



Chadashot Ha'am

September 2013

Elul/Tishrei

A Message from Rabbi Saks

Emma Lazarus, the poet best known for her sonnet, *The New Colossus*, about the Statue of Liberty, was the fourth of seven children of Moses



Lazarus and Esther Nathan. In 1881, her interest in her own Jewish ancestry was kindled by two events. The first was her reading of George Eliot's novel, *Daniel Deronda*, which included themes of Zionism and *Kabbalah*. The second was her learning about the Russian pogroms of 1881, their impact on the Jewish people and the arrival of Jewish refugees on American shores.

Inspired by her awareness of the plight of Jewish immigrants (her family had settled in New York during the Colonial period, so it had not been her own experience), she helped establish the Hebrew Technical Institute. She was aware, perhaps, of the ways in which Judaism would remain other in the eyes of the American culture, yet had hopes to provide opportunities that would lead to more acceptance for the new Jewish immigrants.

In 1882, Emma Lazarus wrote her poem, *Rosh-Hashanah, 5643*, which speaks to the otherness of being Jewish in a non-Jewish world while uniting the mission of Jews everywhere in the world. The opening stanza reads:

*Not while the snow-shroud
round dead earth is rolled,
And naked branches
point to frozen skies, –
When orchards burn their
lamps of fiery gold,
The grape glows like a
jewel, and the corn
A sea of beauty and
abundance lies,
Then the new year
is born.*

These words help us see what remains true for us today - that our new year is different than the one that marks the secular calendar. Our new year comes not in the dead of winter, but rather at the end of the fullness of summer, with the richness and abundance of the earth still at our fingertips. We get a fresh start when we still have the means to make that start meaningful and fruitful.

Later in the poem, she speaks, perhaps, of the refugees fleeing the pogroms of Russia and the plight of Eastern Europe, from which many of our own ancestors fled. She sees some heading to the Land of Israel, early pioneers and progenitors of the founders of the State of Israel, and others coming to America, but with the same mission. She writes:

*In two divided streams the
exiles part,
One rolling homeward to
its ancient source,
One rushing sunward with
fresh will, new heart.
By each the truth is*

*spread, the law unfurled,
Each separate soul contains
the nation's force,
And both
embrace the world.*

In these words we see a message that remains relevant for us today. Each of us has our own Jewish path in the world. Some choose a more religiously observant one, others less so. Some of us identify with the gastronomy and culture of Judaism, others with the rituals and practices. Whatever our differences, Emma Lazarus reminds us that we all carry the power of the Jewish people. By carving out our own paths within our tradition, we create a more complete Judaism.

May the year ahead be filled with sweetness, health, and happiness for you and your loved ones. May you find your path in Judaism and a connection to God and to one another. *L'shanah tovah tikateivu*, May you be inscribed for blessing in the Book of Life.



President's Message - Lisa Munderback

As I write this, I'm sitting on the porch of my in-laws' camp on Panther Pond. It is a glorious summer day. It seems hard to believe that the month of *Elul* has just begun and that the High Holy Days, including *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*, are just around the corner.



that I don't realize I've hurt. I hope they will let me know so I can apologize and make things right.

Susan and I usually host friends for a potluck dinner on *Erev Rosh Hashanah*. We enjoy each others' company,

eat good food and go to services. Inviting people into our home is an act of welcoming. It's the same with *shul*. Inviting people to services or to programs is welcoming. Our greeters and ushers welcome all who enter our doors. Talking with those you might not know is also welcoming. I'm rather introverted so this isn't easy for me, but people's positive responses make it less difficult. People feel welcomed, and I enjoy getting to know them and sharing all the great things Bet Ha'am is doing.

One of the wonderful songs the Brothers Yares performed recently at Bet Ha'am, *I Go to Home*, is about the feelings of having a home many miles from where one's original home and loved ones are. In a sense, when I go to *shul*, I go to home. I feel safe and welcomed, and I care about the people at Bet Ha'am. So, not only do I have my home in South Portland, I have home wherever I am safe and with the people I care about. Perhaps this is part of why I enjoy *Sukkot*; it's a temporary home to which one invites family, friends and other guests.

During my preparations for the High Holy Days, my introspection leads to invitation. Like my own home, Bet Ha'am needs my attention. I volunteer my time to

Bet Ha'am because it's important to me that Jews have a Reform synagogue home in which to worship, learn, socialize, make music, play and care for one another. There is so much going on at Bet Ha'am that you'll read about in these pages and in the weekly emails. I'm very excited about our programming and I'll enjoy seeing you at these events. I invite you to volunteer at Bet Ha'am during the coming year. We need you for whatever time you can give. With your help, no matter where life leads us, we'll all be able to go to home at Bet Ha'am.

L'shanah Tovah!

