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CHANUKAH - REKINDLING THE ETERNAL LIGHT

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Chanukah is a wonderful holiday, filled with light and with important lessons. From Chanukah we learn about heroism and the right to be different, about faith and about miracles.

Today, in the flurry of winter gift-giving, Chanukah has lost some of its spiritual glow. In order to rekindle its drama, each of us must think about what Chanukah means and resolve to structure our lives so that our actions reflect the lessons we learn from this wondrous story. The following guide - candle by candle - may help you restore Chanukah to its original luster, lighting up your own life at the same time.

1. As you light candles the first night, ask yourself: Do I know any modern-day Maccabees?

Is there anyone - in your home, your school, your workplace, or your congregation - who works actively to defend not only his or her own rights but those of other groups? Consider how the story of Chanukah highlights the notion of freedom, identity, and faith, and identify the ways in which your modern-day Maccabee demonstrates an appreciation of these three concepts.

Resolve not to be still in the face of injustice but to speak out - whether at a public forum, in school, or through letters to legislators or local newspapers - in defense of those groups suffering from oppression or unfair treatment. Think about modern-day heroes or heroines. What would Judah Maccabee do if he were living today? Would you have done what he did? What are you doing in your own life to affirm your Jewish identity?

2. As you light candles the second night, ask yourself: What does it mean to be part of a people? As a Jew, what special responsibilities do I have?

Very often we fall into the habit of thinking only about ourselves and our own problems. We lose track of the fact that we are part of a proud people, with a distinguished heritage. We also may neglect our spiritual lives, assuming that others will preserve our religious teachings for us.

Get a book from your synagogue library or public library that contains the story of Chanukah and read it anew. Ask yourself why this story is important to the Jewish people. Consider ways in which you can help perpetuate Jewish traditions.

3. As you light candles the third night, ask yourself: Have I proclaimed the miracle, helping someone else understand the true meaning of this holiday?

It is important to realize that Chanukah represents more than just a military victory. It also represents a spiritual triumph, combining a dramatic example of the Jews' faith in God and a concrete example of God's love for the Jewish people. You can use this opportunity to heighten your spiritual awareness and to share your new insights with others. When you display your menorah in a highly visible location, you not only demonstrate your pride in your heritage but you also sensitize your family, friends, and neighbors to the holiday's spiritual aspects.

Learn more about the symbolism of the hanukkiyah (menorah). Design your own hanukkiyah - using small tiles, glass tubes, ceramics, or any other fire-proof materials - and display it proudly when you light it. Even better... make a second menorah and give it to someone who does not have one.

4. As you light candles the fourth night, ask yourself: Have I witnessed any miracles in my own lifetime?

Miracles did not end with the parting of the Red Sea, nor with the oil that the Talmud tell us burned for eight days. In our generation, we have witnessed the miracles of the rebirth of the state of Israel. The regular changing of seasons is a miracle; life itself is a

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TEMPLE BETH EL'S MISSION

Our vision is to be an embracing, supportive and vibrant community which observes Judaism in the Conservative tradition and which is devoted to the perpetuation of Jewish values and culture. Temple Beth El honors the diversity of its members and is committed to their spiritual growth.



TEMPLE BETH EL

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

All are welcome.

Monday through Friday	6:50 am
Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service	5:30 pm
Saturday (Shabbat) and Jewish holidays	9:30 am
Sunday	9:00 am
Secular holidays	8:30 am

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Irwin Gratz

Change. It's an inescapable reality this time of year. Just look at the trees. Watch the light jackets turn to sweaters and, soon enough, winter coats. This fall there's also change apparent at our synagogue, too.

Some of the changes have been good. Our membership is up slightly from earlier this year, or this time a year ago. If you noticed some new faces during the High Holidays or since, that is part of the change happening here. And if you are one of those new faces, welcome!

Of course, the big change at Temple Beth El happened earlier this year when our Director of Congregational Learning, Dov Goldberg left to take up a new position closer to his family in New Jersey. Dov filled several roles, primarily overseeing our religious school Kadima Beth El, but also *davening* at our prayer services, filling in for Rabbi Braun, performing some pastoral duties, and providing b'nai mitzvah tutoring. We on the Temple Board realized right away that it would be difficult to find someone with the unique combination of skills that Dov brought to us. We went to work identifying the various duties Dov served and filling those needs. Thanks are due to Barbara Dichter's committee for finding Cantor Rachel Littman to serve as Hazzan for our High Holiday services this year.

