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SLATE OF NOMINEES PRESENTED TO JCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following slate of nominees was presented to the JCC Board at a meeting held April 12. The slate was presented by the Nominating Committee (Shellie Batuski, Ida Gopan, and William Small).

The following are nominees for the JCC Board of Directors:

For a 1 year term to expire in 2002—Jane Litwack
Patti Rapaport

For a 2 year term to expire in 2003—Laura Sher
Roger Sher

For a 3 year term to expire in 2004

Norma Berg	Stephen Emery	Barbara Podolsky
Sandy Berkowitz	Susan Kaye	Louise Shindler
Nick Campbell	Jerry Kirstein	
Carla Cohen	John Miller	

President – Shellie Batuski	Treasurer – Israel Laeger
1 st Vice President – Lori Kaley	Secretary - Amy Fried
2 nd Vice President – open	

Anyone in good standing, wishing to be nominated for any office of the Council (Director or Officer), or wishing to nominate any other person in good standing, shall present to the Chairman of the Nomination Committee the name to be nominated prior to the meeting at which the election is to be held. Such person shall have his name on the ballot along with the Nominations of the Nominating Committee. (Call 941-2950.)

Elections will be held at the annual meeting to be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, June 12, 2001 at Beth Abraham.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

The Senior Citizens meet the first Wednesday of the month at noon at Beth Israel.

This year's Mother's Day Luncheon was held on Tuesday, May 1, at Miller's Restaurant.

EDITH STERN SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being accepted at the JCC office, 6 State Street, Bangor for the award of the 2001-2002 academic year scholarship. The scholarship is available for any accredited post high school education.

Application forms are available at the JCC office and can be obtained by calling 941-2950.

The completed application should be submitted to the JCC office on or before June 1, 2001.

JCC ANNUAL MEETING

The Jewish Community Council's Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Abraham Synagogue, 144 York St., Bangor. At the meeting, election of Officers and Board Members will take place. There will also be a presentation regarding the JCC's new web-site. At this meeting, we will be presenting a gift to Sid Epstein to thank him for providing office space and other generous support to the JCC for many years.

Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Jewish Community Council wishes to thank the following Board members who are leaving the Board, or who have left the Board during the past year. We appreciate the contributions of these people:

Robert Sezak
Florence Lieberman
Arthur Blank
Bruce Freedberg
Dan Namowitz
George Burman

Bill Small has resigned from his elected Board position and is continuing on the Board as Beth Israel's representative.

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday, May 6, 2001

Israeli Independence Day will be celebrated on Sunday May 6th from 1-3 PM in the Epstein Room of Beth Israel Congregation. A program of Hebrew and Jewish songs for children, young adults, parents and seniors will feature Judy Bressler's Klezmer Kabaret. Be sure to mark your calendar for this festive occasion.

YOUTH ALIYAH

Contributors to Youth Aliyah will be recognized during the JCC's Israel Independence Day event at Beth Israel on Sunday, May 6. In addition, a short video will be available for viewing.

Donations, made payable to Hadassah-Youth Aliyah, may be sent to the JCC, 6 State St #314, Bangor ME 04401 (Tel. 941-2950) or to C K Ziffer, 112 Franklin St, B8, Bangor ME 04401 (Tel. 990-1729).

COMMUNITY NEWS DEADLINE

The deadline for the next issue of the *Community News* is Friday, June 8. It will cover events for July, August and early September.

Items may be mailed to the Jewish Community Council, 6 State St, #314, Bangor Maine 04401, faxed to 207-941-2950 or E-mailed to sgopan@netzero.net.

CONGREGATION BETH EL NEWS

CONGREGATION BETH EL, Bangor's Reform synagogue, is located at 183 French Street, Bangor. Unless indicated otherwise, all events take place at the synagogue. Beth El welcomes everyone to its services and events - members and non-members, individuals and families, interfaith couples, people exploring their Jewish roots, those considering conversion to Judaism, and visitors. The sanctuary is accessible to the handicapped. For more information on the synagogue or its activities, call Beth El at 945-4578 or visit our web site at <http://members.mint.net/bethel>.

SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICES - Friday night services begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday morning services begin at 10:00 am. A playroom for children and free babysitting are provided during services. An Oneg Shabbat follows each service, where people can nosh and mingle. Worship services will be held on the following dates:

Friday, May 4/Shabbat Service: Grade 6 & Adult Trope Class

Saturday, May 12/Bat Mitzvah of Sandy Nesin

Friday, May 18/Chavurah Shabbat: Jewish Book of the Year Discussion

Saturday, May 26/Bar Mitzvah of Max Silver

Sunday, May 27/Erev Shavuot & Confirmation

Friday, June 1/Shabbat Hakavod: Board Installation, Teacher Recognition, & High School Seniors

Friday, June 8/Adult Bnai Mitzvah

Saturday, June 9/Story Shabbat

Saturday, June 16/Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Siegel

Saturday, June 30/Bar Mitzvah of Ben Weissman

CHAVURAH SHABBAT is an informal worship service with discussion, generally held on the third Friday of the month. On May 18, we will hold our annual Jewish Book of the Year Discussion. This year, we will review two recent editions of the classic rabbinic text, Pirkei Avot: Sayings of the Sages. Copies are available in the synagogue gift shop.

