



Chadashot Ha'am

November, 2012

Cheshvan/Kislev

A Message from Rabbi Saks

One of my favorite episodes of *Friends* was from Thanksgiving of 2001. Joey appears at Thanksgiving dinner wearing Phoebe's old maternity pants, declaring them Thanksgiving pants. He's determined, with their expanding waistband, to eat an entire turkey. There hasn't been a Thanksgiving since when I haven't overstuffed myself and wished I'd worn Thanksgiving pants. In a few weeks, most of us will gather around Thanksgiving dinner tables with too much food and many of us will wish for Thanksgiving pants.

For many Americans such gluttony is never an option. On *Rosh Hashanah*, I shared reasons for changing our High Holy Day Food Drive, especially that cash donations have eight times the impact of food donations. Our congregation responded generously, donating a tremendous amount of money to support local and global agencies. I also expressed that I hope we will work on endeavors to change policy around food insecurity and hunger.

Fortunately, we live in a society with programs to help our most vulnerable find their way out of poverty. Researching my *Rosh Hashanah* sermon, I learned about the Jewish Community Food Stamp Challenge. This effort by the Jewish Council for Public

Affairs challenges members of the Jewish community to live for a week on the equivalent of food stamp benefits. This means \$31.50 for a week per person or \$1.50 per meal.



You may not realize that nearly one in seven Americans – including 25% of all American children – face hunger and 47% of food stamp benefits go to children. In 2010, food stamps lifted 3.9 million Americans out of poverty.

Jewish tradition compels us to feed the hungry. The *Midrash* teaches, "When you are asked in the World to Come, 'What was your work?' and you answer, 'I fed the hungry,' you will be told: This is the gate of God, enter into it, you have fed the hungry."

I am participating in the Food Stamp Challenge because I want to understand more about the reality of living in poverty and facing hunger. Fortunately, I have a roof over my head, food on my table, and friends and family who would support me if I fell on hard times. Not everyone is so lucky. To repair the world, our world, I need to learn a little more about what others face every day. Our tradition implores us not to stand idly by while someone else is suffering.

American Jewish World Service has designated Shabbat on November 2 and 3 as Global Hunger *Shabbat*. I will speak about hunger that Friday night

and we will study text about hunger in Torah study on Saturday morning. The Food Stamp Challenge will take place from Sunday, November 11, through Saturday, November 17. Please consider joining me in this challenge. Learn more at <http://www.foodstampchallenge.com>.

I will be posting my challenges and successes on Facebook and on Twitter. Friend me on Facebook or follow me @JaredHSaks. Israeli songwriter, Arik Einstein, wrote, "*Ani v'atah n'shaneh et ha-olam...* You and I will change the world; you and I, then all will join us. Though it's been said before, it doesn't matter. You and I will change the world."



President's Message - Lisa Pierce

The bylaws of Congregation Bet Ha'am wisely institute term limits for all officers and Board members. Each year we bring on some new Board members, and every two years we approve a new slate of officers. There are many good reasons for these policies, but primarily, they give us all a chance to participate in the important work of leading our congregation. They also ensure that our volunteer leaders have opportunities to maintain a healthy balance in their relationship with synagogue life.

I am acutely aware, as my last High Holy Day announcements fade into the background, that my term as Bet Ha'am's president will end this spring. At our annual meeting in June, our Nominating Committee will recommend new officers, and I will begin to enjoy the much-coveted role of Immediate Past President.

Where do we find the next generation of congregational leaders? The Nominating Committee looks across the spectrum of volunteers, from committee members to teachers to regulars at services to adult learners. We look for people who are committed to Jewish life and who have a love of our congregation. We also look for a mix of skill sets, knowledge, and demographics, so the Board can best serve the needs of the community going forward.

About six years ago, we ran a leadership development program called *Atid* that was created by the URJ. This class of 22 participants met for six sessions. Topics for study included



background on Reform Judaism, Jewish models of leadership, ethical decision making, how to run an effective meeting, and how to read and understand financial reports. The class generated many of Bet Ha'am's current leaders, including me.

We feel it is time to run the *Atid* classes again and we have scheduled class sessions in January and February. This time around, we will be accepting nominations for participation.