We are fortunate to welcome Melanie Weiss as Education Director of Kadima Beth El. Melanie earned a Master's degree in Modern Jewish Studies from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and is a graduate of the Dorot Fellowship program in Israel. "Morah Mel" may be a familiar face to some of you, as she served as one of our KBE instructors and as our Hebrew High coordinator last year. Melanie is thrilled to welcome a number of students who are new to KBE -- along with many of our returning students from last year

Our search continues for the best way to fill Dov's remaining roles. Might we be able to find another individual with considerable experience? (Dov brought 19 years of experience in Jewish education to his role.) Or should we provide an important jumping off point for a younger professional? Vice President Adam Arens is leading our search. He has suggested the best way forward is to find someone with the right kind of energy and enthusiasm for our Temple and then look at the ways that individual could fit our remaining needs. There is no set timetable for this search, but the need for a second religious professional is acute.

A final piece of good news. The reaction to our new voluntary dues program has been excellent. Our members who have made their dues election to date have actually pledged slightly more than they paid in dues last year. This is a response that exceeds our expectations and will help us to bring the Temple's budget into balance this year. In addition, I have heard anecdotally from individuals who have said the ability to choose a lower level of dues has convinced them to join or remain members of the Temple. This is exactly the result we have been hoping for. If you have not yet made your dues selection or payment, please join with other congregants in making a dues contribution that will keep the Temple's finances strong. And I encourage you to make a pledge to this year's Annual Appeal campaign, another important component of our synagogue's finances. As always, thanks for your support of Temple Beth El. ■



BAR MITZVAH SAMUEL EZRA KRINSKY KEMMERER

Please join Joy Krinsky, David Kemmerer, and Tova Kemmerer in worship and celebration when Samuel is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 2, 2013.

Samuel is a seventh grade student at Breakwater School in Portland. He is a dedicated artist with several shows and awards to his credit. He is active in stage production and music and is an avid reader.

Samuel looks forward to welcoming friends and family from the Portland area, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida, California, and New Zealand! ■



NEW MEMBERS

Drew and Robin Stevens and their daughters Nina and Victoria

Gerry & Marilyn Sherry

David & Arren Rosen
and their daughter Shaylee

STAV MITSUYAN - An Excellent Autumn - at Kadima Beth El! Melanie Weiss, Kadima Beth El Director



Winter is coming to Maine again. The days are short and the nights are chilly, but we haven't been letting that stop us here at Kadima Beth El! Here's just a small sampler of the many things we've been working on this autumn.

Our *Chaverim* kids (pre-k and kindergarten) have been working on their Hebrew vocabulary. We all love watching this class make a rakevet (train) and choo-choo their way around the building in their comfy slippers, courtesy of Morah Diana!

In *Bereishit*, our first and second graders have loved working on the Hebrew *aleph-bet* (ask your kids about what words start with the letters *shin*, *bet*, and all the other letters they've learnt) and acting out stories from *Bereishit*, the first book of the Torah, which shares their name!

Our third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders (Kitah Gimel, Dalet, Hey and Vav) have been busy – they've been working on Hebrew reading and *tfilot* (liturgy) on Sundays, designing puppet shows or a tour of Israel on Wednesdays, picking their year-long *chugim* (group projects) and learning Friday night *zmirot* (Shabbat songs) in music class. Whew!

Seventh graders have been contemplating the history of Jews in America, in Maine and in Portland – and how it relates to their own personal histories. They're now looking at the complexities of our local community.

Our *madrichim* (classroom aides) underwent multiple trainings to help empower them in the classroom. They've been great, whether it's helping a student work through a difficult Hebrew word, read through a chapter of Torah, or grabbing a tasty snack for their class! All of our teens enjoyed our very first Hebrew High session.

Plus, our entire school community enjoyed our first *Shabbat HaLaila* of the year – our monthly (or so) Shabbat services and dinner event especially geared towards KBE families. Along with the wonderful speaker, we had great Jewish games going for our younger kids.

Our year at Kadima Beth El had an amazing start – and it's only going to get better! We love when parents and community members help us do even more. Interested in getting involved? There are tons of ways!

