

Chadashot Ha'am

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Rabbi's Message



By Rabbi Jared Saks

My favorite weekends throughout high school were when I could spend three or four full days with 150 of my closest Jewish friends, my fellow NFTYites, at our NFTY regional conclaves, or *kallot* as they are called today.

If you're not familiar with NFTY, it is the North American Federation of Temple Youth, the high school arm of the Reform movement. Every year, thousands of Jewish teens from across North America gather at regional and national NFTY events and experience Jewish life with an intensity that's unlike anything else I've experienced.

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As a teen in a high school of over 1,000 students where I was one of the handful of Jewish kids, these weekends were critical in developing my Jewish identity. They were the only occasions when I was around lots of Jewish people who sympathized with me about teachers scheduling tests on *Yom Kippur*. They, too, were either embarrassed or proud to bring *matzah* sandwiches to lunch for a week and knew that there were *Chanukah* songs other than *Dreidel, Dreidel* and Adam Sandler's *The Chanukah Song*.

Members of Congregation Bet Ha'am recently attended a production at Portland Stage Company of *The Whipping Man*, which tells the story of the concurrence of the end of the Civil War and Passover in 1865 through the lens of a Jewish slave owner and two of his slaves. One person commented how wonderful it



felt to be in the presence of so many Jewish people outside of synagogue in Maine. Even with Maine's sizeable Jewish population by some standards – consider states like Montana and the Dakotas, it's rare that outside of synagogue life we feel like we are among the Jewish community.

We have a remarkable opportunity this spring to be among a Jewish population and engaged in Jewish worship and music, teaching and learning, culture and life, right here in Maine. The second Maine Conference for Jewish Life will bring together Jews and those interested in Jewish life from

across the state for three days of living in Jewish community. Like last year's conference, everything will take place at Colby College in Waterville. This year's gathering will be held from Friday, June 12, through Sunday, June 14.

I believe that this opportunity to experience Judaism and Jewish life with this many other likeminded people is so important that we're taking Bet Ha'am on the road for the weekend! Rather than having a family worship service at Bet Ha'am that Friday, we'll join the family service at the Maine Conference for Jewish Life. There will also be an inclusive *Kabbalat Shabbat* service that evening, if family services aren't your thing. And here's the thing I'm most excited about: between those two services and following a *Shabbat* dinner, award-winning author Lois Lowry will deliver the keynote address, *Telling Our Stories to One Another*. I heard Lois Lowry speak at a children's bookstore in Minneapolis, and I'm sure her talk will be engaging for learners of all ages! On Saturday morning, I'll be leading a Reform *Shabbat* service, or you can explore the options that will be available.

Throughout the weekend, there will be exciting learning opportunities, including sessions to study the weekly *Torah* portion, learn about *mikvah* and craft a Jewish identity. I will be teaching a class on Reform Jewish theology through the lens of Reform liturgy. The conference will include some of the best and brightest in Jewish life from Maine, as well as scholars from New York, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Israel and beyond.

The Maine Conference for Jewish Life is an affordable, dynamic, intensive Jewish experience and an opportunity for those of us living in Maine to engage with Jewish community on an expanded level. I hope you'll plan to join us. The conference, including all meals, costs only \$135 for the weekend or \$45 per day. You can choose to stay in affordable housing on campus, in nearby off-campus housing or in your own home and commute. It's going to be a phenomenal weekend of celebrating the gift of *Torah*, while sharing stories, struggles and best practices with each other!

Please go to <http://web.colby.edu/mainejewishlifeconference/> for more information or to register. If you have questions, please contact me at ravsaks@bethaam.org, Lynn Urbach at lurbach1@maine.rr.com or Mel Weiss at melanieaweiss@gmail.com for more information.



The Little Plant Sale that Does



By Toby Rosenberg, Garden Committee Chair

This Mother's Day, May 10, marks Bet Ha'am's sixth annual plant sale. When the Garden Committee began hosting this event, we had no idea if it would become such a successful fundraiser. We could see there were garden projects we'd want to mount that would be beyond the congregation's budget, so we thought we'd raise a few dollars toward those.

We also thought the sale would be a good community-building event. We are blessed to live in an area where avid gardening is widespread. The sale invites everyone to share their overcrowded plants or extra seedlings and discover locally grown specimens to fill empty spaces. Since the sale always comes on Mother's Day, we provide colorful flowering plants that students can buy to delight their mothers.

