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TEMPLE BETH EL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14 - 20, 2014 21 - 27 CHESHVAN, 5775



"The Meeting of Isaac and Rebecca" by
Friedrich Bouterwek, 1841; oil on canvas

Parashat Chayei Sarah

Torah Reading:

Genesis 23:1 - 25:18 (annual)
Genesis 24:10 - 24:52 (triennial)
Haftarah: 1 Kings 1:1-31

Candle Lighting:

Erev Shabbat - Fri. Nov. 14 3:58 pm
Havdalah - Sat. Nov. 15 4:58 pm

Shabbat Shalom!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mon. - Fri.	6:50 am
Friday evening	5:30 pm
Saturday	9:30 am
Sunday	9:00 am
Jewish Holidays	9:30 am
Secular Holidays	8:30 am

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THIS WEEK AT TBE

Friday, November 14

6:50 am Morning Minyan
3:58 pm *Candle lighting time*
5:30 pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:30 pm Community Dinner hosted by Kadima Beth El

Saturday, November 15

9:30 am Shabbat services
12:00 pm Special Birthday/Anniversary Kiddush
4:58 pm *Havdalah time*

Sunday, November 16

9:00 am Morning Minyan & Schmooze and Shmear
9:00 am Kadima Beth El
9:00 am Hebrew High
12:00 pm Torah Reading Master Class with Rabbi David Freidenreich
12:00 pm Jewish Music Jam Session with Student Cantor
Jeff Warschauer
1:30 pm 7th Grade

Monday, November 17

6:50 am Morning Minyan

Tuesday, November 18

6:50 am Morning Minyan
5:30 pm TBE Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 19

6:50 am Morning Minyan
8:05 am Melton Course - Foundations
of Jewish Family Living

3:30 pm Kadima Beth El
6:00 pm 7th Grade

Thursday, November 20

6:50 am Morning Minyan

TODAH RABAH - THANK YOU

Todah Rabah to those who planned and organized the wonderful event celebrating Cantor Messerschmidt's 100th Birthday: **Judy & Norm Wilson, Fran Jacobson, Susan & Jerry Goldberg** and **David & Elaine Lewis**. Also thanks to **Tom Berman** for his expert technical support, and TBE staff support and coordination by **David Jacobs** and **Jodi Veysey**.

TBE NEWS



SHABBAT HALAILA - Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Community Dinner, hosted by KBE

This Friday evening, November 14

**5:30 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:30 pm - Dinner
Temple Beth El**

Kadima Beth El (KBE), TBE's religious school program, invites the entire congregation to our special monthly Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Community Dinner that includes burekas pie (cheese and vegetables), mashed sweet potatoes, salad and dessert. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Shabbat together with old friends and new over a joyous Shabbat meal! **RSVP to the TBE office at 774-2649 or office@tbemaine.org**. Cost for dinner: Adults - \$10, children (age 4-12) - \$6, children (3 and under) - free. Family maximum - \$25. Kadima Beth El Families - no charge (included in school tuition).

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS:

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Special November Kiddush: Saturday, November 15

**At approx. 12:00 pm, following 9:30 am Shabbat Services
Temple Beth El Social Hall**

We extend a special invitation to our members whose birthday or anniversary falls within that month to a festive monthly Kiddush, where Rabbi Braun will be blessing all those who are celebrating. Please join us for Kiddush after Shabbat services that will include a special cake from Cookie Jar Bakery in Cape Elizabeth. Feel free to invite your family and friends to help you celebrate.

RSVP to the TBE office 774-2649 or office@tbemaine.org to let us know if you can join us! All are welcome. If you aren't sure that our office has your birthdate or anniversary listed, **please contact us at office@tbemaine.org**. *Mazel tov!*



JOIN THE PORTLAND JEWISH MUSIC JAM SESSION!

Next session: Sunday, Nov.16, from 12:00 - 1:30 pm

With Klezmer and Yiddish Luminary and Student Cantor Jeff Warschauer

Meeting twice-monthly, Temple Beth El Social Hall

For more information, please call Jeff at (347) 623-4228.

Calling all singers and instrumentalists! No previous experience is necessary. Kids and adults from any background are welcome. (No, you don't have to be Jewish to sing, play and love Jewish music.) Kids should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Who?

You! We invite everyone to participate, regardless of vocal or instrumental level, previous experience, background or knowledge. Ages 0 to 120 are welcome. If you are someone who is shy about singing or playing, come anyway. We'll make it work!

What:

Sing and play *klezmer* music, Hebrew and Yiddish songs, Hasidic tunes and synagogue songs. It's all great music and you will have a wonderful time in a warm and *hey mish* (friendly and cozy) environment.

Jeff Warschauer is an internationally renowned as a guitarist, mandolinist, Yiddish singer and educator. He is a member of the Strauss/Warschauer Duo, and was a long-time member of the Klezmer Conservatory Band. Jeff is a Founding Artistic Director of KlezKanada, is on the faculty of Columbia University, and is currently pursuing graduate study in Cantorial music and Modern Jewish Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Jeff is thrilled to have joined Temple Beth El as its Student Cantor.

