



Chadashot Ha'am

April 2011

Adar II, Nisan

While We Wait — Rabbi Sam Seicol

In the movie *Oh God*, God (played by George Burns) is asked about the ultimate meaning of human life. He begins to answer, "Life is like a glass of tea.... No, I'd better not go for laughs!" He is, of course, referring to an old Jewish joke where two men are sitting in a café. One says to the other, "Life is like a glass of tea without lemon or sugar." The other responds, "What do you mean, 'Life is like a glass of tea without lemon or sugar?'" The first one then shoots back, "How should I know? Am I a philosopher?"

This joke reflects the traditional Jewish attitude toward ultimately unanswerable philosophical and theological questions. Judaism has not developed a body of mandated theological and philosophical answers to the mysteries of life. Instead, the *Halacha* was developed to teach us how to live well, even if we did not know with any certainty why we should live well. The answers in the traditional literature to the why questions were many and varied. What they had in common was the underlying view that, if the answer worked to inspire a better life, it was a good Jewish answer.

When the rabbis of the Talmud would reach an impasse on such questions and could not achieve consensus - and consensus was not necessary in a practical sense - they would say, "Teku." The answer would have to wait for the coming of Elijah, who would answer all the previously unanswerable questions.

This answer was even used for certain practical questions. One example is the question about the number of cups we are required to drink at the

Passover seder. The original four cups were held to be symbolic of the four promises (Exodus 6:6-7) God made to Israel at the time of the Exodus from Egypt. These four promises were fulfilled at the beginning of the 40 years, prior to the wanderings. There is, however, a fifth promise (Exodus 8) which was not fulfilled until the end of the 40th year of the wanderings. Some rabbis felt that this promise needed its own cup and others claimed that it was not part of the original relationship between God and Israel. So the debate raged as to whether there should be four or five cups at the seder. The final answer was, "Teku," and the fifth cup became the cup of Elijah.

Elijah's cup is not one for Elijah to come to our seder to drink. Rather, it is a challenge to each of us about how to live in the paradox of life. When faced with an apparent dilemma of mutually exclusive actions, how do we move on? We cannot drink both four cups and five cups of wine at the seder. If we wait for Elijah to resolve the conflict for us, we would be frozen in inaction. The rabbis said that each individual should consume four cups and that we should have one cup that is a reflection of shared community (the fifth cup). Thus, when Elijah comes and tells us whether we were to have had four or five cups, we can say, "We did!" We can say we each had four cups. Or, we can say that we had four cups each plus one as a community for a total of five. It is my custom at seders, therefore, not to fill Elijah's cup in advance. Rather all participants contribute a few drops and watch the cup fill. The cup becomes a communal one, overflowing with wine.

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Dates to Remember

April 1-3

Mystery of Matzah Weekend

April 10

Passover Workshops

1:00-4:00 PM

April 19

Second Night Seder 5:30 PM

April 23

Women's Minyan Seder

3:30 PM

What then is the meaning of life? As George Burns says, in a good Jewish/Victor Frankl answer: The meaning of life is what we choose to make of it as we face the issues and dilemmas and how we decide to deal with the apparent contradictions we see. We do not need to wait for the final answer. We can use the answers that make the most sense for now and make the world around us a more livable place.

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Adult Library News

By the numbers:

- 1 beautiful reading room with over 2000 books
- 143 new and specially selected used books have been added to the collection.
- 4 volunteers staff the library on a regular basis.
- 42 library cardholders
- 59 books in circulation
- 9 articles published in our monthly congregation newsletter, *Chadashot*

It is simple to get a library card* and to borrow books, even when the library is not staffed. We encourage all congregants to take advantage of the rich resources available in our library. The library is staffed on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM and on Sunday mornings when there is religious school from 10:00 AM- noon. You are welcome to use the library any time the synagogue is open.

*Again, it's easy to get a card. Stop in the library, find the clipboard on the reading table and fill out the requested information. Or, you can e-mail Donna Landau (dmlandau@hotmail.com) with your name, mailing address and phone number. Either way, a key tag will be waiting for you at the library office. Then you can borrow any of the wonderful books that are in the collection.