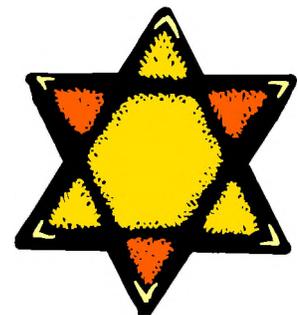
Like those who came before me, I am committed to providing the training and mentoring that will prepare our next crop of leaders for success. I will do what I can to help those who are interested. Please help me by identifying those who can carry us forward. If you know of someone who is or could become a good leader and who is passionate about Bet Ha'am, please email me at lisa.lisapie@gmail.com.

For those of you who have not heard me say it, the journey of leadership at Bet Ha'am has been incredibly rewarding for me. Besides being a lot of fun, this gig has given me the opportunity to develop valuable skills, to engage in synagogue life in new ways, and to make great friends. I love having the opportunity to feel that I'm giving back to this community and to feel that my efforts are making a difference. I wish this sense of fulfillment and purpose for all of our future leaders.

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From the Religious School Director

Orly Mendelson Biggie



Our students come to Religious School once a week for about three hours. Our goal is to explore topics related to Jewish beliefs, living a Jewish life and following Jewish values. Our curriculum includes Hebrew, art, music, story time, dancing, and special events. Religious School can provide the tools to live a Jewish life, but these tools need to be practiced every day. Our family programs can help you to create or add to your family's traditions so that you can extend what the children learn on Sundays.

Our first family program this year focused on *Shabbat* for our first graders and their parents. Rabbi Saks taught the parents about *Shabbat* and its significance to Jews. The students will continue to study *Shabbat* during October and November. They are creating their own *Shabbat* items to welcome and celebrate *Shabbat* at home and build their own traditions. *Shabbat* is easy to celebrate - after all, it comes each week! Our students also baked *challah* and made *challah* cutting boards with their parents. As Abraham Heschel said, "More than the Jewish people kept the *Shabbat*, the *Shabbat* kept the Jewish people!"

Religious School News

First Grade Potluck Shabbat Dinner

The first grade *Shabbat* dinner will be on Friday, November 9, at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP by November 2.

Second Grade Field Trip

The second grade field trip to the Portland synagogues will be on November 18 at 9:00 AM. Please help your child remember to return the permission slip by November 11.

Sixth Grade Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbaton and Family Program

The sixth grade *Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbaton* will be on Saturday, November 10, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Please bring a food contribution for the potluck luncheon.

The third session of the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Family Program will be on Wednesday, November 28, at 6:30 PM.

Thank You

Thank you to last month's substitute teachers: Jill Rosenthal, Theresa Yudaken, Abby Zimet and Rebecca Wohl-Pollack.

Schedule of Services

Friday, November 2

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 3

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Emma Tabenken Bat Mitzvah,
daughter of Lee & Lisa Tabenken
Parsha Vayeira

Friday, November 9

Family Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM

Saturday, November 10

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsha Chayei Sarah

Friday, November 16

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 17

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsha Toldot

Friday, November 23

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 24

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsha Vayetzei

**Please join the congregation
in celebration as Emma is called to
the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.**

Holiday Committee

Chag Sameach! We hope everyone has had a great start to 5773. The Holiday Committee volunteers were very busy during the High Holy Days, *Sukkot*, and *Simchat Torah*. Many thanks to the envelope-stuffing team who assembled and mailed packets with name tags and holiday information: Marilyn Davis and her son Josh (volunteering time while home from college), Emma Hindall, Ginger Spiro, Jane Snerson, Karen Lukas, Jill Epstein, and Lisa Pierce.

On *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* eves, Karen Silverman and Rachel Burger welcomed everyone to *Erev* services. On *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, Dal Maxwell, Eileen Kalikow, Julia and Dan Bailin, John Cole, Karen Lukas, and Ken Lehman welcomed members and guests into our sanctuary. And many of our Board members greeted us at the information and name tags table.

Thanks to Louise Abramson, we were able to offer members and guests transliteration pages along with their prayer books, which was a great addition to our High Holy Days worship. These pages helped people to participate more actively in our services, and we heard many words of thanks from those who used them.

Of course, one of the most wonderful times during the High Holy Days is coming together after *Neilah* to break the fast. Over 120 people attended our potluck Break the Fast meal organized by Gail Kass and her team of volunteers: Dal Maxwell, Solange Kellermann, Gail Wartell, Susan Paris, Karen Lukas, Lisa Munderback, Linda Griswold, Jay Geller, Louise Abramson, Susan and Rose Horowitz, Joannie Caldwell, Jim Harris, Linda Griswold, and Tricia Wasserman. Thank you to all those who brought delicious food!