TEFILLAT YELADIM - KIDS' SHABBAT SERVICES

Children ages 3-10 years old are warmly welcome to attend *tefillat yeladim* (kids' services) every Shabbat morning for singing, dancing, stories, and games. We begin during the *haftorah* reading (at approx. 10:45 am), but feel free to arrive earlier. Parents are welcome to participate as well.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES:

Sat., Nov. 15 - Children's Services at 10:45 AM at Temple Beth El.

Sat., Nov. 22 - Children's Services at 10:45 AM at Shaarey Tphiloh

Sat., Nov. 29 - No Children's Services - cancelled.

We are still looking for volunteers to help walk kids over from both shuls before the service. For more information, please contact Jeff Halpern at PMJK@googlegroups.com.

**TBE SNOW BIRDS**

If you will be away for the winter, please contact the TBE office at 774-2649 or office@tbemaine.org to confirm that we have your winter mailing address and the dates you'll be away.

TBE BROTHERHOOD NEWS

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (and their parents): Brotherhood continues their program of awarding a college scholarship of \$1,000 to graduating high school students who commit to attend morning Minyan one day a week for the school year. Come join us in this mitzvah of helping to make a Minyan for those saying Kaddish. **If you have any questions, please contact Fran Jacobson at (207) 773-8972.**

**BEAUTIFUL JUDAICA IN THE TBE GIFT SHOP**

TBE has renovated and relaunched our Gift Shop, thanks to the generosity of the Lerman family! You'll find new and unique Judaica gifts and other fine crafts made in Israel and by renowned Jewish artisans from around the world to enhance Jewish holiday celebrations, Shabbat and life-cycle events, including Kiddush cups, mezzuzot, Shabbat candlesticks, Seder plates, kippot, challah and matzah covers, memorial candles, jewelry, menorahs, dreidels, and other Judaica as well as a variety of childrens' books, toys and games. **The Gift Shop is open during regular office hours**, and is a great way to support our temple while fulfilling your holiday and *simcha* needs... Every dollar collected benefits Temple Beth El. Thank you for your support!

TIKKUN OLAM UPDATES**TBE PARTICIPATING IN JFS HANUKKAH LIGHTS PROGRAM AGAIN THIS YEAR**

The Tikkun Olam committee will be partnering with the Jewish Family Services' Hanukkah Lights program again this year. We'll soon have a board in the TBE lobby with tags of toys and winter clothing that you and your family can buy for a family in need.

Last year the TBE community gave 36 presents (really!). Let's see if we can top that this year!

WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH EXTRA WINTER COATS AND GEAR?

Did you buy a new coat or winter accessories for this winter? Have your children outgrown their coats from last winter? Bring in your gently used coats, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, sweaters, sweatshirts, and warm socks. Put them in the Tikkun Olam collection bin in the lower lobby, and the Tikkun Olam committee will deliver them to Preble Street Resource Center.

FOOD AND TOILETRY COLLECTION

The Tikkun Olam committee is also collecting non-perishable food, toiletries, and household items for the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry this month. If you can, bring an item with you when you come for services, for a meeting, or to drop your children off for KBE! Or send your children with an item or two and have them put it in the collection bins!

LEARNING AT TBE

TORAH READING MASTER CLASS with Rabbi David Freidenreich

Sundays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, when KBE Religious School is in session.

Temple Beth El - Library / Youth Lounge, off of the Social Hall.

Interested in improving your skills as a Torah reader? This is the class for you: we'll work on some of the finer points of Torah trope and biblical grammar so that you can read more accurately and learn aliyot more rapidly. Those who have never read Torah or haven't read for many years are also welcome to participate -- you'll get up to speed quickly with a bit of effort. Participants in this class are expected to read Torah regularly on Shabbat mornings.

Save the date!

EXPLORING ISRAEL'S SECULAR-RELIGIOUS DIVIDE THROUGH POPULAR MEDIA

with Rabbi Rachel Isaacs of Beth Israel Congregation & Colby College

Sunday, Dec. 14 - 10:00 am | Temple Beth El

Using clips from some of Israel's most popular dramas and comedies, Rabbi Isaacs will discuss social and political schisms in Israeli society. We will watch scenes from the internationally renowned drama *Srugim*, the beloved comedy *Arab Labor*, and the uproariously funny *What is this Nonsense* with Adi Ashkenazi. Q&A follows.

KADIMA BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SHABBAT HALAILA THIS FRIDAY!

Come celebrate Shabbat with your KBE community. We'll have services together, followed by a yummy dairy dinner and fun singing with our student cantor, Jeff Warschauer!

HEBREW HIGH SUNDAY 11/16

Hebrew High students should meet in the Youth Lounge at 9am. Make sure to have your notebooks and something to write with!

MISSED KBE?

Whether it's the weather, a fun family trip or a case of the sniffles, everyone misses KBE from time to time. You can always see what you missed and catch up on any homework by checking out the KBE page!