Celebrate Pesach:

You will notice several books about Pesach on the reading table. Titles include:

- ◆ *1001 Questions and Answers on Pesach*
- ◆ *Keeping Passover*
- ◆ *Passover, the Family Guide to Spiritual Celebration*
- ◆ *The Telling*
- ◆ *The Passover Anthology*

We also have a collection of *haggadot* on display. Some have exquisite illustrations, some are written in Hebrew, and some are of historic significance, such as a World War II *haggadah* for those in the Armed Services. Any of these books may be borrowed.

Thank you to Toby Rosenberg for donating a DVD, *Making Choices – The Dutch Resistance During World War II*. This documentary explores the wartime lives of four Dutch citizens who took a stand to protect Jews. Their stories are ones of courage and fear, danger and faith, as they risked their lives doing what they believed was right.

Wanted:

The Library Committee is looking for members with information technology experience and for members who are interested in archiving who would like to join our committee or assist with specific projects. Please call the office or e-mail Sherrie Bergman at sherrie.bergman@gmail.com

From the Religious School Director Orly Mendelson Biggie

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is held on the 27th of Nisan. This year it falls on Sunday, May 1. This day commemorates the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. The day was first observed in Israel in 1951 after Prime Minister David Ben Gurion signed the law. *Yom HaShoah* begins in Israel at sundown with a State ceremony held at *Yad VaShem*, the museum for the Holocaust in Jerusalem. Six torches, symbolizing the approximately six million who perished, are lit by Holocaust survivors and prayers are recited. At 10:00 the following morning, sirens are sounded throughout Israel for two minutes. Everyone and everything stops as people stand at attention and pay tribute to the dead. Ceremonies are also held in schools and communities throughout Israel.

Here in Maine the Jewish community will come together on May first to remember those who perished in the Holocaust. Together with the Maine Jewish Film Festival, we will have a remembrance ceremony at the Abramson Center at the University of Southern Maine. Representatives from various synagogues and organizations will participate.

Following the ceremony, an amazing movie, *A Film Unfinished*, will be shown. This film was discovered in the East German archives at the end of World War II. It was filmed by the Nazis in Warsaw in May 1942 and labeled simply *Ghetto*. In 1998, another missing reel from the movie was found. It includes multiple takes and shots of cameramen staging scenes. Israeli director, Yael Hersonski, analyzed the film, moving methodically, reel by reel, and acknowledged "the many layers of reality." This movie documents Nazi propaganda and presents the raw footage in its entirety. The movie is rated R.

As the years pass, more and more survivors are no longer with us. We have lost most of the Holocaust survivors in Maine. I used to invite these survivors to share their experiences with our students. It is important to fulfill the mitzvah of *zachor* – to remember – and take time to honor those who perished and the survivors by participating in the *Yom HaShoah* ceremony. Families with children too young to view the film can remember the victims by reading together, lighting memorial candles and talking about the past.

I hope to see many of you at USM at 1:30 on May 1.

Religious School News

Baking Matzah in the morning school

Sunday, April 3, will be very special for our morning school students. Parents are invited to join their children in the fun of learning to bake matzah. The matzah will be baked in a brick oven outside. The program is part of the Garden Committee's Scholar-in-Residence weekend featuring Elisheva Rogosa.

The following group times are by grade:

9:05 AM-9:50 AM Grades 1A, 1B, 3
10:00 AM-10:45 AM Grades 2A, 2B, 4
11:00 AM-11:45 AM Grades 5, 6A, 6B

There will be no morning assembly. All students should report to their regular class by 9:00 AM.

Thank you to last month's substitute teacher, Lynn Urbach.

Thank you to the volunteers who baked *hamantashen* for our Purim carnival and evening program: Andrew Steinberg, Sara Freedman, Elizabeth Buchbaum, Lauren Kropp, Dara Saffer, Jill Rosenthal, Toby Rosenthal. Thank you also to Nancy Goldberg and Marie Leavitt for donating the dough.

Registration for 2011-2012 Religious School

Registration forms were emailed to all families of current religious school students. If you are planning to enroll a new student in our program, please contact the office to request a registration form. The deadline for our early registration discount is May 15.

We need teachers for both the morning and evening school sessions. Please consider teaching in our religious school. The school fee is waived for the children of volunteers who teach all year.

