



# Chadashot Ha'am

September, 2012

Elul/Tishrei

## A Message from Rabbi Saks

They say that life is not a dress rehearsal. But that's not entirely true. There are times when we get a chance to go through the motions in order to make sure that we're doing it right - to make sure that when the real things happen, we make the right decisions. We have this privilege during the High Holy Days. During the ten day period from *Rosh Hashanah* to *Yom Kippur*, we get to walk through the motions of our lives in order to make sure that, in the year ahead, we get the moves right.



*Rosh Hashanah*, the beginning of the Jewish year, is also known as *Yom Harat Ha-Olam*, the day of the world's birth. And throughout the holiday, we hear themes of birth and the beginning of life. Traditionally, the Torah reading speaks of the birth and weaning of Isaac. And our Torah reading, borrowed from communities that observe a second day of *Rosh Hashanah*, tells of when Isaac's life is spared and a ram is sacrificed in his place. The *Haftarah* reading, taken from *I Samuel*, details the miraculous conception and birth of Hannah's son, Samuel. Even the *shofar* is meant to remind us of the beginning of

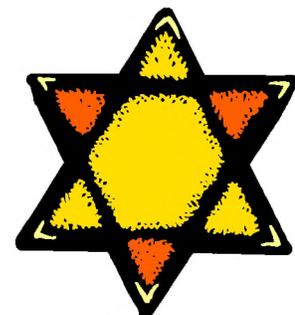
life. As Janet Zimmern writes, "Birth is noisy. Often it is a piercing, shrieking noise that announces the new.... The shofar blows and we listen, not to think about a pattern of symbols, but rather to experience hearing one of the original and uncanny sounds of historical Jewish life.... Perceive the manual labor required to blow it, hear its messy pitch, and feel it speaking about the birth of our world."

And then, ten days later, we confront death. In every way that *Rosh Hashanah* is about life, *Yom Kippur* is about death. We fast on *Yom Kippur*, symbolic of our deaths. We recite the *Vidui*, the confession of sin, reminiscent of the *vidui* that we are to recite on our death beds. Traditionally, we wear a *kittel*, a shroud meant to remind us of the burial shroud in which Jews are traditionally buried. At *Kol Nidre*, we stand before an empty *Aron Kodesh*, an empty Holy Ark, with the *kodesh*, the holy Torah scrolls, removed, leaving simply an *aron*, a casket. We are meant to contemplate our deaths on *Yom Kippur* and the measure of our lives.

At the end of *Neilah*, the closing service of the Days of

Awe, when we hear the shofar blast, instead of sounding like wailing, it is an alarm meant to wake us, to let us know that it was only a dress rehearsal, and that we now know better how to live our lives.

As we approach the *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe, we receive an opportunity to review our lives and to make the changes that will make our lives richer and fuller. May this High Holy Day season be one of sweetness and blessing for you and your loved ones. *L'Shanah tovah tikateivu*, May you be written in the Book of Life for a year of blessing and peace.



## President's Message - Lisa Pierce

As I reflect back on this past year, one of the highlights for me was the opportunity to view Rabbi Harry Sky's collection of Inuit art at the Arctic Museum at Bowdoin College. The sculptures in this fascinating collection illustrate the substantive transformations that the Inuit believe are part of our natural existence. These dynamic pieces capture moments of change between life forms: human to animal, spirit to bird, bird to human. In these works of art, we can see the form both as it was and as it will become. What Rabbi Sky so beautifully gleaned from these works was a sense that all of us are constantly in a process of transforming. We are each, all the time, in the act of becoming.

I find the concept profound. In so many ways, I am still essentially who I have been since I was in high school. Yet, I am not exactly the same person I was last year. And I'm not exactly the same person now that I will be at this time next year. Even subtle changes result in learning and growing, whether inward or outward, whether intentional or not. Stasis just isn't an option. All I can do is try to move in the right direction.

