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Dear Friends:

Events commemorating the centennial year of Congregation Beth Israel continue.

Through the generosity of the Friedman family, the Sylvia Friedman Memorial Lecture Series has been established to bring to our community distinguished guests to speak to us about a variety of topics. The first lecture in this series will take place on Sunday, September 18, at 7 P.M. at the Jewish Community Center, 28 Somerset Street, Bangor, and will be open to the public. Our guest will be David S. Wyman, history professor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Dr. Wyman is the author of the recent best-seiler The Abandonment of the Jewis America and the Holocaust, 1941 - 1945. Dr. Wyman completed his book after years of extensive research, reaching thought-provoking conclusions about the response of the American people and government to the Nazi extermination of Jews during World War II. The book has received numerous awards and was selected by The New York Times Book Review as one of the best books of 1985.

We are privileged to have Dr. Wyman as a speaker, and those who have heard him before report that his presentation is most absorbing. Scheduled as it is between Rosh Hashamh and Yom Kippur, this program provides us all with an opportunity to learn more about a singular aspect of the Holocaust at a time of heightened personal reflection and introspection. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely yours,

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