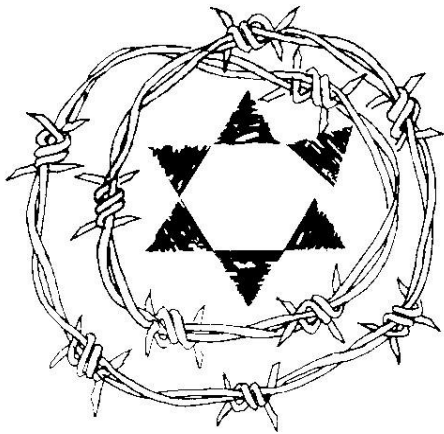


HOLOCAUST EDUCATOR TO SPEAK ON THE HISTORY OF ANTI-SEMITISM THAT LED TO THE SHOAH Saturday, February 11th



The Shoah, the destruction of a third of the world's Jews by the Nazis during World War II, did not happen in a vacuum. There was a history of anti-semitism that helped set the stage for it, and that must be understood if we are to make any sense of the Holocaust at all.

Holocaust educator Jackie Littlefield will speak on this topic on Saturday afternoon, February 11. Her talk will follow Temple Shalom's regular **Shabbat service**, which begins at **9:30 am** (Li'el Boudreau will be chanting Haftarah, please come and help make a minyan), and **lunch** at **12:00 noon**.

If you are planning to participate in the lunch, you must RSVP by Monday, February 6th to the Temple Shalom office at 786-4201, or by email at temple6359@aol.com.

The **talk** is free and open to the public, and will begin at about **12:45 pm**.

FROM THE RABBI



V'shinantam l'vaneycha...
And you shall teach these things diligently to your children...
Deut. 6:7 and the daily liturgy

Educating our children has always been one of the very highest priorities of the Jewish people. We teach them what it means to be a Jew, what it means to live according to the teachings of the Torah and in light of our ancient traditions.

Only a few years ago, we had so few children in our community that we couldn't even put one class together for a Hebrew School, a strange and uncomfortable feeling for a rabbi and for a synagogue community.

Now, however, we are in the third year of our Hebrew School revival. Our Family Hebrew School has about 25 students, and four dedicated teachers. Many parents also participate, learning alongside their children, and – perhaps most importantly – setting an example of Jewish learning.

As we started small, our Hebrew School structure has been a bit loose in terms of curriculum, meeting days and times, tuition, and so on. With additional students this year, and having to add a fourth class, I decided that it was time to get more organized. Last Fall, Jerryanne LaPerriere, a veteran educator, a teacher in our Hebrew School, and current Vice President of our Board, agreed to chair a Family Hebrew School Committee. In January, we invited all the parents of our Family Hebrew School to a pizza lunch and organizational meeting, on a Sunday immediately following Hebrew School.

While the pizza, and the older students, kept the younger children engaged, about a dozen of us met, came up with some great ideas, and agreed to convene meetings of the Family Hebrew School Committee on the first Sunday of each month that the Hebrew School meets.

The next meeting is February 5, at 12 noon. If you are a Family Hebrew School parent or grandparent, if you are an educator, or if you just care about helping the L/A Jewish community fulfill the *mitzvah* of Deuteronomy 6:7 (see above), you are invited to this and future meetings. We will

welcome your input, as we plan for the future of Judaism here in Central Maine.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Hillel

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for *refuah sh'leimah* – the full and speedy recovery of **Steve Bieringer, Lloyd W. Cohen, Ada Creighton, Lucia Cullivan, Julia Feldman, Gladys Freedman, Martha Katz-Hyman, Jack Parisien, Muriel Ross, Murray Rubinstein, Joel Salberg, Mazie Schwartz, Martha Simmons, Rebecca Stevens, Ernie Wallach, Toby Wallach** and all others who are not well at this time.

We like to hear good news! Whenever you request that a name be put on this list, please let us know when that name can be removed.

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AN OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN THE FAMILY HEBREW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The new Temple Shalom Family Hebrew School Committee will hold its first working meeting on Sunday, February 5, at 12 noon, immediately following Family Hebrew School.

A pizza lunch will be provided, but you must RSVP to the synagogue office if you want to share in the pizza!

A very successful organizational meeting was held in January. Rabbi Hillel and Board Vice President Jerryanne LaPerriere, who is also chairing the Family Hebrew School Committee, are excited about working committee members to frame the future of our Jewish educational system.

All members of Temple Shalom, whether or not you have children or grandchildren in the Family Hebrew School, are invited to join the committee. In particular, we would like input from parents of Hebrew School students, and from some of the educators who are among our members.

If you would like more information, please contact Rabbi Hillel at 786-4201, or by email to vehyeh.bracha@gmail.com, or Chairperson Jerryanne LaPerriere at jlaperriere@msad52.org.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am really good at one thing.....procrastination.



