



Chadashot Ha'am

November 2013

Cheshvan/Kislev

A Message from Rabbi Saks

Just shy of three years ago, my friend Amy learned that what initially seemed to be just an ear and sinus infection was something much more serious. Antibiotics provided some relief at first, but when the symptoms returned and she began to feel much worse, Amy returned to her doctor. A blood test revealed abnormalities, Amy was admitted to the hospital, and she was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. She received chemotherapy and radiation and, ultimately, had to make the decision to receive a bone marrow transplant.



Throughout the course of Amy's treatment, her attitude and fortitude amazed me. She built relationships with her nurses and doctors, taught them ways in which they could make their patients' experiences better, envisioned the nurses' station as a lake, and took walks around the imagined lake. Amy continued to invest in growing the very young relationship with her now partner, Liddy, and even had date nights in the hospital - with electric candles, using the sheets as tablecloths. She encouraged others to be comfortable with their worries and woes. Even if we thought our problems were insignificant in comparison to hers, she reminded us that, because these problems were real for us, they mattered. Every week Amy continued

observing *Shabbat* by lighting electric candles and making *Havdalah* with a battery operated *Havdalah* candle. She even had a magnetic *mezuzah* on her hospital room door. For those of us who know Amy, none of this was any surprise.

In Amy's CaringBridge posts, she has continued to be herself, sharing the ups and downs of her journey toward health while educating, informing and sharing her opinions on issues that she believes will help us continue making the world a better place. She was and is still Amy, just Amy with cancer. And she wanted us to know what steps we could take to help eradicate cancer and diminish illness in the world. These steps have ranged from washing our hands to registering with Be the Match, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program to help find the cure for people living with blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma.

In April 2011, Amy learned that she had a match in the bone marrow registry. Her match was a man in Germany whom we would eventually learn was named Ralf, who was not Jewish and whose stem cells would save Amy's life. At the time, we knew him as Valinor, a nickname Amy gave him. He was named after the land from where Gandalf, the leader of the Fellowship of the Ring, hailed in J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*. Because Valinor chose to

register with the bone marrow registry, Amy is alive today.

In Judaism, *pikuach nefesh*, saving a life, is the highest *mitzvah*. Almost any other *mitzvah* can be violated for the sake of saving a life. Bet Ha'am will be participating in the national Donor Sabbath weekend, along with synagogues and Jewish institutions throughout Southern Maine. The national Donor Sabbath weekend is always two weekends before Thanksgiving, which is November 15-17 this year. I hope you will join us for *Shabbat* services on Friday, November 15, to learn more about the Jewish values that support organ donation, bone marrow donation and other efforts to save lives.

I also hope you will turn your learning into action by taking one or more steps to save a life. Please register with the national organ donor registry at www.donatelifenewengland.org. Join the bone marrow registry at one of the two Be the Match donor drives in the Portland Jewish community. The first donor drive will be at Temple Beth El on Sunday, November 17, at 11:00 AM, and the second donor drive will be at Congregation Bet Ha'am on Sunday, November 24, at 10:00 AM.

You could be the next Valinor.

President's Message - Lisa Munderback

When I first came to Bet Ha'am seven years ago, I assumed that one had to be Jewish to be a member. In fact, I didn't officially become a member until after my conversion. In point of fact, though, our synagogue's member families are about 60% interfaith. In many of these families the non-Jewish adult member is supportive of the children being raised as Jews and shares the responsibilities of bringing the children to Religious School, volunteering and contributing financially to Bet Ha'am.



The by-laws of the congregation state that a member is an individual who subscribes to the purposes of the Congregation and complies with the by-laws and policies. The purposes, as stated in the by-laws, are "to promote the fundamental and enduring principles of Judaism and to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people; to enable its Members to develop a relationship with God through communal worship, study of Torah, and assembly; and to apply the principles of Reform Judaism to the values and conduct of the individual, the family, and the society in which we live." The by-laws also state that a member who is current with all dues and fees owed shall be entitled to serve in any of its elective or appointive positions.