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Holidays in general always take me by surprise. For the High Holy Days, I don't really have an excuse since *Elul* is a whole month meant for preparing oneself. So, the question is, how do I prepare?

I will attend at least one of the Thursday evening discussions hosted by the Adult Education Committee. These are scheduled from 6:00-7:00 PM, early enough for parents to participate and still get home to be with the kids. I'm also interested in attending the program that coincides with the first day of Religious School, Sunday, September 8. This program about the holidays in the month of *Tishrei* begins at 9:30 AM, but I will definitely be there early to enjoy the Welcome Breakfast being hosted by the Membership Committee.

Another preparation will be to clean the house and mow the lawn - not just because they need it, but because the act of doing chores lends itself to using the time to think and examine my relationships with others. Have I hurt anyone this past year with whom I have not yet made amends? I try to apologize at the time so hurt feelings don't fester and so I can sleep better. Yet, there could be people I've hurt

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From the Religious School Director

Orly Mendelson Biggie

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and *Rosh Hashanah* is almost here. *Rosh Hashanah* is always observed on the first day of the Jewish month of *Tishrei*. This year, it comes so early in September that we will celebrate *Rosh Hashanah* before our opening day of Religious School!



We will be offering a family program about the *Tishrei* Holidays on September 8, the first Sunday morning of Religious School. At 8:45, parents and students are invited to a Welcome Back Breakfast hosted by the Membership Committee. We invite students, parents, teenagers, and any other adults to join us to reconnect with friends and meet people. Then participants will learn about the ten days between *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, the *shofar*, the *sukkah*, the *ushpizin* and more. We will also make decorations for family *sukkot* and the synagogue's *sukkah*.

Our evening students who are in seventh to tenth grade will also start Religious School on September 8. Our evening students will start with dinner and then have a special program.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. I wish you all a *Shanah Tovah*.

Religious School News

- September 8, 8:45-11:30 AM: first morning of Religious School (first through sixth grade) will start with a Welcome Back Breakfast, followed by a *Tishrei* Holidays family program. Students must attend with a parent.
- September 8, 5:00-7:30 PM: first evening of Religious School for seventh to tenth grade students. Dinner will be followed by a special program.
- There will be no school on September 15. We will be having a teachers' workshop at 9:30 AM.
- On September 22, all morning students need to bring a binder, pencil and *tzedakah* money. We encourage students who made tote bags at Religious School to carry their things in their tote bags.
- Volunteers are needed to help set up classrooms before the start of school. Please call Orly at 879-0028 if you can help.
- There will be a first grade parents' meeting on Sunday, September 29, at 9:30 AM.
- There will be a fourth grade parents' meeting on Sunday, September 29, at 11:15 AM.

Schedule of Services

Saturday, August 31

Selichot Service 7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 4

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 PM

Thursday, September 5

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Rosh Hashanah Service 10:00 AM

Friday, September 6

Shabbat Shuvah Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 7

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsha Haazinu

Friday, September 13

Kol Nidre Service 8:00 PM

Saturday, September 14

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Yom Kippur Service 10:00 AM

Deuteronomy 29:9–14, 30:11–20
(Morning) and Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, 32-37 (Afternoon)

Please see page 10 for a complete listing of services for *Yom Kippur*.

Friday, September 20

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 21

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsha Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot

Friday, September 27

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 28

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsha B'reishit

From the Executive Director

Kris Dorer

Bet Ha'am has enjoyed a busier than usual summer, and it's been wonderful to see so many congregants coming through the synagogue for various activities.



The synagogue was booked for two weddings, a few *bar/bat mitzvah* parties, the JCA Mah Jongg Tournament and two exciting social evenings: *Meaningful Retirement* with local author Mark Chinsky and a rousing musical performance by The Brothers Yares. We also welcomed Camp Gan Israel, a local day camp, for three weeks. The new legacy writing program, *Our Stories Matter: Writing a Legacy Letter to Loved Ones*, filled our library with joy, laughter, and perhaps a few reflective tears. Two outside groups also enjoyed our facilities: the Maine Bridge Association tournament and Crane Lake campers, 41 of whom slept over on the social hall floor during a New England field trip!

In addition to our celebrations during the past year, some congregants have brought corporate and organizational meetings to Congregation Bet Ha'am. Income from events such as these support to our operating budget. Our beautiful facility offers desirable parking, the large social hall, breakout space, kitchen access, and excellent customer service from our staff. Please keep Bet Ha'am in mind when planning for your work and social events.

As we look forward to the High Holy Days, the start of Religious School, the JCA's Melton series, more weddings and *b'nai mitzvah*, and offerings from the Adult Learning Committee, the New Year looks busy and bright!

Mazel Tov!

Debra Rothenberg, a Family Medicine physician at Maine Medical Center, was honored with the Milton O. and Natalie V. Zucker Clinical Teaching Prize for Outstanding Innovation in clinical teaching from Tufts University School of Medicine. *Mazel Tov*, Debra!

