



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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Shabbat in the Woods

Saturday, September 9th, 10 a.m.

Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary, Lewiston

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

**Led by Bates College Professor Cynthia Baker
and Rabbi Sruli**

Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

As we prepare for High Holidays 5778, I can't help but notice the trepidation with which so many of us are approaching this New Year. Suddenly, nuclear war, world war, or even civil war are not beyond the realm of possibility and are being discussed by mainstream media organizations. And anti-Semitism is growing. Everywhere.

A little reported side story to the horrific events in Charlottesville, Virginia, is the intimidation directed at a local synagogue the night before the murder of Heather

Heyer. From the national magazine, the Atlantic (August 15, 2017):

As Jews prayed at a local synagogue, Congregation Beth Israel, men dressed in fatigues carrying semi-automatic rifles stood across the street, according to the temple's president. Nazi websites posted a call to burn their building. As a precautionary measure, congregants had removed their Torah scrolls and exited through the back of the building when they were done praying.

And after the terrorist attack in Barcelona a few days later that killed at least 13, Israel National News (Arutz Sheva) reported:

One of the key suspects tied to Thursday's deadly terror rampage in the streets of Barcelona launched a series of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic tirades on social media just days before the murderous attack. The attack occurred near two kosher restaurants in the La Rambla outdoor mall in Barcelona: the Maccabi Restaurant, and Maoz Falafel. [It is unclear, at this time, whether Jewish sites were in fact a target.]

On Yom Kippur, we will chant the beloved hymn "Avinu Malkaynu." It includes the painfully poignant verse, Avinu Malkaynu Aseh L'maan T'vuchim Al Yichudecha—Our Father, our King, have compassion upon us in memory of the countless martyrs who were butchered proclaiming your One-ness. Martyrs who over and over, throughout our history, were brutally butchered for steadfastly clinging to the One-ness of Adonai. Willing to die to affirm our most cherished principle (enshrined in the Shema prayer) that God is One.

We honor the One-ness of Adonai when we, as a people, are also One.

When we are under attack, our best defense is, and has always been, unity. Working together, respecting one another and, most importantly, truly valuing each other. As Elie Wiesel o"bm so powerfully put it: "Jews, alone, are vulnerable...but Jews must not be alone."

May we resolve in this New Year, 5778, to love, honor, value and respect all our Jewish brothers and sisters.

Rabbi Sruli



Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members of our Temple. Please call Rabbi Sruli on his cell phone 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



The new year is fast approaching and the old year is coming to a close. Although the cycles of life continue, with the passing of Dr. Shems, my dad and others, the Temple continues to be a vibrant active shul, full of events, learning and happy occasions, most especially with the marriage of Sophie and Steve Gershman. It is so exciting to see a romance that blossomed in days, into love and marriage. Soon, another member will renew their vows, reaffirming their love and commitment to one another.

Recently, we had three of our sidewalks paved and, after a few hiccups, they look great. The kitchen has been professionally cleaned. The cemetery is undergoing changes to bring it to the respectfulness that those who have come before us so dearly deserve. This is all made possible by your generous donations. Without you, coming to Temple, enjoying the events, participating, we do not have a shul. Without you, making a financial commitment to the well being of our Temple, our Community, we do not have a shul.

As I have said before, this year was the first, in over 25 years, that we have not had to touch any of our investments, interest or dividends. Your generosity has made this possible, but our work is not done. The financial security of our Temple is not yet set. We need to do this again in the new year to keep us going in the right direction. Can you be even more generous this year than last? Can you give a bit more? Can you help leave this community, our shul a little better, in both participation and money, than what it was last year?

Now, as we know, 18 is a very Jewish number. So, if you gave 18% more that would be a mitzvah. Even I will admit that is a hefty increase. Now 10 or 10% is a nice round number. So, maybe you can give 10% more. That too, would be a mitzvah. Ok, still a lot to ask. What about 8.1%? That's 18 backwards. The rabbi assures me there is nothing wrong with this. No curse will come upon us if you donate 8.1% more. In fact, it will be a mitzvah. No commitments today. Just think about what you can do to help the Temple in the upcoming year. Look into your hearts and see what makes you feel good. News Flash: I will be speaking more about this on Yom Kippur.