It appears that these statements include all people regardless of faith. Yet over the years, the unwritten policy has been that non-Jews are not eligible to sit on the Board of Trustees or to be teachers in Religious School. Since I have been on the Board, and probably before that, the Trustees have discussed on many occasions whether this should be the policy. We heard from many of you about this issue during the Strategic Planning process. In response, one of the action steps of the Strategic Plan is to "clarify policies for the participation of non-Jews in congregational life."

Of course there are requirements for teaching and governing other than membership. For example, to teach Hebrew one needs to know Hebrew. To be on the Board of Trustees one should have some knowledge of governing as well as the ability to listen and be respectful of others even when there are differing viewpoints. These requirements, however,

are not dependent on whether one is a Jew. Rather, the requirement is that one has the knowledge base and complies with the purposes of the Congregation.

When I first came to Bet Ha'am, I thought all members were Jews. Now I know that there are many members who are not. More often than not, I still do not know who is and who isn't a Jew - because you are here worshipping, volunteering, studying together and fulfilling the purposes of our Congregation.

The Board of Trustees is committed to clarifying the roles members can play in our synagogue life. We have drafted a policy to address this and we would like your feedback. This is a draft. I encourage you to reach out to me via email (lisamunderback@yahoo.com) or phone (939-1933) to give me your feedback. I know there are varying opinions within the Congregation, and it is important to me to hear yours. I will bring your input to the Board at its November meeting so that we can discuss your recommendations, additional input from Board members and any amendments or revisions before voting on the policy.

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As of _____, 201__

Valuing all of our members, and desiring to be a true House of the People in our words and deeds, it is the policy of Congregation Bet Ha'am that there shall be no distinction based on faith between members of our Congregation with respect to the rights and privileges extended to, and responsibilities expected from, the Congregation's members, including but not limited to teaching in the Religious School, serving on the Board of Trustees, and becoming an Officer of the Congregation.

Please email or call me with your thoughts!

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From the Religious School Director

Orly Mendelson Biggie



Many of our younger, and some of our older students too, say that *Chanukah* is their favorite holiday. Of course, they love getting gifts, but *Chanukah* is about more than gifts.

This year *Chanukah* will begin on the eve of Thanksgiving. This once-in-a-lifetime occurrence has given rise to some new holiday names, including *Thanksgivukkah*.

Thanksgiving is about giving thanks for all that we have in our lives. *Chanukah* is a celebration of survival – which is a wonderful reason to give thanks. Both holidays focus on sharing and giving.

I encourage you to use *Thanksgivukkah* to start a new holiday tradition of giving by dedicating the first light of *Chanukah* to *tzedakah* instead of family gifts. You and your children could research causes and organizations that might benefit from your family's *tzedakah* this year as you create new memories of giving and gratitude on this special *Thanksgivukkah Chanukah*.

For an on-line site that offers many ideas for celebrating *Thanksgivukkah*, go to www.thanksgivukkah.com.

Wishing you all a very happy *Thanksgivukkah*!

Religious School News

Thank you to last month's substitute teachers: Martin Lodish, Jill Rosenthal and Jeff Schwartz.

Thank you to Elizabeth Buchsbaum and Nancy Goldberg Courtney for serving the *sukkah* food. Thank you to Larisa Semenuk for helping us make *kreplach*.

Grade 1 will participate in the Family Service on November 8. A potluck dinner for the students and their families will begin at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP by November 1.

The second grade Family Connection Program will begin on Sunday, November 17, from 9:45 AM to noon.

Schedule of Services

Friday, November 1

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 2

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Parashat Toldot

Friday, November 8

Family Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM

Saturday, November 9

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Parashat Vayetzei

Friday, November 15

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 16

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Parashat Vayishlach

Friday, November 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 23

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Parashat Vayeshev

Friday, November 29

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 30

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Parashat Miketz

Executive Director Corner

Kris Dorer



House of the People

Bet Ha'am means House of the People, and I'd like to introduce you to the terrific people on our small, primarily part-time staff. In addition to Rabbi Saks, we have eight staff members. Even if you do not always cross paths with them, they are all busy behind the scenes managing our operations and facility.

Most of you know **Orly Biggie**, Religious School Director, who has been at Bet Ha'am for over 20 years. Orly manages all aspects of the Religious School, including overseeing our 40 volunteer teachers. She has a grown daughter and lives in South Portland with her twin teenage sons.

