting on Monday, 11/5, at 7:30pm at Cony High School and the School Board Meeting on Wednesday, 11/14, at 7:00pm at the City Council Chambers. This policy will support religious minorities in our schools.
- **Volunteer with CANMP.** The shooter in Pittsburgh targeted the synagogue in part for its work with refugees and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS). Work with immigrants locally through CANMP.
- **Vote for candidates who support what you value.** Take a hard look at what candidates support — there are anti-immigrant nationalists running for office, even right here in our backyard.

TBE Schedule: November—December

Services

Friday, November 2

7:00pm Shabbat Service with Augusta community

Friday, November 16

6:00pm Shabbat Service

7:00pm Potluck dinner

Saturday, November 17

9:00am Tot Shabbat

Saturday, December 1

10:30am Shabbat Service

12:00pm. Kiddush lunch

Friday, December 14

7:00pm Shabbat Service

Torah Study

Saturday, November 3

10:30am Torah Study & Kiddush Lunch

Saturday, November 17

10:30am Torah Study & Kiddush Lunch

Saturday, December 8

10:30am Torah Study & Kiddush Lunch

Saturday, December 22

10:30am Torah Study & Kiddush Lunch

Hebrew School

Sunday, November 4, 9:30am

Sunday, November 11, 9:30am

Sunday, November 18, 9:30am

Sunday, November 25 — NO HEBREW SCHOOL

Sunday, December 2, 9:30am

Sunday, December 9, 9:30am

Sunday, December 16, 9:30am

Sunday, December 23 — NO HEBREW SCHOOL

Sunday, December 30 — NO HEBREW SCHOOL

TBE Activities

Thursday, November 15

5:30pm Soup & Study

Thursday, November 8

6:00pm TBE Board Meeting

Sunday, November 18

2:30pm *Big Sonia* at HHRC

Wednesday, November 28

7:00pm Beth El in Action meeting

Sunday, December 2

1st night of Hanukkah/1st candle

Wednesday, December 5

5:30pm Soup & Study

Friday, December 7

5:30pm TBE Hanukkah Party

Wednesday, December 12

5:00pm. TBE Book Club

Thursday, December 13

6:00pm. TBE Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 25

5:30-7:30pm TBE Holiday Dinner

Interfaith Activities

Every Tuesday

12:30pm Volunteering at Addie's Attic

Thursday, November 8

11:00am Interfaith Study

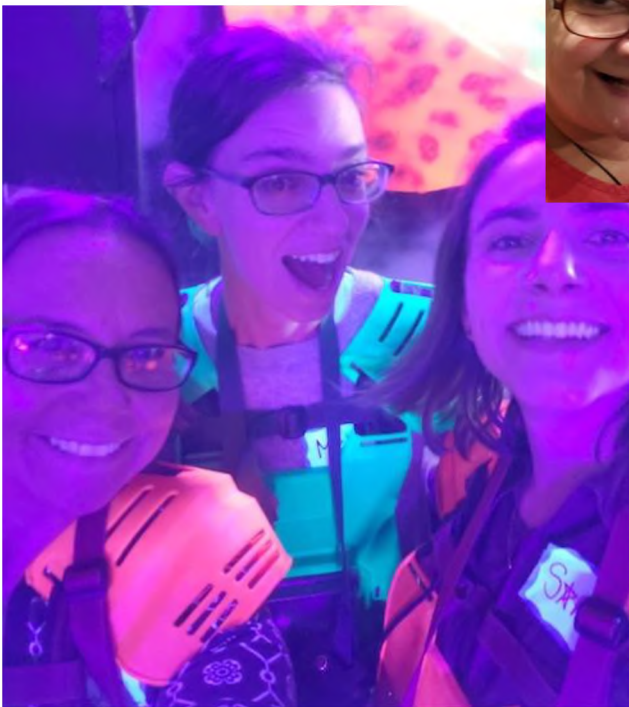
Thursday, December 6

11:00am Interfaith Study

Your Rabbi in Action!



The High Holidays are always a hectic time for a rabbi – there’s round challah to bake, tashlich to prepare, sukkahs to build... Rabbi Asch also joined Rabbi Susan and many TBE members at the opening of the Maine Jewish History exhibit at the Maine State Museum. She even found time for laser tag with the Temple teens.