Our congregation, too, is constantly changing as the people who make up our community change, not only internally, but also in their interactions as they weave in and out of the elements that make up the fabric of our mutual existence. As individuals, our needs naturally change throughout our lives. The way we interact with the synagogue is different when we have small children or aging



parents or life-cycle events, and these things happen in different ways for each of us.

We each add what we can, when we can.

Consciously or unconsciously, each of us is an important piece of the whole. Our congregation is undeniably colored by our presence, by our participation and by the energy we share.

Here's the amazing part to me: throughout this constant flux, we remain, fundamentally, Bet Ha'am. The people have changed and will always change, and our space has changed and will continue to change. But somehow each of us, through our involvement, slightly nudges the congregation in one direction or the other, and the institution that is Congregation Bet Ha'am retains its essence. As I reflect on our collective past, present and future, it is mind-boggling to see how the common values and traditions that make up our community persist in spite of the constant ebb and flow of the human beings that comprise our existence. This congregation is not, as a whole, all that different than it was five years ago. Or ten. Or twenty. Our doors remain open wide, our worship is joyful and heartfelt, and our commitment to teaching and learning and living Jewishly is constant.

We will have ample opportunities during this coming year to identify the specific things that work, the things we like and want to keep as

part of our congregation during our strategic planning process. And I am sure the results will be useful and affirming. But I think there is an additional element, something intangible that only you can provide. What is the secret ingredient that keeps Congregation Bet Ha'am so Bet Ha'am-ish? Whatever you are doing out there, all of you, please keep it flowing. It's working.

I wish you and yours a happy and sweet new year as we change the calendar, change ourselves, change our community, and change the world around us.

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## From the Religious School Director

### Orly Mendelson Biggie



On Sunday, September 9, the 5773 school year will begin for all of our students. This is about a week before the Jewish New Year of 5773 begins with the holiday of *Rosh Hashanah*. I would like to wish all of you *Shana Tova u'metuka*, a good and sweet year!

We ask our students to bring *zedakah* money to Religious School each week. *Zedakah* is one of the first Hebrew words that our students learn. For most people, *zedakah* means giving charity. The meaning of the Hebrew word comes from the root *zedek*, which means "just." Giving *zedakah* is the right, just thing to do.

At the end of each year, we tally up all the *zedakah* contributions. Last year we divided our *zedakah* money among three organizations. We gave \$300 to Jewish Family Services, which helps Jewish people in our local Jewish community. We gave \$200 to the Lighthouse Project Shelter, a Portland teen shelter. The thank you note from Lighthouse Shelter included the following information. "More than 400 youth are served by the Preble Street's Teen Services each year and, despite setbacks and disappointments, every time one of them takes a life-affirming step forward, enrolls in school, begins a GED course, agrees to counseling or finds someone to trust – we have kept our promise to them. We couldn't do any of this without your help."

The third portion of last year's *zedakah* money went to help people internationally. We contributed \$340 to Heifer International to help families around the world. Heifer International provides animals to people living in poverty and helps them learn to raise and sustain the animals as sources of support for their families and communities. Our donation supported the purchase of two flocks of chicks, two flocks of ducks, a flock of geese and a sheep. To read more about how this organization helps, visit their website at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

You can read the thank you notes from these organizations on our school bulletin board in the hall. Our students' *zedakah* made a difference for many people in need.

I look forward to another great year at Religious School!

*Shana Tova!*

## Schedule of Shabbat Services

See page 12 for the High Holy Day  
Schedule of Services

### Friday, August 31

*Kabbalat Shabbat Service* 7:30 PM

### Saturday, September 1

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

*Parsha Ki Teitzei*

### Friday, September 7

*Family Kabbalat Shabbat* 6:30 PM

### Saturday, September 8

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

*Parsha Ki Tavo*

### Friday, September 14

*Kabbalat Shabbat Service* 7:30 PM

### Saturday, September 15

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

*Parsha Nitzavim*

### Friday, September 21

*Kabbalat Shabbat Service* 7:30 PM

### Saturday, September 22

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

*Parsha Vayeilech (Shuvah)*

### Friday, September 28

*Kabbalat Shabbat Service* 7:30 PM

### Saturday, September 29

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

*Parsha Haazinu*

## Religious School News

The first day of Religious School is Sunday, September 9.

