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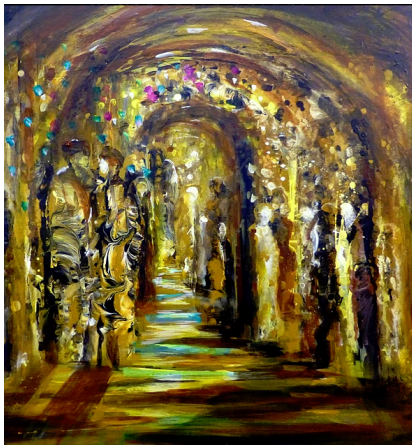
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MAY WE BE **STRENGTHENED**

Shabbat Shalom!

TBE-mail for November 13 - November 19, 2020
26 Cheshvan - 3 Kislev 5781

TBE WEEK AT-A-GLANCE



Parashat Chayei Sara

פרשת חיי שרה

Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

Triennial: Genesis 24:10 - 24:52

Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 - 1:31

JTS Torah Online

Friday, November 13

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

3:58pm Candle lighting time

Saturday, November 14

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

5:05pm Havdalah

Sunday, November 15

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

10:00am A Close Encounter

Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

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

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

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

WORDS OF TORAH FROM RABBI BRAUN

My family mostly went to peace rallies and marches rather than Veterans Day parades; we were an anti-war family. At the dinner table we were much more likely to talk about Vietnam than the war in which my father fought. Like so many Veterans, my Dad never spoke about his war service unless it was some funny anecdote, like the time he sunk a barge in the harbor or cut off the Admiral's tie on a bet. It was only after he died

that we found pictures of what he had seen, and experienced. I think he was one of the Company's photographers, either officially or unofficially. He was in the Navy; a Seabee, in a construction battalion based in Okinawa. I know that he helped to build airstrips so the planes could land and refuel, but I have no idea that he ever saw any combat. After he died, we found a box of pictures and war paraphernalia. In addition to pictures of their construction projects and some fun with friends, we were surprised and a little horrified to find pictures of people killed in battle - children and adults. It was no wonder he wanted to protect us from those scenes, and why he spoke only of the more lighthearted times.



Sometime during the war in Iraq, we were listening to the news and I noticed that he had become very pensive. When I asked why, he shook his head and began to recite a litany of wars from WWI to the present. He said that he had understood why WWII was so important to fight, but lamented the wars fought since then. Now I wonder if he was thinking about those pictures that I didn't see until years later.

The year before he died, my Dad and I were invited to a PSO Pops Concert at Merrill Hall, featuring the Jazz Ambassadors of the US Army Field Band. I knew he would love the concert because he loved jazz. I had no idea that his time in the Navy would be stirred by their performance of a medley of military anthems from each branch of the Armed Services. When the band played "Anchors Away," the Navy's anthem, he and other members of the Navy stood up proudly. I was surprised that he stood; he had never been interested in that kind of acknowledgement before. The man sitting next to him asked about his service. They exchanged a few knowing words, shook hands, and the concert went on. I never thought of my Dad as a "military man;" military service was just one thing he didn't seem to think about.

My last experience of my Dad and his service was after one of my concerts. I took him to Tomaso's Canteen, hoping to give him some old fashioned Portland flavor! We had a great time talking, eating, drinking and laughing about who-knows-what. When we were finished and it came time to settle the bill, the waiter told us that a gentleman had already paid for us - he wanted to thank my Dad for his service to this country. I imagine he must have assumed my Dad served because of his age, because he wasn't wearing anything that would have identified him as a veteran. Or maybe we were laughing about the tie incident. In any case, my Dad was really touched. He said that it was the first time that anyone had ever paid his bill, much less thanked him for what he - and everyone - did for the War effort. My Dad so much wanted to thank the gentleman for his thoughtfulness, but he had already left. So here was my Dad, my anti-war Dad, so incredibly moved by this man's gesture. I still don't really know what he did during his time in the Navy, but I finally understood that he had risked his life - and others had lost theirs - for a purpose. He fought against tyrants who intended to take over the world and violently impose their hateful ideologies on others. He and my Mom taught us to fight that tyranny and the injustice associated with it wherever possible. I imagine that the day we listened to the news together, when he began to philosophize about wars, he was wondering when we will finally be able to stop fighting; when people would not have to go through the terrors and destruction of war. Until that blessed time comes, we will remember and honor those who have fought for a better world: those who have died, those who have lived, and all those who have been scarred. Thank you for your service.

