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JOIN THE JCC

We hope everyone is enjoying the JCC calendar that was recently sent to our membership and to many nonmembers. It is a valuable resource for our community with the inclusion of dates of holidays and special events, information on our three congregations and their services, and details on other useful resources.

The JCC additionally sends *The Community News* to our members and nonmember friends alike. This newsletter offers readers an opportunity to stay up to date on activities and programs of particular interest to our community. It is a critical means of communication throughout our region.

We cannot, however, continue to provide these and other valuable services – special events and programming – without the kind support of those who benefit from them. If you are not already a member, please take a moment to select the way in which you would like to show your support of the JCC and its programs by completing and returning the form below. And remember that *your support is essential to a thriving Jewish community*. Thank you!

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RED CROSS DRIVE

The Jewish Community Council recently had a fundraising drive to raise money for the American Red Cross in response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. The community responded generously.

Over \$3700 was raised. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

RECEPTION HELD OCTOBER 21

A reception was held on Sunday, October 21 to welcome Rabbi David Cantor of Congregation Beth Israel and Rabbi Fred Nebel of Congregation Beth Abraham. Over 100 people attended this wonderful event. Thanks go to Elaine Gershman and the JCC program committee.

UPCOMING JCC EVENTS

On Kristallnacht, the JCC will show *Into the Arms of Strangers*, a film about the Kindertransport during the Holocaust, at Congregation Beth El on Thursday Nov. 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please call the JCC office at 941-2950 for more information.

YOUTH ALIYAH

Youth Aliyah (a Hadassah project) brings hope and opportunity to Israel's children. It is the primary network in Israel addressing the unique and diverse needs of adolescents from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and all over the world.

Contributions are applied toward school supplies, counseling students with learning and behavioral problems, cultural enrichment programs, tuition. Be part of a success story for Israeli youth by giving generously.

Help youth in Israel by making a donation and having a card sent to observe a happy or sad occasion. You can do this through Samara at the JCC office, 6 State St #314, Bangor, Tel. 941-2950 or CK Ziffer, 112 Franklin St, B-8, Bangor, Tel. 990-1729.

CONGREGATION BETH ABRAHAM NEWS

SERVICES are held daily. Please call the shul at 947-0876 for davening times.

BETH ABRAHAM invites you to visit their site on the web at www.jewishbangor.com.

KOSHER DINNERS, under orthodox supervision, are available again from the Beth Abraham Sisterhood. These dinners, a fund raiser for the Sisterhood, are perfect for Shabbos, travelers, or for anyone who needs a break from cooking. Each dinner costs \$40 and will feed four people. Dinner includes a roasted chicken, potato kugel, spinach noodle kugel, brownies, rolls and grape juice. Prior reservations are required, and we deliver to the Bangor area only. To order dinner (s), please contact Barbara Podolsky at (207) 942-8093 or the synagogue office at (207) 947-0876.

SATURDAY NIGHT SUNDAES- LIVE...FROM BANGOR,ME..IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT SUNDAES! October 20th was the date, Beth Abraham was the site of the first Malevah Malkah of 5762, and what a gala event it was. It began with Make Your Own Sundaes, where you had your choice of 7 types of ice cream and 14 types of toppings. But there was more. Later that night there was a raffle and auction for a two-day stay in Bretton Woods, N.H. The raffle was based upon questions concerning the weekly Torah portion. Everyone had their Chumash open and learned like never before. The atmosphere was electrically charged and people enjoyed learning the Torah. At the end of the night, there were two big winners. Mazel tov to the Cantor and Rolnick families. Hope to see you next time...just think, you could be the next winner!!!!

STUDENTS LIKE HEBREW SCHOOL! - A parent stormed into my office and said "What did you do to my children?! They WANT to come to Hebrew school and they rush to do their homework. They treat it like their Public School work." Then the parent smiled and said, "I don't know how you did it, but thank you...it's great, whatever you're doing." The school operates Monday through Thursday from 3:45 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. We meet everyday thus reinforcing what we learned the day before and fostering the understanding that Jewish education is at least as important as secular education. We have a fast paced and exciting program; proven by the fact that the students are even riding their bikes to school, so that they will be on time!

