December 2017/ Kislev/Tevet 5778



**Join Us for Our Chanukah Party!**



**Sunday, December 17th, 2017, 4:00 pm**

**Mega-Menorah lighting,**

**followed by a catered dinner, music, games,**

**plus, a heart-warming Chanukah play performed by our Hebrew School!**

**Special Guest Performance by the Maine Music Society Chorale!**

**Remember to bring your Menorahs**

**and Chanukah Candles so we can all enjoy the light together!**

**Crafts and dreidel games available for the kids.**

**It’s LATKE TIME ~ See you there!**

**Suggested Donation: $8 for members, $10 for non-members, children free**

**RSVP – 786-4201 or****temple6359@aol.com**

 **From the Rabbi, December 2017**

**Hi Everyone:**

**“But we, and our fathers, [and our mothers], have sinned.”**

**So reads the introduction to the short confession—Ashamnu, bagadnu—that we recite several times over the course of Yom Kippur. Our new prayer books are careful to add the words “and our mothers” here, as they do whenever we recite the traditional formulation: “our fathers.”**

**This comes up most often when we identify God as the God of our fathers. We now also include God as the God of our mothers as well. (This is less of a problem in translation—we typically just say our ancestors—but the traditional Hebrew word “Avotaynu,” refers only to male ancestors.)**

**I thinks this change is very important—women should never feel belittled by our prayers—yet when I first encountered the new formulation for the short confession, it struck me as odd that in our admirable quest to be inclusive of women, we now actually go out of our way to insist that our mothers are also sinful! Couldn’t we have just left that one phrase unchanged?**

**Last Friday night, we honored America’s Veterans with a special Shabbat service. The service included reading 5 or 6 poems that emphasized the difficult sacrifices our soldiers make on our behalf. After the service, Charlie wondered why all the poems assumed that our soldiers are all male. She was hurt, and she felt belittled.**

**The argument is often made that military service is an obligation that women should feel grateful to be exempt from. But that is not how it seemed to Charlie.**

**True egalitarianism is just that. Women can fight—and die—for our country, the same as men, and, yes, women sin just like men do. To ignore this realty is to belittle women.**

**As a boy growing up in a Hasidic environment, I was often jealous of the girls. After all, they didn’t have to spend hours upon hours in shul every Shabbat, or go to school until 6 p.m., or go to school on Sundays, or prepare an entire Torah portion for their Bat Mitzvahs…**

**Now I know better.**

**Rabbi Sruli**

**PS Rabbi Sruli will deliver the Invocation at the Inauguration of Auburn Mayor, Jason Levesque, on Monday, December 4 at 6 p.m. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will be performing with the Maine Music Society for their Annual Heritage Holidays concert on Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 P.M. These concerts are open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at the Maine Music Society website. Rabbi Sruli and Lisa will be performing at the Holiday party for the residents of Clover Manor on Thursday, December 14 at 6 P.M. Rabbi Sruli will also lead Chanukah services for the entire pre-school as well as the Jewish residents of Clover Manor on Friday, December 15 at 10 A.M.**

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

  As you know, last year we raised enough money so that we did not have to access any funds from our investments. As of now, this year we will have to take tens of thousands out of our investments. This Kol Nidre we raised less than $10,000. That is less than a third of what we raised last year.

If the Temple means something to you....if you want the Temple here for you and your loved ones....if you want this Jewish Community to survive, you need to open your hearts and your wallets and give to Temple Shalom. If you have not donated this year, please donate now. If you have donated, please donate more. We always need you and your participation, but today, now, right now, we need your money.

The continuation of our Jewish Community is the reason for our existence. Ensuring we have a place to pray, a place to congregate and a place to be buried is important to all of us. Doing this is not free. It costs a lot of money to maintain our community and we need you to look into your hearts and open your wallets. Whatever you have given or whatever you are thinking of giving, can you give a little more? You are the reason for the Temple to be here. Can you be the reason for our continued existence? Can you open your hearts? If you do not open your hearts and your wallets now, will you be able to look in the mirror and say that you did all you could do? Will you be the reason for our continued success or the reason for a financial downfall?