Schedule of Services

Friday, April 1

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 2

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 PM
Parsha Tazria

Friday, April 8

Family Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 9

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Parsha Metzora

Friday, April 15

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 16

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Parsha Achrei Mot

Friday, April 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 23

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Pesach

Friday, April 29

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 30

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Max Reed, son of
David & Rachel Reed
Parsha Kedoshim

**Please join the congregation
in celebration as Max Reed is
called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.**

Adult Education Programs

Passover Workshops

Sunday, April 10, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Everything you want to know about Passover, and maybe more! Learn new Passover songs and practice the traditional ones. How much of our history in the *Hagaddah* is proven, and what is story? How can I make the seder fun for kids? All this and more! A few leaders are still needed for our 50-minute sessions. Please contact Lynn Urbach at lurbach1@maine.rr.com.

The Prophets: an overview and study

Ongoing: Saturday nights, 6:30 PM

Rabbi Seicol leads this *Tanach* study, which is open to everyone. These sessions explore an overview of the books of the Prophets (*Nevi'im*, the "N" of "TaNaCH"). The historical period from Joshua through Malachi will be examined along with selections from some of the Prophetic writings. This series is especially designed for those who have not previously studied the Prophetic writings. Rabbi Seicol suggests reading the writings in advance, but this is not required. Come to one session or many! Feel free to bring a dessert or fruit to share.

April 2	Basic history of the settlement by the Children of Israel from Joshua through the Second Temple period (No advance reading)
April 9	The book of Joshua (Joshua 1-6 and 13-18)
April 16	School vacation – no session
April 23	School vacation – no session
April 30	Judges (Judges 1-2, 4, and 13-16)

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop Committee would like to thank the Congregation for its encouragement and support; both are vital to our success.

The Committee is pleased to announce that Dal Maxwell and Ilene Schuchman have joined our Committee. Ilene has agreed to become our new buyer. We look forward to the energy and ideas that they both will add to our efforts.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Committee or the Bet Ha'am office with your suggestions or requests for special orders.

Book Group

The Bet Ha'am Book Group will meet on Sunday, April 10, at 4:30 PM, at the home of Alan and Karen Lukas, 16 Stapleford Drive, Falmouth.

The group will be discussing *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana DeRosnay.

On May 15 the group will discuss *Day After Night* by Anita Diamant at Alan Mills' home in South Portland.

Come join us!



Women's Minyan Passover Seder

Please join us on Saturday,

April 23, at 3:30 PM as we gather to celebrate our 19th Annual Potluck Seder for Women.

This year's seder is dedicated to the memory of Debbie Friedman, whose music enriches and inspires our celebration.

Please RSVP to Gail Wartell at 772-0792 or gwartell@yahoo.com by April 13 if you are interested in attending the seder or participating in planning it.

This seder is open to women of all ages and is one of full participation by all who attend. We share food, laughter, songs, tears, insight, and poetry, as well as setting the table and cleaning up afterwards. We all join together to conduct the service and we conclude with Havdalah.

Seventh graders show they care with Chairs (Chair-ity)

Chairish the Love

The 2010-2011 seventh graders and their families have donated over 80 cushioned chairs for the social hall. The class decided to give a gift that would benefit the entire congregation in lieu of purchasing gifts for one another. Their gift is a symbol of their commitment to and support of our collective congregational *tuchus* as they all become *B'nai Mitzvah*.

Max Abramson
Andrea Bryant
Samuel Carignan
Rachel Epstein
Carly Farber
Matthew Fishbein
Vera Gardner
Aaron Geller
Rose Horowitz
Gail Johnson
Maya Kosak
Elena Kropp
Greg Levinsky
Isaac Messerschmidt
Noah Messerschmidt
Michael Michaelson
Sydney Mogul-Campbell
Sarah Novick
Josie Pierce
Max Reed
Matthew Riggle
Emma Scott
Oliver Watts
Megan Yudaken

BET HA'AM CONGREGATIONAL SECOND NIGHT PESACH SEDER
Tuesday, April 19, at 5:30 PM
Reservations are required.

(Catered by A MOVEABLE FEAST)

Chicken entree includes: Matzo ball soup
Spiced boneless chicken thighs roasted with butternut, turnip & onion
Garlic mashed potatoes (parve)
Colorful cauliflower
Sautéed red cabbage and apples
Garden salad

Vegetarian entree includes: Carrot ginger soup
Vegetarian entree
Garlic mashed potatoes (parve)
Colorful cauliflower
Sautéed red cabbage and apples
Garden salad

Coffee, tea and brownies

*If you have other special requests, arrangements must be made **with your reservation.***

Because this is a family event, no child care will be provided.