Bet Ha'am Trip to Israel

We are going to Israel!
February 13-23, 2014

Learn about the sites we'll visit, have your questions answered and begin to get excited about this amazing family-friendly trip we'll take together.

To get a preview, take a look at this virtual presentation for our trip: <http://prezi.com/yaqplxtduawl/bet-haam-israel-trip/>

More questions? Please feel free to call the office at 879-0028.

Community Mikvah

Mikvat Shalom will be available by appointment for use prior to *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. A *mikvah* immersion is meant to observe our transition from one state of being to another — before a marriage or a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*, after completion of treatment for an illness, or in observance of the laws of family purity.

While it is not mentioned in the Torah, immersion on *Erev Yom Kippur* is a very old tradition that serves to prepare us for the true purpose of this important day. The word "*mikvah*" comes from the word "hope." At this time of *teshuvah* and transformation, we are filled with resolve both to enter into the spirit and meaning of the holidays and to emerge renewed and purposeful as we begin a new year.

We welcome you to observe this *mitzvah* with us this year at *Mikvat Shalom*. See our website at www.mikvatshalom.org to make an appointment. **Gift Certificates are now available.**

Social Action News

The Social Action Committee will hold its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, September 24, at 5:30 PM at Bet Ha'am. While we plan to focus on the needs of recent immigrants in our community, we will also address ways to involve the congregation in other social action projects proposed by Bet Ha'am members.

One such issue is the proposed tar sands pipeline through South Portland. Several Bet Ha'am members are already involved with the Waterfront Protection Initiative created by The Concerned Citizens of South Portland. At our September 24 meeting, we will discuss ways in which interested Bet Ha'am members can take action. To find out more before the meeting, please contact either Rachel Burger at ramasonb@yahoo.com or Roberta Zuckerman at zuckerman.roberta10@gmail.com.

Please join the Social Action Committee to explore ways to expand the concept of *tikkun olam* in our Religious School and *b'nai mitzvah* projects; join with the Garden Committee and others in gleaning at local farms and donating the food to the Jewish Family Services; participate with other local faith communities in helping recent immigrants learn English, write resumes, and get to medical appointments; and volunteer to provide childcare, find and deliver clothing and furniture, and tutor children.

This is by no means a complete list of ideas or volunteer opportunities for social action projects. If you have ideas about how we can become more engaged in our community, this is a great opportunity to share them. We hope to see you on September 24!

Running for Habitat Back Cove, Portland October 27

Hey, runners and walkers! Hoping you will put this race on your list for the afternoon of Sunday, October 27, in Portland. It is being organized by the Habitat Interfaith Group. Timed/prizes/food! What's not to like?

<http://www.firstgiving.com/habitatme/run4habitat/home>

Exciting new initiatives coming up in our Religious School program!

We recently established a Religious School Change Task Force that is working closely with Orly and the Education Committee to implement the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan. Our overarching goal throughout this process has been to create a framework for the next generation of Reform Judaism to thrive at Congregation Bet Ha'am. Our priorities include meeting our families where they are, fostering a strong community where everyone feels valued and creating opportunities for engaging in meaningful actions, study and experiences.

We are committed to continuing to provide the high quality, Jewish religious school education that our Bet Ha'am students have always enjoyed. Many of the wonderful things we do well - including family programs, grade level Shabbat dinners and excellent Hebrew instruction - will not change. We are looking forward to enhancing our quality program in the following ways:

During the 2013-2014 school year, we will try:

- a winter weekend, intensive family program in lieu of regular religious school classes for one month
- incorporating regular opportunities for socializing and informal learning into our program for all grades
- moving (by the end of the year) the schedule for students in seventh grade through high school to overlap with the younger grades in order to facilitate mentoring and teaching opportunities

By the fall of 2014, we hope to have in place:

- flexible and independent Hebrew learning options, including online learning for supplemental use in the classroom and at home
- more opportunities for *tikkun olam* projects and field trips outside of the classroom
- strategies and programs to facilitate community building among families both within grade levels and throughout the congregation

We will continue to develop and tweak ideas and programs, and we welcome your feedback as we move through this process. If you would like to be a part of the task force or have ideas or thoughts to share, please contact Lisa Pierce at lisa.lisapie@gmail.com or by phone at 797-0277.

PJ Library is Here!

Kids and families, get ready to cuddle up with a good book, have some special time together, and talk about *tikkun olam* (repair of the world)!

PJ Library, a national program that distributes free, Jewish-themed children's books to kids ages six months to eight years, has launched in Southern Maine! PJ stands for pajamas, and the goal of the program is to help children and families connect with Jewish values, holidays and culture during snuggly bedtime moments together.