Archibald MacLeish wrote the following poem in 1941, after watching a funeral at Arlington National Cemetery. I first found it in a Reconstructionist Siddur, which suggested it be read on Veteran's Day:

THE YOUNG DEAD SOLDIERS DO NOT SPEAK

Nevertheless they are heard in the still houses: who has not heard them?
They have a silence that speaks for them at night and when the clock counts.
They say, We were young. We have died. Remember us.
They say, We have done what we could but until it is finished it is not done.
They say, We have given our lives but until it is finished no one can know what our lives gave.

They say, Our deaths are not ours: they are yours: they will mean what you make them. They say, Whether our lives and our deaths were for peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say: it is you who must say this.

They say, We leave you our deaths: give them their meaning: give them an end to the war and a true peace: give them a victory that ends the war and a peace afterwards: give them their meaning.

We were young, they say. We have died. Remember us.

TBE PROGRAM SURVEY

Deadline is Tomorrow - Friday, November 13!



Help us reach our goal of 75 participants!

This short survey will help determine programming and services for the next few months.

It should take **less than five minutes**, so don't miss this chance to make your voice heard!

[Take the survey](#)

THIS WEEK

A graphic for Temple Beth El Shabbat Morning Services. It features a white background with a blue Star of David. The text "Temple Beth El Shabbat Morning Services" is written in a large, bold, black serif font. The background also shows an open book with Hebrew text.

Temple Beth El Shabbat Morning Services

**Every Saturday!
9:30am**

Via Zoom

Join us for Shabbat morning services this Saturday at 9:30am!

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81971692879?
pwd=ZmFUaXZuREVTTXRJaDQ0SGpSUnZldz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81971692879?pwd=ZmFUaXZuREVTTXRJaDQ0SGpSUnZldz09)

ANNUAL APPEAL - THERE'S STILL TIME TO GIVE!

On Rosh Hashanah morning, Annual Appeal Chairperson Ilana Dew opened her remarks to the congregation by affirming that ["Temple Beth El truly is a synagogue for all."](#)

Please help us continue to be that synagogue through this challenging year by supporting the Annual Appeal today. Thank you so much to everyone who has already given so generously to help us get there!

Pledges of any size are deeply appreciated and may be given in any of the following three ways:

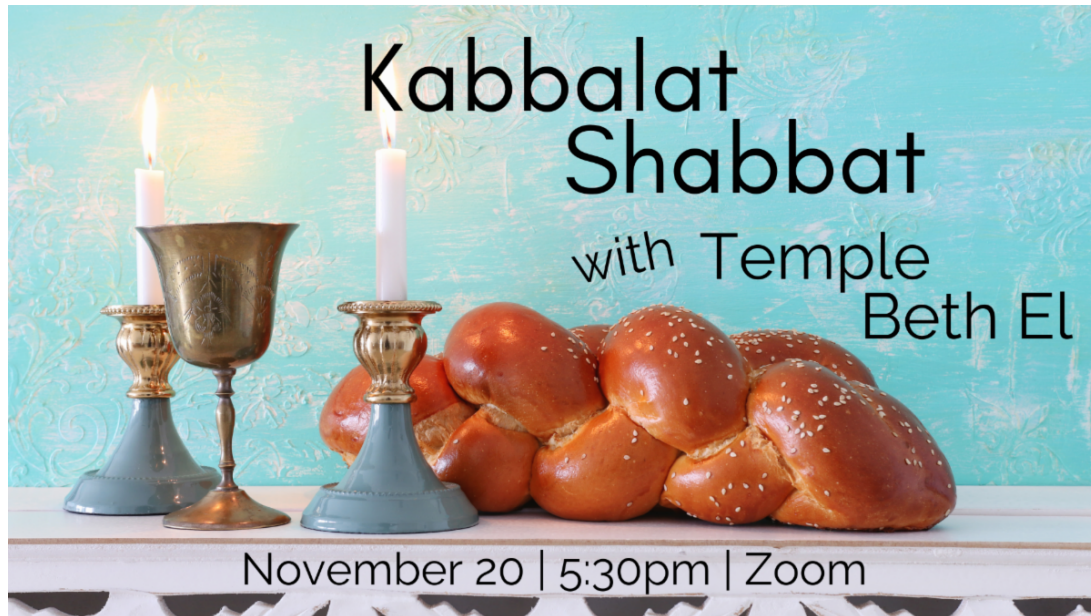
Online: Click [HERE](#) to donate right now!