No matter the weather, the day of the sale brings a festival atmosphere as numerous volunteers set out a trove of beautiful plants and ready the educational materials to answer questions about this year's offerings. Over time we have seen that it is not just our own congregants who support the sale but neighbors and an ever-widening circle of fans. One year, just at opening, a neighbor ran over to donate irises she had thinned from her garden. Another neighbor bought one of the *etrog* seedlings we had sprouted at *Tu B'shevat*. He returned the following year to show us its remarkable growth.

Of course, catching up with friends, the lively conversations that ensue around what people are buying,

where to plant them, and the season's promises are what make the sale so much fun. Plant sale earnings have supported activities and curriculum for our religious school students. Involving them in the garden helps them understand the seasonal cycles marked by our Jewish festivals. The wheat garden is one example.

Plant sale revenues also sustain our raised beds. The beds in turn incorporate social action as we donate much of our produce to the needy. This year a number of *b'nai mitzvah* students have chosen to work on the raised beds as their *mitzvah* projects. Starting with plant selection and seed sprouting, they will continue through harvest, donating some of the produce to Wayside Food Rescue and preparing some for use at Bet Ha'am.

This year the Garden Committee is embarking on two major projects funded solely by plant sale earnings and donations.

The most visible will be in the entry courtyard. We will completely transform the garden between the ramp and the schoolhouse. The current bed has not seen much success. The magnolias are stricken with an incurable fungus and the ground cover gets very unkempt without offering much beauty. We will replace the diseased magnolias and the unkempt ground cover with small trees, shrubs, flowering plants and bulbs that will offer more variety, texture and color. Special attention is being paid to providing interest in the spring and autumn when we spend the most time in that entry courtyard.



The other changes be in the enclosed garden, where we will install a wheelchair-accessible path from the terrace to the bench outside the library and into the side entry nearby. The path will be constructed of gravel and stone dust, materials that will blend into the existing surface while offering accessibility to all who wish to enter and enjoy it. We are pleased to be able to follow through on the intent to make our whole campus fully accessible.

As you read this article there should still be time to get involved with this year's plant sale; dig perennials from your garden and donate. Just leave them near the raised beds labeled as to what they are and what they need for care. Or you can plan to attend the sale and purchase wonderful locally dug plants and shrubs at bargain prices. You will be contributing to our new projects too!





President's Message



By Lisa Munderback, President

This is my last *Chadashot* article as president of our congregation. My two-year term has gone by so quickly! There are many people to thank for the help and support I've been blessed to have during this time. Listing you all would take this whole page, so I hope it will suffice to say, "*Modah ani*," I am so grateful to all of you. I could not have led without you walking beside me, or in some cases, pushing me forward.

Much has happened since we began implementing our Strategic Plan two years ago. Here are some of the highlights.

Fostering Connections within the Bet Ha'am Community:

One of the ways to foster connections is through the practice of radical hospitality, and I'm pleased we have made progress in these approaches. We warmly greet everyone who comes to the synagogue and make special efforts to welcome newcomers. We have held neighborhood meetings where congregants could build relationships and feel safe discussing challenging topics. A policy acknowledging our non-Jewish members now allows for their fuller participation in our synagogue. The Membership Committee calls and welcomes all new members to help them enter into the life of the community. The Membership Committee also has

hosted the Welcome Back to Religious School breakfast and a Congregational BBQ. The Caring Committee continues to work tirelessly to be sure that mourners, as well as those who are sick or hospitalized, are supported with visits, cards and food.

Cultivating Community Connections to the Broader Jewish Community:

With three other local rabbis, we were a sponsor of the Maine Jewish Film Festival this year, and Rabbi Saks made the introduction to one of the films. Bet Ha'am hosts the Melton School for Adult Jewish Learning for many of its classes. Rabbi Saks was a presenter in the series "Eat, Pray, Love" with three other local rabbis that was well attended by the Jewish community. There was a congregational trip to Israel last year and plans are underway for another in 2016.

Engaging in Tikkun Olam:

We continue our tradition of collecting food and money during the High Holy Days to support local food pantries and *Mazon*, a Jewish non-profit dedicated to ending hunger in the United States and Israel. The Social Action Committee collects clothes for refugees at Portland Adult Education and Preble Street Resource Center and collects toiletries for Hope House, a program for asylum seekers. The committee also coordinates a furniture drive to support new immigrant families. Congregants continue to participate in the Wayside Food Program by serving and cleaning up from the dinner meal at Hope Gateway Methodist Church in Portland on fifth Thursdays. One of our members recently participated in the URJ Consultation on Conscience and will be sharing ideas for further opportunities to address social justice issues.

Avodah/Worship:

To enhance our *Shabbat* services the Rabbi works with the *Gabbai* Committee to try out new melodies and ways of creating variety in our worship experience. Several times a year we enjoy *Shabbat* in Three Experiences, with opportunities for celebrating *Shabbat* through traditional worship, study or an alternative service.