We also worked with the Building and Garden Committees to prepare for the holidays. The Garden Committee, led by Toby Rosenberg, Karen Lukas, and Laura Kittle, had special gardening sessions to beautify our gardens for the holidays. The Building Committee, under the direction of Ben Grant, orchestrated the taking down and putting up of the wall dividing the sanctuary and social hall and hundreds of chairs for all our members and guests. And, despite the rain, our *sukkah* was put up outside the garden with direction from Mark Stone and help from Dana Stanley.

The Garden Committee also coordinated the harvesting of our wheat crop and *challah* baking with our Religious School students. The timing was perfect and we enjoyed freshly baked *challah* made from our own wheat at our *Sukkot* potluck. Our *Simchat Torah* celebration was sweetened by the volunteers and families who brought desserts to the potluck after the service.

If you enjoy holiday celebrations, working with others, potlucks, or any of the activities described above, please consider joining the Bet Ha'am Holiday Committee. Our meeting schedule and activities vary throughout the year and you can join us at any time. To join or for more information, please email Erin Koepf at ekoepf@une.edu or call at 813-810-2858.

We hope to see you at our *Chanukah* Celebration in December!

Can Name tags Make our Community Stronger?

by Nathan Szanton, Membership Chair

Have you ever found people coming toward you at an *oneg* or other event whom you've met before but can't retrieve their names? It can be scary. They look like they're going to greet you by name. You're going to be called upon to use their names – and maybe even introduce them to someone you're with. Though you've been introduced two or three or more times, you just can't remember their names.

For many of us, our tendency at that moment is to break off eye contact or even turn away completely. That reaction is very understandable, very human. The problem is that it can send the message, "I'm not interested in talking or connecting with you," which is not what we mean at all.

A synagogue is a spiritual community. Our tradition teaches that all people are made *b'tzelem elohim*, in the image of God, and deserve to be treated that way. Our instinctive reaction to this name problem undercuts our ability to act in the warm, welcoming way that we know we should.

What if we had high-quality, permanent name tags at Bet Ha'am that didn't harm our clothes, and that everyone used regularly? That would make the above scenario obsolete. Instead, when people approached you, you'd glance at their name tags, confidently greet them and pick up where you left off last time. You could even introduce them to your spouse, or whomever you happen to be with!

The Membership Committee has given this issue some thought. We know name tags can be a pain. People have various reasons for not liking them. Some think, "I know who I want to talk to and those people know my name, so what's the point?" Others don't like sticking a pin through their clothing. Name tags make others feel like they're at a convention. But do these concerns outweigh our ability to create a community where newcomers feel welcomed and connected?

A few months ago, after the Membership Committee identified permanent name tags as a goal, a wonderfully generous, anonymous individual donated over \$1,000 for Bet Ha'am to purchase name tags. We have purchased 300 lightweight name tags that feature the Bet Ha'am logo. (See photo.) They are magnetized, so there's no pin to stick through your clothing. And they are used with wet-erase markers. Each time you come, you write your name on a blank name tag, and as you leave, you put the name tag in a basket to be cleaned for its next use.

The name tags will be out for all of us to use when we come to services and other events. I hope you will use them and that you will encourage those with you to do so too. If we want to be a congregation where everyone feels welcome, we must be able to break down the barriers between people. Let's let our new name tags help us toward that goal.



This year's Religious School theme is Jewish Superheroes.

Welcome New Members

Barbara Furey

Helene & Michael Kramer

Chip & Andrea Krasker Gavin

Peter & Michele Shems-Then

Sylook & Mejah Soong



Garden Notes

"And the seasons, they go round and round," *The Circle Game* by Joni Mitchell

Gardens have a way of keeping us in touch with the seasons. Mainers are accustomed to growing food crops from late spring to early fall, but at Bet Ha'am we are speeding up and extending the growing season. As soon as we finished threshing and grinding our wheat into flour to bake *challah* for *Sukkot*, we planted our next crop of winter wheat. These plants will start growing before the snow flies, then rest under the snow before resuming their development in the spring. Before they are mature, we will plant spring wheat. The winter and spring wheat crops will be harvested within a few weeks of each other. One season seems to overtake the last.