Kindergarten will meet from 9:00 - 10:30 AM

*Shalom Yeladim* will meet from 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Grades 1 - 6 will meet from 9:00 AM to noon

Grades 7 - 10 will meet from 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Students should be registered prior to the first day of school. We will not be registering students on Sunday, September 9.

School fees and parent volunteer forms are due before the first day of school.

Students in grades one through six should bring a loose leaf binder, a pencil and *tzedakah* money each Sunday.

### Religious School Parents' Meetings in September

Sunday, September 9 1st Grade 9:30 AM

4th Grade 11:15 AM

Sunday, September 23 2nd Grade 9:30 AM

5th Grade 11:15 AM

Sunday, September 30 3rd Grade 9:30 AM

6th Grade 11:15 AM

## The Rabbi Goldfinger Fund for Travel to Israel

We are very excited to introduce our fourth fund honoring previous rabbis. The Rabbi Goldfinger Fund for Israel Travel is being established in honor of Rabbi Alice Goldfinger. This fund will support congregants who need financial assistance to make a trip to Israel. Israel is very near and dear to Rabbi Goldfinger, and she is touched that this fund is being set up in her honor. She commented, "Talking about Israel is like falling in love. There are certain things you have to experience first hand in order to understand and feel. It is impossible to explain the feeling of Israel until you step off the plane. There are things I feel there that I don't feel anywhere else."

Rabbi Goldfinger wrote about Israel in her blog article about the Fourth of July. "I decided to stop talking and start traveling. Every American I brought to Israel was worth a thousand sermons on the subject.... In Israel they say, "If you do not believe in miracles you are not a realist."... And if you are a realist, go to Israel immediately if not sooner to celebrate your independence."

We invite you to support Rabbi Goldfinger's vision with a donation to this newly established fund!

Congregation Bet Ha'am is fortunate to have three other funds honoring past rabbis.

The Cohen Fund for Worship and Learning was established to support and promote study within the congregation. It is used to support scholar-in-residence programs, materials, speakers and other items that enhance the study of Torah at Bet Ha'am. Rabbi Paul Cohen shared: "Study was and continues to be a core piece of my rabbinate, and it was with this knowledge that the congregation established this fund."

The Open Door Fund was established to honor Rabbi William Berkowitz. The purpose of the fund is to generate funds so that Bet Ha'am can continue its open door policy, especially during the High Holy Days. Rabbi Berkowitz said, "When I was asked what kind of fund could be set up to perpetuate my vision of Bet Ha'am, I was pleased that the Board agreed to establish the Open Door Fund. Bet Ha'am's strengths are based on inclusivity and democratic decision making, and I felt that reducing financial barriers would enhance congregational life for all. Ideally, the Open Door Fund serves three purposes: it gives everyone a way to participate; it is a positive signal to those in need of a subsidy that their request is welcome and not a burden; it reminds the community of Bet Ha'am's values. Thank you for maintaining the Fund in my name as an example of Reform Jewish generosity in action!"

The Sandmel Fund, established to honor Rabbi David Sandmel, provides camp scholarships and religious school tuition assistance to help all young people experience Jewish education.

All of these funds need your support! Please consider making donations to honor our past rabbis and to commemorate special occasions.

### **Mazel Tov**

- *Mazel tov* to Russ Pierce on his recent nomination to the Board of Directors of the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM). NRCM is one of Maine's leading environmental advocacy organizations. Its goals include working to improve the quality of Maine's rivers, reduce toxic chemicals, decrease air pollution and global warming, and conserve Maine lands.
- Becca Brocks, a member of the class of 2013, was one of six residents to be honored at Tufts University's School of Medicine Student Clinician Ceremony in May 2012. Becca received the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Award for Humanism and Excellence in Teaching. In June, Becca also received first prize for her resident research presentation and recognition from the Maine Medical Center Department of Surgery for her teaching. *Mazel Tov*, Becca!