Lifelong Learning of Torah:

The Education Committee and Orly have been implementing the recommendations of the Religious School Change Task Force. We are becoming more adept at developing programming that responds to the needs of students and their families. Adult education mini-series are offered on a regular basis, and we continue to schedule scholar-in-residence programs that provide inter-generational learning experiences.

***Zecher T'zaddik L'vrachah* | Condolences to:**

Julia & Dan Bailin on the loss of Julia's grandfather, **Edward Hudson Kirk Boettcher & Jared Saks** on the loss of Kirk's grandmother, **Leota Hamlin David & Jerri Donn** on the loss of David's father, **Albert Donn Scott & Jen Frank** on the loss of Scott's mother, **Roberta "Bobbi" Frank Dan & Stacey Jenkins** on the loss of Dan's grandmother, **Jean Kraff Craig & Sarah Lapine** on the loss of Craig's father, **Chuck Lapine Ian Meng & Dara Saffer** on the loss of Ian's father, **John Meng Wendy & Bill Sirois** on the loss of Wendy's mother, **Marsha Blackman**

House/Garden/Grounds:

We are fortunate to have such a beautiful building and grounds. We have been able to rent our space for events such as wedding receptions and non-profit meetings. The Garden Committee continues to provide opportunities for members to connect with each other through garden weed-a-thons. The Mother's Day plant sale fosters connections with members and neighbors while generating funding for important garden improvements, including an accessible walkway.

Logistics:

We have developed a new website and installed new synagogue software. These were huge undertakings that will enhance our ability to communicate effectively with members, others in the community and beyond. Committee chairs come together twice a year to talk about their work and find ways to bring synergy and focus to our efforts.

Finance:

Treasurer Tom Rosen ably keeps track of our financial status with assistance from the Finance Committee. Tom will provide an update at the Annual Meeting.

I hope you will come to the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, from 6:15 to about 8:00 PM. We'll begin with a few minutes for nosh and conversation, followed by a *d'var* from Rabbi Saks. Kris Dorer, Executive Director, will give an overview of the work of our synagogue staff. Tom Rosen will give the finance report, and I will express our appreciation to our outgoing members of the Board of Trustees. Members in attendance will vote on the slate of new Board members.

I will end by again thanking all of you for your support and commitment to the Bet Ha'am community.



Notes from Our Religious School Director



By Orly Biggie, Religious School Director

Yachdav, which means together, is a pilot program for religious education which began this spring at Bet Ha'am. Second through fifth grade students and their parents are meeting once a month on *Shabbat* or Sunday to explore different topics together. Our first study topic was *Havdalah*, the beautiful ceremony that marks the end of *Shabbat*. Participants learned about the concept of holiness and the meaning behind the *Havdalah* objects. They then made their own *Havdalah* candles, *besameem* (spice sachet) and grape juice to take home in their *Havdalah* bags. Families also joined a creative Torah service in the sanctuary about *Shabbat HaGadol*, the *Shabbat* before *Pesach*. This special *Shabbat* has a special *Haftarah* in which we meet the prophet Elijah, who later visits us at our *seders*.



Students in *Yachdav* study Hebrew during the week, either online or with the help of a teacher. Families also receive materials to study together at home. We are hoping to plan a social activity for participants between the monthly programs.

As we evaluate this pilot program's strengths and weaknesses, it will be modified for next year and available to more families. If you would like more information, would like to be involved in curriculum planning or would like to be a participating family, please let me know. CH

Welcome New Member!

Daria Rosen

Mazel tov to our upcoming B'nai Mitzvah!

We look forward to celebrating with them as a congregation.
All are welcome!

Dora Chaison-Lapine | Saturday, May 16, 2015

Hannah Dubinsky | Saturday, May 30, 2015 (*2pm)

Elijah Rosen | Saturday, June 20, 2015

Lucy Medd | Saturday, August 22, 2015

Confirmation Students Storm New York City!



By Rabbi Saks

Eight of our Confirmation class students spent the weekend of March 19 – 22 experiencing Jewish life, theater, food and culture in New York City. We toured the Eldridge Street Synagogue museum, visited the Jewish Museum, worshipped with the *B'nai Jeshurun* Congregation, walked the High Line, ate at Katz's Delicatessen, visited the 9/11 Memorial, saw a Broadway show and even more!

The students bonded as a class, explored Jewish identity in the past, present and future, and had an all-around good time. We are grateful to The Solomon & Sylvia Bronstein Foundation for the grant that allowed our students to participate in this rewarding experience.