STORY SHABBAT is a family-friendly worship service, geared toward young school age children and their parents. The services include songs and a story, last less than an hour, and use a children's prayer book. An Oneg Shabbat of juice and cookies follows the services. All are welcome to these fun and informal Shabbat experiences. Story Shabbat services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 9.

DOROTHY DAY SOUP KITCHEN - On the second Wednesday of each month, Beth El provides lunch at the Salvation Army's soup kitchen in Bangor. How can you help? Volunteers are needed to donate cooked lasagnas and/or desserts, to serve lunch, or to donate money to help buy food and supplies. You can donate food even if you cannot go to the soup kitchen. We will make arrangements to pick up the food from you. Upcoming soup kitchen dates are May 9 and June 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Mintz at 843-7678.

RENOWNED CHOREOGRAPHER TO CONDUCT JEWISH DANCE WORKSHOP - Liz Lerman, director of the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, will lead a workshop exploring Jewish identity and spirituality through movement. The community is invited to participate on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Epstein Room at Beth Israel.

PERI SMILOW IN CONCERT -- Beth El is proud to welcome singer/songwriter Peri Smilow, who will perform a concert on Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Beth El. Peri Smilow is one of the outstanding new performers on the Jewish music scene. She combines a dynamic stage presence with superb vocals and a beautiful sense of melody. The public is invited; admission is free.

ANNUAL MEETING -- The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

SHAVUOT/CONFIRMATION -- Beth El celebrates Shavuot on the evening of Sunday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m., with a creative service written by this year's Confirmation Class. Four 10th graders will be confirmed this year: Samantha Braziller, Hannah Kates-Goldman, Sadel Nesin, and Rachel Shulman. Congregants are invited to bring flowers to decorate the sanctuary for the holiday, and plants to be planted following the holiday in the Temple's garden.

SHABBAT OF HONOR -- Beth El will hold its Shabbat Hakavod, Sabbath of Honor, on Friday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. Our new Board of Directors will be installed, and we will pay tribute to our religious school teachers. In addition, we will congratulate our graduating high school seniors.

BETH EL PICNIC -- The annual Beth El Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 10, at 11:00 a.m. Call the Temple for more information on location and directions.

BAR HARBOR DISCUSSION -- The summer series of Bar Harbor Discussions resumes on Wednesday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m. These monthly gatherings on Mt. Desert Island include a program and discussion, and an opportunity for congregants and interested non-members to get together informally. Call the temple for location and directions.

JUDAISM IN RURAL NEW ENGLAND

The 19th Annual Conference on Judaism in Rural New England will take place Friday - Sunday, June 22 - 24, 2001 in Lyndonville, VT. The conference draws Jews from throughout New England each year, including many from the Bangor area. This year's theme is "Rural Roots: Nurturing Jewish Spiritual, Intellectual and Cultural Creativity."

For more information and registration, call 603-924-5081 or check the web site at www.vermont.com/ruraljudaism.

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL NEWS—MAY – JUNE 2001

- Beth Israel is happy to announce that as of July 1, 2001, David A. Cantor will be assuming his duties as Rabbi of our Congregation. Rabbi Cantor is a native of Winnipeg, Manitoba and is presently Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in his home city. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Rabbi Cantor, his wife Christine, son Joash, and a new child expected by the end of May to our Congregation and to our community.
- Mazel Tov** to the following for their Bat/Bar Mitzvah's:
 - Congratulations to Anna Schwarcz, daughter of Arthur and Mary Ann Schwarcz of Orrington, who will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on May 12th.
 - Congratulations to Ilyse Angst, daughter of Bernard and Risa Angst of Bangor, who will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on June 2nd.
- Shabbaton Weekends** for Beth Israel's Hebrew School will be held May 4th, 5th, and 6th. Any family interested in enrolling their children into our Bangor or Ellsworth schools (for Children pre-school to b'nai mitzvah age) should contact our office at 945-3433.