Assimilation:

What must we give—and give up—to be American?

Speakers: Rabbi Erica Asch

Bethashley Cajuste, Colby Student

6:30-8:30pm on Sunday, November 11th

Chace Forum at the Alford Commons

Main Street, Waterville

Our past presidential election revealed a growing segment of the American population that wants to restrict immigration — legal and illegal — to retain some sense of unifying American culture. Their desire raises several core questions about immigration and assimilation that we will explore together.

Join us for a one-hour, moderated conversation including questions and answers. Following the presentation, we will gather together in small groups and discuss the issues of assimilation and immigration.

How to support TBE at the end of the year

By Hildie Lipson, Treasurer

- Send in your Terumah contribution or pledge for this fiscal year if you haven't already.
- Give a gift of stock, contribute the proceeds to the Temple, and you get a tax deduction.
- Attend the movie *Big Sonia* at Holocaust and Human Rights Center at UMA on Nov 18th in the afternoon. Mark your calendar.
- Make a note to put Temple Beth El in your will when preparing your legacy documents.
- Fill up a Clynk bag of returnable bottles and cans and drop off at Hannaford. Pre-tagged plastic bags available at the Temple.
- Remember a loved one with a memorial plaque in the synagogue.
- Attend the next *Soup and Study*, Thursday, Nov. 15th at 5:30.
- Make an additional end-of-the-year gift.

Questions? Call Nan at the Temple 622-7450, or email me at Hildie Lipson (hildielipson@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Top Ten Things About Natalie Louise Shribner, Our New Rabbinic Intern

1. Natalie was born in Washington, D.C.
2. Natalie loves cats.
3. Natalie moved to Pittsburgh at age 11 where she lived until college.
4. Natalie enjoys running.
5. Natalie is a graduate of Bates College, class of 2014.
6. Natalie loves being outside.
7. Natalie is a fourth-year rabbinic student at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati.
8. Natalie likes baking.
9. Natalie is from an interfaith background with a Catholic mother and a Jewish father.
10. Natalie's favorite Jewish holiday is Passover.



What's Happening at TBE

Screening of *Big Sonia*

Sunday, November 18

2:30pm

HHRC, Michael Klahr Center
46 University Drive, Augusta

TBE, in partnership with the Holocaust Human Rights Center, will show *Big Sonia*, a documentary film that tells the story of Sonia Warshawski, a 90 year-old survivor of the Nazi concentration camps who now lives outside of Kansas City. When she was 13, Sonia was arrested at her home in Poland with her entire family. Beaten, starved and abused, Sonia nonetheless survived. Late in life Sonia decides that she must tell her story to counter extremist claims that the Holocaust was a myth.

Much of *Big Sonia* is devoted to the extraordinarily moving spectacle of Sonia speaking about her experiences on the radio, in schools and at prisons. The effect of her quiet words on her audiences is enormous. At the same time that Sonia is doing this work and changing the lives of others, she is trying to save her tailor shop business which has become the center of her own life, and is the last store standing in a mall that once was thriving but now has become a white elephant.

In a recent review, the *Seattle Times* writes, "Filmed with great respect and palpable love for its subject, *Big Sonia* is one of those documentaries that seems to bring its own light — just like the woman at its center. 4 stars out of 4."

Admission is free, although a small donation to defray the Temple's costs of purchasing the movie is requested.



Gardiner Latke Party

Sunday, Dec. 2

12pm—closing

Join us for Gardiner's 10th Annual Latke Party at Two Gramps Brewery (266 Water Street, Gardiner). A \$10 entry fee includes a steaming plate of latkes, homemade applesauce, sour cream, and *sufganiyot*. Hope to see you there!