**Welcome New Members**

Alan & Trudy Goldstein

## Shalom Yeladim

The monthly program for 3-5 year-olds and their parents will be offered one Sunday a month from 11:00-noon. We meet to celebrate and learn about Jewish life through prayer, songs, stories, and arts and crafts. The fee is \$25/year to cover supplies. Andrea Krasker will lead the program. This year's dates and themes are:

Sept ember 9:	Rosh Hashanah
October 14:	Shabbat
November 4:	Tzedakah
December 2:	Chanukah
January 13:	Tu B'Shvat
February 3:	Purim
March 17:	Pesach
April 7:	Israel
May 5:	Shavuot

To register, please complete the form below.

Questions? Contact Orly at 879-0028

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 Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 fee enclosed  Yes



## Social Action News

Donate food and money to the annual Bet Ha'am food drive over the High Holy Days. See the article by Piotrek Stamieszkin in this newsletter for details.

Join with others from Bet Ha'am to help serve meals at Woodfords Congregational Church through the Wayside Food Program on the fourth Thursday of the month, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Join other Bet Ha'am volunteers in preparing and delivering a meal to Friendship House, a shelter for homeless men struggling with addiction, on the fourth Wednesday of the month, from September through May. Contact Solange Kellerman at [solangekell@hotmail.com](mailto:solangekell@hotmail.com) for more information.

Help area immigrants and asylum seekers by donating household items and volunteering in various ways. For more information, see <http://www.facebook.com/ImmigrantSupportNetworkGreaterPortlandMaine?ref=stream> or contact Abby Zimet at [planetz@gwi.net](mailto:planetz@gwi.net).



## Power Tzedakah: how to turn \$40 into \$800 (almost a miracle!)

By Piotrek Stamieszkin

I am glad to be part of a community that embraces *tzedakah*, a path of fairness and justice. During past High Holy Days, the long lines of bags that Bet Ha'am members have filled with groceries for those in need have spoken volumes about the way we choose to live.

In the July newsletter, Rabbi Saks shared how donating money instead of, or in addition to, food can provide even more help for those in need. I think that financial donations earmarked for programs that fight hunger make a lot of sense.

The food we donate on the High Holy Days is purchased for that purpose and sometimes augmented with items from our pantries that we do not want anymore. And, if you are like me, you probably don't think about saving the receipts for this charitable donation to use when completing your tax return.

Power *Tzedakah* can multiply your donation!

The organizations running food pantries and large-scale food programs can purchase grocery items for about one eighth of what you or I would pay. So if you plan to donate \$50, your donation can purchase about \$400 worth of groceries. And if you work for a company that matches charitable donations, the retail value of the food would double to \$800.

In addition, cash donations to eligible charities may be eligible for deductions on your income tax return. If you make a donation to Mazon, Project Feed, South Portland Food Cupboard or the JCA's Food Pantry, you could claim this charitable donation as a tax deduction. If your tax rate is 20%, the net cost of your \$50 donation would be \$40.

There is more. Cash donations reduce transportation and storage costs. Organizations can purchase what people need, when they need it. This results in reduced storage requirements and more money being available for food purchases.

*Tzedakah* can be an abstract concept, especially for young children. You may feel that a donation of money is less tangible and less meaningful to your child than shopping for and giving food items. If so, I encourage you to consider shopping with your child for some food items to donate and also including a check for a donation to one of the organizations above. You might make the decision of whether to donate food or money an opportunity to teach your child a bit about economics and how we can make the most of our resources.

In the end, we will each do what we feel is right. Whatever form your donation takes, it will be right!

## Kabbalat Panim



## Our Wheat Crop



## Adult Library News

We welcome Perry Newman, our newest Library Committee member.

Thank you to the Suchecki family, colleagues of Rachel Stamieszkin, and to Susan Cummings Lawrence for recent donations. The Reference collection now includes Hebrew-English and English-Hebrew dictionaries, Hebrew grammar books and several translations of the *Chumash*.