As we enter the new year, remember to take care of yourself and your family. We are only here for so long, make the best of it. Help others AND enjoy yourself. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

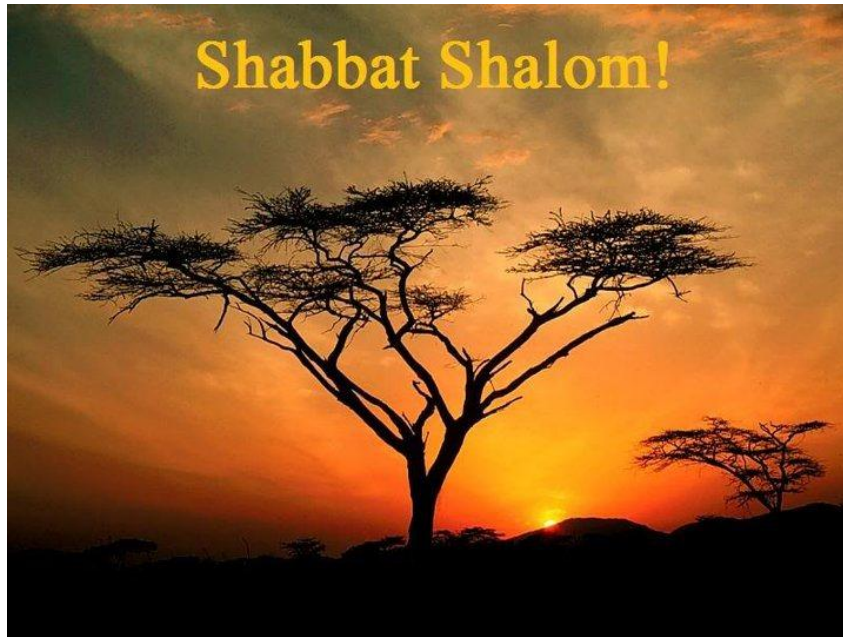
From Anne, me and our boys, I hope each and every one of you enjoys a happy, healthy and fruitful new year. May you be written into the Book of Life.

David Allen



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our next meeting will be on
Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.



Cathy and Stan Tetenman
Invite you to a musical
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
on
Friday, September 1st at 7 p.m.

*The service, followed by an Oneg,
will be held at the Tetenman home on Thompson Lake.*

Directions to the Tetenman Home:

Take Minot Ave. to Mechanic Falls. At the traffic light in Mechanic Falls turn left towards Naples (rt.11). Follow to a traffic light at intersection of rts. 26 and 11 (gas station and McDonald's on the left, Eggceptional restaurant on the right). Proceed straight through the intersection. Take 1st right onto Winterbrook Rd. (about 200 ft. from intersection). Stay on Winterbrook for 3 miles. Winterbrook changes to Herrick Valley Rd. about 1 mile from the turn. The cross road at the end is Megquier Hill Rd. Turn right onto it. We are the 4th left. You will go by Camp Fernwood, Legendre Way, Bunting Lane and then will be Rockwood Lane. **BE CAREFUL MAKING THE LEFT TURN. TRAFFIC COMING FROM THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION IS SOMETIMES FAST.** Stay to the left to the end of the road (0.2 miles). We are the last house on the left (tan with white trim).

55 Rockwood Lane, Poland, 998-2767



Erev Rosh Hashanah Sacred Music Concert and Service

Wednesday, September 20th, 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.

This year, Rebbetzin Lisa is preparing an infused honey from a special recipe she learned from the Jardin Botanique in Edmunston, New Brunswick.



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



Extra! Extra! Larry Faiman participated in Book Group as he had read the book, ironically titled *The One Man*!! Yes, on August 14 Larry joined this large group of women: Bonnie Faiman, Helene Perry, Bertha Bodenheimer, Adele Silverman, Sandy Traister, Margaret Meyer, Elinor Goldblatt, Judy Abromson and me, Lesli Weiner. And he got a word in edgewise!

This historical fiction by Andrew Gross was a page-turning thriller, complete with believable characters and gripping plot twists. We spent some time debating if everything was indeed plausible, but decided in the end that it all worked incredibly well. There were many themes to discuss, too, such as guilt, responsibility, heroism, redemption, and what is a life worth. We unanimously recommend this best-seller. It is not your typical holocaust novel!

Our next book is an oldie but goodie, published in 1992. *Acts of Faith* is by Erich Segal who also wrote *Love Story*. This is the description from the publisher:

"They met as children, innocents from two different worlds. And from that moment their lives were fated to be forever entwined. *Timothy* : Abandoned at birth, he finds a home--and a dazzling career--within the Catholic Church. But the vows he takes cannot protect him from one soul-igniting passion. *Daniel* : The scholarly son of a great rabbi, he is destined to follow in his father's footsteps. And destined to break his father's heart. *Deborah* : She was raised to be docile and dutiful--the perfect rabbi's wife--but love will lead her to rebellion. And into worlds the patriarch would never dare imagine.

Reaching across more than a quarter of a century, from the tough streets of Brooklyn to ultramodern Brasilia to an Israeli kibbutz, and radiating the splendor of two holy cities, Rome and Jerusalem, here is Erich Segal's most provocative and ambitious novel to date--the unforgettable story of three extraordinary lives...and one forbidden love."

