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TEMPLE BETH EL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7 - 13, 2014 14 - 20 CHESHVAN, 5775



Abraham and the Three Angels,
by Marc Chagall

Parashat Vayera

Torah Reading:

Genesis 18:1 - 22:24 (annual)
Genesis 19:1 - 20:18 (triennial)
Haftarah: *2 Kings 4:1 - 37*

Candle Lighting:

Erev Shabbat - Fri. Nov. 7 4:05 pm
Havdalah - Sat. Nov. 8 5:05 pm

Shabbat Shalom!

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Mon. - Fri.	6:50 am
Friday evening	5:30 pm
Saturday	9:30 am
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THIS WEEK AT TBE

Friday, November 7

6:50 am Morning Minyan
4:05 pm *Candle lighting time*
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 8

9:30 am Shabbat services
5:05 pm *Havdalah time*

Sunday, November 9

9:00 am Morning Minyan
10:30 am 100th Birthday Brunch
for Cantor Messerschmidt
12:30 pm Interfaith Kristallnacht Event & Writing
Workshop

Monday, November 10

6:50 am Morning Minyan

Tuesday, November 11

6:50 am Morning Minyan
2:00 pm Interfaith Committee Meeting
6:00 pm 'Vigil of Lights' Memorial Gathering

Wednesday, November 12

6:50 am Morning Minyan
8:05 am Melton Course - Foundations
of Jewish Family Living
3:30 pm Kadima Beth El

Thursday, November 13

6:50 am Morning Minyan
4:00 pm Keshet Committee Meeting

TODAH RABAH - THANK YOU

Many Todah Rabahs to all those who pitched in to make this past Shabbat so wonderful: **Joan Levy, Hedy Cohen, Jodi Veysey, Sherri Quint, Barbara Dichter, Peggy Shapiro, Judy Gatchell and Judy Wilson** for making and setting out the lunch; **to Katie Small** for a lamp for the house where our Cantor Intern Jeff Warschauer is staying.

Todah Rabah to Tom Berman for davening, **Paul Muscat** for reading Torah and **Rabbi David Freidenreich** for reading the Haftarah. **And to the whole community** for beautiful singing and great participation helping to make this a freilich Shabbat!

A belated Todah Rabah to Debbi Kanter for participating in the previous Shabbat services.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest TBE members:

Rachel & Chris Lowenstein and their children Hannah and Judah.

TBE NEWS

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:

On Sat. Nov. 8, TBE children over the age of 4 are invited to join the kids' service at **Shaarey Tphiloh at 76 Noyes St.** (The kids will be walked over so that TBE parents can still enjoy the TBE Torah service).

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.



CANTOR KURT MESSERSCHMIDT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, November 9 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Temple Beth El Social Hall

Apologies to those who did not RSVP, however this event is now at capacity. You may still drop off a card or make a donation to the Fund in Cantor's honor during office hours. Thank you.

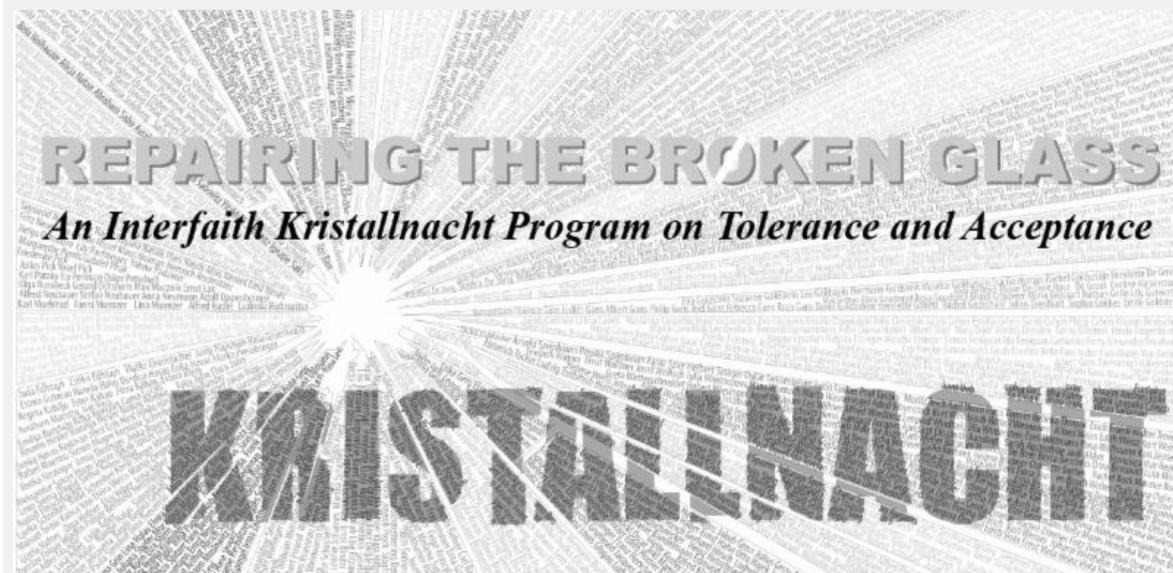
We are providing a complimentary brunch to celebrate the 100th birthday of our beloved Cantor Emeritus Kurt Messerschmidt, featuring a delicious dairy menu and special presentations. We invite you to make a donation in Cantor Messerschmidt's honor to the new **Cantor Kurt and Sonja Messerschmidt Fund** at Temple Beth El. Donations to this fund will support the enhancement of our musical programming, prayer services, and sound system. We are suggesting \$100 donations in honor of Cantor Messerschmidt's 100 years, however we welcome any amount. Call 207-774-2649 for more information.