Happily, the collections have grown and our shelves are rapidly filling. To ensure that our collection continues to be tailored to meet congregational interests, all offers of books must be reviewed by the Library Committee prior to donation. Please submit a list of titles to Donna Landau at [dmlandau@hotmail.com](mailto:dmlandau@hotmail.com) or to the office staff. Please DO NOT leave boxes of your books in the library; this creates additional work for committee members who must dispose of unneeded or duplicate titles.

If you have a vacation coming up, you can look for good vacation reading in the Library. And remember to check out the cart of bargain books for sale, just outside the library. You'll find both novels and non-fiction. Hard cover books are two dollars and paperbacks are one dollar. Please put the money for your books in the white envelope on the book cart. All proceeds benefit the Adult Library.

Do you need a library card so you can borrow books? Just stop in the library, find the clipboard on the reading table and complete the requested information. Or e-mail Donna Landau at [dmlandau@hotmail.com](mailto:dmlandau@hotmail.com) with your name, mailing address and phone number. Either way, a key tag will be waiting for you at the library office.

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in the synagogue, meet other members and/or spend time during Sunday Religious School? Please consider joining the Library Committee. We need help staffing the library, cataloging books and establishing the synagogue archives.

The library is staffed on Thursdays from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM and on Sunday mornings when there is Religious School from 10:00 AM - noon. You can also stop in to browse and relax whenever the synagogue is open.

Sherrie Bergman & Donna Landau  
Library Committee co-chairs

## Autumn Garden Notes

Each Tuesday this summer, the Garden Committee and volunteers have come together to do a variety of garden chores. We built a new raised bed, planted, weeded, pruned, deadheaded, and harvested. We tended the enclosed garden, our raised beds and our wheat crop. Our efforts have been successful and we have donated produce to the JCA Food Pantry.

On Sunday, July 22, we hosted a garden-tending party in the enclosed garden. Nineteen volunteers accomplished a great deal of work in just a couple of hours! On Friday, July 27, we honored the volunteers who keep our gardens in good health and looking good at a special Shabbat service.

We have harvested our winter wheat and our spring wheat crops! We plan to involve our Religious School students in threshing and grinding the wheat to bake *challahs* for Sukkot.



Help us Get our Grounds Looking Good  
for the High Holy Days!

Join the Garden and House Committees  
on  
Sunday, September 9,  
from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon  
for a  
Grounds Spruce up

Plentiful goodies will be provided on the  
terrace for volunteers.

This is a great volunteer opportunity for  
all ages and skill levels, including  
families.

We have tools available, but you can  
bring your favorites.

Please join us for High Holy Day worship at Congregation Bet Ha'am with Rabbi Jared Saks and inspired musical contributions from Sharon Newman and other Bet Ha'am congregants.



Sharon's words as she was honored at our recent volunteer recognition service say it all:

"Music, more than words, even more than the poetry of our liturgy, has always been my most direct connection to God. When I am standing at the *bimah*, singing and playing and we are all in the flow together, I can close my eyes and feel the entire congregation breathe as one. It is like being on a soft cloud, as if we are a single organism, one Bet Ha'am soul. *Kol ha-neshama t'hallel-ya, hallelujah*. Let everything that breathes praise God."

## Join us for Sukkot

We'll meet at a local farm (location TBD) on **Sunday, September 30**, at 5:00 PM for farm work and harvesting with Cultivating Community

At 6:45 PM, we will meet at Bet Ha'am with our farm fresh vegetables to complete our *sukkah* and gather for a potluck dinner. All are welcome!

On **Monday, October 1**, join us at 10:00 AM for *Sukkot* worship service.



## Join us for Simchat Torah

On **Sunday, October 7**, at 6:30 PM, come celebrate the consecration of our newest Bet Ha'am students and *Simchat Torah*. We will all help hold the Torah as we unroll it to read from the end and the beginning. We will also dance and have fun with the Casco Bay Tumblers.

On **Monday, October 8**, join us at 10:00 AM for *Azeret/Simchat Torah* morning worship service, including *Yizkor*.