Please join us on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at 4 PM to discuss *Acts of Faith*. Will any more men dare to go where Larry has gone before?!! I hope so.....lesli

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh'leimah – the full and speedy recovery of **Phil Bray, Gary Buckman, Deborah Frank Burdo, John Calloway, June Wilner Chason, Carson Hudson, Michelle Lisi Deloro, Enid Ehrlich, Fleck Family, Marcia Fuller, Isaak Gekhtin, Anne Geller, Ariella Green, Elizabeth Johnson, Mark Johnson, Bethany Kornstadt, George Laskoff, Patti Levenson, Susan Lifter, Sandy Miller, Ashley Olstein, Joel Salberg, Ruth Wilner Schloss, Rabbi David Ross Senter, Sandy Traister, Toby Wallach, Neal Weiner, Betty Wise, Janet Zidle** 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.

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.



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.

ROSH CHODESH ELUL, AUGUST 21ST

Rosh Chodesh on Taylor Pond continues to be a beloved women's gathering. To the music of the lapping waves, we lit candles to welcome the month of Elul. We sang songs, meditated and shared our thoughts. We welcomed a few new faces. And we ate the delicious offerings of our pot luck supper, including 4 kinds of quinoa tabbouleh salads!

Thanks to Paula and Candy for their leadership and planning. And thanks to Bertha for hosting. Following are my opening remarks:

Rosh Chodesh means "head of the month". The Hebrew calendar is a lunar calendar so every new month corresponds with a new moon when the skies are mostly shrouded in darkness. The moon of course has no light of its own, but reflects the light of the sun. So, it is taught, the People Israel is like the moon. Our only light is the reflection of God's light. Our only glory is earned by how we bring God's light to shine in the world.

So how interesting is it, that we hold this Rosh Chodesh celebration on August 21st, the same day as the solar eclipse? Today, at 2:45 PM, the moon had the power to block out the light of the sun. Pondering this today, it brings new metaphors to mind. I apologize in advance for getting political but it seems so hard not to in this day and age. Can we picture forces of evil, intent on blocking God's light, what is good in this world. But just as the total eclipse only lasts for a fleeting 3 minutes, we see the overwhelming good in humanity overpowering these evil forces. Yesterday I attended the rally against racism in Portland, and just as every Rosh Chodesh gives us newfound hope, we were reminded to be optimistic and that there is potential even in the darkness. When things look their darkest, hope springs eternal.

So this is the beginning of the month of Elul, the month leading up to the New Year. The name Elul refers to a reciprocal love. It references God's love for us, and our love for God. My prayer is for this love to extend to all humanity.....Lesli Weiner

YOM KIPPUR BREAK-THE-FAST

There will be a Break-the-Fast this year **on Saturday, September 30th**. 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.**



ATTENTION. May Temple Shalom live l'dor v'dor!!! To help support this ancient Jewish wish, the Temple Shalom Board has created a Legacy Committee. I am proud to have been asked by the Board to be its Chairperson. We are tasked to design and offer an inspiring and exciting workshop for all members and unaffiliated area Jews to answer any questions about implementing a legacy for Temple Shalom in your estate plans and wills. Until then, PLEASE feel free to contact me with any suggestions, questions or concerns you may have. Your inquiries will be confidential.
Dr. Elcha Buckman at 781-799-2110 and/or dr.elcha@yahoo.com

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Carla Marcus & Lawrence Mohr	Sep	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 2017 YAHRZEITEN

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

Charles Traister	Sept.	1
Dorothy Miller		3
George Harris		6
Matilda Kraunz		7
Ann Frankel		9
Arthur Salberg		9
Hyman Rubenstein		10
David Krasner		10
Peter Isaacson		12
Rebecca Cohen Schaffer		16
David Feldman		19
Charles Schneidman		19
Alfred Pennamacoor		20
Frieda Barr		22
Leonard Bell		23
Winnie Plavnick		24
Paul Krasner		25
Louis Fishman		27
Ann Forin		29
Kathleen Cawthon		30

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Friday, 9/1	7:00 pm	Shabbat at the Tetenman home
Saturday, 9/2	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 9/4		Office Closed - Labor Day
Thursday, 9/7	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 9/9	10:00 am	Shabbat in the Woods at Thorncrag
Sunday, 9/10	10:00 am	Family Hebrew School Begins
Monday, 9/11	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, 9/14	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 9/16	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Wednesday, 9/20	7:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashana Sacred Music Concert & Service
Thursday, 9/21	9:00 am	Rosh Hashana 1 st Day Service
Friday, 9/22	9:00 am	Rosh Hashana 2 nd Day Service
Saturday, 9/23	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Thursday, 9/28	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 9/29	6:00 pm	Kol Nidrei Service
Saturday, 9/30	9:00 am	Yom Kippur Service
	5:45 pm	Yizkor
	6:00 pm	Ne'ilah
	6:45 pm	Break-the-Fast – Please RSVP!