Our bookkeeper, **Teri Berenson**, has been managing our everyday finances for over 20 years and is also our in-house historian. She is a member of *Shaarey Tphiloh*, has a daughter and two grandchildren and lives in Scarborough with her dog, Jetta.

Kris Dorer, Executive Director, oversees all operations, human resources and finances in addition to doing some marketing and development. Prior to Bet Ha'am, Kris had a career of over 20 years in non-profit/business management and consulting. She lives in Scarborough with her family.

Karen Hindall, Administrative Assistant, is often the first face that you see or first voice that you hear when you enter or call Bet Ha'am between 9:00 and 2:00 on Tuesday through Friday. Among other administrative and receptionist duties, Karen manages Rabbi Saks's calendar and congregant events, such as *b'nai mitzvah*. She is a member of Temple Beth El and lives in Cape Elizabeth with her family.

Chris Skidgel oversees our maintenance and events staff. Chris keeps the facility in good order and ensures that all programs and events are set up promptly and with the highest customer service. He's been with Bet Ha'am for six years, is a member of the Time Pilots band and lives locally with his wife Theresa and dog, Winnie.

We also are fortunate to have a wonderful part-time custodial/events staff. **Betty Lane**, **Nate Plourde**, and **Cayce Lannon** take care of our facility for *Shabbat*, Religious School and special events. Betty has worked for Bet Ha'am for many years in clerical and custodial positions and is currently a real estate agent. Nate is a sculptor and Front Desk Manager at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. Cayce is a professional nanny and owner of Maine Yoga Kids.

Kudos to our staff for all of their hard work keeping the synagogue running successfully! As you know, Bet Ha'am also relies on volunteers for creating and implementing programs and events at Bet Ha'am. Committees include Garden, Marketing & Communications, Caring, Development, Oneg, Holiday, Education, Membership and Social Action. And we are all grateful to those who volunteer to teach in our Religious School. If you are interested in contributing your talents to Bet Ha'am's success, please contact Board president Lisa Munderback at lisamunderback@yahoo.com or 939-1933.

Garden Notes

By the time you read this, we will have completed our autumn grounds clean up with help from Day One volunteers.

The Garden Committee has been brainstorming some longer-range plans. Here are some of our ideas, in no particular order:

- Making the garden more inviting and accessible, e.g., creating an area accessible to those with disabilities around the bench outside our library window.
- Creating an east-facing meditation area
- Signage that invites treading on the ground cover
- Producing a colorful garden diagram/map with plant names
- Covering mechanical equipment with a bench-like structure
- Having plants overhanging the pool edge to discourage walking on the cement edging
- Placing water plants in the pool
- Building an enclosure to surround our compost and keep it neat
- Improving our planning and organization for composting
- Organizing the shed to maximize functionality
- Building more shed space
- Offering workshops on pruning, composting, building a composter, dealing with water run off, rain barrels, etc.
- Developing elective classes for evening Religious School
- Developing classes and projects for morning Religious School
- Supporting and offering *mitzvah* projects for *b'nai mitzvah*
- Involving more members, especially kids, and especially with the crops and raised beds

- Working more closely with the Social Action, House, Building and Education Committees
- Planning an annual garden *Shabbat* service
- Planning trips to Maine Botanical Garden, Ganei Beantown activities in Boston, Isabella Friedman Center, farms, members' gardens, etc.
- Adding plantings so we have color longer in the bio-retention basin
- Adding more plantings or trees on the Westbrook Street side of our building
- Reconfiguring plantings in our entry courtyard

Do you have some ideas we should be considering? Are any of these ideas something you'd like to take part in? If so, please contact the Garden Committee either through the office or by emailing tobyr@gwi.net.



This is one of our raised beds, covered to extend the growing season.

Welcome New Members

Mitch & Mihaela Lench,
Joshua & Gillian

Zecher T'zaddik L'vrachah

- Condolences to Elena Morrow-Spitzer & Ted Morrow-Spitzer on the loss of Elena's father, Leon Morrow.

Thanksgivukkah (Thanksgiving eve + the first night of *Chanukah*) is on Wednesday, November 27!

