



MA CHADASH! מה חדש!

What's New! The newsletter of Temple Shalom Synagogue Center, Auburn, Maine ק"ק היכל שלום

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Simchat Torah 2017

Friday, October 13, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Most Joyous Night of the Year

Pizza in the Sukkah!

Celebrate with the Torahs!

Seven Exciting Dances and Games!

Watch Bertha Capture the Kippah!

Live Music! All Ages!

FROM THE RABBI...



Hi Everyone.

This past July, a very disturbing image was broadcast to the world. A female ISIS suicide bomber in Mosul, Iraq, was photographed holding her baby moments before she blew herself up. The bomber and the baby were reported to have died in the blast, while two soldiers and several civilians were injured. This image deeply disturbed me. And captivated my thoughts for several days. Still, I could not help but wonder why this particular atrocity seemed to me so exceptionally atrocious. Isn't every suicide bombing

horrific? I suppose the almost daily reports of suicide bombings throughout the Middle East had succeeded in numbing me to their horror. But a mother killing her own baby?

Around the same time there was another news item. Local this time. A runner was chased by a couple of bears. He barely escaped with his life. It was on Spring Road in Auburn. I frequently bicycle along Spring Road in Auburn. The paper confidently announced that the local bears cross the road to the lake every morning around dawn. I never bicycle around dawn. Phew. Still a day or so later when I found myself cycling on Spring Road, the thought did occur to me that a bear may be lurking in the woods. And that it might attack me. And that I may not survive. So then what? My own death, I could accept. But what about my family, my children? (You have a lot of time to think when you are on a bicycle).

Sooner than I would have anticipated, I had a very calming realization. My kids would perhaps be devastated but, ultimately, they would be okay. And that is because I, we, are part of a great and loving community. Our nuclear family, our extended family, friends near and far, would all make sure that my children would be taken care of. They would have all the material and emotional support that they would need to help them to heal and go on with their lives. Phew.

But then my thoughts wandered back to the suicide bomber, the mother and her baby. And I understood. This mother, this baby, had no community. Whatever little support ISIS ever provided was no longer there for her as ISIS in Mosul was then collapsing. Her death would leave her baby totally abandoned. To the twisted mind of this suicide bomber, taking her baby with her to whatever reward she was brain-washed into anticipating, must have seemed preferable to leaving her baby with nothing and nobody to care for her.

The Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur liturgy goes to great lengths to portray the myriad ways in which we may meet our death in the coming year. Who by fire? Who by flood? Who by "bear attack?" And so on. The liturgical answer: Teshuva (repentance), Tefillah (prayer) and Tzedakah (charity), rings hollow to many of our ears. Unless the liturgy (consciously or not) means community. Think about it, allowing those who stray a path to return, regularly engaging in group prayer, and contributing to the welfare of communal institutions as well as ensuring every community member's basic needs are met, are the very building blocks of a strong community. And it is strong community that overcomes death.

May we, in the New Year 5778, continue to strengthen our communal bonds and, so, merit eternal life.

PS Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will be joining the Casco By Tumblers for a concert performance at Mayo Street Arts, 10 Mayo St, Portland, on Saturday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. This is a ticketed event and is open to the public. Rabbi Sruli will be participating in an all-clergy Community Conversation on Wednesday,

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



Forty years in the desert and G-d provided. Forty days and nights of rain and Noah found dry land. Forty people at Temple Shalom for the second day of Rosh Hashana and Rabbi Sruli provided us with an unforgettable service. Numbers have always been important in Judaism. Is the most important one the forty at Temple Shalom for the second day of Rosh Hashana? Were all three 'fortys' a miracle? When was the last time we had forty people for the second day of Rosh Hashana? I leave the rest of this contemplation to each of you.

We started the second day of Rosh Hashana in the little chapel. People came and we brought in more chairs. More people came and we squeezed in more chairs. And, still more came and we squeezed in yet more chairs. Finally, we said to the rabbi that we had to move to the sanctuary. Reluctantly, we moved, but all stayed together and did not sit spread out, as we so often do.