- We're always looking for volunteers to help prepare our *Shabbat HaLaila* (Community Shabbat Dinner) meals. Even a couple of weekday hours the week of a *Shabbat HaLaila* can make a huge difference!
- Our monthly school-wide *B'Yachad* activities often need parental extra hands from 11:00 am – 12:00 noon on specific Sundays.
- Our Wednesday project-based learning always culminates in a week where we share our work with one another – and grown-ups are invited! We'll be finishing our next set of projects on December 11th, so mark your calendars. (Parents, you are also invited to our Jewpardy championship game, set for December 18th. It's going to be awesome!)
- Our seventh graders eat dinner during class on Wednesday nights, so we're always seeking volunteer chefs for that, as well!

If you're interested in helping out (or learning more about how you can), just drop me a line at education@tbemaine.org! ■

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miracle.

Ask your friends to name some miracles in their own lives, and have them describe the kinds of miracles they would bring about if they could. Consult *Siddur Sim Shalom* for the brachot to recite on special occasions, such as when you see a rainbow. Consider how God continues to play a role in our daily lives.

5. As you light candles the fifth night, ask yourself: Have I given tzedakah today?

Giving *tzedakah* is not optional: It is an obligation. As we learn from the Torah, each of us must take an active role in providing for the welfare of those less fortunate than ourselves. Not only should we give money, but wherever possible we should give of ourselves, assisting worthwhile community organizations that rely on volunteers.

Request that family members donate to a charity of your choice rather than buying you a Chanukah present. If gift-giving is your tradition, be sure to buy extra presents to distribute at a homeless shelter, a facility for battered women, or an organization that serves the needs of underprivileged children.

6. As you light candles the sixth night, ask yourself: Have I done anything today to improve the world?

Our rabbis teach us that we must strive to complete those tasks unfinished by God. We must involve ourselves in *tikkun olam* - repairing the world. While projects falling under this heading are virtually endless, you can select one particular area and consider ways in which you can make a meaningful contribution.

For example: If you select improving the environment as your goal, you can begin your efforts at home. Resolve that you will recycle paper products, glass, and aluminum cans, even where your community does not require it. You also might encourage your synagogue to recycle its waste products. Another area to consider is ethical behavior. Resolve to speak out against discrimination and harassment of all kinds - whether based on race, sex, or age- and suggest that your congregation hold forums to discuss these problems.

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JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING PROGRAMS

RETROSPECTIVE CONCERT featuring the works of composer Morton Gold

Sunday, November 3, 2013, 3:00 pm | Temple Beth El

Free and open to the public. Donations appreciated. All are welcome.

Please join us for a retrospective of the music of acclaimed composer and pianist Dr. Morton Gold. Joining Dr. Gold on the piano will be Mary Kennedy on the flute, Wayne Hobbs – tenor, and Olivia Gawet – soprano and former student of Dr. Gold's. The program will include an eclectic mix of works in a variety of musical styles.

Dr. Gold was honored for his lifetime achievements in music by the Cantors Assembly of North America with the 2010 Kavod Award. His music has been performed in many venues domestically and abroad, including the American embassy in Paris and nationally on public television, college campuses, concert halls and houses of worship. Light refreshments will be served.

FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE & COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER

Sponsored by Kadima Beth El

Friday, November 8, 2013 | Temple Beth El

All are welcome.

- 5:30 pm - Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service

- 6:30 pm (approx.) - Community Shabbat Dinner

RSVP for the dinner to the TBE office at office@tbemaine.org, tel. 774-2649.

TBE's religious school program, Kadima Beth El, invites the entire congregation to our monthly special Shabbat Family Service and Shabbat Dinner on Friday, Nov. 8th. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Shabbat together with old friends and new over a joyous Shabbat meal!

Cost for Shabbat Dinner: Adults - \$10, Children (age 4 - 12) - \$6, Children <3 - free
Family maximum - \$25. Kadima Beth El Families - included in school tuition

Just in time for Chanukah - TBE GIFT SHOP REOPENING & CHANUKAH GIFT SALE!

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Temple Beth El

Thanks to generous underwriting from Karen and Alan Lerman, Temple Beth El is excited to offer an incredible range of Judaica pieces directly from the studio of artisan Yair Emanuel in Jerusalem. Come browse through our special selection of beautiful hand-crafted menorahs, Shabbat candlesticks, kiddush cups, hand-embroidered challah and matzah covers, menorahs, yahrzeit candle holders, havdalah sets, seder plates and kippot, in a variety of styles and prices. We also have children's books, games, jewelry and more! Selection is limited! Perfect as Chanukah gifts, for enhancing your holidays and Shabbat observances!

