



Chadashot Ha'am

May 2012

Iyar/Sivan

A Message from Rabbi Saks

There are a lot of folks who will tell you that social media are not the right way to build community; that Facebook, Twitter and the like are more likely to prevent community than they are to build it; and that being face-to-face with others, hearing their voices and seeing their body language are the only real ways to connect with others. I humbly disagree. While the vast majority of my Facebook friends are mere acquaintances, Facebook has enabled me to connect and reconnect with friends. It also has been the best (and sometimes the only) way for me to connect with teenagers. And, since arriving at Bet Ha'am, it has provided a rabbinic community at my fingertips, ready to counsel and advise whenever I need help.

In addition to providing me with resources, social media have provided an outlet for me to disseminate information, to share what I know with others for whom it might be useful. At the core of being a rabbi is the responsibility to share Torah. Or, as Hillel said, among our primary tasks is loving humankind and bringing them close to Torah (*Pirke Avot* 1:12).

At sundown on Saturday night, May 26, we will begin the holiday of *Shavuot* and celebrate receiving Torah at Sinai. Just as our tradition tells us that each of us went free from Egypt, we are



to believe that each of us was standing at Sinai when Torah was delivered for the first time. Our task is to continue to receive Torah on a daily basis. Years ago when I had a Palm Pilot, I had a Torah application. Whenever I beamed it to another Palm Pilot, the other Palm Pilot would display, "Would you like to receive Torah?" allowing its user to accept or decline the application. Maybe it's because I'm a rabbi, but I always thought that was awesome!

And maybe it's because I'm a rabbi, but I'm also excited to participate in a project for *Shavuot* that is entering its fourth year. In 2009, Rabbi Shai Gluskin organized *Tweet #Torah to the Top*, an attempt to use Twitter to bring Torah to as many people as possible on the evening of *Shavuot*. The goal was to use the hashtag "*#Torah*" to make Torah a top trending topic for *Shavuot*. The effort is on again this year and the concept is pretty simple. *Tweet #Torah to the Top* will take place on Friday, May 25, or *erev Erev Shavuot* since *Erev Shavuot* is Shabbat. Use your Twitter account (or create one before *Shavuot*) and share your favorite lessons from Judaism with the hashtag "*#Torah*." The quotations have to be 133 characters or fewer. That might not seem like a lot, but Hillel's maxim, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I?"

And if not now, when?" is only 101 characters.

What are your favorite lessons from Torah and Jewish text? Maybe there's a verse from your Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah portion, or from your child's? Maybe there's a line in our prayer book that speaks to you? Share your Jewish knowledge and learn from others! Follow me @JaredHSaks and help me *Tweet #Torah to the Top* on Friday, May 25.

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President's Message - Lisa Pierce

The first time I went hiking with Russ was the first time I ever hiked in the woods. I grew up in prairie country – lots of wide open spaces and most of it farmland. Vacations were spent in cities and at beaches. I didn't know about trees and hiking paths. Russ, on the other hand, with his northern roots, is a veteran backpacker and has always been right at home in the forest.

I was up for trying anything - and not about to show my ignorance - so I tied my sneakers and up the mountain we went. My companion, with his long legs, was comfortably several paces ahead of me most of the way. I was afraid I might get lost, so instead of stopping to rest, I kept going in order to keep him in sight. When we finally reached the top, I was overheated and exhausted. We had a good laugh as Russ realized that I had no idea how the trail was marked. He very patiently showed me all the blazes on the way down. Many mountains later, I am perfectly comfortable finding my own pace and enjoying the scenery, knowing the trail markers will lead me where I need to go.

As we make our way through the forest of issues, opportunities, events, and holidays that comprise our synagogue life, we too need a well-defined path to ensure that we are headed in the right direction. We know where we want to go. Through the thoughtful input of the congregation during our recent rabbi search process, we easily identified the big picture for Bet Ha'am. We know we want to flourish as a joyful spiritual home for Reform Judaism in Southern Maine, to be a center for lifelong



Jewish learning, and to be financially stable for our community and for the future. We know which mountain we want to climb.

Now it's time to figure out how we're going to get there. We need to reaffirm our specific goals and values and to develop concrete strategies to help us find the path to reach them.

I am delighted to announce that we are beginning a strategic planning process to help us identify where our trail markers should be. A good strategic plan will be invaluable to our leadership going forward. It will give us the tools we need to be responsive to new ideas and to guide our committees in the best direction. Having a plan in place will help ensure continuity from volunteer to volunteer and will keep us focused on the most important needs of our community.

