



**MA CHADASH!**

What's New! The newsletter of Temple Shalom Synagogue Center, Auburn, Maine

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ק"ק היכל שלום

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**Deeply Inspiring Music,  
Soul-Stirring Musical Prayer!**

**Saturday, September 24, 8:15 P.M.**

**Temple Shalom Sanctuary**

**The traditional Selichot Service will be preceded  
by a concert of Klezmer and High-Holiday Music.**

**In cooperation with Temple Beth El,  
Portland and Temple Beth Israel, Waterville.**

## FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

Imagine an 8 year-old boy, told to go to sleep extra-early on a particular September Saturday evening, right after Shabbat had ended, only to be woken up around midnight and shlepped to shul. Not that I hadn't just been to shul three times already—Friday night, Shabbat morning, and, again, late Shabbat afternoon.

But this was different. It was midnight. Tired men—and even some women—shuffled into shul alongside boys who could not contain their

excitement at being allowed to stay up until midnight! Even better, Yeshiva the next morning (yes, we went to Yeshiva every Sunday) would start an hour later!

And then the prayers began. Solemn. Intense. Musically exhilarating. Selichot. Prayers beseeching God for forgiveness. Even crying. Strange and beautiful medieval poetry chanted to Old World melodies that pierced the heart. 45 minutes later, it was over. Then, back to bed, still haunted by the eeriness of the prayers.

For many years I loved Selichot. And then I didn't. As I grew older and more mature, I was instructed to use Selichot as a vehicle for introspection—specifically, to identify the many, many, many areas in which I did not measure up to the expectations of my Rabbi/teachers (they were not shy about pointing this out to me, to us) and then to resolve to improve my...I was never really sure what I needed to do to make my teachers—and, by extension, God—happy.

But later, I loved Selichot again. I realized that Selichot is meant to be experienced—not “worked.” Selichot reaches into the deepest and most innermost parts of our souls—parts that only music and poetry and community can reach. Selichot yanks us into an awareness of our spiritual existence, and Selichot helps us understand that it is our spiritual existence that truly matters: to God, to our loved ones, to our community, to the world and, most of all, to ourselves.

Each year, a week or so before Rosh Hashanah, and always on a Saturday night, Jewish people gather in Synagogues to chant the Selichot prayers. Traditionally recited at midnight, many contemporary Synagogues cheat a bit and hold the service earlier in the evening. A newer custom is to present a concert prior to the Selichot service.

And this year, on September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will gather in our Sanctuary, together with Rabbi Carolyn Braun and members of Temple Beth El in Portland as well as Rabbi Rachel Isaacs and members of Temple Beth Israel in Waterville, to experience the magic of Selichot.

May our souls tremble with excitement throughout this High Holiday season.

Rabbi Sruli



***Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members of our Temple. Please call Rabbi Sruli on his cellphone at 914-980-9509 if you would like to speak with him or to arrange a time for a meeting. You can also call or leave a message at the Temple office and Rabbi Sruli will get back to you.***

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thank you to all of those who contributed to Dollar-a-day. We had 30 participants and I know many of you had to stretch your budgets to help Temple Shalom. It is appreciated.

Unfortunately, we did not get enough participation (we needed 42 participants to get \$15,000 of sponsor money) for the sponsor money to kick in. Your Board will continue to work on ways to raise money to ensure the Temple's future. Remember, though, your help is imperative.

Many of us have learned the sad news that Beth Abraham is closing. This is the synagogue that I grew up in. I was lucky, I grew up in one home, with one synagogue and one rabbi, Rabbi Gellar. Beth Abraham and Rabbi Gellar were fixtures in my life and many of yours. We will miss the Beth Abraham building. A beautiful building...one that holds many memories for us and our community. Shabbat services in the small chapel...Hanukah parties with a magician or clown on stage...for me, my Bar Mitzvah and my mother and Bert's wedding...wall to wall people in the social hall for Break Fast. In my mind's eye, I can see how full that social hall was....Of course, the sanctuary full at the holidays, with Judge Shems in his customary seat and the Shapiro's in theirs, a large Isaacson family behind my family...the Gellars in the front row and so many more. Those days are now long gone. Our community has aged, changed and moved away, but we still have an active Temple community, in Temple Shalom. A Temple that is open and inviting to all who want to come.

As President of Temple Shalom, I have invited all of the Beth Abraham members to become members of Temple Shalom. We are all part of the same community and we will do what we can to keep the spirit of Beth Abraham and the history of our shared community alive.

My mother, Bertha, as Chairperson of the Outreach Committee, has called each of the Beth Abraham members and personally invited them for the High Holidays. However, if you know any of the members, please call and ask them to come. We want Temple Shalom to become their new home. We want them to be full members in body and spirit.

The Ritual Committee asked the rabbi to do a more traditional Friday night service about once a month, in lieu of the lightly attended Shabbat morning service. We had our second one this past Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at our cottage on Taylor Pond. The rabbi led a music filled Friday night service for 36 people. We'll continue to have Friday night services on a monthly basis. Try to come once in a while. I think you'll enjoy it.