Light up the Night with Bet Ha'am on the third night of *Chanukah*!

Friday, November 29

5:30 PM: Potluck dinner*
(tasty Thanksgiving leftovers are most welcome)

6:30 PM: Shabbat Family Service and *Chanukah* Candle Lighting (bring your *menorah* and candles)

7:30 PM: Oneg with *latkes*, cookie decorating, dreidel games and more

* Please heat your potluck dish at home if possible or come early if you need to use the stove or microwave in our kitchen.



Holiday Committee

We hope everyone has had a great start to 5774. From *Rosh Hashanah* through *Simchat Torah*, Holiday Committee volunteers and our dedicated Bet Ha'am staff were busy bringing us another wonderful holiday season. Our staff members went above and beyond, from flyers and name tags to braving the elements to help ensure parking went smoothly. While many members and guests only see the smiling faces of ushers/greeters and the bountiful Break the Fast potluck, there is a lot of work behind the scenes that is indispensable. We would like to take this time to thank those who helped both onstage and backstage.

This year we added a new program to our High Holy Days schedule that was geared towards some of our youngest children and their families. Project *Shofar* offered holiday-themed activities, snacks and stories to children from preschool through third grade while their parents attended *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* morning services. Rabbi Saks suggested this idea, and Andrea Krasker Gavin creatively designed and organized our Project *Shofar*. Andrea truly went above and beyond to ensure that the children had innovative learning activities and fun. Bet Ha'am teen volunteers Max Abramson, Sophie Frantz and Emma Scott helped connect these younger children with Jewish ideas and learning through their activities. Everyone seemed to be having a great time, and we hope Project *Shofar* will continue!

Our mailings went out smoothly, thanks to Jill Epstein, Jane Snerson, and Lisa Pierce. The Garden Committee invited us to roll up our sleeves and join them in the fun in sprucing up our gardens and grounds for the holidays. The addition of mums just in time for *Rosh Hashanah* was very festive, and our back gardens allowed us to experience the beauty of nature during a sacred time. As usual, our Building Committee and staff transformed our sanctuary from its intimate *Shabbat* set-up to a larger space that could welcome all members and guests. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to rearrange and set up for *Yom Kippur* afternoon worship and the Break the Fast potluck.

This year, our Break the Fast potluck was once again led by our potluck-organizer extraordinaire, Gail Kass, supported by her partner Susan Horowitz and their daughter Rose. We were joined by two new volunteers, Samantha Johnson and Marilyn Davis, whose creativity and dependability were unsurpassed. They designed new event materials and managed the e-vite system that many of you used to RSVP. Thank you to the many helping hands for set-up and clean-up, including: Andrea Saks, Solange Kellerman, Dal

Maxwell, Susan Paris, Lisa Munderback, Cathy Breen, Emma Geller, Karen Lukas, Alan Lukas, Sarah Szanton, Nathan Szanton, Jim Harris, Daria Rosen, Charlie King, Eileen Kalikow, Stephanie Cummings and Julie Krasne. We also thank Martha Elkus of Big Sky Bakery for the generous donation of the challahs for our Break the Fast. We are grateful for their support.

Our greeters and ushers welcomed members and guests as they joined us for our holiday events, and our Board members also served as greeters at the front door and information table. Ushers included: Karen Silverman, Rachel Burger, John Cole, Jane Snerson, Dal Maxwell, Julia Krasne, Kerri Berman, Jeffrey Berman, Julia Bailin, Dan Bailin and Donna Landau. A special thank you to Donna Landau, who also coordinated ushers for *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*. We had assistance from several of our experienced ushers and some children who jumped in to help before and after services. Thank you again to Louise Abramson for her work on the transliteration pages; those coming to worship now often look for the transliterations as they take their prayer books.

This year our *Sukkot* celebration was enhanced by our new *sukkah* and by the Harvesting Our Wisdom program. A huge thanks to Ben Grant for designing and bringing in the materials that were transformed into our new *sukkah*. Dana Stanley and Mark Stone assisted in the assembly and disassembly. Our *sukkah* was decorated with grasses from our gardens and artwork from our Religious School students, thanks to Toby Rosenberg and Lisa Pierce. On *Sukkot* evening, members of the Legacy Writing class shared words of wisdom through their powerful writings and provided a delicious *Oneg* for all to enjoy.

