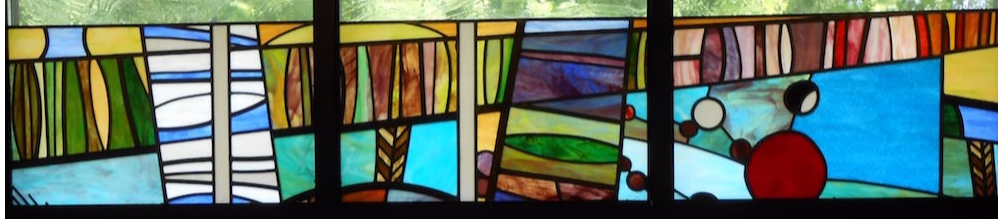


SHAAREY TPHILOH



Shabbat Shalom!!

January 2, 2021
18 Tevet, 5781

Services on hold due to the pandemic

Parashat Vayechi

Torah reading: Genesis 47:28-50:26
Haftarah: I Kings 2:112

Shabbat candle lighting: January 1, 3:55 pm
Earliest Havdallah: January 2, 4:56 pm

This Week's Dvar Torah

At a Glance Read what you want, in the order you want
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Shaarey Tphiloh News

Shaarey Tphiloh Online!!

SundayFriday Morning Piece of the Parashah

When: Every morning from Sunday through Friday

Go to the [Congregation Shaarey Tphiloh Facebook group](#) to hear Rabbi Shub's daily thoughts on the week's parasha, an aliyah a day.

Tuesday 7 pm Tuesday Night Learning: Tefillin

When: Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm

Where: [Zoom](#)

We're re-zooming our Torah learning this week, and we'll talk about tefillin. What are the parameters of the laws of wearing tefillin? What are some differences in custom between different communities? What does it mean to tie words as a sign on our hands and as frontlets between our eyes? *Join us Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 7:00-8:15 EST:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/797151978?pwd=L2UwUlEzbTJpSGhRY2x5TW5DN0J2QT09>

Meeting ID: 797 151 978

Passcode: 045797

Refuah Shleimah, a Speedy Recovery!

Channa Bryndel bat Bluma
Yoiel Meshilum Feish ben Ruchle

Carmela bat Mazal
Miriam Tovah bat Gittel

Elisheva bat Ephraim
Leah bat Doris
Chaya Necha bat Leah
Sarah Kayla bat Sarah
Brucha bat Miriam
Perel Etzel bat Simah Bayla

Akiva ben Sarah
Deena bat Yehudit
Zelda Norof
Meir ben Helen
Hannah bat Yonit
Rochel Michal bat Sarah vYossell

Dear Shaarey Tphiloh Community,

Please let us know if there is anyone whose name you would like included in our service and announcements by [emailing us](#). Keep us updated through their recovery.

Updates

As we experience another surge in COVID-19 infection rates across the state, Maine has [tightened its restrictions](#) around mask-wearing and interstate travel, and has readjusted its economic reopening plans. For the most up to date information for the City of Portland, please check [here](#) and for the State of Maine, click [here](#).

Shaarey Tphiloh remains closed for regular services out of public health concerns, but with the news of vaccine development, is starting to consider our reopening plans.

We will keep you updated about additional programs and events listed under "Shaarey Tphiloh Online" as well as available resources with our weekly newsletters.

The Rabbi is happy to provide counseling and advice via Rabbi@MaineSynagogue.org. He is best reached between 3 and 5 pm on Mondays and Thursdays at (207) 613-5765.

Our office remains functioning via phone (207) 773-0693 and email (Office@MaineSynagogue.org).

Stay safe and healthy!

Donate

Yahrzeits

18 Tevet
Rachel Lourie

21 Tevet
Gertrude Moscovitz
Freida Richman

19 Tevet
Thelma Punskey

23 Tevet
Jennie Young
Joel Glovsky

20 Tevet
Mamie Berenson

24 Tevet
Annabelle Milstein
Bertha Levine

Stories from Mount Sinai Cemetery



There are so many people buried at Mount Sinai and Smith Street Cemeteries whose stories are lost to time. Often, the only thing we have are their names and some dates. How wonderful it would be if we could collect some of their stories and photos!

SMJCA will post a photo of a headstone and share what info we have. If you have a story, information or a photo, please share them with [us](#).

Today we share the headstone of Jennie Goldberg Arnowitz who is buried in Mount Sinai Cemetery. Click [HERE](#) to read more about Jennie and her family.

Community Resources & Events



For the latest information on classes and events through the JCA.... Go to the [events calendar](#)

Online! Lunch and Learn Zoom talks Free!
Wednesdays, noon to 1pm

Digital Resources from USM Judaica Collections with Susie Bock

Wednesday, January 21st at Noon EST

The State of the Ark with Robert Diamante

Wednesday, February 17th at Noon EST

For more information, contact the JCA (207-772-1959 or jca@mainejewish.org)

Sunday Simcha! - Tune in [online](#) or at WMPG 90.9 FM.

Every Sunday Morning - 6:30 to 8:30 am

Hosts: Hillel, Barbara Merson, *our very own Natan Kahn*, and Ben Naftali



Sunday Simcha is the only Jewish music program in Maine and northern New England and one of only a handful of Jewish music radio shows in the United States. Shows are wildly eclectic one of the few Jewish shows to feature modern, diverse, and cutting-edge recordings in addition to traditional music.

If you are interested in becoming a DJ, contact WMPG [here](#).



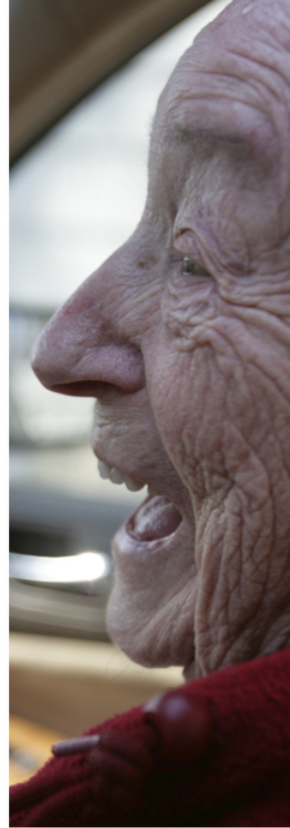
[Documenting Maine Jewry](#) documents the history of Maine Jews and has wonderful archival materials online at mainejews.org.

Volunteer to Drive a Senior

Make a new friend, help your neighbors and improve your community.

ITN has instituted safety measures, and provides a mask and cleaning supplies to all drivers.

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call at 854-0505
or check us out
online-
itnportland.org



Maine Jewish Museum



For more information, please [click here](#) or on the logo above.

Jacob Cousins Memorial



Unveiled in September 1935, the Jacob Cousins Memorial was part of an ongoing nationwide effort to highlight both the patriotism of Jewish Americans and their contribution during times of conflict. The memorial is a key artifact in the history of the Jewish community in southern Maine linking past to present and inspiring visitors to remember, respect and contemplate the cost of war.



The memorial was significantly renovated with extensive bench seating for viewing it and Casco Bay. The restoration was officially opened on October 1, 2018.

Shaarey Tphiloh is proud to be one of the community sponsors of this memorial. Friends of the Eastern Promenade is continuing to raise funds to cover the cost of the recent redesign of this historic landmark.

To donate to this important cause, visit [here](#).

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