What's happening at TBE

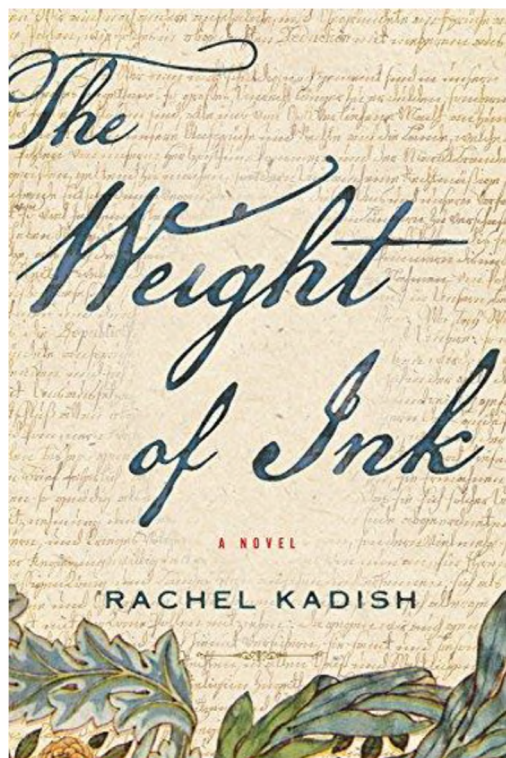
Hanukkah is coming & TBE is ready to party!

December 7th @ 5:30pm

Come celebrate the festival of lights at the Temple Beth El Hanukkah Party! Whip up your best latkes and applesauce for the latkes and applesauce making contests (register at the door) or see if you have what it takes to win **Mensch Madness**, the second annual dreidel tournament. Be there!



Reigning champ Jane Ruben-Irish will defend her Dreidel Crown at this year's Mensch Madness. Will you be the one to dethrone her?



TBE Book Club

Wednesday, December 12
5:00pm

The Weight of Ink
by Rachel Kadish

Set in London of the 1660s and of the early twenty-first century, *The Weight of Ink* is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, just before the plague hits the city; and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history.

- ** Winner of a National Jewish Book Award
- ** USA Today Bestseller!



SOUP AND STUDY

Exploring mitzvot, tzedakah and gimmitut hasidim: how these values can guide us today

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH * 5:30-7:00PM
TEMPLE BETH EL
PLEASE RSVP TO THE OFFICE SO WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD!

What's happening in the community



Save the Date!!

8th Annual Dinner & Auction
Augusta Civic Center North Wing
Saturday, November 3, 2018

Cash Bar | Dinner | Live Auction | Dessert Auction | 50/50 Raffle

Maine Humorist Gary Crocker will host the event

Auction preview starts at 5 pm, Buffet at 6 pm with Live Auction to follow
\$40 per ticket, \$300 for a table of 8
Tickets available at:
The Augusta Food Bank or 207.622.5225
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<https://www.facebook.com/AugustaFoodBank>

Augusta School Board Meeting on the Religious Accommodation Policy

7:00pm, Wednesday November 14th
City Council Chambers @ City Hall
16 Cony Street, Augusta

For the past year, members of Beth El in Action have worked to get the Augusta School Board to pass a policy to put major religious holidays on the school calendar. We invite all TBE members — even if you don't live in Augusta — to attend this meeting to show the board that many people support this important policy. Please email Rabbi Asch for more details.

Volunteers Needed for Addie's Attic

Would you like to help out at Addie's Attic on Tuesday afternoons between 12:30 and 2:00 PM? Beginning December 18, we need one person to work at the check-in desk. In addition, we could use a few people to be available on an on-call basis in case a person working regularly can't come in.

Addie's Attic is in Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, 209 Eastern Avenue, Augusta. If you'd like to help or if you have questions, please call Sue Offer at 207-314-4402.

Arabic Culture Night

Saturday, November 10, 2018
6:00 - 8:00pm
Cony High School
60 Pierce Dr., Augusta



MUSIC
by Jawad Al-Fatlawi

POETRY
by Kifah Abdulla

FOOD
Refreshments following the performance

Free - all donations support the Capital Area New Mainers Project

Co-Sponsored by the Capital Area New Mainers Project and Augusta English-Language Learners Program @ Cony

84 recipes of Jewish deliciousness — add yours! ***Help us complete the TBE Cookbook***

By Stacey Katz

Help us complete the TBE cookbook, which will be sold as a fundraiser for the shul. What a wonderful way to capture our holiday and synagogue celebrations! We will also have it available online.