Please bring your own **Matzah**

Wine and beverage

One item to share (from the list below)

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Please return form to
Bet Ha'am, 81 Westbrook St., South Portland, ME 04106, before April 4

Name _____ Phone _____

_____ Adult members @ \$20 each _____ Adult non-members @ \$24 each
_____ Child member (5-12) @ \$15 each _____ Child non-member @ \$18 each
_____ Children under five: free

*Of the above reservations,
please provide a vegetarian entrée for _____ adults and _____ children*

\$ _____ check enclosed payable to Congregation Bet Ha'am

Choose one item to share (required)

☐ Charoset for 20

☐ Horseradish for 20

☐ Seder plate: shank bone, hard boiled egg, bitter herb, charoset, karpas

Optional: I will be able to help ☐ serve soup ☐ with clean-up

☐ I will bring candlesticks and candles or flowers to add to our tables.



Shalom Yeladim



Matzah Test Baking

Garden Notes by Toby Rosenberg

Mystery of Matzah Weekend, April 1-3

Guest Scholar/Farmer/Baker Elisheva Rogosa will interweave topics of Torah, mysticism, food justice, organic farming practice and gastronomy into a lively weekend of worship, study and hands-on activities. Much thanks to Kelly Brophy for creating the beautiful ad you will find elsewhere in this Chadashot. Please take a look at the ad for complete information about the weekend.

Volunteers and materials are still needed for the weekend. We need dry fire wood to fuel the clay matzah oven, fire tenders to stoke the oven in shifts from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM on Sunday, and matzah bakers to place and pull matzah from the oven. Please call the office if you can help.

Here are some other details, including pre-registration information:

Luncheons: A generous URJ Incubator Grant for our Sowing Seeds, Braiding Community project has enabled us to offer two luncheons free of charge. To assure we have plenty of food, please pre-register with the Bet Ha'am office. If you would like a kosher meal, let the office know when you register.

Study Circles: All are free and open to the public. Pre-register so that we can prepare enough hand-out materials.

Grains Session, Saturday afternoon: If you are planning to participate in wheat growing at Bet Ha'am or to grow wheat in your own garden, don't miss our How to Grow Heritage Grains session. Elisheva will offer a primer on growing grains in Maine and present us with the wheat seeds we will sow later this spring.

Traditions of Matzah workshop, Sunday afternoon: Space is limited, so we suggest you sign up now. Discover the traditions of matzah baking and make your own kosher for Passover and artisan matzah from rare *einkorn* and *emmer* mother wheat -- the kind used by our ancestors to make the very first matzah. A \$5 fee will be charged to cover exotic baking materials.

Raising Issues on Raised Beds

Everyone is invited to join our seventh graders and their families on Sunday, April 10, 4:00-5:00 PM as Craig Lapine and members of his Cultivating Community staff raise the dialogue on raised bed gardens at Bet Ha'am. Be part of the conversation as we discuss: why make raised bed gardens at our synagogue? What should we grow? How do we tend these beds? What do we do with our harvest? The conversation will incorporate Jewish perspectives, social action issues and gardening education.

On May 15 we will hold a hands-on workshop to build our raised beds and plant them. We are truly blessed that Craig Lapine has generously offered his time and talents and those of his Cultivating Community staff to lead our program. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best.

More Information

For more about Cultivating Community, visit www.cultivatingcommunity.org.

For more about Elisheva Rogosa, visit www.growseeds.org.

Help Us Grow

If you are ordering your garden seeds or starting seedlings to plant in your own garden, consider setting some aside to be planted in the Bet Ha'am raised beds or to sell at our annual plant sale.

Have Room at Your Seder?

We are hoping to link Bet Ha'am members with Bet Ha'am families who are having a seder on the first night of Passover. If you would enjoy having an additional guest or another family join you at your seder table, or if you are looking for a seder to join, please call the office (879-0028) and let us know.

Seventh Graders and their Families Take the Lead Creating Raised Bed Gardens

Our seventh grade students and their families are leading the way in creating our raised bed gardens. In March they met with Rabbi Seicol and Garden Committee chair Toby Rosenberg to lay a foundation of Jewish values for this project.

The next step will take place on Sunday, April 10, from 4:00 – 5:00 PM when the families will meet with Craig Lapine and staff from Cultivating Community to plan what we will grow and what we will do with our harvest. All interested members of the congregation are invited to join in this discussion.