REPAIRING THE BROKEN GLASS

An Interfaith Kristallnacht Program on Tolerance and Acceptance

November 9, 2014

12:30 - 4:30 pm



Temple Beth El - 400 Deering Avenue, Portland
Parking is limited so please carpool and arrive early.
Open to public * Free of charge
RSVPs requested but not required: office@fccucc.org.

Event Partners:

*First Congregational Church UCC, South Portland * Temple Beth El *
Congregation Bet Ha'am * RCAD - Religious Coalition Against Discrimination in Maine *
Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine*

Please join us for this first annual intergenerational event. Our mission is to increase education, awareness, and empowerment, using this historical context as a lens through which we engage contemporary issues. After an introductory educational session, two workshops will be available:

Slam Poetry (or Spoken Word)

Geared toward teens and young adults but open to everyone, including auditors. Participants will learn about slam poetry styles and techniques through a gifted instructor and will write their own pieces inspired by the stories of Kristallnacht or other experiences of hate and violence, or acceptance and inclusion.

Personal Narrative

Geared toward adults but open to everyone, including auditors. Participants will learn about legacy writing, hear the narratives of people who experienced Kristallnacht, and write their own stories of brokenness and healing.

Several pieces from both workshops will be chosen by the facilitators to be read or performed in a joint program at the end of the day.

Speakers / Facilitators: Judith Goldstein, Michael Burnett, Colleen Myers, Sue Clark



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

Friday, 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

Starting in November and going forward, TBE will be honoring our members whose birthday or anniversary falls within that month with a special monthly Kiddush. 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!*

JEWISH MUSIC JAM SESSION with student Cantor Jeff Warschauer

Sunday, November 16 | 12 noon to 1:30 pm

Temple Beth El - Chapel

Sing and play great music and have a wonderful time in a warm and heymish environment. 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! (Kids should be accompanied by a responsible adult.) **For more information, please call Jeff Warschauer at (347) 623-4228.**

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.**

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!

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!



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, Waterville

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

NO KBE 11/9

In honor of Veterans Day, there is no class on Sunday, November 9.

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* (repairing or healing the world)? They may be eligible for a Diller Award! Check out dillerteenawards.org for more information!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We need lots of help to make the KBE school year the best it can be! You can sign up by dropping off the form that was mailed home, by signing up on Morah Mel's door, or by clicking through [this link](#) and signing up online!



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 activities!

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

THE SECOND ANNUAL COLBY / BATES / BOWDOIN / BETH ISRAEL SHABBATON

Friday, Nov. 7 | 5:00 pm

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

An evening of celebration and learning that features a festive dinner and a bluegrass Kabbalat Shabbat service -- come sing traditional tunes to the twang of a banjo.

Saturday, Nov. 8 | 10:00 am

Colby College | Meet in front of the President's House on Mayflower Hill

Join us for a prayer hike on the Colby campus.

At 12:30 pm, come for lunch, followed by song and Torah study, at the campus apartment of Rabbi Rachel Isaacs.

All are invited, but RSVPs are required for meals. For more information or to RSVP, please email Rabbi Rachel Isaacs at risaacs@colby.edu.

Sponsored by Colby Hillel and Beth Israel Congregation.

'VIGIL OF LIGHTS' MEMORIAL GATHERING

Tuesday, November 11th, 2014

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Longfellow Park (located between Noyes, Longfellow and Oakdale) Streets, Followed by refreshments at Temple Beth El

The University Neighborhood Organization invites the public to join a "Vigil of Lights" Memorial Gathering Tuesday, November 11th, 2014 in Longfellow Park from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to honor the victims, survivors, families, friends & responders of the 20 Noyes Street Fire that claimed the lives of six young adults. Prior to the "Vigil of Lights" we invite you to attend a **Prayer Flag making activity from 4:00 pm to 5:45 pm at HopeGateWay, 509 Forest Ave.** in Portland. All supplies provided. We request that all vigil participants bring flashlights for the 6:00 pm "Vigil of Lights" in Longfellow Park. Refreshments provided following the "Vigil of Lights" at Temple Beth El on Deering Ave/Wadsworth Street. For more information please visit [UNO Facebook link](#) and/or call (207) 772-3243.

LET THERE BE LIGHT - 2014 MENORAH INVITATIONAL SHOW

November 13 - January 9

Maine Jewish Museum, 267 Congress Street, Portland

Featuring 18 mixed media artists.

Yahrzeits

Sunday, November 9 / 16 Cheshvan

Tillie Dichter

Julius Elowitch

Alex Kauffman

Nina Rosen

Monday, November 10 / 17 Cheshvan

Leon Bornstein

Sonja Messerschmidt

Jennie Shible

Tuesday, November 11 / 18 Cheshvan

Esther G. Branz

Herman Wiener

Thursday, November 13 / 20 Cheshvan

Eleanor Cohen

Jennie L. Lichter

Friday, November 14 / 21 Cheshvan

Rita Epstein

Daniel Griff

Carole Jaffe

Richard Jaffe

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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