Remember, we are all part of this community, Temple Shalom. If you ever need anything, call, email, smoke signal, let us know. We are here to support each other, in Jewish life and in life.

David Allen, President





## Shabbat in the Woods

**Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m.**

**Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary, Lewiston**

**Nature. Contemplation. Reflection. Song.  
Community. Shabbat. Food.**

**Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.**

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### **HIGH HOLIDAY SEATING**

Seat Selection for reserved seating for the High Holidays will be held during regular Temple office hours starting on **Thursday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m.** The same policy as last year is in effect: There is a charge of \$100.00 per adult seat (**whether reserved or not**), no charge for children living at home under the age of 21, or Bates and other full-time college students. Reserved seats are only for the first morning of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidrei, and the morning of Yom Kippur. All other services are entirely "open seating".

Non-members and visitors: though we don't post a guard at the door, (a common practice elsewhere, which our Board finds distasteful), we do ask that those who pray with us on the holidays pay \$125.00 per person.

If these charges are beyond your legitimate ability to pay, please let us know.

# !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!BOOK GROUP NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Our meeting in August was well-attended and extra special. Present were Bonnie Faiman, Adele Silverman, Bertha Bodenheimer, Helene Perry, Malca Wilner, Margaret Meyer, Sandy Traister, me, Lesli Weiner, and we welcome new member Melissa Johnson! We met to discuss the book *Playing With Fire* by Tess Gerritsen and to come up with some questions to ask the author when we see her at an Author Talk in Gray on August 17. A dozen of us will first meet up at Cole Farms for an early dinner, and then walk across the street to the Spring Meadows Golf Club where Gerritsen will be speaking. The Gray Library expects about 100 fans. Gerritsen is best known for her medical thriller series *Rizzoli and Isles*, also a TV show on TNT. But instead of being concerned about how well the book will sell, Gerritsen wrote her latest novel *Playing With Fire* about something she is passionate about.....music. She even wrote the score of 'Incendio' to accompany the book, and it is played throughout the audiobook. You can also hear the full 7 minute recording on YouTube, and it is haunting. We all recommend this book, but warn you to follow the clues!

Our next book is *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. We highly recommended her previous historical novel *People of the Book* and expect our latest selection, which is about King David, to be as well researched and as beautifully written. This is how Amazon describes her 4 star novel:

"Brooks takes on one of literature's richest and most enigmatic figures: a man who shimmers between history and legend. Peeling away the myth to bring David to life in Second Iron Age Israel, Brooks traces the arc of his journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from beloved king to murderous despot and into his remorseful and diminished dotage. *The Secret Chord* provides new context for some of the best-known episodes of David's life while also focusing on others, even more remarkable and emotionally intense, that have been neglected. We see David through the eyes of those who love him or fear him—from the prophet Natan, voice of his conscience, to his wives Mikhal, Avigail, and Batsheva, and finally to Solomon, the late-born son who redeems his Lear-like old age. Brooks has an uncanny ability to hear and transform characters from history, and this beautifully written, unvarnished saga of faith, desire, family, ambition, betrayal, and power will enthrall her many fans."

The next Book Group meeting will be on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 4 PM. Let's see if we, too, can hear the secret chord that David played, which pleased the Lord. Hallelujah.....lesli

## GOOD & WELFARE

Meredith Johnson, daughter of Mark and Melissa Johnson on achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy.

*If you have a happy or sad occasion that you would like to share with the community, please let Julie know.*

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Lesli Weiner and family on the passing of her mother, Bernice Harris.

*May God comfort you together with all the other mourners on Zion and Jerusalem.*



*This month's traditional and musical  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
will be held on Friday, September 9 at 7 p.m.*

*The Service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat.*

*There will be no Shabbat Services on September 10.*

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### **YOM KIPPUR BREAK-THE-FAST**



There will be a Break-the-Fast this year **on Wednesday, October 12**. All are welcome. There is no set fee required; as we have in the past, we ask for donations to help defray our costs. Suggested donations; \$5 per person (child or adult). For those who observe the traditional prohibition against carrying money on Yom Kippur, there will be slips of paper next to our donation jar. Write an "I.O.U." and you'll be billed. **This is a catered food event and we need to know that you will be attending, please R.S.V.P. 786-4201.**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Our next meeting will be on  
Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m.





## **Erev Rosh Hashanah Sacred Music Concert and Service**

**Sunday, October 2, 7 p.m.**

**We usher in the High Holiday season with a concert of Sacred Music to set the mood for the beautiful Erev Rosh Hashanah service.**

**A fabulous selection of apples and honeys, plus home-baked honey cake follow the service.**

### **SPEEDY RECOVERY**

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Leonard Bell, Nicole Buck, Gary Buckman, Deborah Frank Burdo, Michelle Lisi Deloro, Fleck Family, Ariella Green, Christie James, Elizabeth Johnson, Mark Johnson, Bethany Kornstadt, Irene Marshall, Dennis McCreery, Sandy Miller, Aleza Myers, Shelley Rau, Joel Salberg, Roger Sutherberg, Toby Wallach, Neal Weiner, Betty Wise, David Wyman,** 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.