WHAT IS JEWISH MYSTICISM? Understanding the Kabbalah

With Professor Eitan Fishbane of the Jewish Theological Seminary

Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 7:00 pm | Temple Beth El

Mysticism has been central to Judaism throughout the history of the Jewish people, and it has become something of a popular fascination in our own day. But what is it all about? What are some of the major characteristics of the phenomenon known as 'Kabbalah'? How can contemporary Jews draw on the treasures of this tradition in their own spiritual lives?

Prof. Eitan Fishbane serves on the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he teaches students in the Rabbinical, Graduate, and Undergraduate schools. A scholar of Jewish mysticism and spirituality, he is the author/editor of five books and the recipient of numerous awards and honors. Professor Fishbane has lectured and taught at more than thirty synagogues.



TBE'S ANNUAL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Weds., Dec. 4, 2013, 5:00 - 7:00 pm | Temple Beth El

Delicious fresh latkes, candle lighting, music, and fun for everyone!
All are welcome!

MAZEL TOV

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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Steve and Chichi Levine
- 5 Harris Gleckman and Riva Krut
- 7 Rubin and Sally Laskoff
- 7 Alan and Karen Lerman
- 11 Steven and Shelley Carvel
- 11 Arthur and Fran Jacobson
- 11 Greg and Janine Smestad
- 13 Wayne Eklund and Ginny Squires Eklund
- 18 Phil and Elizabeth Levinsky
- 19 Ross and Patty Weber
- 30 Ed and Harriet Schultz

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Ernest and Diana Sturman
- 4 Paul and Sarah Muscat
- 5 Sid and Sue Steinkeler
- 16 David and Elizabeth Turesky
- 21 Larry and Wendy Kane
- 23 Jerry and Rae Malina
- 25 Larry and Joan Levy
- 29 Charlie and Ellie Miller
- 31 Natan and Orly Kahn

Love Latkes?



We are looking for potato peelers and latke fryers for TBE's annual Chanukah party on Weds., Dec. 4th at 5:00 pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Sunday, Dec. 1

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Monday - Wednesday, Dec. 2 - 4

Times vary

Please contact the TBE office at tel. 774-2649 or email office@tbemaine.org if you'd like to help.

TBE BROTHERHOOD

Fran Jacobson

Temple Beth El Brotherhood is a dedicated group of men and women who are committed to providing a daily Sunday – Friday service so that there will be a minyan for those saying kaddish, or for those who just want to attend our early morning prayer service. It is a great way to start the day and we need to continue the tradition, which is threatened by dwindling numbers during the winter season when many people are away.

You can donate to Brotherhood in several ways, either through an \$18 dues contribution, and/or by donating at least one day a week to attend the morning minyan service. Giving at least one day a week to attend the service is just as meaningful an investment as the dues and we ask that you consider making this commitment.

Please remit dues to Fran Jacobson, 41 Jeanne St., Portland, ME 04102. We welcome your attendance any weekday morning. Services begin at 6:50 am. We look forward to seeing you. ■

TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE REACHES OUT

Carolyn Turcio-Gilman, Chair

Temple Beth El is a community within a community. We are part of Portland and part of Maine. Tikkun Olam is the TBE social action group; we reach out to the greater community. We are in the midst of re-thinking the nature of that outreach and would like your help.

This summer the committee was laid back and collected and delivered non-perishable food, clothing and toiletries for Preble Street, which were very much appreciated. At this beginning of 5774, we're ready to expand our activities – but need your help in determining the shape of that expansion.

There will be a Tikkun Olam open house for new and existing committee members on Sunday, October 27 at 10:00 am at the Falmouth home of Carolyn Turcio-Gilman. Please join us! Light refreshments will be served and fresh ideas will (we hope) abound. Please contact Carolyn at cturciogilman@yahoo.com or 207-899-2226 for more information and directions to the meeting. We hope to see you there. ■

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7. As you light candles the seventh night, ask yourself: Have I brought happiness into someone's life today?

Loneliness is one of the most debilitating diseases in society today, yet it is easily curable. Sometimes a simple phone call is all it takes to bring someone joy. And don't forget, just as we appreciate a kind word of an expression of encouragement, so too do those around us. It's so easy to give.