Every month I do this. Even though I know this article and the one I write for Book Group are due on the twentieth of the month, I always seem to put it off to the last minute. Poor Julie has to remind me every

month, waiting patiently for my submissions. I read somewhere that perfectionists tend to be procrastinators. The message for me here is that it doesn't have to be perfect. It just has to be done!

So how can I make this tie in to Judaism? Is there something Jewish you've been meaning to do but have put off until you have more time? Like learning the Torah trope. (Li'el has done that!) Or coming to Thursday morning minyan. (Phyllis has started doing that!) Or having an adult bar/bat mitzvah. (My mom had hers in her 70's!) Or taking one of the rabbi's adult ed classes. (Sharon makes this a practice now.) Or joining a committee. (Ally helps out when needed!)

The truth is, there's never enough time in a day, never enough days in a year, and never enough years in a lifetime. We never know how much time we actually have. As Hillel famously said, "If not now, when?" Have you ever saved something for the last minute, only to have something more pressing take up that specified time? That's what happened when I planned on packing Wednesday for my month-long trip on Thursday. When will I ever learn?.....Tomorrow!

Lesli

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WE NEED HAMANTASCHEN BAKERS!



We need bakers who can make a minimum of 2 dozen cookies for our Purim Party on Thursday, March 8. If you are willing to help out and contribute cookies for our party, please let Julie know.

CONDOLENCES

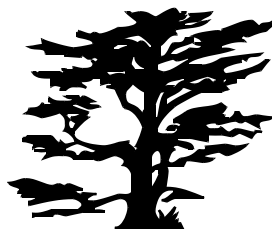
Caryl Meltzer passed away on Thursday, January 12 in Sun City, Arizona. She was married to Leonard Meltzer and they had five children. Leonard was the youngest son of the Meltzer family which was one of the early Jewish families that settled in Auburn. Caryl was very active in Sisterhood and Hadassah and was known for her lovely singing voice, singing in the shows that that were part of the social life of the twin cities. A funeral service was held in Sun City, Arizona and a private burial was held in the Auburn Beth Abraham Cemetery.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Next meeting will be on Monday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m.

MAZEL TOV

Ellen and Elliott Epstein are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ariel, to Marc E. Pollack of Ventura, CA. Ariel is the granddaughter of Marilyn I. Simonds. The couple plan to be married at Temple Shalom early this fall.



Tu B'Shevat
February 8

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**BOOK GROUP NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



Are we hibernating this winter? Apparently Marsha Auster, Helen Perry, Judy Abromson and I, Lesli Weiner, are not. We showed up for the January 9 Book Group, we discussed an 800 page book, and we chose the next 6 books. None of us had quite finished reading The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer, but I did get to the end a couple days later. Aside from being a bit wordy, we felt it was a good historical saga, and we learned a lot about the plight of the Hungarian Jews during WWII. A more in depth discussion could take place at the February meeting if more of you want to.

Our February 13 book is Wherever You Go by Joan Leegant. This debut novel "follows three Americans who long for definitive answers from their Jewish faith. While each individual tale has its urgency and pathos, the story becomes gripping only in the latter part of the book when the three paths collide in a frightening incident caused by an impetuous, irresponsible act" in Israel. So keep reading for this has a 4 1/2 star rating.

Our next 6 book choices are:

- Mar 12.....Bashert by Lior Samson
- Apr 9 or 16.....The Hare With The Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal
- May 14.....The Speed of Light by Elizabeth Rosner
- Jun 11.....The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman
- Jul 9.....In The Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson
- Aug 13.....Wolf Trap by Alan Simon

Happy Reading!.....lesli

SOUP KITCHEN – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, February 26, 1:15 p.m.
(meals are now served at 1:45 p.m.)
Trinity Church Soup Kitchen
247 Bates Street, Lewiston

Yahrzeiten

If you are observing a yahrzeit and are planning to come to Thursday morning minyan to say Kaddish, we urge you to contact **Bob Laskoff** (ral@laskofflaw.com) and let him know so that he can include that information in his weekly reminder email. It is your responsibility to call friends and neighbors to make sure there are enough people for the minyan.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sheri & Joel Olstein	Feb 1
Estelle & Murray Rubinstein	5

THANK YOU TO ALL!

Toby Wallach is doing much better and wishes to thank everyone for all the good wishes for her speedy recovery!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Josiyah Sherwood	Feb 2
Joel Salberg	3
Richard Abromson	4
Natalie Cohen	4
Gary Shapiro	5
Barry Kutzen	5
Scott Kaplan	6
Calvin Bumby	8
Corinne Weiner	9
Murray Rubinstein	11
Gavriella King	14
Stacey Ross	18
Nancy Levenson	22
Andrew Casares	24
Michele Shems-Then	24
Lawrence Mohr	26
Lesley Niemy	26
Cathy Tetenman	27
Joel Goodman	28

READERS WANTED FOR "NIGHTWORDS" FOR YOM HASHOAH

We are planning to again present a 'readers' theater' production of "Nightwords: A Liturgy on the Holocaust" for Yom HaShoah on April 15. Readers of all ages and both sexes will be needed for a total of 36 parts.