By phone: 207-774-2649 ext. 202 to reach Sherri Quint

By mail: 400 Deering Ave. Portland, ME 04103

TBE NEWS

Upcoming event!



Join us for the return of our Kabbalat Shabbat services!

Friday, November 20 at 5:30pm.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85315570486?
pwd=RTZ2eGorSVINRWpnVENpTIYxSWRaQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85315570486?pwd=RTZ2eGorSVINRWpnVENpTIYxSWRaQT09)

Calling all Homesteaders and DIYers - Do you have an oil press we could borrow?

On November 22, KBE will be making olive oil and would greatly benefit from having access to an oil press. If you have one that you would be willing to lend KBE for this endeavor, please email Abby at education@tbemaine.org.

Disclaimer

Unfortunately, at this time, TBE does not have the capacity to accommodate an ancient olive oil press or the accompanying donkey. Home presses only.



Maine Jewish Museum: Pop-up

Come visit the Maine Jewish Museum's Holiday Season Exhibits, featuring work from Annette Kearney and Laurie Russo Smith. Currently located at 67 Washington Avenue, Portland.

Opening Day: Friday, November 27 - 11am - 4pm

Exhibit Runs: November 27 - December 24

Weekly Hours

Tue - Fri: 11am -4pm

Sat:11am - 5pm



Share a Story... Share a Photo

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 about them. If you have a story, information or a photo, please share them with [us](#).

Today we share the headstone of Israel Gold who is buried in Mount Sinai Cemetery. Click [HERE](#) to read more about Israel and his family.

Todah Rabah!

A big thanks to Debbie Kanter, Norm Wilson, Morton Gold, Judy Gatchell for leading Shabbat morning services.

Bruchah Haba'ah!

A warm welcome to new member, Kim Volk!

November Simcha List



Upcoming Classes

Sunday, Nov. 15
KBE

Wednesday, Nov. 18
KBE Zoom Classes
Chaverim in-person

KBE Blog

KBE on Facebook

Amazon Smile - Help raise money for TBE when you shop!

What is Amazon Smile, you ask? You shop at Amazon, and Amazon donates .5% of your purchase to TBE, that's it! You can order anything, anytime, but with the added bonus of supporting TBE.

Amazon has assigned TBE a unique link that you can use when doing your shopping, and as long as you use that link, it will automatically trigger Amazon to make that donation to us. We recommend adding this link to your bookmarks.