If you were not at Temple on the second day, then you missed out. The rabbi, Lisa and Zachery again combined their love of music and Judaism into a beautiful service. The rabbi shared one song from his childhood, but Lisa just kept missing a part. (Side note to Lisa: With a little practice, you'll get it.) I, and many others thought it was the perfect mix of music, prayer, old and new. This service is one that, for those of us who were there, we will not soon forget. If you did not come, think about coming next year.

The Shabbat after Rosh Hashana was also wonderful. About twelve people participated. We sat outside on the patio. We prayed and had a discussion. The discussion topic was repentance and forgiveness. The rabbi brought a sheet with 25 quotes. We were able to discuss just six as the discussions were lively and thought provoking. One quote, by Moses Ibn Ezra we discussed was "No sin is so light that it may be overlooked. No sin is so heavy that it may not be repented of." Think about this. Seek forgiveness for the small sins and know, if you truly repent, even the 'big' sins can be forgiven. For the sins you have committed, forgiveness comes from your heart. Here is one quote, from Rabbi Herschel Matt that we did not discuss, but struck a chord with me:

"What does it mean to repent? To make inward acknowledgment of my sin; to be truly heartbroken over my sin; to be deeply ashamed of my sin; to make open confession of my sin; to make full restitution of my sin; to seek reconciliation with others for my sin; to resolve firmly not to duplicate sin; to ask Divine aid in avoiding duplication; to beg G-d's forgiveness for my sin; to find the burden of my sin now removed; to know the comfort of G-d's pardon and the sweetness of atonement; to be tempted to repeat the same sin, but overcome with G-d's help such repetition; to find it more difficult now to sin than not to sin."

I know you are reading this after Yom Kippur, but take a few minutes and really read and think about what Rabbi Matt is trying to teach us. In this New Year, learn to sin just a bit less. Learn to understand those sins you commit and find a way to repent and not repeat those sins.

May the new year be one of joy and happiness, health and prosperity and kindness to you and from you, for you and all of your loved ones. L'shana Tova.

David Allen



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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



Celebrate Sukkot 5778/2017

Friday, October 6.

Potluck Dinner at 6:00

Special Sukkot Service at 7:00

Please bring main dishes or sides

Dessert will be provided

Join us for a very special, very Musical Holiday service that includes saying the blessings over the lulav and etrog as well as a parade around the chapel! Learn how to “wave” a lulav in 6 directions! Includes a special peek into the Bible’s extraordinary book of wisdom, *Ecclesiastes*. This program will be preceded by the Renewal of Vows for Susan and Jim Lifter which will take place in the Sukkah at 5:30.

No services on Shabbat, October 7th.

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



The door has been opened and Joel Olstein has stepped through. So, men, be a trendsetter like Larry and Joel, and join our round table discussions!! The women present were Sheri Olstein, Elinor Goldblatt, Sandy Traister, Bertha Bodenheimer, Helene Perry, Judy Abromson, Bonnie Faiman, Adele Silverman and me, Lesli Weiner.

Acts of Faith is by Erich Segal, who also wrote *Love Story*. Even though our choice was written back in 1992, the themes are still relevant. If you are raised thinking your future has been preordained because your parents have been shaping you in their image, must you follow this path or pursue your own dreams? There are multiple love stories, but not just between 2 people.....also between people and their God. This book explores the paradoxes of two religions serving the same God, but from wholly different perspectives. Will religion be a stumbling block for the main characters, or will it be the path back to finding their true selves? Well, I guess you'll have to read this oldie but goody to find out. Please do.