NOMINATE A TIKKUN OLAM TEEN

Do you know a teen who embodies the value of tikkun olam? They may be eligible for a Diller Award! Check out dillerteenawards.org for more information!

KADIMA BETH EL - 'Like' us on Facebook!

Check out Kadima Beth El's page on Facebook by [clicking here](#). "Like" our page to get updates from our Education Director Melanie Weiss about our exciting programs and

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

YAD L'YAD

Yad L'Yad, Temple Beth El's Caring Committee, is always available to reach out to those in need. If you or someone you know could use a hand, contact the TBE office at 774-2649.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are seeking volunteer cooks to help prepare kosher meals for shiva visits and families with newborn children. To help out, please contact Becky DeLois at radelois@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER AT TBE

We can always use your help! Please volunteer your time helping us with the following: plant care, holiday celebrations, our fundraising events, food shopping, food preparation, gift shop, office help & mailings, usher or greeter, and library.

If you would like to add your name to our volunteer list, please contact the office at office@tbemaine.org or 774-2649.

IN THE COMMUNITY

PILGRIMAGE IN A TOURIST AGE: The Case of Birthright Israel

With Shaul Kelner of Vanderbilt University

Monday, Nov. 17 at 5:00 pm

Colby College, Parker Reed Room, Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center

A Perspectives on Israel Event

Since 1999, hundreds of thousands of young American Jews have visited Israel on an all-expense-paid 10-day pilgrimage-tour known as Birthright Israel. The most elaborate of the state-supported homeland tours that are cropping up all over the world, this half-billion-dollar venture seeks to deepen the ties binding the Jewish Diaspora to Israel. But unlike Jewish pilgrimages of millennia past, Birthright Israel adopts and adapts the practices of modern mass tourism. What happens when a state looks to tourism to create a new pilgrimage ritual for the 21st century? All are welcome to the lecture and the dinner/discussion that will follow; **RSVPs to David Freidenreich** by Nov. 12 are appreciated.

LET THERE BE LIGHT - 2014 MENORAH INVITATIONAL SHOW

November 13 - January 9

Maine Jewish Museum, 267 Congress Street, Portland

Featuring 18 mixed media artists.

JFS HANUKKAH LIGHTS PROGRAM 2014

Jewish Family Services is pleased to announce this year's Hanukkah Lights program, which provides gifts and much-needed winter gear to families across Southern Maine. We reached 67 children last year - please help us increase our impact!

We welcome you to participate in one of three ways:

- Donate by cash or check:
 1. An \$18 donation will provide one toy for a child.
 2. A \$32 donation will provide two toys for a child.
 3. A \$72 donation will provide two toys and an item of winter gear for a child. Donations can be made online at www.mainejewish.org or by check made out to the JCA; please indicate "Hanukkah Lights" in the memo line.
- Support a family - You shop and bring gifts and gear to the JCA:

1. Choose a family size to support, and we will provide you with the ages and clothing sizes of each child in the family and a small list of toys they have requested.
2. Purchase two toys and/or a winter coat, boots, hats or mittens for each child in the family. Recommended cost per child is \$72, but feel free to spend whatever you feel is appropriate.
3. Create a list of all items given for the family, and deliver the unwrapped items, labeled with family number and the list, to the JCA, 57 Ashmont St. anytime 8:30-5:00 pm Monday, December 8th through Thursday December 11th. [Click to join Facebook event.](#)
4. Join us for a Family Tzedakah (righteous giving) Celebration with PJ Library at the JCA on Thursday December 11th at 5 pm. [Click to join Facebook event.](#)

- Volunteer your time: help shop, accept donations, or deliver

If you are interested in making a gift or supporting a family, call Molly or Cathy at 772-1959 or email mrowles@mainejewish.org with the following information: your name, address, telephone number, email address, number of families (and family size) you want to support. If your workplace, temple or *havurah* group would like to be involved, we're also happy to help craft a plan for a larger group.* Thank you so much.

****TBE's Tikkun Olam committee will be coordinating an effort by our congregation to participate in this program. We will soon have a board with more information on display in the TBE front lobby.***

Yahrzeits

Saturday, November 15 / 22 Cheshvan

*Irving Abamowitz
Leon Goldberg*

Sunday, November 16 / 23 Cheshvan

Jacob Levinsky

Monday, November 17 / 24 Cheshvan

Dora Wine

Tuesday, November 18/ 25 Cheshvan

*Dorothy Goodman
Esther Lempert*

Wednesday, November 19 / 26 Cheshvan

*Joseph Kaplan
Sara Mack
Esther Wish
Sarah Zamcheck*

Thursday, November 20 / 27 Cheshvan

*Milton Kucine
Maurice Messerman*

THE TEMPLE BETH EL MISSION

Our vision is to be an embracing, supportive and vibrant community which observes Judaism in the Conservative tradition and which is devoted to the perpetuation of Jewish values and culture. Temple Beth El honors the diversity of its members and is committed to their spiritual growth.

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