Elaine Falender, who so capably led our Rabbi Search Committee last year, has agreed to lead the Strategic Planning Team. Elaine is a past president and long-term member of our congregation; she brings considerable talent and energy to this effort. The Strategic Planning Team will include both members of the Board and a cross section of members who reflect the diversity of our community. The Board and the Strategic Planning Team will be supported in these efforts by Gary Stern of Stern Consulting International. Gary has extensive experience advising

synagogues, as well as many organizations across the country, and is based in Portland. Laura Kittle and Jeremy Moser have given us a grant to support Gary's assistance to Bet Ha'am and future implementation of some of the action items identified by the Strategic Plan. I am grateful for their forward thinking and generosity.

Throughout the strategic planning process, there will be opportunities for every congregant to participate and provide opinions. The first opportunity will be at our Annual Meeting on June 5, when we will ask for everyone's feedback on the issues and ideas that should be studied to create the plan. Please join us on Tuesday, June 5, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM as we kick off the work on our strategic plan and, together, take the first steps to construct the trail markers that will guide our way to the future.



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From the Religious School Director

Orly Mendelson Biggie



Midot - or Jewish virtues/values - are an integral part of being a Jew. Mastering them is essential for spiritual growth. It is never too early to learn about *midot* and live by them. During morning Religious School this year, we explored the theme of *midot* in our assemblies and in smaller settings. On May 13, parents of students in grades one through six will have the opportunity to spend time with their children and explore *midot* through stories and other activities. Parents will fulfill the mitzvah of *V'shinantan l'vanecha* (And you should teach them to your children), and Mother's Day is a great day for children and mothers to spend time together.

Our Religious School year is winding down and our last day of school will be May 20. The final morning assembly at 11:00 AM will feature a puppet show, *Solomon and Ashmadai*, which will be enjoyed by those of all ages. Please plan to help with our annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on this last day to honor all those who teach our children.

I also hope you all will join us on Sunday, May 27, at 10:00 AM as we celebrate the holiday of *Shavuot* and Confirmation. Please join us to honor the eleven students who are reaching this milestone in their lives.

Thank you to all our teachers, Rabbi Saks, our Education Committee and all our parent helpers who helped make this year another great success. Have a wonderful summer!

Religious School News

Thank you to all the parents who helped with our mini-seders: Lee Jacobson, Cory Kuhl, Lauren Kropp, Dana Anderson, Deborah Tillman Stone, Marie Leavitt, Jennifer Mogul, Dara Saffer and Leora Rabin.

Thank you to all the parents who helped our fifth and sixth graders prepare for and simulate Ellis Island: Keri Berman, Susan Lieberman, Amy Snierson, Deborah Tillman Stone, Julie Russem, Doug Watts, Jennifer Riggle, Gregg Novick, Elena Morrow Spitzer, Paula Zeitlin. And thank you to our teachers: Barrie Bloom, Lisa Tabenken and Sherri Carignan.

Thank you to last month's substitute teacher, Deborah Tillman Stone.

Thank you to Peter Scott, Susan Caplan and Suzie Berzini for helping with our Sunday evening *matzah* pizza dinner.

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Schedule of Services

Friday, May 4

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 5

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Edie & Joseph Christian

B'nai Mitzvah, daughter and son of

Kenneth Christian & Randi Kirshbaum

Parsha Acharei Mot/K'doshim

Friday, May 11

Family Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 12

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Leah Israel Bat Mitzvah,

daughter of Glen & Elizabeth Israel

Parsha Emor

Friday, May 18

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 19

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsha B'har/B'chukotai

Friday, May 25

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 26

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsha B'midbar

**Please join the congregation
in celebration as our students
are called to the Torah as
B'nai Mitzvah.**

Religious School News (continued)

On May 8, seventh graders will visit *Mikvat Shalom* at 5:45 PM. This field trip both for students and their parents will be a great opportunity to learn more about the ritual of *mikvah* and its place in Jewish life.

On May 13, all parents and students in first through sixth grades will participate in the *Midot* family program from 9:00-11:00 AM. A parent must accompany each child for this program.

May 20 is our last day of Religious School. We will have a final morning assembly from 9:00-noon, with closing activities at 11:00 AM. All parents are invited. Evening Religious School students will have a barbecue and team building activities from 5:00-7:30 PM.

May 20 is also the day of our Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Please see the announcement and sign-up form in this issue of *Chadashot*.

