



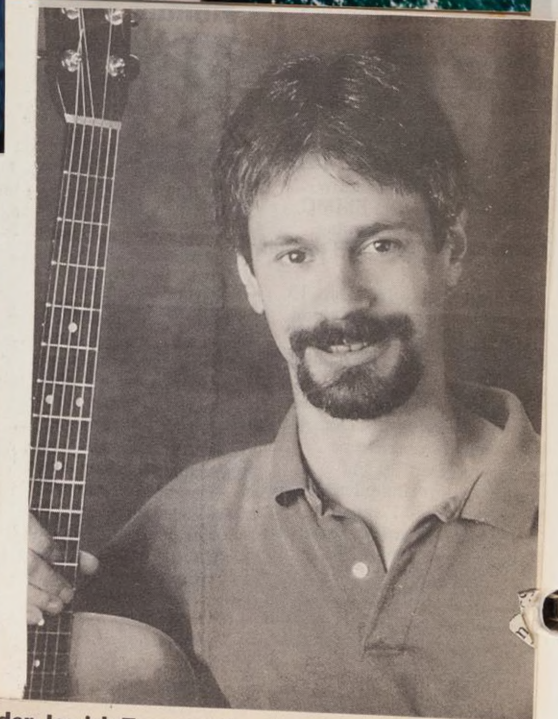
Dorrice Trickey Wetzlar (left), Class of 1931, looks over old class photographs with Edrie (Crockett) Adams at a reunion Friday of 1920s graduates of Bangor High School. (NEWS Photo by Michael York)











...lder, Jewish Tunesmith, who will be performing on Saturday, December 20 at the Left Bank Bakery and Cafe in Blue Hill at 8 p.m. The Tzena Tzena Klezmer Band will also perform. Call 374-2201 for more information.





On the occasion of their 30th anniversary, the Senior Citizen Friendship Club remembers those who have passed away.

Anna Abrahams
 Rosalie Adelson
 Betty Alpert
 Shirley Berman
 Frances Bernstein
 Fannie Bersten
 Sylvia Berson
 Anna Bloom *
 Jacob Braveman
 Lena Braveman
 Sadie Brenner
 Charles Brickel
 Elsie Brickel
 Bob Brown
 Sue Brown
 Bessie Byer
 Eva Chason
 Fannie Cohen
 Harry Cohen
 Robert Cohen
 Bluma Cooperstein
 Lillian Cummings
 Pearl Dresner
 Ida Ellis
 Dorothy Emple
 Lillian Emple*
 Anna Epstein*
 Marjorie Epstein
 Sadie Finn
 Lena Friedman
 Lena Fox
 Miriam Gedal
 Fannie Ginsberg
 Jean Ginsberg
 Abraham Golden *
 Alice Goldsmith
 Eva Goldsmith
 Harry Goldsmith
 Lillian Goldstein
 Dora Goos
 Freda Gopin
 Violet Gordon
 Aaron Gottlieb

Dora Gottlieb
 Hilda Gottlieb
 George Gover
 Jeanette Grunko
 Sophie Hillson
 Fannie Jacobson
 Ida Kamen
 Sarah Kamen
 Anna Kaminsky
 Tibby Kapelow
 Lillian Kobritz
 Dora Kominsky
 Max Kominsky
 Minnie Kominsky
 Philip Kominsky
 Sadie Kominsky
 Betty Koritzky
 Philip Koritzky
 Larry Lait
 Ann Leavitt
 Benjamin Leavitt
 Ida Less
 Mary Levy
 Molly Levy
 Betty Lieberman
 Helen Michelson
 Ruth Miller
 Bess Minsky
 Meyer Minsky
 Harry Mogul
 Abraham Motuick
 Bessie Motuick
 Mollie Nissenbaum
 Philip Nissenbaum
 Saul Nyer
 Sylvia Nyer
 Frances Oppenheim
 Julius Plaut
 Jenny Price
 Edna Rapaport
 Estelle Rich
 Bertha Robinson
 Ida Rolsky *

Hilda Rosen
 Marion Rosen
 Sally Rosen
 Sarah Rosen
 Sophia Rosen
 Jennie Rubin
 Pauline Rudman
 Julia Saltzman
 Louis Saltzman
 Dora Segal
 Julia Segal
 Sam Segal
 Anna Shafmaste
 Nettie Shapiro
 Sarah Shapiro
 Sadie Share
 Sarah Shuro
 David Shuer **
 Ida Shur
 Bobby Silver
 Elsie Stern
 Sarah Striar
 Mim Viner
 Pat Viner
 Dorothy Wagme
 Bessie Wald
 Dora Wald
 Jack Wald
 Edith Walman
 Mary Weinstein
 Dorothy Zitaner

* Served as Frie
 President

** Served as JC
 Director.

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Former Castine artist gives painting to MMA

CASTINE — Maine Maritime Academy recently received a painting donated by former Castine artist Margaret Parker into the college art collection.

Donated earlier this spring, "Dark Shores #5" is one of a series of large framed watercolors created from 1992 to 1995. Parker exhibited her paintings at Maine Maritime Academy in 1995. They were also displayed in the college's new Student Center.

Parker attended the Art Institute of Chicago and Bennington College and earned a degree from the University of Michigan. She also attended the Polakov School of Stage Design.



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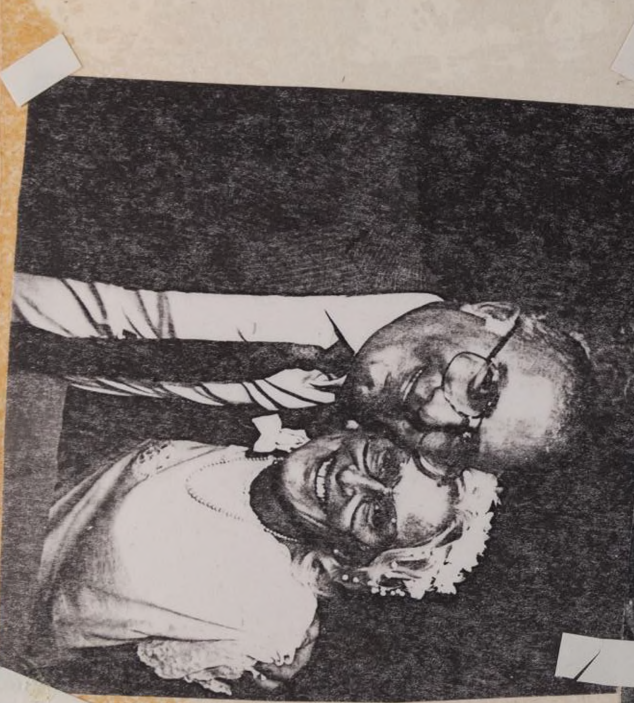
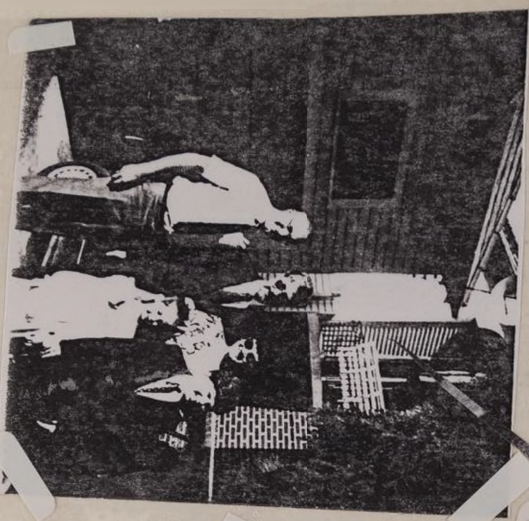


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Religion

says goodbye to Beth



After 15 years as rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel, Rabbi Joseph Schonberger is leaving Bangor to serve a synagogue in Youngstown, Ohio. (NEWS Photo by Susan Latham)

the Christian community, organizing interfaith activities such as Holocaust Remembrance Day services, community Shema services and Hanukkah services. He has served as an Army Reserve chaplain here and worked with the chaplaincy departments at St. Joseph Hospital and Eastern Maine Medical

center. The rabbi has always been available for patients, as well as for the community. "He was a rock," said Sister Mary of St. Joseph, who officiated at last week's service. "He

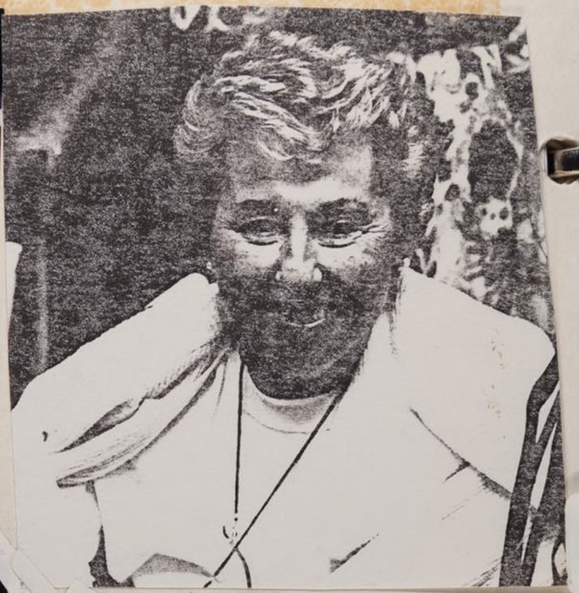
was the backbone of the synagogue, a large multipurpose addition, the Epstein Room, was constructed next to the synagogue, and an after-school Hebrew school was founded to replace the day school that dissolved in the mid-1980s. The interfaith klezmer musical group found statewide success.