ADULT EDUCATION—You've asked for it, and it's here. Our Adult education program is in full swing. You still have time to join up now and be among the premier group of Torah scholars in our community. We have courses for everyone in the community and the classes are taught in a user-friendly manner. If you ever wanted to approach Torah in an exciting manner this is your chance; the courses are as follows:

- Sunday: 8:30 A.M. --Talmud Megillah --This course examines the text of the megillah and the laws associated with it. Many other topics are broached as we navigate our way through the Talmudic sea. Some topics include the number of Aliyot on particular days, who is entitled to aliyot, the special mitzvot of Purim, etc.
- Monday: 7:00 P.M. -- Chumash B'raishit -- The creation story is examined in detail. What was Hashem's intention when He created the world? Why does the Torah use anthropomorphism? If light was created on the first day, then what is the creation of the sun, moon, and stars doing on the fourth day? Which of the rabbis are closest to the simple understanding of the story as it is told?
- Tuesday: 7:00 P.M. -- Book of Joshua -- Joshua was the first leader after Moshe, what were his struggles? What was the political climate of the day? How did the Jewish people feel about Joshua? How successful were his campaigns?
- Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. -- Megillat Esther -- If you think you fully understand this story, think again. It is one of the most phenomenal stories in the Tanach and the least understood. Was Achashevarosh a simple drunk or a covert anti-Semite? Why isn't Hashem's name mentioned in this book? Who was Cyrus' mother and who was Vashti's father? If you can't answer these questions, then this may be the course for you!
- Sunday - Thursday: Between mincha and maariv --Daily halachot -- we are presently learning the laws concerning our routine in the mornings. Our compressed sessions lend to an interesting and informative break between mincha and maariv.
- Shabbat: 45 minutes before mincha -- Maimonides: Laws of Repentance -- This treatise covers the philosophy of repentance as well as presenting practical methods of how to do it. It will also touch on messianic times and what we should expect.

The classes, with the exceptions of daily halacha and Maimonides, are normally one hour long. All classes are held in English and no previous knowledge is necessary. Books may be purchased from the bookstore. Books will be helpful, as they will allow you to review the material at home, as well as to prepare for class. If you would like to have other classes, please contact me in the shul office (207) 947-0876. I look forward to seeing everyone at class. —Rabbi Fred Nebel

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL NEWS

- Beth Israel's membership includes **interfaith couples**, students, singles, families and seniors. You are welcome to visit our synagogue at any time!
- **FREE BABY-SITTING IS AVAILABLE AT ALL SHABBAT SERVICES.**
- Anyone wanting to participate in a daily minyan or who has **Yahrzeit** and would like to say **Kaddish** is invited to pray with us. Our minyan is proudly egalitarian and open to all. Minyan times: Mon-Fri, 6:55 am and 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am and 5:30 pm. Please call us at 945-3433 if you need further information.
- **Hebrew School**– Any family interested in enrolling their children in our Bangor or Ellsworth schools should contact the office at 945-3433.
- **Shabbaton Weekends**, which help families incorporate Jewish ritual into daily life, will be held on the first weekends of both November and December. Each weekend's activities include:
Friday: Friday Night Family Service 6:00
Saturday: Junior Congregation at 9:45 am
Sunday: Family Breakfast and study session at 9:00
- **Hebrew School Common Hour** meets one day each month from 4:30 to 5:30 throughout the school year. Our topic on November 28th will be *Friday Night*. On December 12th the topic will be *Hanukkah*.
- **"Little Bits"**: Fun and Learning for our Younger Congregants. Children 2 to 7 years old get together with Christine Cantor the 2nd Shabbat of every month from 10:00 to 11:30 for prayer, game playing, singing and Torah Lessons.
- **ADULT EDUCATION : Beginning Hebrew** for adults is available each Monday from 10-11:30 am. Please call the office or Christine Cantor directly. **Jewish Literacy** class meets every Wednesday at 7 pm. Please call the office or Rabbi David Cantor directly for more information. **Adult Prayer Book Hebrew Study** is available in Ellsworth. For more information, please call the Congregation Beth Israel office at 945-3433.
- **Upcoming Events: Beth Israel Choir's Fall Concert** will be part of Shabbat services on Nov. 10. Please contact Cantor Deborah Marlowe at marlowed@midcoast.com if you would like to join the choir. Beth Israel Sisterhood's **Kol Bo Gift Fair** will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 11-3. Drop in for some Hanukkah shopping and have a bite to eat! Beth Israel's **Hanukkah Party** will be held on Sun., Dec. 16. **Cantor Deborah Marlowe** will be participating in services on Nov. 10 and December 22.
- If you have questions on any events at Congregation Beth Israel, please call the office at 945-3433.
- Our email address: cbisrael@mint.net
- Our web page: www.mint.net/beth_israel

The Jewish Community Council now has a website.
Please visit us at www.jewishbangormaine.com

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 a.m. 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, November 2	7:30 p.m.	Worship/College Night
Friday, November 9	7:30 p.m.	Worship/Seventh Grade Service
Saturday, November 10	10:00 a.m.	Story Shabbat/Second Grade Service
Friday, November 16	7:30 p.m.	Chavurah Shabbat/"The War in Afghanistan"
Friday, December 7	7:30 p.m.	Worship
Tuesday, December 11	6:30 p.m.	Chanukah Celebration
Friday, December 14	7:30 p.m.	Worship
Saturday, December 15	10:00 a.m.	Story Shabbat
Friday, December 21	7:30 p.m.	Chavurah Shabbat

COLLEGE NIGHT at Beth El, Friday, November 2, will be an opportunity for college students from the area to visit our congregation and experience Reform Jewish worship. Students at U. Maine, Husson, College of the Atlantic and all area colleges are welcome.