We still need teachers for next year and could use your help. Please call Orly for more information.

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is underway. To qualify for the reduced early registration rate, your registration form and check must be in our office by May 15.

Fundraising Opportunity to Support Marriage Equality

Elliott Cherry has offered to present his dramatic piece, *A Finished Heart*, for anyone who would like to host a house party fundraiser in support of achieving marriage equality in Maine. A recording of the musical score will be used, so no piano is necessary. For more information, please contact Elliott via e-mail by visiting afinishedheart.com.

Save the Dates

- ◆ Friday, June 1: A special Shabbat service, beginning at 7:30 PM, will be held to honor our Religious School teachers.
- ◆ Friday, June 15: At our 2012 Volunteer Recognition Shabbat, we will honor two very special volunteers, Donna Landau for her work in revitalizing our Bet Ha'am library, and Sharon Newman for her extraordinary musical contributions to our worship services. The service will begin at 7:30 PM.

What Jewish Tradition Teaches Us About Hospitality

Nathan Szanton, Membership Chair

The newly reconstituted Membership Committee is off and running. We're beginning by reading Dr. Ron Wolfson's recent book *The Spirituality of Welcoming: How to Transform Your Congregation into a Sacred Community*.

Wolfson discusses the centrality of the values of hospitality and welcoming in Jewish tradition. Genesis 18:1-8 contains a marvelous example. Abraham is sitting in his tent, healing from his self-circumcision, when he sees three men approaching the modest tent he shares with Sarah. Abraham immediately jumps to his feet, runs to them and welcomes them. He implores them to rest in his tent, offering them food and water. When they indicate that they will accept, he identifies his best calf to set before them as a meal.

He does all of this without knowing anything about these men. They could be powerful people - or beggars. All he knows is that they have come near his tent and they look like they could use food, water and rest. It turns out they're angels sent by God to tell Abraham and Sarah that they will, at last, become parents.

Wolfson gives many examples from the Talmud and other Jewish sources of the importance of *hachnasat orchim*, welcoming the stranger. He roots this value in the Genesis 1:26-28 statement that all people are created *b'tzelem*

elohim, in the image of God. If we accept that every person is created in the image of God, then it's a short step to realizing that every person who steps into our Bet Ha'am sanctuary or joins us for an activity should be treated graciously and attentively.

Wolfson points out that *hachnasat orchim* elevates both the welcomed and the welcomer. For the guest, it answers the central question anyone asks as they enter a new place, "Will I be welcome here?" For the host, says Wolfson, "the act of hospitality is a gesture of spiritual generosity, uplifting the soul. It is an offering of oneself, an invitation for connection between human and human and, in that meeting, between human and God."

The Membership Committee has begun identifying ways in which Bet Ha'am can be better prepared to welcome new members, as well as ways of supporting existing members to feel part of a warm and cohesive whole. We hope that some of these initiatives will begin to make their appearance soon. You may also read about them here. In the meantime, please think about what you can do to help infuse our community with the spirituality of welcoming.

Thank you!



Bet Ha'am
community seder



*Please join us on
Sunday, May 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM
as we celebrate Shavuot and the Confirmation
of these students:*

*Jessica Abramson
Harel Biggie
Gilead Biggie
Daniel Gardner
Marian Gardner
Henry Gardner*

*Avalena Linnsky
Jacob Morrow-Spitzer
Ben Peterson
Rebecca Siegel
Emily Wasserman*

An Oneg Shavuot will follow the service.



Evening Religious
School's Chocolate
Seder



Please contact the office for more information.

Your help is needed!



Throughout the year, our dedicated Religious School faculty nurture and teach our children. Now is the time to show our appreciation.

**Our annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be held on
Sunday, May 20, at 12:15 PM.**

*This is our opportunity to serve lunch to our teachers and their families
and to honor them.*

Your help is needed to put this event together.
Please email what you will be contributing to kberman@maine.rr.com
or return this form to Bet Ha'am by May 6.

To offer more help, please call the office.



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I will show our appreciation for our faculty by bringing the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> fruit salad | <input type="checkbox"/> vegetables and dip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hot/cold pasta salad | <input type="checkbox"/> flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dessert | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 bottles of soda or juice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> green salad | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tray of kids' sandwiches | |

Food notes: Please provide enough for ten people.

Please do not mix meat and dairy in the same dish.