May 4 th Friday Night Family Services	6:00pm	May 5 th Howard Levy "Little Bits"	10:00am
May 5 th Junior Congregation	9:45am	May 6 th Family Breakfast & Study	9:30am
- Congregation Beth Israel is now offering a **Pre-K Program** in Ellsworth, meeting every Thursday from 3:00 to 3:30pm.
- Beginning Hebrew** for adults is available on Wednesdays at 2:15pm.
- Adult Prayer Book Hebrew Study** is available in Ellsworth on Wednesdays from 6 – 8 pm.
- Rosh Chodesh Women's Study Group** will meet on Tuesday, May 22nd, the topic will be "Lag B'Omer and Yom Yerushalayim. The group will meet in June on Thursday, June 21st and the topic will be "Summer".
- The Beth Israel Choir** will hold a concert at Shabbat Services on June 23rd. Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday evening, May 30, with subsequent rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, June 6, 13, and 20. All rehearsals are at 7:00 to 8:15pm. Anyone wishing to join the choir for this program, please call the Beth Israel Office at 945-3433.
- The **Congregation Beth Israel Annual Sisterhood Meeting** will be on Sunday, June 24th at 12:00pm.
- Beth Israel's **membership** includes interfaith couples, students, singles, families, and seniors. We warmly welcome you to visit our synagogue at any time! Our first years dues are discounted (1/2 of \$650 for families and 1/2 of \$420 for singles).
- Services** are held twice daily Monday – Friday at 6:55am and 5:30pm Shabbat services on Saturday are held at 9:00am and 5:30pm. Sunday services are held at 8:00am and 5:30pm. We are proudly egalitarian.
- If you have questions on any events at Congregation Beth Israel, please call the office at 945-3433.
- Congregation Beth Israel has a **new e-mail address**. Our new address is: cbisrael@mint.net.
- Our **web page** remains at: www.mint.net/beth_israel

Schedule of Services

May: Sat., May 5	Cantor Deborah Marlowe	June: Sat., June 2	Cantor Deborah Marlowe
Sat., May 12	Cantor Deborah Marlowe	Sat., June 9	Cantor Deborah Marlowe
Sat., May 19	Cantor Deborah Marlowe	Sat., June 16	Cantor Deborah Marlowe
Sat., May 26	Cantor Deborah Marlowe	Sat., June 23	Cantor Deborah Marlowe
Sun., May 27	Rabbi Harry Sky	Sat., June 30	Cantor Deborah Marlowe

SHAVUOT: Mon., May 28—Rabbi Harry Sky,
Service to begin at 9:00

Tues., May 29—Rabbi Harry Sky & Cantor Deborah Marlowe
Service to begin at 9:00, YIZKOR will be at 10:15

CONDOLENCES

- To the family of the late Mollie (Kagan) Oppenheim.
- To the family of the late Helen Seplin Povich. Died March 17.
- To the family of the late Harold Chason. Died March 22.
- To the family of the late Albert Appleman. Died March 29.

MAZEL TOV:

- To Karen and James Lieberman on the birth of a daughter, Madison Lauren (Maryashe Ezreila) on February 3, 2001. Paternal grandparents are David and Marcia Lieberman of Bangor.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Jewish Community Council is planning to publish a wall calendar of events for the next Jewish year, which begins this September. The calendar will be planned and created this Spring and Summer. If you are interested in working on this project, please call the JCC office at 941-2950.

JCC BOARD NOMINEE PROFILES

Nick Campbell

Nick Campbell is an Illinois native. He has been a teacher at Stillwater Montessori School in Old Town for the last two years. He is the former publisher of a medical magazine. He and his wife Valerie live in Hampden and often spend summers in Mexico.

Patti Rapaport

Patti is a member of Congregation Beth Abraham. She has lived in Bangor for 20 years and is Assistant Director of Pupil Services for the Bangor School Department. Patti was formerly a Special Education teacher for 14 years in the Bangor area. She is married to Scott Rapaport and they are the parents of two sons.

Laura Sher

Laura Lindenfeld Sher is the coordinator of Jewish Studies at the University of Maine. She is from Long Island, New York. She holds a Masters degree from the University of Bonn, Germany and is completing her Ph.D. from the Univ. of Calif. at Davis. She is a member of Beth Israel and Beth El. She teaches Religious School at Beth El.

Sandra Berkowitz

Sandra Berkowitz is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Journalism at the University of Maine. Her research interest is in the rhetoric of the U.S. Jewish community, particularly the discourse of Jewish women. New to Maine, she lives in Milford with her husband Shane Stafford, daughter Hannah, three cats and a dog.

Roger Sher

Roger Sher is an entomologist at the University of Maine. Born in Boston and raised in Syracuse. He received his master's degree from Cornell and his Ph.D. from the University of California at Davis. He is a member of Beth Israel and Beth El. He teaches in Beth El's Religious School. Roger and Laura Sher are newlyweds.