Anything you can do helps, but the more the better? At Kol Nidre, I asked that each think about giving 18%, 10% or 8.1% more than last year. If you cannot do an increase, can you at least donate what you did last year?

I know many are on fixed incomes, but please do a little more. Maybe go out to dinner a little bit less?

Because of your generosity, we have a Rabbi, an active Temple in Central Maine...a Jewish Community. Be the reason for our financial success. Open your heart and wallets and give today.

We made great strides last year with your generosity. Without your continued generosity, we will just loose the financial ground we made up last year. To put us in good financial shape, we need to have a few years where we do not touch our investments. We need to let our money grow. To do this, we need you to donate. We need you to donate today. Don't put it off. Don't just read this and put it off. Take action today. Donate today!

Send in a check or let us know how much you will be donating on a monthly basis for a commitment this year. You can call or email the office (Temple6359@aol.com, 207-786-4201) or me (David@AllenMfgUSA.com or 207-333-3385). Thank you!

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

*Secret of Nightingale Palace* by Dana Sachs. Even though the novel started a bit slow, it soon sucked you right in with the back story and character development. Was this really a road trip story of an estranged woman and her granddaughter? Is it about family secrets? Or cultural divides? Or overcoming grief? Maybe class differences? Is it the destination or the journey that’s most important? The answer is “Yes.” And the secret? Pick up the book and go on this journey yourself. All will be revealed. You won’t be disappointed.

Our next book is *The German Girl* by Armando Lucas Correa. I’m hearing rave reviews from those who have already read it. Amazon gives it 4.3 stars and describes it like this:

“A young girl flees Nazi-occupied Germany with her family and best friend, only to discover that the overseas refuge they had been promised is an illusion in this “powerful and affecting” (*Kirkus Reviews*) debut novel, perfect for fans of*The Nightingale*, *All the Light We Cannot See*, and *Schindler’s List*.”

Before everything changed, young Hannah Rosenthal lived a charmed life. But now, in 1939, the streets of Berlin are draped with red, white, and black flags; her family’s fine possessions are hauled away; and they are no longer welcome in the places that once felt like home. Hannah and her best friend, Leo Martin, make a pact: whatever the future has in store for them, they’ll meet it together.

Hope appears in the form of the *S.S. St. Louis*, a transatlantic liner offering Jews safe passage out of Germany. After a frantic search to obtain visas, the Rosenthals and the Martins depart on the luxurious ship bound for Havana. Life on board the *St. Louis* is like a surreal holiday for the refugees, with masquerade balls, exquisite meals, and polite, respectful service. But soon ominous rumors from Cuba undermine the passengers’ fragile sense of safety. From one day to the next, impossible choices are offered, unthinkable sacrifices are made, and the ship that once was their salvation seems likely to become their doom.

Seven decades later in New York City, on her twelfth birthday, Anna Rosen receives a strange package from an unknown relative in Cuba, her great-aunt Hannah. Its contents will inspire Anna and her mother to travel to Havana to learn the truth about their family’s mysterious and tragic past, a quest that will help Anna understand her place and her purpose in the world.

*The German Girl* sweeps from Berlin at the brink of the Second World War to Cuba on the cusp of revolution, to New York in the wake of September 11, before reaching its deeply moving conclusion in the tumult of present-day Havana. Based on a true story, this masterful novel gives voice to the joys and sorrows of generations of exiles, forever seeking a place called home.”