## RECIPIENT OF THE 2016 WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The YWCA Central Maine is proud to announce the recipients of the 2016 Women of Achievement Awards! YWCA Women of Achievement Awards recognize the often overlooked contributions of women in our community through three distinct award categories: The Tonie Ramsey Service Award, the Lee Young Leadership Award, and the Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award. The three awards were unveiled last year during the first annual Women of Achievement Awards Gala and each of the award namesakes have contributed years of service and leadership to the YWCA. This year the YWCA received a remarkable pool of applicants, a powerful tribute to the achievements of women in the Lewiston-Auburn community. One of the inaugural recipients of the Women of Achievement Awards program include our very own Marilyn Simonds:



Tonie Ramsey Service Award honoree, Marilyn Simonds, is an exceptional example of the dedication to community service that is emblematic of the award. Simonds has worked for decades in organizations and causes that benefit children, homeless and food insecure families and individuals, youth in the juvenile justice system, and English Language Learners. Each week Simonds reads to preschool children through the BookReach program, serves monthly meals at both Calvary Methodist Church and Trinity Episcopal Church, and teaches English Language Learners through Lewiston Adult Education. Simonds has also contributed significantly to the Androscoggin Headstart and Childcare program, where she taught for nearly 20 years and currently serves as a Board Associate. In 1975, Simonds helped to found an early childhood program that has evolved into Pathways Inc., a program serving individuals with developmental disabilities in Maine. Simonds received the Lewis Hine award from The National Child Labor Committee in 2006 in honor of her extensive community contributions. She also contributes philanthropically to several community organizations, including: Literacy Volunteers, Auburn Public Library, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project of Maine, New Beginnings, and Good Shepherd Food Bank. Currently, she is a member of the Program/Social Action Committee and Preschool Committee of Temple Shalom in Auburn. Simonds' spirit of volunteerism, breadth of service, and remarkable connection to her community is an exceptional representation of the Tonie Ramsey Service Award.

## YAHREZEITEN

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](mailto: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.



We all enjoy our Thursday morning Minyans and breakfast schmoozes. **HELP!** We need volunteers to shop and setup. A sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Carla Marcus & Lawrence Mohr	Sept.	1
Cathy & Stan Tetenman		3
Anne & David Allen		9
Jennifer & Joseph Worthy		11
John & Linda Isaacson		13
Hilmar & Phyllis Graber Jensen		17
Susan & David Teich		19
Carmen Comeau & Stuart Cohen		20
Scott & Jennifer Kaplan		27



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Daniel Rausch	Sept.	6
Michael Laskoff		7
Barbara Goodman		15
Chrissy Zidle		16
Elizabeth Baumhoff		17
Doretta Shapiro		19
Hilmar Jensen		20
Helene Perry		21
Adam Platz		23
Sarah Kutzen		24
Lewis Perry		25
Jackie Wilner		25
Joel Olstein		28
Jessica Jensen		30
Rachel Jensen		30
Erica Schair		30

## SEPTEMBER 2016 YAHRZEITEN

(Yahrzeits begin at nightfall on the evening prior to the date listed below)

Hyman Bell	Sept.	1
Lester Miller		1
Jay Graber		2
Martha Bodenheimer		7
Minette Lezberg		7
Irving Kraunz		9
Pearl Brody		11
Charles Traister		13
Dorothy Miller		15
George Harris		18
Matilda Kraunz		19
Harry Allen		20
Ann Frankel		21
Arthur Salberg		21
Hyman Rubenstein		22
David Krasner		22
Peter Isaacson		24
Rebecca Cohen Schaffer		28



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In appreciation for the warm welcome received  
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In memory of Jeff Stern's father

In memory of Peggy Bell

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To Marilyn Simonds in honor of receiving the  
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## SEPTEMBER AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Thursday, 9/1	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 9/3	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
	7:00 pm	Kiddush Levana/Havdallah Service at the home of Bonnie & Larry Faiman – RSVP!
Monday, 9/5		Office Closed – Labor Day
Wednesday, 9/7	6:30 pm	Ritual Committee Meeting
Thursday, 9/8	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 9/9	7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, 9/10		No Shabbat Service
Monday, 9/12	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday, 9/15	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
	9:00 am	Call office to reserve seats for High Holidays
Saturday, 9/17	10:00 am	Shabbat in the Woods – meet at Thorncrag
Thursday, 9/22	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 9/24	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
	8:15 pm	Selichot Service
Sunday, 9/25	10:00 am	Hebrew School
Thursday, 9/29	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast

