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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 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, 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.