Suggest to your congregation (through the rabbi, president, or social action committee) that it organize a home visitation service through which synagogue members visit shut-ins. Ask your rabbi or a local social service agency to help identify those people who would like visits. Perhaps you can make potato latkes or some other special food and bring it to a hospital or nursing home. You might also learn some Chanukah songs to share with the people you visit.

8. As you light candles the eighth night, ask yourself: What questions will I ask myself next year?

Learning and growing are very important parts of Jewish living, and it is often more important to strive for the right questions than to memorize standard answers. Resolve to learn more about Judaism, so that next year your Chanukah questions will reflect a higher level of Jewish awareness.

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dan Gatchell, House Committee Chair

After a thorough evaluation the House Committee has developed a priority list of needed updates, repairs and general maintenance. We have been busy working with Jodi to accomplish the projects listed below. Anyone who would like additional details on these projects can contact Dan Gatchell at daniel.gatchell@gmail.com.

The railing on the boiler room entrance stairs has been repaired and is now considered safer for use.

The handicap ramp in the courtyard entrance has been modified to meet ADA specifications. In addition, you will notice a new coat of paint on the ramp.

The committee thanks Terry Veysey for braving the roof in a driving rainstorm just before the Kol Nidre service to investigate a leaky roof. Terry cleared the drains and stopped the leak. The effected ceiling will be painted soon.

The committee identified the need to open up the drive entrance providing access to the courtyard following paving by the city of Portland. Thank you Jodi for facilitating this process.

Thanks to generous underwriting by Ernie and Toby Wallach, Jodi arranged to have the exposed pipes and conduits in the Social Hall covered with plywood that was painted white and screwed onto reinforced metal framing for a more permanent fix. If the pipes and conduits ever need to be accessed, the panels can be unscrewed from the frame and removed.

Electrical repairs were done throughout the building in relation to fire alarm systems, lighting and wiring.

Thanks to Ernie and Toby Wallach for their generous donation of a new industrial shop vac. ■

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to **Natalie Brenner** on the loss of her sister, Rhoda Freeman, who passed away on September 12 following a lengthy illness. In addition to Natalie, Rhoda is survived by her husband Robert, son Richard, granddaughter Willa, and many nieces and nephews. *Zichrona l'vracha* - may Rhoda's memory be for a blessing.

Our sincere condolences to **the family of Marcia Finberg Goldfarb** who passed away at her home on September 27. She is survived by her husband Dr. Walter Goldfarb and their children Jennifer Aronson, Adam Goldfarb and Miriam Goldfarb. *Zichrona l'vracha* - may Marcia's memory be for a blessing.

Our sincere condolences to **Rose Novick** on the loss of her sister, Frances Bigman, who passed away on October 9 in Deland, Florida. Frances was also a loving aunt to Sam and Bette Novick and great-aunt to Andrew and Sabrina Novick. *Zichrona l'vracha* - may Frances' memory be for a blessing.

TODAH RABAH - Thank you!

Today Rabah to our members who participated in Shabbat services: **Tom Berman, Jon Brier, Barbara & Gil Dichter, Connor Foye, the Freidenreich family - Harriet, Phil, Naomi & David, Judy & Dan Gatchell, Morton Gold, Benjamin Haas, Arielle Harding, Debbie Kanter, Joy Krinsky Paul Muscat, Liora & Aliza Pelavin, Rabbi Larry Troster, Ellie Miller, Rob Schear, Leah Weinberg, Nadine Weinberg, Norm Wilson.**

Today Rabah to **Becky Delois** for bringing in treats for the TBE office staff as they geared up for High Holidays preparations.

Today Rabah to **Judy Gatchell** for planting vegetables in the TBE raised garden bed.

Today Rabah to **Richard & Nadine Weinberg** for sponsoring the Oneg on Aug. 16 in honor of their daughter Leah's Bat Mitzvah.

Today Rabah to **Deena Schoenfeld** for donating an oriental rug for the Teen Lounge.

Today Rabah to **Barbara and Gil Dichter** for sponsoring the Kiddush Saturday, August 24, in honor of their wedding anniversary and the anniversary of Gil's Bar Mitzvah, and in memory of Gil's father Abraham Dichter.

Today Rabah to **Ernie and Toby Wallach** for the donation towards repairing the covering of the pipes in the Social Hall.