Reader's theater does not require memorizing lines; but it does need for a reader to put some expression into the reading, and the ability to project the words to the audience.

Some of us remember when we presented "Nightwords" eight years ago. For both presenters and audience it was a very powerful experience. Some of the people who participated then are no longer part of our community, so this is an opportunity for people who did not participate last time, or who have joined since then. Some parts will also be offered to members of the L/A interfaith community.

If you are interested in being a part of this moving experience, please contact Rabbi Hillel at 786-4201 or by email at vehyh.bracha@gmail.com. Rehearsals will begin in late March, so please let the rabbi know of your interest as soon as possible!

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OUR PRESCHOOL'S WISH LIST!



Our Temple Shalom Preschool helps support our congregation, how about helping them with their needs! Our talented teachers are working hard to teach and nurture young minds in the Preschool. The strong reputation of our program continues in the L/A community. The Preschool Committee has asked Miss Claudette and Miss Ginna for a Wish List, so we know how best to help them continue to be successful. We are pleased to note that the teachers do not have a request for the Wish List this month!

Our Preschool does have a few openings for in the 2 day and 3 day programs from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Please call the Temple office for more information and registration forms or check out the website: www.templeshalomnurseryschool.com.

We are also looking for people to join our Preschool Committee. We only meet a few times during the school year and are always interested in fresh, new ideas!

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The mission of Temple Shalom, Synagogue-Center is to foster a strong Jewish identity and an active Jewish Community.

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Every year, the Program and Social Action Committee makes donations from the available funds to organizations that serve needy individuals/families. The most recipients were: Safe Voices, Jewish World Watch (solar cookers), Facing History and Ourselves, and Zachary and Sarah Olstein for Agahozo - Shalom Youth Village Project.

The Mitzvah Fund grows whenever you make a direct contribution to the Mitzvah Fund or when you donate your used inkjet cartridges to the synagogue. So Keep it up!

TOILETRIES COLLECTION

A basket is set up on the table in the lobby to hold your donations of small travel hotel size toiletries: soap, shampoo, creams, razor blades, etc. These are distributed to local worthwhile organizations on a regular basis.

INKJET CARTRIDGES

Please keep those inkjet cartridges coming. It builds up the Mitzvah Fund, and also keeps the cartridges out of the landfills – a double mitzvah! Please wrap each empty cartridge in its original wrapper or a plastic sandwich bag. There is a box set up in the Temple lobby. Inkjet cartridges only, no laser cartridges, please!

SPONSOR AN ONEG OR KIDDUSH!

Having an anniversary, birthday, yahrzeit, or any other special occasion? Increase the joy of the occasion by celebrating with family and friends and sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat on a Friday evening or a Kiddush on Saturday morning. You will have performed two mitzvot. One is celebrating the special occasion, and the other is ensuring a minyan where everyone can share the joy. Contact Julie at the Temple office, who will take care of all the arrangements.



SAVE THE DATE!

Maine Jewish Film Festival to celebrate 15th year, March 17 – 22, for more info: www.mjff.org

FEBRUARY 2012 YAHRZEITEN

Feb.	2	Martin Miller	Shevat	9
	3	John A. Platz		10
	4	Lea Wallach Stern		11
	5	Jennie Krasner		12
	5	Maxwell Passerman		12
	6	Arthur Fishman		13
	10	Shirley Asher		17
	11	Anne Leavitt		18
	13	Hyman Auster		20
	17	James LaPerriere		24
	17	Morris L. Cohen		24
	19	Jennie Rubinstein		26
	20	Jacques Renard		27
	22	Isadore Shapiro		29
	22	Samuel Simonds		29
	23	Bashi Elyeshmerni		30
	23	Dr. Helene Reeves		30
	24	Bert Bodenheimer	Adar	1
	24	George Rosenberg		1
	25	Philip Renard		2
	26	Max Simonds		3
	27	Jean Brown		4
	27	Estelle Pennamacoor		4
	28	Chayim Cohen		5

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Thursday, 2/2	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed: Midrash
Saturday, 2/4	9:30 am	Service for Shabbat
Sunday, 2/5	10:00 am	Family Hebrew School
	12:00 noon	Pizza lunch and H/S Committee meeting – RSVP!
Tuesdays, 2/7, 14, 28	10:00 am	Line Dancing
Thursday, 2/9	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed: Midrash
Saturday, 2/11	9:30 am	Service for Shabbat
	12:00 noon	Lunch and speaker: Jackie Littlefield on the Holocaust – RSVP!
Sunday, 2/12	10:00 am	Family Hebrew School
Monday, 2/13	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program and Social Action Committee
Thursday, 2/16	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed: Midrash
Saturday, 2/18	9:30 am	Service for Shabbat
Monday, 2/20	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday, 2/23	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan
Saturday, 2/25	9:30 am	Service for Shabbat
Sunday, 2/26	1:15 pm	Volunteer at Trinity Church Soup Kitchen