## Support Bet Ha'am's Annual Food Drive!

This year, we are collecting in two different ways:

### Donations of Food

As in the past, after Rosh Hashanah services, we will hand out grocery bags with lists of items needed by local food pantries.

If you would like, please take a bag, fill it, and return it to Bet Ha'am on Yom Kippur.

### Donations of Money

If you would like, you can maximize the impact of your gift by writing a check for the amount you would spend to buy food donations. Local agencies will be able to buy up to eight times the amount of food you could purchase with the same amount of money.

Please make your checks payable to Bet Ha'am, and use the Food Drive envelopes that we will provide. We will send the money to our local food pantries and also to global agencies that provide food to those in need.

**Thank you!**



### High Holy Day Open Door Policy

Since its founding in 1985, Bet Ha'am has been committed to being a house of worship where all feel welcome. In keeping with this goal, Bet Ha'am welcomes anyone seeking a place to worship on Shabbat and other holidays to join us for services. During High Holy Day services, we all – members and non-members alike – wear nametags to allow us to get to know each other better.

We hope to see you at services.  
*Shanah Tovah.*

### Parking

In addition to our own parking lot, you may also park on Braeburn Avenue and across Westbrook Street at the Thornton Heights United Methodist Church parking lot (100 Westbrook Street).

### A Few Reminders

#### Scents

For the comfort and enjoyment of all, please avoid wearing perfumed health and beauty aids to Bet Ha'am events. Some of our members are allergic to the scents.

#### Rides

If you need transportation to attend services, please call the office (879-0028), and we will be happy to arrange a ride for you.

## High Holy Days Schedule of Services 2012-5773

All High Holy Day services are held at Congregation Bet Ha'am,  
81 Westbrook St., South Portland, ME.

### **SELICHOT**

Saturday, September 8, at 7:30 PM

### **ROSH HASHANAH**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Service**

Sunday, September 16, at 8:00 PM

**Children's Service\***

Monday, September 17, at 8:30 AM

**Torah Study**

Monday, September 17, at 9:00 AM

**Worship Service**

Monday, September 17, at 10:00 AM

**Tashlich**

Following Rosh Hashanah services  
on Monday, September 17

### **SHABBAT SHUVAH**

**Erev Shabbat Worship Service**

Friday, September 21, at 7:30 PM

**Torah Study**

Saturday, September 22, at 9:00 AM

**Morning Worship Service**

Saturday, September 22, at 10:00 AM

### **KOL NIDRE**

Tuesday, September 25, at 8:00 PM

### **YOM KIPPUR**

Wednesday, September 26

**Children's Service**

8:30 AM

**Torah Study**

9:00 AM

**Worship Service**

10:00 AM

**Meditation & Healing Service**

12:45 PM

**Afternoon Study**

2:00 PM

**Afternoon Service**

3:00 PM

**Yizkor Service**

4:30 PM

**Neilah\*\***

5:00 PM

### **SUKKOT**

**Sukkot Celebration**

Sunday, October 7, at 5:00 PM

**Sukkot Service**

Monday, October 8, at 10:00 AM

\*Our Children's Services are designed for children in third grade and younger with their families.

\*\*Join us for our Break the Fast Potluck after the *Neilah* service. We need food contributions of all kinds for this terrific potluck event. See details on page 13.

The Holiday Committee invites the congregation to a

## **Break the Fast Potluck**

after Neilah services on  
Wednesday, September 26, at 5:30 PM



Watch for an e-vite that will have a form to RSVP or  
call the office and indicate what you will bring.

Can you help?  
We could sure use it.

Call Gail at 207-833-6004 or  
Email [gail@ashcovepottery.com](mailto:gail@ashcovepottery.com)

### Yizkor Booklet

During Yom Kippur services, we recite *Yizkor* (Memorial) prayers and hold memories of our departed loved ones close to our hearts.