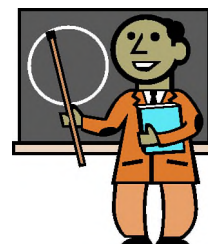
Items should be at Bet Ha'am by noon on Sunday, May 20.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> help with childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> help with clean up |

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Email _____



Report from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee members, Lisa Munderback, Jeremy Moser, Lisa Pierce, Leora Rabin, Jane Snerson and Rosie Wohl, are pleased to announce the slate for Board of Trustees vacancies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. Though Jeremy Moser is a member of the Nominating Committee, he recused himself from participating in the discussion, as required by our by-laws. The congregation will vote on this slate at the congregation's Annual Meeting.

There will be three vacancies on the Board. Howard Glass has most generously completed two terms on the Board. J.D. Lichtman and Joanne Turnbull are stepping down from Board positions after ably serving for one year. Please join me in wholeheartedly thanking Howard, J.D. and Joanne for their Board service and the contributions they have made to our congregation. Well done!

The Nominating Committee announces the following slate to the congregation:

Two-year term: Karen Lukas

Two-year term: Perry Newman

Three-year term: Jeremy Moser

All three candidates are active participants in synagogue life and have demonstrated commitment to the needs, both immediate and future, of our spiritual home. We believe they will be wonderful additions to our Board of Trustees. Please enjoy learning about our candidates through their attached bios and photos.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the Nominating Committee, please contact me.

Rosie Wohl, Chair, Nominating Committee

Perry Newman



Perry B. Newman is the founder and president of **Atlantica Group LLC**. Founded in 2000, Atlantica Group is a global business development consultancy based in Portland, Maine. Atlantica Group assists businesses, governments and not-for-profit organizations in achieving international development objectives. Clients and projects are located in North America, Europe, India and Israel.

A frequent lecturer and writer on global business topics, Perry's work has appeared in *Northeast Export*, *World Trade Magazine*, *Progress Magazine (Canada)*, *Israel 21C*, the *National Law Journal*, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, and many other publications. He has spoken to groups on international business and economic development throughout the US and in Canada, and has been interviewed on such matters by National Public Radio, the Wall Street Journal, US Business Review and the CBC, among others.

Perry and his family (wife, Sharon, and daughters, Hallie and Lennie) have been active members and enthusiastic participants in congregational life at Bet Ha'am since moving to Maine in 1996. Both Hallie and Lennie became *b'nai mitzvah* at Bet Ha'am, and Perry, too, became bar mitzvah thanks to the patient guidance of Rachel Stamieszkin, who taught Perry and many others in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah classes at Bet Ha'am.

Perry and Sharon enjoy providing musical accompaniment to services at Bet Ha'am, and Perry plays fiddle in Bet Ha'am's occasional *klezmer* combo, The Accidental *Klezmorim*. Perry also taught a Bet Ha'am adult education class on the book, *Start-Up Nation*, which discusses the Israeli economic miracle.

"Bet Ha'am continues to play an important part in our lives, long after our kids became *b'nai mitzvah*," says Perry. "We are a community of diverse, committed, opinionated, energetic and passionate people, seeking and finding ways to approach and express our Judaism. I hope I can contribute to our congregation and to synagogue life as a Board member, because Bet Ha'am has given so much to our family. "

Karen Lukas



I have been a member of Bet Ha'am since 1986 when Alan and I married, so we're a year shy of being founding members. Bet Ha'am has been an integral part of our family life. We have raised our son, Andy, and celebrated his *bar mitzvah* in this community and traveled as a family with the congregation to Israel in 2006.

My participation in congregation life has included:

- Assisting in Religious School for several years in first and second grades
- Serving as Co-chair of the Caring Committee for three years
- Serving on the Gift Shop Committee, Garden Committee, Capital Campaign Committee
- Participating in the Bet Ha'am book group and the Bet Ha'am comfort shawl project.

I am currently a first-year Melton student and enjoy the opportunity to expand my Jewish education with the wonderful teachers and classmates with this excellent Jewish living curriculum.

In my secular life I had a ten-year career in education, consulting and teaching various programs in grades four through eight. Then I earned an MBA and worked in various human resources management positions before retiring.

I'm honored to be invited to join Bet Ha'am's Board and look forward to serving and supporting our community.

Jeremy Moser



From 1964 to now, I have spent at least some part of every year in Maine. My family, Laura Kittle, Ezra and Naomi, and I have resided here since 1990. We became part of the Bet Ha'am community in 1996. My children have attended Religious School, been *bar* and *bat mitzvah* with Rabbi Goldfinger and completed Confirmation.