          So pick up your copy today and join us on MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 at 4 PM at the Temple……………..lesli



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our next meeting will be on

Monday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENTION**. 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

The

Shabbat Shalom

Orchestra

**Calling all musicians!**

**If you love to play music you will love the Shabbat Shalom Orchestra.**

**The Shabbat Shalom Orchestra will play an amazing repertoire of lively and exciting Shabbat music for occasional Friday night services at Temple Shalom. Our first performance is planned for March 2017. This is a no-rehearsal band. Band members will receive PDF files of music for 5 or 6 pieces as well as audio files. The music will be in lead sheet form—melody and chords, for C and Bb instruments. We are looking for woodwinds, brass, strings of all sorts, percussion and keyboards and anything else that you might play.**

**If you are interested in joining the band, please contact Rabbi Sruli at** **djsruli@gmail.com****.**

**All levels welcome.**

***Rabbi Sruli is always happy to speak with and meet with members or our Temple. Please call or text 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.***

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We pray for refuah sh’leimah – the full and speedy recovery **of Gary Buckman, John Calloway,**

 **June Wilner Chason, Carson Hudson, Enid Ehrlich, Isaak Gekhtin, Anne Geller,Ariella Green,**

 **Elizabeth Johnson, Mark Johnson, 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, David Izenstatt, Phil Bray, Michael Jesser, Debby Eicher,**

 **Georgette Belanger,** 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 Temple Shalom*

*know when it can be removed.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO 

 Estelle Rubinstein Dec 3

Andrew Bodenheimer 6

Joshua Goodman 7

Lillian Zidle 7

Briana Robillard 9

Peter Casares 10

Jennifer Nussinow 11

Carla Marcus 15

Gavin Piper 16

Suzan Katzir 17

Matthew Johnson 20

Sarah Levine 30

Patricia Suzanne 30

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.

DECEMBER 2017 YARTZHEITEN

Arno Fleisher December 2

Sonny Isaacson 4

Renee Laine 5

Morris Supovitz 6

Charles W. Marcus 11

Ernestine Friedlaender 13

Ethel Plavin 13

Morris Zallen 15

Morris Silverman 16

Frances Silverman 17

Jacob Shapiro 19

Frances Stern 19

Sylvia LaPerriere 20

Sylvia Day 21

Marcia Bell 22

Mazie Schwartz 22

William Scolnik 24

Jack Simon 24

Harry Drabkin 25

Keyla Fuks 27

Deborah Isaacson 29



**Last Multi-Faith Round Table at the Auburn**

**Public Library on Tuesday, December5, 12:30 P.M.**

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

**The final All-Clergy Round Table for 2017 will be on 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.**

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     Melissa Johnson, our interim office manager during Julie Waite's absence, could use some volunteer help with several important time consuming chores.

     No, she isn't asking for floor sweepers or dish washers, but rather some help with a few office tasks that include stuffing envelopes, manning the phone during busy hours, collating information, or perhaps searching the files for requested information from a Temple member.

     If you have a few hours that you're willing to spend helping to keep our Temple an active organization, please call Melissa, any weekday morning, at 786-4201.

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 Rabbi Sruli Dredsner

 Office Manager Melissa Johnson

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Friday, 12/1 6:00 pm Shabbat and Dinner with Bates Students

Saturday, 12/2 NO SHABBAT SERVICE

Tuesday, 12/5 12:30 pm Multi-Faith Round Table at Auburn Library

Thursday, 12/7 7.00 am Weekday morning minyan & breakfast

Saturday, 12/9 9:30 am Shabbat Service

Monday, 12/11 4:00 pm Book Group

 5:15 pm Program Committee Meeting

 7:00 pm Temple Board Meeting

Thursday, 12/14 7:00 am Weekday morning minyan & breakfast

Sunday, 12/17 4:00 pm Chanukah Party, Please RSVP

Thursday, 12/21 7:00 am Weekday morning minyan & breakfast

Saturday, 12/23 9:30 am Shabbat Service Sunday, 12/24 \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Leave for Israel

Thursday, 12/28 7:00 am Weekday morning minyan & breakfast

Saturday.12/30 NO SHABBAT SERVICE