We currently have **84** recipes, and we need at least double that amount. If you would like to contribute recipes, you can enter them into an online cookbook template yourself! I will send you the password for the program. You can also send the recipes to me at twinsmom207@gmail.com. Our categories are **Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Sukkot/Shavuot, Chanukah, Purim, Pesach, Potluck Favorites, Member Memories and Desserts.**

Please contribute! We are especially in need of recipes for Sukkot/Shavuot and Purim. Many more recipes would be welcome in these categories, as well as the others, but no more challah or honey cake recipes, please! If you have forgotten whether you provided a recipe, or want to be sure your recipe is listed, the complete list of contributors (with recipe titles) on the next page. Doesn't it make you hungry?

Save these dates!



Shabbat in the Wild

January 19th

**Interfaith Martin Luther King Jr. celebration
featuring Tu B'shvat seder**

January 21st

The 21st annual Ice Storm Wine Tasting,

February 2nd

Don't these recipes make you hungry???

<u>Barnhart, Louisa</u>
TSIMMES
<u>Bazakas, Cleo</u>
CLEO'S CHALLAH
<u>Bessey, Emily</u>
MAGNIFICENT CARAMEL MATZOH CRUNCH
MAMA'S CHALLAH
MAMA'S FINE NOODLE KUGEL
<u>Cohen, Vicky</u>
AL BARANIA
FRITADAS DE CALABAZAS
BIRMUELOS
<u>Fels, Gail</u>
FROM SCRATCH BETH AM LATKE RECIPE
SWEET POTATO LATKES
GAIL'S SWEET POTATO SOUFFLÉ
SYLVIA'S COLE SLAW
VANILLA MOUSSE WITH STRAWBERRY SAUCE
AUNT ELLY'S CRANBERRY RELISH
ADAM'S KEY LIME PIE
BEE'S BROCCOLI CASSEROLE
SEPHARDIC HAROSET
SWEET NOODLE KUGEL
<u>Fleuriel, Chris</u>
NO KNEAD CHALLAH
BEST EVER CHOCOLATE CAKE
CINNAMON HONEY CHICKEN
<u>Freiman, Joan and Lowell</u>
APPLE CAKE
KALE SALAD WITH PECORINO AND LEMON
CURRIED COUSCOUS
RUGELACH
POTATO KUGEL
<u>Goldev, Anya</u>
PASSOVER CHOCOLATE CARAMEL CRUNCH
<u>Goos, Charlotte</u>
BRISKET OF BEEF WITH APRICOTS
QUICK & SPICY HOLIDAY NUTS
SWEET-N-SOUR COCKTAIL WIENERS
SWEET SURPRISE CHICKEN
LOSHEN AND CHEESE KUGEL
VEGETABLE CHOPPED LIVER

<u>Hannaford, Tinker</u>
PASSOVER APPLE CAKE
<u>Katz, Harriet</u>
MAMA HARRIET'S FLANKEN SOUP
POTATO PUDDING
<u>Lipson, Hildie</u>
JAY'S GRANDMA ESTHER'S PASSOVER DATE NUT TORTES
ROSH HASHANAH HONEY CAKE
<u>Margolis, Margery</u>
SEPHARDIC HAROSET
<u>McLinn, Kate</u>
SWEET RED PEPPER SOUP
<u>Myers Asch, Chris</u>
PASSOVER SWEET POTATO KUGEL
<u>Mondschein Katz, Stacey</u>
HALF-WHOLE WHEAT CHALLAH
MOM'S CHICKEN SOUP
MOM'S PASSOVER ROLLS
PASSOVER VEGE PÂTÉ
HAMENTASHEN
SWEET AND SOUR STUFFED CABBAGE
CURRIED SWEET POTATO LATKES
<u>Offer, Sue</u>
OATMEAL SURPRISE COOKIES
<u>Offer, Susan</u>
MATZO KUGEL
<u>Rosenberg, Peter</u>
GRAVLAX
<u>Rosenberg, Robin</u>
SCHMALTZ
<u>Ross, Nancy</u>
PLUM CAKE
BITTER CHOCOLATE CAKE
CUCUMBER SALAD
<u>Rudoff, Fran</u>
TOMATO CHICKPEA PESTO SOUP
CHOCOLATE CARAMEL PECAN TART
VEGETARIAN "CHICKEN" SOUP
WINTER SQUASH WITH APRICOT STUFFING
PASSOVER BROWNIES
BROCCOLI KNISHES
ARTICHOKE CHEESE SQUARES