Jane Litwack

Jane Litwack has been a resident of Bangor for 20 years. She has been a member of Congregation Beth Abraham for 15 years and is currently Co-President of the Beth Abraham Sisterhood. She has been a reading specialist at the McGraw School in Hampden for 15 years. Jane has her master's degree in literacy. She is married to Bill Litwack, and they are the parents of a daughter and twin sons.

Susan Kaye

Susan Kaye was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. She became a social worker after earning her MSW at Columbia University. Following several years in this field, she returned to school to get her MBA at the Wharton School and worked in "corporate America." In recent years she has combined social work and business in her own consulting practice. Her greatest joy, however, is being part of a three-generation family now residing in Maine. Susan is looking forward to her upcoming involvement with the JCC!



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Congregation Beth El
183 French St. Bangor
Saturday, May 12th at 7:30 P.M.

CONGREGATION BETH ABRAHAM NEWS

- On Purim, Beth Abraham Religious School students delivered Shalach Manos to local area residents. This successful fundraiser helps the needy in Israel.
- The Beth Abraham Sisterhood Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for Sunday, May 6 from 9:00 AM– Noon.
- The Sisterhood Past Presidents Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13.
- Davening times at Congregation Beth Abraham are as follows:

Sunday Morning (Shachris)	7:30 AM
Monday-Friday (Shachris)	6:45 AM
Saturday Morning (Shachris)	9:00 AM
Sunday-Friday (Afternoon Services)	7:00 PM throughout the summer
Saturday-Afternoon Services	Approximately 20 minutes before sunset
- Shavout Services will be as follows:

Sunday, May 27 Evening Services	7:45 PM
Followed by	
Shavuot Program	TBA
Monday, May 28 Morning Services	9:00 AM
Evening Services	7:30 PM
Tuesday, May 29 Morning Services	9:00 AM
Yizkor	Approximately 10:15 PM
Evening Services	7:50 PM
- Please visit the Beth Abraham website at www.jewishbangor.com.

MAY 2001

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1 8 Iyar	2 9 Iyar	3 10 Iyar	4 11 Iyar	5 12 Iyar
				Dance Workshop 7:00 PM at B Israel	Cand. 7:26 pm	(8:27 pm)
6 13 Iyar	7 14 Iyar	8 15 Iyar	9 16 Iyar	10 17 Iyar	11 18 Iyar	12 19 Iyar
Israel Independ- ence Program 1:00					Lag Ba'Omer Cand. 7:34 pm	Peri Smilow-B El 7:30 PM (8:36 pm)
13 20 Iyar	14 21 Iyar	15 22 Iyar	16 23 Iyar	17 24 Iyar	18 25 Iyar	19 26 Iyar
Mother's Day		B Israel Rosh Cho- desh Study			Cand. 7:42 pm	(8:43 pm)
20 27 Iyar	21 28 Iyar	22 29 Iyar	23 1 Sivan	24 2 Sivan	25 3 Sivan	26 4 Sivan
Beth El Annual Mtg 12:30 PM					Cand. 7:49 pm	(8:51 pm)
27 5 Sivan	28 6 Sivan	29 7 Sivan	30 8 Sivan	31 9 Sivan		
Erev Shavuot Cand. 7:51 pm	Memorial Day Shavuot Cand. 8:53 pm	Yizkor Shavuot (8:53 pm)				

JUNE 2001

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1 10 Sivan	2 11 Sivan
					B El Shabbat of Honor Cand. 7:56 pm	(8:57 pm)
3 12 Sivan	4 13 Sivan	5 14 Sivan	6 15 Sivan	7 16 Sivan	8 17 Sivan	9 18 Sivan
					Cand. 8:01 pm	Beth El Story Shabbat (9:02 pm)
10 19 Sivan	11 20 Sivan	12 21 Sivan	13 22 Sivan	14 23 Sivan	15 24 Sivan	16 25 Sivan
Beth El Picnic 11:00 AM		JCC Annual Mtg	Bar Harbor Discus- sion 7:00 PM B Ab Sist. Dinner	Flag Day	Cand. 8:04 pm	(9:05 pm)
17 26 Sivan	18 27 Sivan	19 28 Sivan	20 29 Sivan	21 30 Sivan	22 1 Tammuz	23 2 Tammuz
Father's Day				B Israel Rosh Cho- desh Study	Cand. 8:06 pm	(9:07 pm)
24 3 Tammuz	25 4 Tammuz	26 5 Tammuz	27 6 Tammuz	28 7 Tammuz	29 8 Tammuz	30 9 Tammuz
B Israel Sisterhood Annual Mtg 12:00					Cand. 8:06 pm	(9:07 pm)

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