As soon as we harvested the tomatoes and pulled the vines from our raised beds, we planted spinach, lettuce, parsley and beets. The hoop house we erected to cover them should extend the growing into early January. We hope to involve our Religious School students with the crops. We donated much of our summer crops to the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry, and these new crops will be shared at Bet Ha'am with our students and at *Kiddush* lunches.

The Garden Committee encourages all members of our community to interact with and enjoy our gardens. Spend a little time exploring or meditating in our sanctuary garden. Walk on the low, tread-resistant plants. Run your fingers through the lavender or watch the water drip from the roof into the reflecting pool. Pinch a sprig or two of fresh herbs for your own stew or include them in a dish you will bring to a Bet Ha'am potluck.

These gardens belong to all of us. If you like to garden, come learn more about it and lend a hand from time to time or on a regular basis. Our volunteers have been invaluable this year. Our goal for the coming year is to increase participation in our gardens and increase their role in Bet Ha'am's congregational life.

Adult Library News

Religious School is now in full swing so the library is staffed on Sunday mornings from 10:00 AM to noon as well as on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Please feel free to drop in and visit. You may now access the entire collection by subject, title or author with the laptop on the shelf by the library office. Just follow the simple directions. When your selection pops up, look for the call number to locate it on the shelves.

How to Use the Library

The library is open for you to borrow books or browse whenever the synagogue is open. To borrow books, you must have a library card. One of the clipboards on the reading table tells how you can get one. The other clipboard contains information on how to borrow a book if no volunteer library staff is available.

If you are browsing, please put books on the cart for staff to re-shelve.

The library is wireless for easy internet access.

Kudos to new library card owners – Anne Babineau, Lee Broder and Andrew Kosack.

Thank you to:

Beryl and John Cole for the Rosetta Stone Hebrew Learning CDs. (The library also has two other Hebrew learning programs.)

Katherine Otterson, who volunteered to assist with digitizing our congregation archives.

Congregants are Reading:

- *A Guide for the Perplexed*, a novel by Jonathan Levi

- *Love and Exile*, by Isaac Bashevis Singer

- *An Anthology of Modern Yiddish Poetry*, by Ruth Whitman

- *For 2 Cents Plain*, a nostalgic series of essays by Harry Golden set in New York's Lower East Side

- *A Spiritual Life: A Jewish Feminist Journey*, by Merle Feld, a memoir that interweaves poetry, meditation and social history and shares how the Jewish calendar year impacts various stages of life.

- *Maus: A Survivor's Tale*, by Art Spiegelman, a graphic novel about a Jewish Holocaust survivor and his son, a cartoonist. The New York Times Book Review calls it a "remarkable feat of documentary detail and novelistic vividness."

- *Finding Joy: A Practical Spiritual Guide to Happiness*, by Daniel Schwartz, a guide to using Jewish mystical tradition and its concepts of the ten divine rays of light, the *sefirot*, to remedy the everyday struggles in our lives.

Calling All Knitters and/or People Who Can Work a Crochet Hook:

The Comfort Shawl Project continues. Become a partner with other knitters who are helping to create warm, cozy shawls for Jewish patients whom chaplain Rosie Wohl visits in hospitals and homes. To find out more, contact Donna Landau, dmlandau@hotmail.com, or if you would like some company as you get started, please join her in the library on Sundays between 10:00 AM and noon.

Social Action News

Are you concerned about global warming – and wondering what you can do about it? Then please join us on November 14 at 5:30 PM at the synagogue as we brainstorm ideas for synagogue programming on environmental concerns. We also will continue our discussion about how we can best help meet the needs of local immigrants and asylum seekers.

On November 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, Congregation Bet Ha'am will host a final Mainers United for Marriage phone bank. Help us get out the vote! All are invited. Comprehensive training, coaching and cell phones are provided by the campaign. To sign up, call Justin at 207-370-9773.

The High Holy Days food drive was a big success. We collected 75 bags of food and raised \$6,560 for the food programs run by Project FEED, the Jewish Community Alliance, Mazon, Florence House and the South Portland Food Cupboard. Thanks to Jill Epstein for organizing the food drive.

If you have extra furniture and other household items that you want to donate to a good cause, those items could help a local immigrant family. To find out about what items are needed and how to donate, please contact Abby Zimet at planetz@awi.net.

Strategic Planning Update

Watch your email in November for our Congregational Survey Questionnaire! This survey will take only a few minutes of your time and is a critical source of input for the Bet Ha'am Strategic Plan.