The congregation is also invited to join our 7th graders and their families on Sunday, May 15, as they work with Craig and his crew to build the beds, fill them with soil mixture and plant them. We expect to start in early afternoon and will let everyone know the exact time in the May Chadashot.

7th grade families will coordinate tending the beds over the summer and harvesting in the fall. We welcome all members of the congregation to participate. Please call the office for more information.

Join us for Bet Ha'am's Annual Plant Sale!

Sunday, May 15, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Rain or shine!

- Come buy plants of all kinds, shapes and sizes for great prices!
- Please consider donating plants:
Drop off plants no earlier than Friday, May 6, and no later than 9:00 AM on Sunday, May 7.
Place each plant in a container or plastic bag punctured on the bottom.
Label each plant with its name, sun/shade preference, color and any other details you want to share.
Leave the plants along the side of the trash shed, facing the bio-retention basin.

Proceeds will be used to support Bet Ha'am garden projects. Contact the office for additional information.

Darfur Events in April include a Community Read and Forum

The book: *Tears of the Desert* by Halima Bashir with Damien Lewis

Where: Temple Beth El, 400 Deering Avenue, Portland

When: Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 PM

The Forum, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women Southern Maine Section (NCJW). There will be opportunity to discuss the book and to interact with a panel of members of the Darfur community.

Participants may also contribute to the Solar Stove Project to benefit the women in the Darfur refugee camps. The stoves help women avoid the risks of assault and rape that often occur when women leave the camp to collect firewood. Each stove costs \$15, and each family needs two stoves. This project has also established a cottage industry; women in the refugee camps are trained to assemble, use and repair the stoves. Contributions toward purchasing the stoves may be made that evening, through Jewish World Watch, 17514 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 206, Encino, CA 91316, or on-line at www.solarcookerproject.org.

NCJW has already purchased 30 stoves and will match the purchase of 70 additional stoves!

On Monday, April 11, at 7:00 PM, John Prendergast will present the 2011 Douglas M. Schair Memorial Lecture on Genocide and Human Rights at Hannaford Auditorium on the University of Southern Maine's Portland campus. The preliminary title of his lecture is *Turning Bystanders into Upstanders: you and the struggle for human rights in Africa*. Mr. Prendergast has, along with actor George Clooney, led the movement against some of Africa's worst human rights crimes: the ongoing genocide in Darfur, the use of rape as a weapon of war and the recruitment of child soldiers.

The lecture (and parking) are free. Admission is first come, first served. For more information, call 329-3353 or 712-1784.

Social Action Committee Speaks Out Against Proposed Welfare Cuts

The following testimony was given on March 7 to the Maine Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and the Health and Human Services Committee.

We urge you to vote against the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families cuts in Governor LePage's proposed budget. At a time when so many Mainers are struggling financially, it is unconscionable to cut off benefits after a defined period.

We also are deeply concerned about the proposed restrictions on benefits for recent immigrants. Most Maine families have ancestors who came to the United States as immigrants. They worked hard, appreciated their freedom and contributed in many ways to our state. The immigrants who have settled here in recent years are doing the same.

Our state suffers from a slow growth rate and an aging population. Immigrants are helping to staunch those trends and thus boost our economy. We need them as workers and we appreciate them as neighbors. This legislation, however intended, sends a message that immigrants are not welcome in Maine. That is against our long-term economic interests, and it does not reflect the Jewish values that we hold dear. For all of those reasons, we urge you to reject these proposed cuts.

Join us for the next meeting of the Social Action Committee on April 10 at 10:00 AM in Room 101.

Times are Hard. The need is great.

The Social Action Committee plans to begin serving meals again to those in need, whether through Preble Street Resource Center, which serves the homeless, or through Wayside Soup Kitchen, which serves young people, the elderly and the working poor.

If you are interested in joining us, come to our April 10 meeting, read our blog, or contact Abby Zimet at planetz@gwi.net.

We are looking for someone to coordinate this program. Can you help?

AN EVENING OF CHAMBER MUSIC at BET HA'AM

with

The Portland Chamber Music Festival

Saturday, April 9, at 8:00 PM

Join the renowned performers of the Portland Chamber Music Festival in our acoustically superb synagogue for their only spring performance this season.

The program features music by Mozart, Schubert, John Harbison, and Dohnanyi for oboe and strings. Festival performers include world-famous oboist Peggy Pearson, winner of the Pope Foundation Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in Music, PCMF Artistic Director, violinist Jennifer Elowitch, Boston University Chair of Strings, violist Michelle LaCourse, and cellist Marc Johnson, a member of the Vermeer Quartet for thirty years.