We are continuing the Bet Ha'am tradition of printing and distributing a memorial booklet again this year. As a courtesy, names that were included last year will be included and printed again. Please send your donation for listings to the office. If you forget, we will send you a reminder bill after the High Holy Days.

If you have new entries or changes, please complete the form below and return it and your donation by September 19. The suggested donation is \$18. You can email the information to [teri@bethaam.org](mailto:teri@bethaam.org). You can also bring your donation to the office or mail the form to Bet Ha'am at 81 Westbrook Street, South Portland, ME 04106.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

New Listings (Please give name, relationship and date of death for each):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Please do not repeat my listing from last year

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### High Holy Days Childcare Registration Form

We are delighted to be able to offer childcare for children between two and eight years old on Rosh Hashanah morning (Monday, September 17) and Yom Kippur morning (Wednesday, September 26). The cost is \$10 per hour for one child and \$5 per hour for each additional child.

Please pre-register and include a deposit of \$20 for each service by Friday, September 7. For more information, please contact our office at 879-0028.

Parent(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please register the following child(ren) for: \_\_\_Rosh Hashanah \_\_\_Yom Kippur

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies:

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies:

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies:

DEPOSIT ENCLOSED @ \$20 PER SERVICE = \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your check and registration form by September 20 to:  
Congregation Bet Ha'am, 81 Westbrook Street, South Portland, ME 04106

## Join the Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery

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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### ***Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery***

#### **We thank our generous contributors**

##### **Annual Fund**

- Karen Silverman
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- In honor of Rosie Wohl on her birthday by Elaine Falender & Gordon Gayer
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- In celebration of the wedding of Asherah Cinnamon & Ron Brazeale by Laura Kittle & Jeremy Moser
- In memory of Judy Bruenjes' father, Marvin Kronenberg, by Laura Kittle & Jeremy Moser

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- In appreciation by Ed & Carole Friedman
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Karen Silverman
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Lee & Jamie Broder
- In memory of Marc Sandy Goldsmith by Fae Silverman
- In appreciation of the Bet Ha'am Caring Committee by the family of Sylvia Glantz
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Jonathan Golden & Kim Davidson
- With thanks to Rabbi Saks by Jason Mollick
- In honor of our new grandchild by Karen & Alan Lerman
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Jason Mollick

##### **General Fund**

- In memory of Harry & Bessie Gill on their *yahrzeits* by Sandra & Allan Levinsky
- In appreciation by anonymous
- In appreciation of our Caring Committee by Karen Silverman

- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Justin Lerman
- In honor of our wedding by Jonathan Golden & Kim Davidson
- In appreciation by Jason Mollick
- In appreciation by Richard & Phyllis Levy
- In appreciation of our Caring Committee by the family of Edith Nadeau
- In appreciation by Steffi & Eric Karp
- In appreciation by Jon Rotenberg

##### **Youth Fund**

- In appreciation by Anne Babineau

### ***Zecher T'zaddik L'vrachah***

- Condolences to Faith Glantz on the loss of her mother, Sylvia Glantz
- Condolences to Judy & Mike Bruenjes on the loss of Judy's father, Marvin Kronenberg

# September 2012

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

						<b>1</b> Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Kabbalat Panim</i> 7:00 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	<b>8</b> Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Selichot</i> Service 7:30 PM
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Office Closed	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Kabbalat Panim</i> 6:00 PM Family <i>Kabbalat</i> <i>Shabbat</i> Service 6:30 PM	<b>15</b> Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
<b>16</b> <i>Erev Rosh</i> <i>Hashanah</i> service 8:00 PM	<b>17</b> <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> Children's Service 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Kabbalat Panim</i> 7:00 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	<b>22</b> Torah Study 9:00 AM <i>Shabbat Shuvah</i> Worship Service 10:00 AM
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b> <i>Kol Nidre</i> Service 8:00 PM	<b>26</b> <i>Yom Kippur</i> Children's Service 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Yizkor 4:30 PM Neilah 5:00 PM Potluck Break Fast 5:30 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Kabbalat Panim</i> 7:00 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	<b>29</b> Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
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