Today Rabah to **Jodi Veysey** for managing the late night calls regarding the leaking pipes.

Today Rabah to **Ernie Wallach, Terry Veysey and Joyce Veysey**, for their help preparing the Shofar newsletter mailing.

Today Rabah to **Gil Dichter and Ernie Wallach** for painting the courtyard ramp.

Today Rabah to **Karen & Alan Lerman** for underwriting beautiful new Judaica for the TBE Gift Shop and to **Karen, Amy Brier and Hannah Brier** for setting up the gift shop.

Today Rabah to **Joy Krinsky** for designing the Shanah Tovah greetings.

Today Rabah to **Tom Berman** for his help with the audio set up for the High Holidays, and for his ongoing maintenance of TBE's computer systems.

Today Rabah to **Gerry Sherry** for sponsoring the Brotherhood Breakfast on Sunday morning, Sept. 1, in memory of his father Samuel Sherry.

Today Rabah to **Judy and Dan Gatchell** for underwriting the repairs to the courtyard ramp in memory of Murray Rosen and in honor of all of Shirley Rosen's work on the House committee.

Today Rabah to **Sarah Legendre, Robin Stevens, Sandra and Drew Serbin, Lynn Wolfe, Mary Claire Walsh, Karen and Geoff Hindall, David Freidenreich, Leticia Huttman, and Tom Berman** for their help setting up the TBE sukkah.

Today Rabah to **Ross & Rory Goldberg** for taking care of the Sanctuary plants.

Today Rabah to **Terry Veysey** for braving a heavy rainstorm to clean out roof drains that were causing a small leak near the Sanctuary!

Today Rabah to **David & Nicole Goldstein** for sponsoring a kiddush to thank the congregation for their hospitality.

Today Rabah to **Becky Delois, Jodi Freedman and Carolyn Turcio Gilman** for preparing welcome bags for our new members.

Today Rabah to **Becky Delois and the members of Yad L'Yad, TBE's caring committee**, for their ongoing efforts to arrange for and deliver *shiva* meals and provide friendly visits and messages of support and comfort to members of our congregation.

Today Rabah to **Karen Lerman** for bringing in donuts for the TBE staff.

Today Rabah to **Bette and Sam Novick** for sponsoring in part the Community Shabbat dinner on Friday, Oct. 4 in memory of Bette's father Alex Stern.

Today Rabah to **Tom Berman, Dan Gatchell, Jay Baker, Ellis Craig, and Conner Foye** for taking down and storing the Sukkah.

Today Rabah to our volunteers who helped coordinate, cook, bake, set up and clean up for our Community Shabbat Dinner and our Shabbat luncheon on Oct. 4-5: **Joan Levy, Judy Gatchell, Dauna Binder, Karen Hindall, Emma Hindall, Isabelle Cohen Johnson, Tracey Hall, Samuel Kemmerer, Tova Kemmerer, Simon Handelman, Dan Gatchell, Dauna Binder, Isabelle Cohen Johnson, Laura Piltch and Deena Schoenfeld.**

Today Rabah to **Melanie Weiss** for preparing and leading "Jewpardy" following the Community Shabbat dinner.

Today Rabah to **Dan Gatchell** for repairing the railing at the boiler room steps.

Today Rabah to **Ellen Handelman, Sharon Craig, and Karolina Duchkova** for their help with KBE's B'Yachad activity.

Today Rabah to all those who helped with our Welcome Breakfast on Oct. 20th: **Becky Delois, Carolyn Turcio Gilman, Ginny Eklund, Barbara Peisner, Lisa Arens, Merle Nelson, Jodi Freedman, Judy Wilson and Pat Reef.**

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to **Leah Weinberg** and her family on the occasion of Leah's Bat Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to **Benjamin Haas and his family** on the occasion of Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to **Bette and Sam Novick** on the birth of their granddaughter Mila Gabrielle Novick on Sep. 19 in Brooklyn. Parents are Matthew and Rebecca Novick.

National Organ Donor Shabbat November 15-17, 2013

CHEEK SWABBING OPPORTUNITY Sunday, Nov. 17, 10:00 am Temple Beth El - 400 Deering Ave.

"Be the Match," the largest bone marrow donor registry in the world, will provide free cheek swabbing on Sunday, Nov. 17th at TBE. The Maine Medical Center Nephrology Department will also be available to provide information on kidney transplantation.