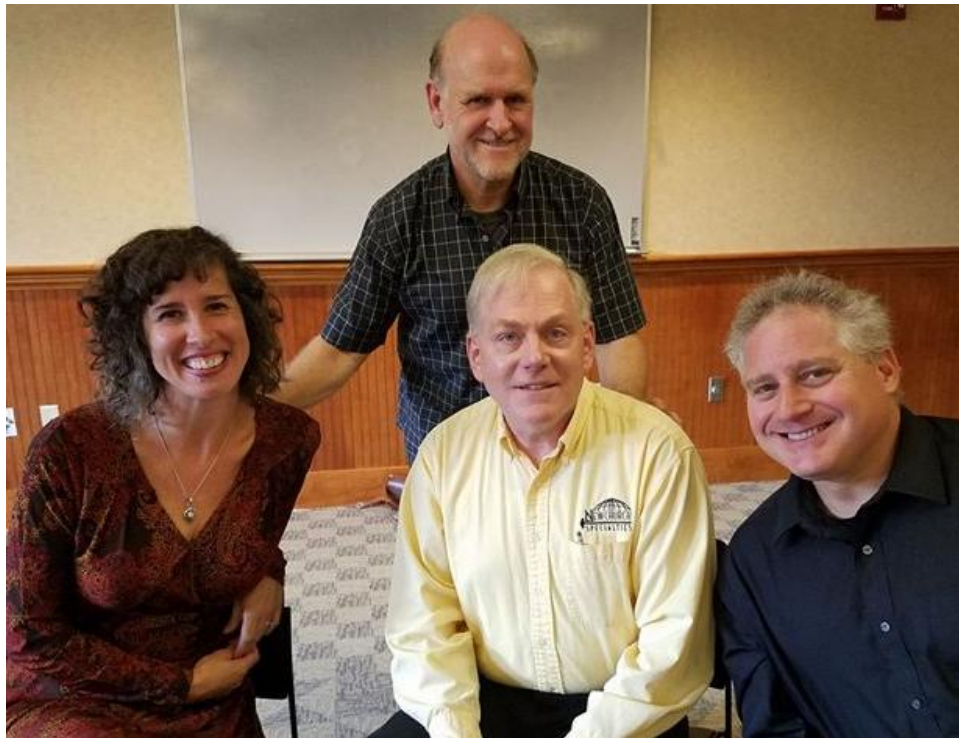
Our next meeting is MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 at 4 PM. The book is *Orphan #8* by Kim van Alkemade. So as not to give away too many details, this is a shortened description from the publisher:

“In this stunning new historical novel inspired by true events, Kim van Alkemade tells the fascinating story of a woman who must choose between revenge and mercy when she encounters the doctor who subjected her to dangerous medical experiments in a New York City Jewish orphanage years before. Lush in historical detail, rich in atmosphere and based on true events, *Orphan #8* is a powerful, affecting novel of the unexpected choices we are compelled to make that can shape our destinies.”

We spent much of our meeting choosing our next 7 books. Thank you everyone for all your good suggestions and help in narrowing down the list.

November 13.....*The Secret of Nightingale Palace* by Dana Sachs
December 11.....*The German Girl* by Armando Lucas Correa
January 8.....*Karolina's Twins* by Ronald H. Balson
February 12.....*Salt Houses* by Hala Alyan
March 12.....*Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly
April 9.....*Eternal Life* by Dara Horn
May 14.....*Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

Write these down in your calendar so you have them for the future. They all come highly recommended, so read along with us. Book discussions always add so much to the experience. *Eternal Life* won't be published until January, but Dara Horn will be doing a book talk at the new JCA in Portland on May 3, so we'll be going there as a group. Exciting!!.....lesli



Next Multi-Faith Round Table at the Auburn Public Library on Tuesday, October 3, 12:30 P.M.

The Auburn Public Library is very excited to announce the return of the Multi-Faith Round Table discussions.

The All-Clergy Round Table will continue Tuesdays, November 7 and December 5. All programs run from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Rabbi Sruli will be joined by Pastor Roger Cousineau of East Auburn Baptist Church, Rev. Doctor Jody Cohen Hayashida of First Universalist Church in New Auburn, and Pastor Richard Waller of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Copies of the Biblical texts will be provided, and the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

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

RABBI DARAH LERNER TO SPEAK

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

To start off the morning, come to brunch at 10:30am,
prepared by our men at their first brunch of the calendar year.
Don't miss out!

Prior to the presentation by Rabbi Lerner, please join our friend, Jim Lifter, when he and his wife, Susan
renew their wedding vows.

We will then be entertained by Rabbi Darah Lerner, Bangor Rabbi from Congregation Beth El. In addition
to her role as a congregational rabbi,
Rabbi Lerner is a strong advocate of social justice issues. She speaks widely about Jewish issues, ethics
and diversity.