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE - Congregation Beth El will host this year's Veteran's Day Service on Monday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m. This interfaith service is held annually in association with the Veteran's Day Parade in Bangor, and is hosted at a different church or synagogue each year. The service is open to the entire community. Rabbi Milder will be conducting the brief service, which will consist of interfaith prayers and patriotic songs. The Veteran's Day Parade begins at 10:00 a.m., just a short walk from the temple.

CHAVURAH SHABBAT is an informal worship service with discussion, held on the third Friday of the month. On November 16, our discussion topic will be "The War in Afghanistan."

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION - Beth El's annual Chanukah Celebration is our biggest party of the year, filled with song, skits and entertainment by our religious school children. Adults and children, members and guests are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. for this wonderful festival of light.

BETH EL BY THE BAY - A double-bill of Beth El congregants will be performing at New Year's Belfast By the Bay on Monday, December 31. You can hear the two Larrys--Larry Latour and Rabbi Larry Milder, each performing their own sets of folk music. Times to be announced, so watch for announcements in the press.

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 November 14 and December 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Mintz at 843-7678.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Due to the holidays, there was no meeting of the Friendship Club in October. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 7 at noon. Guest speaker will be Roxanne Moore Saucier from the *Bangor Daily News*.

This year's Chanukah party will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2001. Everybody is welcome. All meetings are held at Beth Israel Synagogue, 144 York Street, Bangor.

MAZEL TOV

- To Matthew Lieberman and Stacey Goldbaum on the occasion of their marriage on June 10 at Temple Ner Tamid in Peabody, MA. Stacey is the daughter of Linda Goldbaum of Lynn, MA and Matthew is the son of David and Marcia Lieberman of Bangor
- To Andrew Lieberman Share and Elisa Lynne Sandler on the occasion of their marriage, Sept. 2, 2001. Andrew is the son of Barney and Diane Lieberman Share and the grandson of Florence Lieberman, formerly of Bangor.

CONDOLENCES

- To David Batuski on the death of his father, John Batuski.
- To Stuart Kestenbaum on the death of his brother, Howard.
- To the family of the late Mary Adelman.
- To Ruth Striar, on the death of her sister, Anne Stowell.
- To Kim Berry-Lee, on the death of her brother-in-law, John Thayer.
- To Maxine Harrow, on the death of her mother, Edna Edelman.
- To Marilyn Baum, on the death of her mother, Toby Rosenberg Baum.
- To Murray Shulman, on the death of his father, Stuart Shulman.

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COMMUNITY NEWS DEADLINE

The deadline for the January issue of *The Community News* is Monday, December 10. The January issue will cover events from January 1 to February 28.

Items for our newsletter should be mailed to: Jewish Community Council, 6 State Street #314, Bangor, Maine 04401. Submissions may also be E-mailed to sgopan@netzero.net or may be E-mailed directly through our web site at www.jewishbangormaine.com.

For more information, call us at 207-941-2950.

JEWISH COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATES

GRANT REQUESTS ARE CONSIDERED TWICE A YEAR BY THE JCEA.

DEADLINES ARE APRIL 1 AND OCTOBER 1

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE.

CALL 941-2950.

JCC CALENDAR UPDATE

Please add the following Congregation Beth El dates to your calendar:

- 11/2/01 College Night at Beth El 7:30 p.m.
- 4/10/02 Bar Harbor Discussion 7:00 p.m.
- 5/8/02 Bar Harbor Discussion 7:00 p.m.
- 5/15/02 Taste of Judaism 9:00 p.m.
- 5/22/02 Taste of Judaism 9:00 p.m.
- 5/29/02 Taste of Judaism 9:00 p.m.
- 6/12/02 Bar Harbor Discussion 7:00 p.m.
- 7/10/02 Bar Harbor Discussion 7:00 p.m.
- 8/14/02 Bar Harbor Discussion 7:00 p.m.

Please make the following change:

- The JCC film originally scheduled for Saturday, November 10 (*Into the Arms of Strangers*) will be shown on Thursday, November 8. Watch your mail for details.

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