Few in the congregation were able or willing to explain why a rabbi, seemingly so loved, admired and respected by his congregation could not come to an amicable agreement with the Beth Israel board. When asked why they believed

the departure was necessary as soon as possible." A visiting rabbi has been asked to conduct services this fall during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, since the vacancy may not be filled by then.

Kubetz outlined the following criteria for the man or woman who would be a good fit with Congregation Beth Israel: "A mature individual with strongly held traditional beliefs in Conservative Judaism; someone who is a good teacher, learned, and has an interest in teaching both adults and youth; a native-born American

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Friendship club cookout special for 30 years

By Joni Averill
Of the NEWS Staff

Thirty-one years ago this fall, when David and Paula Adelman were expecting their first child, Paula often helped her late aunt, Ida Rolsky, drive Ida's friends to meetings of the newly formed Senior Citi-

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zens Friendship Club of the Jewish Community Center.

There was much discussion and speculation among those people Paula drove, many in their 80s and 90s, whether Paula would have a boy or a girl. Mark Adelman was born the following May.

When her aunt began planning the club schedule for the summer, Paula, who had grown to appreciate the need for the elderly to visit with their friends, suggested club members come to her home for a barbecue.

"I think we had 20-25, tops, back then," she said. "The next year we decided to do it again, and then the next, and now, it's been 30."

Sunday was a day of unparalleled beauty and joy for 43 club members who attended the barbecue at the Adelman home on Kenduskeag Avenue.

"It's a beautiful backyard with huge, old trees," said club President Barbara Wilde. "It's so shady there. They have tables and chairs and a big, built-in barbecue." Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings are served, plus punch and cake.

"It's always a big reunion of all old-timers who greet each other like long-lost friends," Wilde said. Many are in wheelchairs or handicapped.

"Some have had heart attacks, others are sick, and some hardly venture out anymore. But they do come to the barbecue. It was just beautiful, with a lovely breeze and wonderful mu-



sicians to entertain us. They didn't play too loud, so people could talk and reminisce."

The band is unique. According to saxophonist Rabbi Joseph Schonberger, it is "the only interfaith klezmer band north of Boston."

The rabbi once described a klezmer band to the other saxophonist, the Rev. Jim Haddix, as "Jewish Dixieland."

Haddix said, "As Joseph explained it to me, whenever their people got together, even under

the most dire conditions, they'd find a way to put a little band together."

"We're sort of an irregular, regular group," Schonberger said of the band that includes Scott Rappaport on clarinet and Jim Winters on trombone. "Music has always been important for us historically. It takes some sophistication to play it, but it also has a raw edge to it. It reveals a complexity of emotions when it is played well."

It was played well Sunday, according to Wilde, who also had high praise for the Adelmans, "a busy, hard-working couple."

"These people really make it special," she said. "The food was excellent, the weather terrific, the music nice, and the host and hostess very gracious."



JULIUS H. GASS
 BOCA RATON, FLA. - Julius H. Gass, of 6661 N.W. Second Ave., Apt. PHG, Boca Raton, Fla. 33487, died unexpectedly April 3, 1998. He was born in Chelsea, Mass., May 31, 1913 and moved to Bangor, living there until 1975, when he retired to Florida. He established Gass Office Products Inc. and maintained that business for more than 40 years. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was educated in Bangor schools and was very active in community affairs. He was a past president of the Bangor Jewish Community Center and a B'nai B'rith member for more than 65 years, at one time serving as state president. He was an active member of the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge; a founder of the Bangor Chapter of Cerebral Palsy; as well as president of the Bangor YMCA. He was a member of Beth Abraham Synagogue. He married the former Doris Fogelman in 1942 and together they had three children. He is survived by his wife, Doris; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Susan Gass of McMinnville, Ore.; a daughter, Sharon Temple of Seattle, Wash.; a daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Steven Sosnoff of Paxton, Mass.; a daughter-in-law, Lynne Gass of Sanford; three grandchildren, Jodi and Richie Sosnoff, Michael Gass of Portsmouth, N.H.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Rena and Max Gass of Palm Beach, Fla. and Dorothy and Ben Zitomer of Bowie, Md.; and other family members. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