We look forward to trips with future Confirmation and high school students at Bet Ha'am. CH





Help Congregation Bet Ha'am Earn \$10,000!

As you know, elections for the World Zionist Organization were held through April. Many of our congregants voted for ARZA (the Association of Reform Zionists of America), thus standing up for women's rights, gender equality, religious equality and peace in Israel.

Our votes also were valuable for another reason: ARZA is giving \$10,000 to one congregation to use for Israel programming! There will be two raffles. For each 25 congregants who voted, we receive one raffle ticket that is entered in the drawing for \$10,000. For each 5% of our congregation who voted, we receive a raffle ticket that is entered in a second drawing for \$5,000.

We have to document congregants' votes to receive the raffle tickets. Please let us know if you voted and the email address that you used when you voted. Every family member counts, even if you only voted once from the same email address!

Please send your information to karen@bethaam.org before Monday, May 11, when we will be submitting the collected voting information to ARZA. Thank you!



Congregant Interview: Steve Steinbock



By Kris Dorer, Executive Director

Steve Steinbock is a beloved member of our congregation and a well-known scholar, author and educator. A resident of Yarmouth, he soon will be moving to Washington State with his family (wife Sue Mandell and sons Nathaniel and Sam), so we wanted to catch up with Steve before we wish him farewell.

Current or past profession: Writer and teacher. Before moving to Maine, I worked as a synagogue educator, much like Orly Biggie. When I moved to Maine 23 years ago, I focused my attention on writing and raising a family.

Hobbies: I'm a devotee of mystery and detective fiction, and I collect old mysteries. That hobby turned into my second profession when I began working as a book reviewer, first for the Portland Press Herald, and then for several magazines. I served two terms as president of the International Association of Crime Writers and have been the book critic for Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine for the past five years. I enjoy baking, reading and studying history and languages.

Volunteer work: I teach in the Bet Ha'am Religious School. I've been doing it as long as I can remember. Twice I served on the Board of Directors and have been on a number of committees.

Some life accomplishments: My biggest accomplishment is having raised two amazing sons. I'm also proud of the three books I wrote, all of which were published by URJ Press.

How long have you been a member of Bet Ha'am? Joining Bet Ha'am was one of the first things we did when we moved to Maine in 1991.

Tell us about a few funny, interesting, fond memories of your life as part of Bet Ha'am: Wow, so many memories. I've been involved in a couple of Bet Ha'am bake-offs and bake-ins (making *matzah brei*, Sephardic pastries, *matzah* with ancient grains, etc.). Last year at the religious school's high school retreat, I put a gymnasium full of our teenagers into a trance. I used to bribe my students with magic tricks. One time I was out for lunch with Rabbi Cohen, and he locked himself out of the building. I spent an hour trying to pick my way in. Unsuccessfully.

What are three words/phrases that you would use to explain what Bet Ha'am is or means to you: Home/*heimish* (Yiddish for "homey"), loving, learning.

Other items to share: Bet Ha'am has been a central part of my life. That makes it especially hard for me to say good-bye to Maine. I have extremely warm memories of all the people I've worked with at Bet Ha'am, particularly the kids. I fully intend to come back to visit from time to time.

Bet Ha'am wishes all the best to Steve and his family. You will always be a part of our family!

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Book Review

Someone to Run With

By David Grossman

Picador, Paperback Edition

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Birth is a beginning

And death a destination

But life is a journey . . . (Alvin J. Fine)

In *Someone to Run With*, David Grossman writes eloquently about life's journeys. Although categorized as a young adult selection, the book will find favor with teens and adults alike who enjoy reading about Israel. This work received Israel's prestigious Sappir Prize for Literature. The film version of *Someone to Run With* opened the 2006 Jerusalem Film Festival.

As the novel begins, sixteen-year-old Assaf has a summer job at the Jerusalem Sanitation Department. When assigned to find a lost dog, Assaf decides to search for the missing owner as well. This decision will set him on a journey that changes his life. David Grossman writes, "Sometimes, it is so easy to determine the exact moment when something—Assaf's life, for instance—starts to change, irreversibly, forever."

Tamar, the dog's owner, is on a journey of her own that introduces readers to the underbelly of Israeli society, including the country's criminal populations and teen runaways.