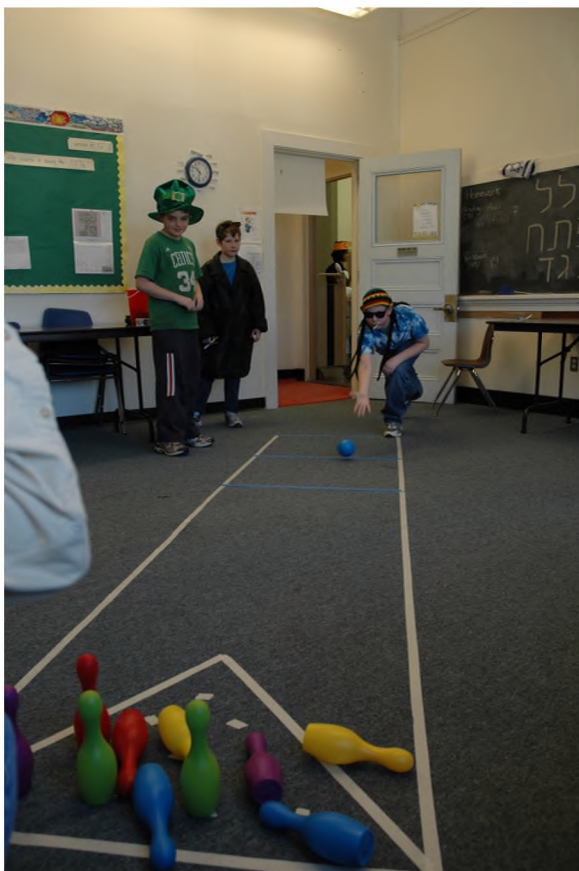
Tickets are \$25; free for those 21 and under. Tickets are available at the door or at pcmf.org. For more information, please call (800) 320-0257.

The Portland Chamber Music Festival is a local, community-based organization that has gained an outstanding regional and national reputation since it was founded in 1994. The Festival has played to a nationwide audience on National Public Radio; has been awarded two Aaron Copland grants for performance of American contemporary music; and has been recorded and broadcast by WGBH radio in Boston.

In no particular order, here are the people who helped make the Purim Carnival possible this year:

Sara Freedman, Peter Scott, Tricia Wasserman, Emily Wasserman, Martha Ollove, Amy Ollove, Jasmine Bender, Hailey Johnson, Gail Johnson, Robie Newman, Ethan Pierce, Zachary Russell, Rosie Wohl, Sam Reed, Rachel Reed, Sam Carignan, Michael Michaelson, Amy Stanley, Jennifer Riggle, Blaine Riggle, Andy Couture, Jay Couture, Oliver Watts, Paul Rothman, Tim Boulette, Pamela Weiss, Emma Scott, Lanie Kropp, Carly Farber, Josie Pierce, Sherri Carignan, Mark Carignan, Shana Blotner, Zaeda Hills, Jonathan Paris, Doug Watts, Leora Rabin, Jake Inger, Jennifer Frank, Tina Novick, Gregg Novick, Andrew Kosak, Gilead Biggie, Harel Biggie, Lauren Kropp, Karen Silverman, Dana Stanley, Emily Brocks, Ben Kropp, Jill Epstein, Emily McEntee, Lisa Tabenken, Deborah Stone, Susan Lieberman, Peter Stanton, Kerri Berman, Lisa Pierce and Larisa Semenuk.

Whew! Thank you all for contributing to a terrific event. It wouldn't have happened without each and every one of you.





Join the Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery

We invite you to join the Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery today! We have many needs and many ways for you to contribute. If you have an event you would like to celebrate, a person you would like to honor, a *yahrzeit* to remember, or you just want to help support our programs, please fill out the form and send it along with your check to Bet Ha'am. Include an address if you would like an acknowledgement to be sent.