HERBERT TRAGER
 BANGOR - Herb Trager, husband of Rosalie (Shapiro) Trager, passed away Feb. 23, 1998. He was born in East Boston, Mass., May 30, 1914, and spent his early life in Dorchester, Mass. A chief pharmacist's mate aboard the USS Reuben James during World War II, he was able to save lives of three of his Navy companions. He received the Victory Medal and the European African Theatre Medal with one star for his naval service. He was the owner and pharmacist at the Post Office Pharmacy, a local fixture in Bangor for more than 30 years. He also owned several apartment buildings in the Bangor area. Surviving in addition to his wife are his daughter, Sharma Schacknow, JD, MBA of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; his son, Barry Trager, PhD of Yorktown Heights, N.J.; his two young grandsons, Jeffrey Schacknow and Matthew Trager; his sister, Ida Trusten of Hyde Park, Mass. Herb was known throughout the Bangor community for his love of nature and fine art. His sense of humor, his unflinching kindness and his generosity of spirit will be sorely missed by his loved ones and friends. His untimely passing surely has diminished us all. Funeral services will be held 12 noon Thursday at the Jewish Funeral Chapel, Center Street, Bangor. Interment will be in Beth Israel Cemetery, Bangor. A service of Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

MILLICENT R. SMITH
 PORTLAND - Millicent R. Smith, 47, wife of Richard A. Smith, died Oct. 17, 1995, in a Portland hospital. Born in Bangor, she was a daughter of the late Julie and Hazel Smith Robinson. She graduated from Deering High School, Portland, received a B.S. degree from the University of Maine, Orono, and M.S. degree from the University of Maine, Gorham. Since 1983, Mrs. Smith had been the supervising principal at SAD No. 6. She is survived by her husband, Richard A. Smith of Buxton; her mother of Bangor; one son, Aaron J. Smith; one daughter, Samantha J. Smith, both of Buxton; one brother, Mark H. Robinson of Gulf Shores, Ala. Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Millicent R. Smith Scholarship Fund, care of Bonny Eagle High School, 700 Saco Road, Standish 04084. Arrangements by Jones, Rich & Hutchins Funeral Home, 199 Woodford St., Portland.



SARAH BERG
 WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. - Sarah Berg, 84, died in West Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 11, 1998. She was born in Orono, one of the eleven children of Barney Gass and Rebecca (Pirl) Gass and attended schools there, graduating from Orono High School in 1931. During the Depression, she worked at a Bangor "five & ten cent store" alongside her twin sister, Rae. Subsequently, she studied nursing at Boston City Hospital. Upon graduating and becoming a registered nurse in 1943, she entered the U.S. Army serving as a lieutenant/nurse in the Women's Army Corp in Europe during the closing days of World War II. In 1946, she married Arthur Berg at the lake in Eddington, settling in Bangor, where she raised her family while her husband operated Bangor Laundry and Cleaners, which he had founded. Upon his retirement in 1979, they moved to West Palm Beach, where they remained the rest of their lives. Her husband predeceased her in 1981. She is survived by her twin sister, Rae Grossman of West Palm Beach; sisters, Mena Gass of Miami, Esther Hoos of Stratford, Conn., and Lillian Nerden of Richmond, Va.; her brothers, Max of So. Palm Beach, Fla., and John of Orono; her children, Herbert of Margate, Fla., Deborah Bartok of Gloucester, Va., Rhonda of Peaks Island, and Cheryl of Standish; and four grandchildren, Eva, David, Allison, and Josh. She was buried in West Palm Beach, Feb. 13, 1998.

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University of Maine at Gorham in 1974.

Mrs. Smith began her teaching career in Portland's former Butler School from 1970 to 1973. She then taught fifth grade at Reiche School in Portland from 1973 to 1974. From 1974 to 1979 she was a reading consultant at West, Cathedral and Riverton schools.

From 1980 to 1983, she was the reading director at SAD 6. Since 1983, she had been the supervising principal at SAD 6.

She was a member of the Maine Principals Association and the Maine Teachers Association.

Surviving are her husband, Richard A. Smith; her mother of Bangor; a son, Aaron J. Smith, and a daughter, Samantha J. Smith, both of Buxton; a brother, Mark H. Robinson of Gulf Shores, Ala.

A private funeral will be held. Arrangements are by Jones Rich & Hutchins Funeral Home, Portland.

RUTH G. LIEBERMAN

BANGOR - Services for Ruth G. Lieberman, who died May 28, 1998, at a Bangor hospital, will be held 3 p.m. Friday, May 29, at the Jewish Chapel, Center Street, Bangor. A complete obituary will be published in Saturday's edition of the Bangor Daily News.