One week later, we were celebrating some of our younger members at their consecration during our *Simchat Torah* celebration. Thank you to their families for providing a delightful *Oneg* for this evening of dancing and jubilation.

If you enjoy holiday celebrations, working with others, potlucks or any of the activities described above, please consider joining the Bet Ha'am Holiday Committee. While our meeting frequency and activity level vary through the year, we are always looking for new members and invite anyone interested to get involved. To join or for more information, please email Erin Koepf at erinkoepf@gmail.com or call at 813-810-2858.

We hope to see you all at our *Chanukah* celebration in November!



Simchat Torah
at Bet Ha'am!
5774/2013





Religious School Students Visit Our Sukkah



Education Task Force

"You should see what our kids are doing!"

Do you have friends or family who love to tell you about all of the great things that are happening in THEIR congregations, particularly with religious school?

If yes, we'd like to know!

Over the last few months, the School Change Task Force has been busy. We've looked at the Strategic Plan goals and at our existing curriculum, identified the wonderful things about our program that we need to be sure to keep and the things that are important for us to change. We've talked about big-picture goals, what we ultimately want for our students, and the specific elements of life-enhancing Jewish experiences.

We know that we need to work to improve in the following areas over the coming months :

Engagement

- Our teens are not consistently engaged after *b'nai mitzvah*.
- Students (and their families) don't know each other or know each other well.
- Some of our non-Jewish parents feel disconnected.

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- We have minimal opportunities for additional Hebrew learning.
- We have minimal opportunities for extending the learning experience to home.
- We have minimal opportunities for practical application of classroom lessons in the larger community.

Structure

- We have a one-size-fits-all structure to our program.
- Families can't always attend every Sunday.
- Some families travel great distances to be here.
- Some families make multiple trips to Bet Ha'am on Sundays.
- The structure of our program doesn't include opportunities that happen outside of normal school hours or away from the synagogue building.

The Strategic Plan provides some ideas for programming that we can implement to address these concerns, including retreat weekends, technology to support classroom learning, travel to youth organization regional events and mentoring between grade levels. The Task Force will be working with Orly and the Education Committee to pilot each of these ideas over the next year.

We know there are even more great ideas out there, and we'd love to hear about them. Task Force members are standing by and ready with a list of specific questions to reach out to other congregations – we're just looking for leads on where good stuff is happening! If you, your friends, or your families have ideas to share or information about programs that are working in other communities, please share that information with Lisa Pierce. Lisa can be easily found: by email at lisa.lisapie@gmail.com, by phone at 797-0277 or in person at Bet Ha'am during both morning and evening Religious School hours. Thank you!

Adult Learning: November 7, 14 & 21, 7:00 PM, at Bet Ha'am

Join one of two 3-session classes in November:

Psalms, with Rabbi Leffler

This course will consider the Psalms as literature, liturgy and theology. This book of our Bible holds a special place in our Jewish hearts, yet it is often not appreciated for the richness that it contains beyond the treasured 23rd Psalm.

Who Moved My Melody? with Rabbi Saks and Sharon Newman

Ever feel like you come to services and all of the melodies have changed? Fear not. Your favorite is still there; now there are just more options. Join Rabbi Saks and Sharon Newman for three sessions on music in worship. We will explore and compare various musical settings for individual texts in the liturgy. We will refresh our memories of the old standards and delve into new melodies together, enhancing our repertoire to deepen our worship experience.

We hope you can come! And please let us know what classes you would like to see offered at the spring *Beit Midrash!*

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

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November 2013

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3 Religious School Grades 1-6 9:00 AM Kindergarten 9:00 AM Kirtan Concert 2:00 PM Religious School Grades 7-10 5:00 PM	4 Office Closed	5	6 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Education Committee 7:00 PM	7 Adult Learning <i>Beit Midrash</i> 7:00 PM	8 Family <i>Kabbalat</i> <i>Shabbat</i> 6:30 PM Grade 1 Shabbat Dinner 5:30 PM	9 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
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