The Congregational Survey is part of the research that the Strategic Planning Team is doing to help us chart the future course of Bet Ha'am. We want to learn what is most important to our members and their families in their relationship with Bet Ha'am.

The survey questions have been generated from the work done by our nine Study Circles, each of which focused on a different aspect of Jewish community life. Many thanks to the more than 70 Study Circle members who are actively participating in this work. The Study Circles have been reviewing existing congregational programs and practices, interviewing community members, and reading a wide range of resource materials. Each Study Circle generated questions for the survey to help us understand our congregants' perspectives and ideas for our future direction.

Our Strategic Planning Team started with kick-off discussions at the Annual Meeting in June and is committed to involving the whole congregational community as we formulate a plan for our future. During the winter and spring, we will have continuing opportunities for your input as we draft and refine the final Strategic Plan. Please feel free to share your thoughts at any time with Elaine Falender, Strategic Planning Team chair, efalender@gmail.com, or with any other member of the Strategic Planning Team. We look forward to having everyone's participation!

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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 Jack & Lillian Burakoff by Susan Burakoff-Hopkins
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- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Laura Gottfried
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Juliet Silfert
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Harriet Mountain
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Jeffrey Rosen
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Angela & Zachary Sclar
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Michael & Heather Lahti
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by anonymous
- In honor of our wedding by Michael Sussman
- In memory of our loved ones by Rona & Robert Rosenthal
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Jon & Karen Zuckerman
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Gladys C. Rogoff Sternberg
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by David Sherman
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Bill & Ki Leffler
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Bill & Ki Leffler
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Miriam Leonard
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Robert & Erika Becker
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Jean Martens
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Oscar & Susan Starobin
- Thanking all who make Bet Ha'am the special place it is by Rita Kissen & Norm Rasulis
- In memory of Steve Stern's father by Wayne & Jo Ann Goodman
- In memory of Howard Glass's mother by Wayne & Jo Ann Goodman

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Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery (continued)

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- In memory of Herbert A. Sandler by Marjorie, Mark & Sarah Sandler
- In memory of M. Peter Moser on his *yahrzeit* by Jeremy Moser & Laura Kittle
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- In appreciation of Lisa Pierce and the Holiday Committee by Jeremy Moser & Laura Kittle

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- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Annette & Noel Goodman
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Joan Sanderson
- In honor of our grandson, Nathaniel Berkowitz, by Rabbi Philip & Nancy Berkowitz
- In honor of our grandson, Ethan Berkowitz, by Rabbi Philip & Nancy Berkowitz
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Beryl & John Cole
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Michael Sussman
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Erich & Pauline Haller
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Jane & Ken Brodsky
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks's leadership, especially during the High Holy Days by Jeremy Moser & Laura Kittle

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- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Esther & Steve Weiner

Zecher T'zaddik L'vrachah

- Condolences to Carl Lerman on the loss of his sister, Beatrice Newman
- Condolences to Alan & Fran Schneit on the loss of Alan's father, Jerry Schneit
- Condolences to Steve Stern & Laura Kavesh on the loss of Steve's father, Peter Stern
- Condolences to Howard & Pamela Glass on the loss of Howard's mother, Mildred Glass
- Condolences to Sylvia Smith, Steve & Elaine Smith, on the loss of Roger Smith, son and brother.
- Condolences to Barbara Riegelhaupt & Mo Mehsak on the loss of Barbara's father, Harold Riegelhaupt.
- Condolences to the family and friends of Lena Weiner-Sorgman.
- Condolences on the passing of Esther Long Brager.

NOVEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Adult Learning Mini-Series Session 2 7-9:00 PM	2 <i>Kabbalat Panim</i> 7:00 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	3 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Emma Tabenken <i>Bat Mitzvah</i>
4 Grades 1-6 Religious School 9-12:00 Noon Mainers United Phone Bank 1-4:30 PM, location TBD Grades 7-10 Religious School 5-7:30 PM	5 Office Closed Mainers United Phone Bank 4:30-9 PM, location TBD	6	7 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	8 Adult Learning Committee meeting 6-7:00 PM Adult Learning Mini-Series Session 3 7-9:00 PM	9 Grade 1 Class Shabbat Dinner 5:30 PM <i>Kabbalat Panim</i> 6:00 PM Family <i>Kabbalat</i> <i>Shabbat</i> Service 6:30 PM	10 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 6th grade <i>Shabbaton</i> 10:00 AM
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