<u>Schatz, Nancy</u>
APPLE CRUMB PIE
CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI CAKE
PUMPKIN BARS
5 GENERATIONS BLUEBERRY PIE
<u>Seager, Jean</u>
NEVER-A-FAILURE MATZO BALLS
<u>Sewall, Deb</u>
BELLA K'S HONEY CAKE
<u>Sizeler, Liz</u>
LENTIL SALAD
<u>Tapper, Joyce</u>
DATE NUT BARS
TOFFEE SQUARES
EASY CHICKEN
THIGHS THAT BRING SIGHs
BENNETT'S BORSCHT
MOM'S RASPBERRY CRANBERRY MOLD
<u>Weiss, Marty</u>
FLORENCE'S LOCKSHEN KUGEL
FLORENCE'S MANDELNBREAD
<u>Zinck, Thea</u>
CHALLAH
RED CABBAGE
COMPOTE
LENTIL SOUP
CRANBERRY APPLESAUCE



Hebrew Through Movement

New this year for our two oldest classes is Hebrew Through Movement. In addition to traditional Hebrew class, students spend 15 minutes each week with Rabbi Asch. The class based on "Total Physical Response" language learning which is used in classrooms across the country. It focuses on hearing the language and following basic directions by following the teacher and eventually learning on one's own. This is not a way for students to become fluent in Hebrew, but is a way for them to learn more vocabulary, get moving and to learn another aspect of Hebrew. In just a few short weeks the students have learned six verbs, three nouns and two adverbs! We are looking forward to even more learning in the years to come!

Bria's class explores stories of creation

Bria's class recently explored two stories of creation through word, art, and movement. In the coming weeks, we will see what important lessons can be learned from our Jewish ancestors as we study the stories of Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Rebecca and Isaac, and Jacob and Esau. These important stories from the Book of Genesis have shaped our destiny and our mindset as a people throughout our history. From Abraham and Sarah we learn the value of welcoming guests (*hachnasat orchim*); from Rebecca, kindness; from Jacob and Esau, reconciliation.

In Hebrew, we learned the basic components of a bracha and even wrote our own blessing! What a group of enthusiastic learners!

Jewish Youth Community Teen Event on Dec. 2

The next JYC teen event is Dec. 2 (most likely from 4pm-7pm). Details to come. This event is open to anyone 13 and older. We get to know one another, do some Jewish learning, and participate in a fun activity. We are joined by teens from across the state and students from Colby College. Contact Rabbi Asch with questions.

Amy's class focuses on 1st and 2nd temples

In **Amy's class** we are continuing our study of Jewish history. Together, we witnessed the building and destruction of the first temple, the *Beit Hamikdash*, as well as the building of the second temple.

In Hebrew, we have been working on learning several blessings that are essential to the Torah service.



Donations

Building Fund

- Chuck Cohen
- Michael Levey

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

- Michael Levey

Honor

- Jeff Cornblatt in honor of Laura Boudreau
- Rabbi Susan Bulba Carvutto in honor of Jerry Bley
- Jean & Bill Seager in honor of the Asch wedding anniversary

Yahrzeit/Memorials

- Charlotte & Julius Goos in memory of Adelle Rubin
- Marji Greenhut in memory of Richard Kelly
- Nancy Kelly in memory of Richard Kelly
- Yale Marienhoff in memory of Abraham Nekris
- Sue & David Offer in memory of Rabbi Esther Lederman
- Nanette Salvino & Jon Mittelman in memory of Marie Salvino
- Beth & Steven Shapiro in memory of Belle Grodinsky
- Beth & Steven Shapiro in memory of Richard Kelly
- Nancy & Charles Shuman in memory of Harry Shuman
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- Nancy Weingarten & Steven Diamond in memory of Nancy Diamond
- Gail & Gary Weiss in memory of Natalie Cohen
- Gail & Gary Weiss in memory of Max Cohen
- Heather Wolfe & Dan Friedland in memory Sophie Goldberg
- Jennifer Yoder & Greg Bazakas in memory of Jess Yoder



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.*

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November Yahrzeits

November 1 Marjorie Curtis
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December Yahrzeits

December 1 Eli Bulba
 December 2 Julia Feldman
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 December 4 Robert Sax
 December 5 Natalie Cohen
 Philip Cottrell Schepps
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 December 7 Lily Epstein
 December 10 David Slosberg
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