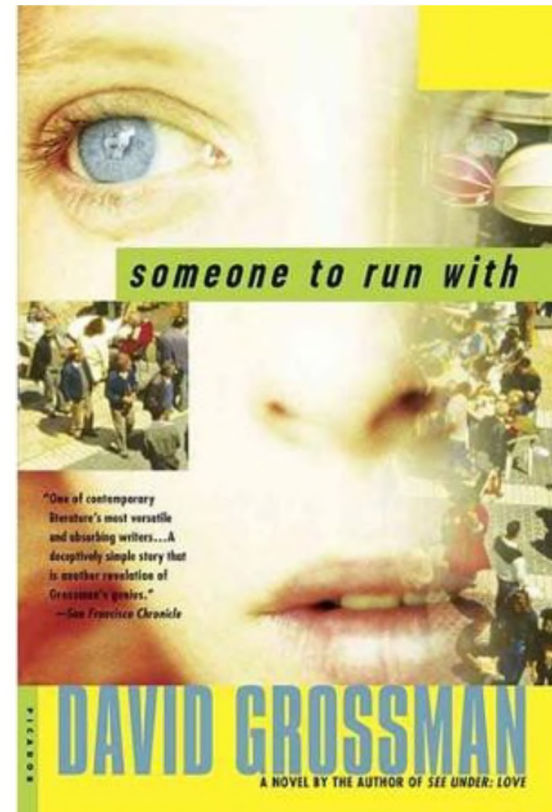
While readers are given insights into Assaf's and Tamar's physical and emotional searches, we also meet the adults who play important roles in their lives. We cheer for successful outcomes of their journeys and hope the young people find happiness, love and peace.

About the Author

David Grossman is an acclaimed author of fiction, nonfiction and children's literature who was born in Jerusalem in 1954. His life in and love for Israel inform the totality of his writings. Grossman's works have been translated into numerous languages and several have been made into movies. He has won literary prizes around the world, including the 2006 *Koret* Jewish Book Award in the United States and in Israel, the Prime Minister's Prize for Creative Work in recognition of his efforts to enhance peace and understanding between Arabs and Jews, and the Israel Prize for his special contribution to society and to the State of Israel.

The author has made his liberal political views known through his writing and as an activist. At the start of the 2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict, Grossman, like most Israelis, supported the government's actions. However, on August 10, 2006 he joined several other noted Israeli authors in calling for a ceasefire as a means of beginning talks for a negotiated solution. Two days later, his twenty-year-old son, Uri, was killed after a Hezbollah missile hit his tank.

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We invite you to join the Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery today! We have many needs and many ways for you to contribute. If you have an event you would like to celebrate, a person you would like to honor, a *yahrzeit* to remember, or you just want to help support our programs, please fill out the form and send it along with your check to Bet Ha'am. Include an address if you would like an acknowledgement to be sent.

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May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Bernstein Scholar-in-Residence Weekend: On The Chocolate Trail <i>Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	2 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Lunch & Learn 11:30 AM <i>Havdalah</i> 5:30 PM
3 Grades 1-6 Religious School 9:00 AM Kindergarten 9:00 AM Grade 7-10 Religious School 5:00 PM	4 Office Closed	5 Nominating Committee Meeting 4:45 PM	6 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	7	8 Grades 6A & 6B Family <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner 5:30 PM <i>Shabbat</i> Family Service 6:30 PM	9 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Yachdav</i> Program 10:00 AM <i>Lag B'Omer</i> Youth Group Archery at Lakeside Archery, North Yarmouth 8:45am
10 6th Annual Plant Sale Grades 1-6 Religious School Grade 8-10 Mentoring Kindergarten 9:00 AM Social Action Committee Meeting Steinbock Adult Learning 10:00 AM Youth Group Dinner Meeting Grades 7-10 Religious School Grades 11-12 Community High School 5:00 PM	11 Office Closed	12	13 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	14 Education Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	15 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	16 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service with <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> 10:00 AM
17 <i>Shalom Yeladim</i> at Smiling Hill Farm Grades 1-6 Religious School 9:00 AM Teacher Appreciation Luncheon 12:15 PM Grades 7-10 Religious School 5:00 PM	18 Office Closed Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Garden Committee Meeting 5:30 PM A Night to Honor Steve Steinbock 6:00 PM	21 Library Committee Meeting 10:30 AM	22 Tot <i>Shabbat</i> Service 5:30 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	23 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Erev Shavuot</i>
24 Confirmation and <i>Shavuot</i> Service with <i>Yizkor</i> and <i>Kiddush</i> 10:00 AM ----- 31	25 Office Closed	26 Annual Meeting/ Board Meeting 6:15 PM	27 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	28	29 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	30 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service with <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> 10:00 AM <i>Shabbat Mincha</i> with <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> 2:00 PM

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	4	5 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	6 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Bet Ha'am 30th Birthday Party! 5:30 PM
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28 Youth Group Event on Casco Bay Ferry 5:00 PM	29 Office Closed	30				