TBE Amazon Smile

ONLINE JEWISH LEARNING

Events listed in pink are being produced by local organizations

Ongoing

- [Parashat Hashavua with Bex Stern Rosenblatt](#) - weekly study; Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center Conservative Yeshiva
- [Daf Shevui with Dr. Joshua Kulp](#) - weekly study; Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center Conservative Yeshiva
- [jewishLIVE Online Event Calendar](#)
- [Fill Your Well: Virtual Beit Midrash](#) - Hadar
- [Jewish Learning Videos for Kids](#) - Center for Small Town Jewish Life
- [Keshet Youth Online Arts Circle](#) - Keshet

November

- [Holidays for Heretics: An Unconventional Tour Through the Jewish Calendar](#) - Wednesdays; jewishLIVE
- [Virtual Maine Jewish Film Festival](#) - 11/7-22; MJFF
- [Never Is Now: ADL's Summit on Anti-Semitism and Hate](#) - 11/8-19; ADL
- [Ethiopian Kabbalat Shabbat in Honor of Sigd](#) - 11/13 at 3pm; Be'chol Lashon
- [LimmudFest 2020](#) - 11/15; LimmudBoston
- [Yiddish Schmooze: At Home with Daniel Kahn](#) - 11/15 at 2pm; The Workers Circle
- [A Dialogue of Love: Interreligious Cooperation and Global Well-Being](#) - 11/16 at 1pm; JTS
- [Creativity in an Uncertain Time: Outliers in the Picture II](#) - 11/17 at 12pm; Be'chol Lashon
- [Whatever Happened to Moses's Family?](#) - 11/17 at 8pm; JTS
- [The Not-So Innocents Abroad: American Involvement in Biblical Archaeology With Professor Rachel Hallote](#) - 11/18 at 10am; Temple Emanuel Streicker Center
- [Conversations on Rethinking Masculinity with Michael Ian Black and Cleo Stiller](#) - 11/18 at 8pm; Book Festival of the MJCCA / National JCC Literary Consortium
- [Toldot: Learning with Grandparents](#) - 11/19 at 5pm; Hadar
- [American Jews and America's Game: Voices of a Growing Legacy in Baseball, with Larry Ruttman](#) - 11/19 @ 7pm; Yiddish Book Center
- [New Rules Judaism: Hanukkah ReCreation Workshops](#) - various dates; Judaism Unbound

December

- [Keeping It in the Family: Yiddish Writers and Their Legacies](#) - 12/3 at 7pm; Yiddish Book Center
- [How Folkways Records Planted the Seeds of the Yiddish Renaissance, with Hankus Netsky](#) - 12/17 at 7pm; Yiddish Book Center

ZOOM LINK CENTRAL

Here is a list of links to upcoming programs:

[Virtual Morning Minyan](https://zoom.us/j/96181936131?pwd=T29GUDNTN0dveUJldEVWM0k5TGswUT09) - 8am daily, except Shabbat and Yontif
<https://zoom.us/j/96181936131?pwd=T29GUDNTN0dveUJldEVWM0k5TGswUT09>

[Shabbat Morning Services](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81971692879?pwd=ZmFUaXZuREVTTXRJaDQ0SGpSUnZldz09) - 9:30am, every Saturday
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81971692879?
pwd=ZmFUaXZuREVTTXRJaDQ0SGpSUnZldz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81971692879?pwd=ZmFUaXZuREVTTXRJaDQ0SGpSUnZldz09)

[Kabbalat Shabbat](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85315570486?pwd=RTZ2eGorSVINRWpnVENpTIYxSWRaQT09) - 5:30pm on Friday, November 20
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Yahrzeits



Please note that during this period when we are not able to gather together for regular Shabbat services, yahrzeits being observed by TBE members will be read at morning services Sunday - Friday at 8:00am. You can join the Virtual Morning Minyan on Zoom by clicking [HERE](#), or using the Zoom Meeting ID: 961 8193 6131 Passcode: 078464

Saturday, November 14 / 27 Cheshvan

Milton Kucine
Maurice Messerman

Sunday, November 15 / 28 Cheshvan

Esther Zimmerman Kantor
Melvin Stone

Thursday, November 19 / 1 Kislev

Ruth Ann Freedman
Frances Goldfarb
Beverly Kandel
Rebecca Silverman

Friday, November 20 / 2 Kislev

David Davidson
Sidney Kucine
Genia Viniar

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