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AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2013

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Sam and Bette Novick
In memory of Alex Stern
John Riley and Carolyn Turcio-Gilman
In memory of David Turcio

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Roger and Sara Asch
Pat Reef
Michael and Jennifer Snyder & family, and
Peter Lewis
In honor of David Lewis' birthday

EDWARD WEISBERG FUND

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Shirley Rosen In memory of Rhoda Freeman
Rita Weisberg In memory of Charlotte Siegel
Rita Weisberg
In memory of Edward Weisberg
Rita Weisberg In memory of Henry Schwey
Rita Weisberg In memory of Rhoda Freeman

ENDOWMENT

Charlie and Ellie Miller
In memory of Rose Bartel

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Burt and Barbara Epstein Best Wishes for
a Happy New Year to Nancy Finberg

GENERAL FUND

Peter and Gerri Bridgman
In honor of Adam Rice's wedding
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Janine Collins In memory of Marion Fusco
Abe and Tama Fineberg
Speedy recovery Stu Gilbert
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4:14 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
6:50 am Morning Minyan
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Kemmerer

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

9:30 am Shabbat Services & Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Kemmerer
5:14 pm Havdalah time

SUNDAY, NOV. 3 - Daylight Savings Time ends

9:00 am Morning Minyan & Schmooze and Shmear
9:00 am Kadima Beth El
9:45 am Personal Theology Class with Rabbi David Freidenreich
11:00 am Torah Trope Class with Rabbi David Friedenreich
2:00 pm KBE 7th Graders
3:00 pm Retrospective Concert with Dr. Morton Gold

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

4:05 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
5:30 pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat Services
6:30 pm Community Shabbat Dinner with KBE

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

9:30 am Shabbat Services
5:05 pm Havdalah time

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

3:58 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, NOV. 16 - National Organ Donor Shabbat

9:30 am Shabbat Services
4:58 pm Havdalah time

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

9:00 am Morning Minyan & Schmooze and Shmear
9:00 am Kadima Beth El
10:00 am Bone Marrow Registry Cheek Swabbing
11:00 am TBE Chanukah Gift Shop Sale

TUESDAY, NOV. 19

5:30 pm TBE Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

3:30 pm Kadima Beth El
7:00 pm *What is Jewish Mysticism?* With Professor Eitan Fishbane

FRIDAY, NOV. 22

3:52 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

9:30 am Shabbat Services
4:52 pm Havdalah time

SUNDAY, NOV. 24

9:00 am Morning Minyan & Schmooze and Shmear
9:00 am Kadima Beth El

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27 - Erev Chanukah - 1st night

No Kadima Beth El

THURSDAY, NOV. 28 - Thanksgiving

Chanukah - 2nd night

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8:30 am Morning Minyan

FRIDAY, NOV. 29 - Chanukah - 3rd night

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8:30 am Morning Minyan
3:48 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, NOV. 30 - Chanukah - 4th night

9:30 am Shabbat Services
4:48 pm Havdalah time

DECEMBER

SUNDAY, DEC. 1 - Chanukah - 5th night

9:00 am Morning Minyan

MONDAY, DEC. 2 - Chanukah - 6th night

TUESDAY, DEC. 3 - Chanukah - 7th night

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 - Chanukah - 8th night

3:30 pm Kadima Beth El
5:00 pm TBE Chanukah Party

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

3:46 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

9:30 am Shabbat services
4:46 pm Havdalah time

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

9:00 am Morning Minyan & Schmooze and Shmear
9:00 am Kadima Beth El
11:00 am KBE B'Yachad Activity
1:00 pm KBE 7th Graders

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

3:47 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
5:30 pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:30 pm Community Shabbat Dinner with KBE

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

9:30 am Shabbat Services
4:47 pm Havdalah time

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

9:00 am Morning Minyan & Schmooze and Shmear
9:00 am Kadima Beth El

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

5:30 pm TBE Board Meeting

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

3:49 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

9:30 am Shabbat Services
4:49 pm Havdalah time

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

9:00 am Morning Minyan

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

TBE OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 am Morning Minyan

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

3:53 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

9:30 am Shabbat Services
4:53 pm Havdalah time

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

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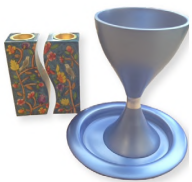
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