



January 8 - 14, 2021  
24 Tevet - 1 Sh'vat 5781

## tbe-mail



### SPECIAL THIS WEEK

#### Where in the World is the TBE Sisterhood Cookbook?

Around the 1960s/1970s, the Temple Beth El Sisterhood published a cookbook called *Requested Recipes Temple Beth El Sisterhood, Portland, Maine*. We recently received an inquiry about said cookbook from someone doing a family history project and would love to see if we can help this person track it down. If you have a copy of it, or know someone who might, please email [office@tbemaine.org](mailto:office@tbemaine.org). Thanks!

### This Shabbat:

**Friday, January 8**

**8:00am** [Virtual Morning Minyan](#)

**4:04pm** Candle lighting time

#### Parashat Shemot

פרישת שמות

Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

Triennial: Exodus 3:1 - 4:17

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-29:23

**Saturday, January 9**

**9:30am** [Shabbat Morning Services](#)

**10:00am** Shabbat Bachutz

**5:13pm** Havdalah

JTS Torah Online

### This Week @ TBE



#### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

9:30am on [Zoom](#) Saturday 1/9

We recently added Closed Captioning through [Rev](#). If you'd like to use them, click on the "CC" button in the control bar at the bottom of the

video. Click [here](#) for a more detailed guide on how to turn the captions on.

Join Rabbi Braun and the Shabbat morning crew as they daven the traditional Shabbat morning services.

### SHABBAT BACHUTZ



10am Saturday 1/9

Join Lorin and Abby as they lead an outdoor Shabbat experience for both children and adults. There's room for a few more families to join, so [register](#) today!

An email containing details on where to meet will be sent out tomorrow (Friday).

### VIRTUAL MORNING MINYAN



8:00am on [Zoom](#) Sunday 1/10 through Friday 1/15

Join Tom Berman and the minyanaires for the only daily minyan in Maine! The service lasts about 30 minutes and is a great chance to start the day in reflection and community.

### ANTISEMITISM AND THE EUROPEAN NOVEL



10am on Zoom Sundays 1/10-31

#### LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

This course studies Charles Dickens' character Fagin in *Oliver Twist* as a literary case study of antisemitism in Victorian England, placing it within Dickens' own correspondences with various Jewish figures concerning the representation of Jews in his works. This 19th century historical period is next compared with two contemporary imagivist novels, Philip Roth's *The Plot Against America* and Annette Hess's *Deutsches Haus (The German House)*. Both play with modes of alternative history and historical reconstruction to portray antisemitism during and in the aftermath of the Holocaust. Preview the syllabus [here](#).

**Registration will close and Zoom link will be sent to registered participants tomorrow (Friday, January 8), so register today!**

[Register Now](#)

Upcoming TBE Programs:

# Hearty Mainers Havdalah

Saturday, January 23 · 5:30pm  
Susan T. Goldberg Courtyard  
...because we're Mainers!



[More Information](#)

## The Giving Corner



Have you considered making a lasting contribution to our community through a planned gift? We would love to talk with you. Contact us by email at [giving@tbemaine.org](mailto:giving@tbemaine.org) by phone at 207-774-2649 and speak with Kate Shalvoy, ext. 204.

[December Donations & Tributes](#)

## Special Announcements

### Count Me In - Jews of Color Initiative Survey

The Jews of Color Initiative just launched their Count Me In survey to help them better understand the experiences and perspectives of Jews of Color across the US. The goal of this survey is for Jews of Color to share how they "think about Jewish identity, how systemic racism has shaped their experiences, how we want the Jewish community to better reflect the diversity of U.S. Jews, and more." If you identify as a Jew of Color, or know someone who does, take the survey and help JoCI reach their goal of 1,000 participants!

Visit [www.jocsurvey.org](http://www.jocsurvey.org) for more information and/or to participate in the survey.

### Digital Resources from the USM Judaica Collection

Explore the rich archive of historical photographs, documents and materials available digitally through USM's Judaica collection. Presented by Susie Bock - USM Library Coordinator of Special Collections. We're proud to be a partner with Congregation Bet Ha'am, Temple Beth El, Shaarey Tphiloh, and the Maine Jewish Museum on this event organized by USM and the JCA.

Wednesday, 1/20 at 12pm - advanced registration required by Tuesday, 1/19. [Register today!](#)

### Closed Captioning on Zoom

We are excited to announce that we are now be able to offer closed captioning for all Zoom events! Just click on the "CC" icon at the bottom of your Zoom screen and the auto-generated captions will

appear at the bottom of your Zoom screen. The service that we are using doesn't capture Hebrew perfectly, but we are working on teaching the program Hebrew and expect that feature to continually improve. Click [here](#) for more detailed instructions on how to turn on the captions.

The only exception to this is Morning Minyan, which is broadcasted from a different Zoom account. If you would appreciate having closed captioning available for those services as well, please [let us know!](#)

### **Abbey of Hope: Interfaith Holiday Reflections Call for Entries**

Abbey of Hope, an interfaith cooperation circle, is looking for reflections on the Jewish holidays throughout 2021. Please contact Lindy Gifford at [lindyg@tidewater.net](mailto:lindyg@tidewater.net) if you are interested in contributing.

### **Mazel Tov!**

Mazel tov to Sam and Bette Novick on the birth of their twin grandchildren, born to loving parents Matthew and Andrea early in the morning on January 4th.

### **Condolences**

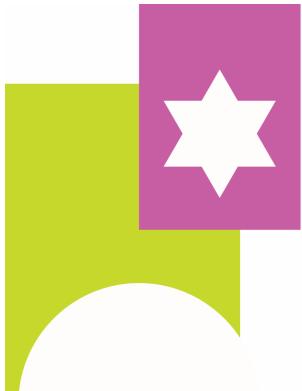
Our sincere condolences to Barry and Lori Saltz and their family on the loss of Barry's father, Alvin Saltz.

## TBE Kids



### **Thoughts on Parashat Shemot**

Did you know Moses had a speech impediment? Some of the KBE students watched a video about [Parashat Shemot](#), and we would like to share it with you. Why did God choose someone with a speech impediment to speak for all of us? Why didn't Moses pray for God to remove his disability? The answers lie in our community and our willingness and ability to help each other. We are stronger together.



### **Upcoming Events for Kids**

#### **Shabbat Bachutz - Saturday, January 9 at 10am.**

Join Lorin and Abby as they lead an outdoor Shabbat experience for both children and adults. There's room for a few more families to join, so [register](#) today! An email containing details on where to meet will be sent out tomorrow (Friday).

**Online Opportunity for Jewish Teens: [BREAK THE SYSTEM!](#)** An online series exploring systematic racism through speakers, dialogue, and action for teens in 8th – 12th grades. Sponsored by JTS.

**Camp Ramah Prayer-eoke - Sunday, February 7 at 9am.** A representative from [Camp Ramah New England](#) will be leading the students in a special "prayer-eoke" morning tefillot. Stay tuned for details.

## Quick Links



## How to Reach Us

*We are continuing to primarily work from home due to COVID-19. We will be checking our emails regularly and will check the voicemail daily.*

### By Phone

(207) 774-2649

*Because we are working from home, we will often return your call from our personal numbers. Please note that Zoe's cell phone area code is from out-of-state, so if you have left us a message and are getting a call from a 650 number, it's probably Zoe!*

### By Email

- Rabbi Braun - [rabbi@tbemaine.org](mailto:rabbi@tbemaine.org)
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