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- In memory of Becca Brock's grandfather by **Laura Kittle & Jeremy Moser**

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- In memory of my father Lewis on his *yahrzeit* by **Robert & Rona Rosenthal**
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- In memory of Donald Cummings, Stephanie and Susan's father, by **Gerry & Marilyn Sherry**

A copy of the memories book presented to Rabbi Goldfinger at the Havdalah/potluck in her honor is available for viewing at the Bet Ha'am library. Many thanks to the team of volunteers whose efforts helped make the event such a special occasion: Sherri Carignan, Laura Kittle & Ali Mehlsak for the memories book and supplement; Sharon Newman, the Stanleys (Dana, Benjamin & Jonathan), Glenn Israel & Mindy Novick for the musical accompaniment; the Dream Team of dessert makers -- Trish Wasserman, Denise Mancall, Debbie Meagher & Kerri Berman; Toby Rosenberg for the beautiful kiddush cup; and the "administrative" team of Jay Geller, Laura Kittle, Lisa Pierce, Barbara Riegelhaupt, Fran & Alan Schneit, Jeremy Moser, Teri Berenson and Pam Denutte. Thanks for your contributions to this wonderful congregational memory.

Mazel Tov

Kate Stern and Cathy Hayes had twin boys on March 2! Adorable babies Noah and Ethan are joining big brother Zachary at their home in Brunswick. *Mazel tov*.

Mazel tov to Rosalyne Bernstein, who was honored by the Maine Law Alumni Association with the Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes Roz's significant contributions to a wide range of professional and community organizations and, in particular, her support of the University of Maine School of Law. Roz will be honored at the annual dinner of the Maine Law Alumni Association on April 2.

Mazel tov to Orly Biggie, who received the Volunteer of the Year award from the Maine Jewish Film Festival on opening night of the festival.

Zecher T'zaddik L'vrachah

- Condolences to the family of Ruth Gutman on their loss
- Condolences to the family of Jerry Harmatz on their loss
- Condolences to Shari Broder & Eric Bryant on the loss of Shari's mother, Lorraine Broder
- Condolences to Rachel Reed on the loss of her uncle, Bert Zuckerman

The Mystery of Matzah

Jewish teachings on farming, food & community

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF EXPLORATION

April 1 – 3, 2011

featuring

GUEST SCHOLAR • FARMER • ARTISAN BAKER

— ELISHEVA ROGOSA —

Discover our matzah traditions anew.

*The power and potential of matzah will be explored
through worship, study, baking and sharing.*

Friday • APRIL 1, 2011

7:30 PM **SHABBAT SERVICE**

D'var Torah

— CRAIG LAPINE —

Executive Director, CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

The Joyful Table & Tikkun Olam

Saturday • APRIL 2, 2011

9:00 AM **TORAH STUDY**

with RABBI SEICOL

Theme related Torah topics

10:00 AM **WORSHIP**

D'var Torah

— TOBY ROSENBERG —

*Sowing Seeds, Braiding Community
followed by a*

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON (reservations please)

Kosher lunch is available. Please request when registering.

1:00 PM **STUDY CIRCLE**

*Ancient grain celebrations through the
Jewish seasons, liberation and food systems*

2:00 PM **STUDY CIRCLE**

How to Grow Heritage Grains

Restoring Maine's Heritage of Wheat & Bread Traditions

Sunday • APRIL 3, 2011

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**BET HA'AM RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL STUDENTS**

& their families make Passover matzah together

12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**LUNCHEON, STUDY CIRCLE
& MATZAH MAKING**

*Space is limited & registration
is required before March 25, 2011.*

LUNCH • 12:30 PM

Kosher lunch is available. Please request when registering.

STUDY CIRCLE

Traditions of Matzah & Wheat

MATZAH MAKING

*Bake Kosher for Passover matzah
with your own hands & heart. There is a \$5 fee
to cover the cost of Emmer flour at this program.*

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APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM D'var Torah, Craig Lapine	2 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM D'var Torah, Toby Rosenberg Luncheon, study circles Liturgy Literacy Class 5:00-6:00 PM Tanach Study: The Prophets 6:30 PM
3 The Mystery of Matzah lunch, study circle and matzah making	4	5	6	7	8 Family <i>Kabbalat</i> <i>Shabbat</i> Service 6:30 PM	9 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Liturgy Literacy Class 5:00-6:00 PM Tanach Study: The Prophets 6:30 PM Portland Chamber Music Festival 8:00 PM
10 Adult Passover Workshop 1:00-4:00 PM	11	12 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM	13	14	15 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	16 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
17 No religious school	18 Passover First Seder	19 Passover Congregational Second Seder 5:30 PM	20	21	22 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	23 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Women's Minyan Seder 3:30 PM
24 No religious school	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	30 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Max Reed Bar Mitzvah