At this writing, her topic is as-yet undecided.
COME- you will be both surprised and engaged.

Rabbi Darah Lerner

Rabbi Darah Lerner is celebrating her 11th year at Congregation Beth El.



Rabbi Darah Lerner grew up in Southern California. She received her Bachelor's degree in Political Science at U.C. Berkeley and her Master's Degree in Hebrew Letters and Rabbinic Ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Prior to entering the rabbinate Rabbi Lerner worked in small business management including video stores in the San Francisco Bay Area and a technology transfer company in Albuquerque NM. During her Rabbinical training, Rabbi Lerner interned in Yuma Arizona, Irvine, California and with the Southern California Board of Rabbis. Rabbi Lerner's love of movies, interest in the environment, and commitment to intra-Jewish community cooperation, is still evident in her sermons and her throughout her work in the Bangor and DownEast Maine Jewish Community.

Rabbi Lerner serves on the Board of the Religious Coalition Against Discrimination, the Penobscot County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation, and the Judaic Studies Advisory Committee at the University of Maine. This year she joined the board of The Wilson Center at UMaine. She has taught at Husson College, Bangor Theological Seminary, University of Maine- Orono, and Penobscot Senior College. Rabbi Lerner has been active in social justice issues including working for Marriage Equality, and supporting the work of such organizations as Food and Medicine. She speaks widely on Jewish issues, ethics, and diversity in our community. Rabbi Lerner lives in Bangor with her wife and their dog.



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, Patti Levenson, Ruth Wilner Schloss, June Wilner Chason, David Izenstatt, Phil Bray, Michael Jesser** 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 know when that name can be removed.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joel & Elisabeth Salberg	Oct 6
Shelley & Richard Rau	9
Kenneth & Charlene Goodman	28
Lewis & Joy Zidle	29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Sophie Kaplan	Oct 1
Melanie Rausch	4
Joseph Worthy	6
Willard Hertz	10
Judy Abromson	15
Amy Nussinow	16
Amy Jensen	17
Lisa Belanger	18
Ian Mason Rausch	20
Lewis Zidle	21
Matthew Cohen	22
Elcha Buckman	23
Timothy Zidle	23
John Isaacson	24
Jerryanne LaPerriere	25
Jennifer Worthy	25
Ian Bodenheimer	27

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.

OCTOBER 2017 YAHRZEITEN

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

Jeffrey Bell	Oct.	3
Samuel Nussinow		3
Natalie Abromson		5
Anna Krasner		5
Sam Ruttenburg		5
Lawrence Margolin		6
Anita Graber		8
Elaine Martha Miller		8
Sam Nusman		8
Sarah Hyman		10
Harvey Baker		11
Mounes Elyeshmerni		11
Elaine Kaduson		11
Pauline Gerson		11
Esther Krakower		12
Paul Roberts		13
Norman Izenstatt		15
George Shapiro		15
Louis Cohen		16
Louis Steinman		17
Harold Shapiro		17
Marcy Plavin		22
Charles Day		23
Sophie Pollack		24
Evelyn Rosenthal		29
Ruth Burke		30

CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

Marianne Miller

Thank you Behzad Fakhery

Bertha Bodenheimer

In memory of May Tetenman

In memory of Seymour Tetenman

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OCTOBER AT TEMPLE SHALOM

Tuesday, 10/3	12:30 pm	Multi-Faith Round Table at Auburn Public Library
Thursday, 10/5	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 10/6	6:00 pm	Pot Luck, Marriage Renewal, followed by Shabbat Service
Thursday, 10/12	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Friday, 10/13	5:30 pm	Pizza with Hebrew School followed by dancing with Lisa and Rabbi
Saturday, 10/14	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Monday, 10/16	4:00 pm	Book Group
	5:15 pm	Program Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday, 10/19	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 10/21	9:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday, 10/22	10:30 am	Brunch & Guest Speaker Rabbi Darah Lerner
Thursday 10/26	7:00 am	Weekday morning minyan & breakfast
Saturday, 10/28	9:30 am	Shabbat Service