In 2003, I joined the Building Committee to help make our school building safe and accessible and to begin envisioning our current building complex. As a committee member, I had the opportunity to more deeply study Jewish history and liturgy and to listen and interview members and others from our community. The experience was inspiring.

In 2005, I was elected to the Board of Trustees and served for two terms. I was chair of the Building Committee. I currently sit on the Nominating, House, and Capital Campaign Committees. I have been involved with fund raising, fiscal planning, design oversight, and developing best and most efficient practices for using our congregation's facilities.

I am an architect and earned my Masters in Architecture from Columbia University in New York City. I have worked on projects in the US, Europe, Indonesia, and China. I've run my own studio in Maine since 1996. My office works on institutional projects like Preble Street Resource Center and Longfellow Place, residential work, historic preservation projects and furniture design. My interests and hobbies include drawing, history, photography, being outdoors (!) and travel.

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.

Our Donor Gallery listing should read:

Please acknowledge to: _____

Your name: _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Fund choice (please check one):

- ☐ General Fund
- ☐ Sandmel Education Fund
- ☐ Building Capital Campaign
- ☐ Berkowitz Open Door Fund
- ☐ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- ☐ Youth Fund
- ☐ Cohen Fund for Worship & Learning
- ☐ Religious School Library Fund
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- ☐ Rosalyn S. & Sumner T. Bernstein
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- ☐ Tutor Fund

Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery

We thank our generous contributors

Annual Fund

- Louise & Stu Abramson

Capital Campaign

- In appreciation of Ken Lehman by Louise & Stu Abramson
- In memory of Irma Goldberg by Wayne & JoAnn Miller Goodman
- In honor of Henry Wasserman becoming Bar Mitzvah by Perry & Sharon Newman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- In memory of Irma Goldberg by Jeremy Moser & Laura Kittle
- In memory of Irma Goldberg by Bill Fogel & Melinda Molin
- In memory of Irma Goldberg by Peggy Greenhut Golden
- In appreciation of being asked to light Shabbat candles by Ray & Ginger Spiro
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks and his 85th birthday blessing for Ray by Ray & Ginger Spiro
- In appreciation of Charlie & DeeDee Oehrtmann, Jane Snerson, and Rachel Posner for their help on Ray's 85th by Ray & Ginger Spiro
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Teri Berenson
- In appreciation of the continual support of Orly Biggie and Jane Snerson by Teri Berenson

General Fund

- In appreciation by Jon Rotenberg
- In honor of Eliot Cherry's sharing his performance at Bet Ha'am by Bill & Ki Leffler

Mazel Tov

- *Mazel Tov* to Susanna Erber whose *d'var Torah* is being published in DRASH, a Jewish literary magazine published in Seattle. Susannah sends her *d'vars* to her mother each week. Unbeknownst to her, her mother was sending her favorites to a friend at her *shul*, who sent his favorite on to the editor of DRASH. So Bet Ha'am is about to be in DRASH!
- *Mazel Tov* to Gail Wartell, who received the University of Southern Maine's Distinguished Classified Staff Award in early April.

Zecher T'zaddik L'vrachah

- Condolences to Jeff Young & Betsy Mahoney on the loss of Jeff's mother, Margery Young.
- Condolences to Denise & Greg Masalsky on the loss of Denise's uncle, Irving 'Icky' Emple.
- Condolences to Barbara Carlin & Ira Shapiro on the loss of Barbara's father, Harold Carlin

Yeshiva Maccabeats



The Much-Anticipated
Yeshiva University
Maccabeats Concert
at Bet Ha'am on
April 29



May 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	3 Adult Learning Mini-Series 7:00 PM	4 <i>Kabbalat Panim</i> 7:00 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	5 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Edie & Joseph Christian</i> <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> Social Action dinner and program 5:30 PM
6 Religious school Grades 1-6 9:00 AM—noon Grades 7-10 5:00-7:30 PM	7 Office Closed	8 Grade 7 <i>Mikvat</i> <i>Shalom</i> visit 5:45 PM	9 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Social Action Committee 5:30 PM	10 Adult Learning Mini-Series 7:00 PM	11 <i>Kabbalat Panim</i> 6:00 PM Family <i>Kabbalat</i> <i>Shabbat</i> Service 6:30 PM	12 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Leah Israel</i> <i>Bat Mitzvah</i>
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