Some books are about holidays or Jewish folk tales. Others are about Israel or Jewish values like *tzedakah* (charity), *tikkun olam* or taking care of the environment. Through the power of Jewish values-based stories, PJ Library deepens Jewish identity in the home, connects families to the Jewish community and strengthens the Jewish people globally.

This award-winning, Jewish education and family engagement program is supported by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and funded locally by the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine and local donors. More than 3,000,000 PJ Library books are already in the homes of children across the United States and Canada!

For more information, please contact Andrea Krasker Gavin, PJ Library Program Coordinator, at 772-1959 or akraskergavin@mainejewish.org. Please like us (PJ Library Southern Maine) on Facebook too!



Adult Learning Opportunities

The Adult Learning Committee is pleased to announce the following learning opportunities for this fall:

Preparing for the High Holy Days - Pirke Avot **6:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursdays, August 8, 15, 22, 29**

Pirke Avot (Ethics of our Ancestors) is a compilation of the ethical teachings and wisdom of the rabbis of the *Mishnaic* period. These writings have been used by centuries of Jews to help them prepare for the Days of Awe. The Adult Learning Committee will be facilitating study and discussion of a selection of these teachings to help us turn our thoughts toward the work of the High Holy Days.

Tishrei Holidays

9:45 AM, Sunday, September 8

In conjunction with Religious School, the morning will begin with an assembly, followed by smaller working groups to explore the month of *Tishrei* and the many holidays celebrated during it. This is a multi-aged learning opportunity for the entire community. The morning will begin with a Welcome Breakfast at 8:45 AM, hosted by the Membership Committee.

The Sukkah: a paradigm of sacred space

5:30 PM, Tuesday, September 24

Stephen Simons will be teaching this class. Starting specifically with the *sukkah*, in which we are commanded to dwell but to construct ourselves, we will discuss the Tabernacle, the Holy Temple, the synagogue, one's home and finally one's person. Students will learn not only about Jewish approaches to these spaces, but also will come to understand that, without human intention, there is an absence of the sacred. Weather permitting, this class will take place in the *sukkah*; otherwise we will meet in the library.

Torah Study

9:00-9:50 AM, every Saturday

Discussion and study sessions led by Rabbi Saks. Explore some aspect of the week's Torah portion, with an emphasis on making it relevant to today.

Poetry of Talmud

Noon, 3rd Friday of each month

This class is taught by Rabbi Alice R. Goldfinger. *Talmud* is often characterized as a vast collection of laws. We will explore passages from *Talmud* along with poetry from later periods and a variety of cultures. Together, these two forms of literature will serve as a window and a mirror through which to

view our relationships with ourselves, the individuals with whom we share this world, the Divine and the planet on which we live. The next two meetings will be on September 20 and October 18.

Beginning Hebrew

Sunday evenings during Religious School, starting September 22

Learn the *Alef-Bet*, decode words and prayers, and practice reading fluency. We will be offering beginner and more advanced Hebrew reading classes. Classes will meet most weeks that Religious School meets. Call the office in September for class times.

Beit Midrash

7:00-9:00 PM, Thursdays, November 7, 14, 21

Our Thursday night mini-series this fall will feature three different classes with topics as diverse as a text study of psalms or learning new music for worship. Each evening begins with a little nosh, shmooze and a *D'var Torah* by the rabbi. Participants choose one of the three classes offered and attend the same class for all three weeks. Participants of all ages are encouraged to attend. Look for posters and announcements in the weekly emails as the dates draw near.

Bernstein Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

December 6-8

Featuring Dr. Nehemia Polen, a member of the faculty at Hebrew College and a leading expert in Hasidism and Jewish thought. Polen earned a doctorate from Boston University, where he studied with and served as a teaching fellow for Nobel Laureate, Elie Wiesel. Prior to his career in Jewish academia, Polen served for 23 years as a congregational rabbi. For more information: <http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/jewish-studies-faculty#sthash.fhTQq2Qy.dpuf>



Shalom Yeladim

Our monthly program for three- to five-year-old children and their parents meets one Sunday a month from 11:00 AM-noon.



Andrea Krasker Gavin will lead the program. We meet to celebrate and learn about Jewish life through prayer, songs, stories and arts and crafts. The fee is \$25 to cover the cost of supplies for projects for the year. Our program dates and topics will be:

September 22: *Sukkot*
 October 27: *Shabbat*
 November 24: *Chanukah*
 January 5: *Tu B'shvat*
 February 1: *Musician in Residence*
 March 3: *Purim*
 April 6: *Pesach*
 May 18: *Shavuot*

To register, please complete the form below and return it to the office at Bet Ha'am. Questions? Contact Orly at 879-0028

Registration Form

Child's name _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Please enclose the \$25 fee with this registration form.



Please join us at the close of the *Yom Kippur Neilah* service for our annual Break the Fast meal. We need food contributions of all kinds for this terrific pot-luck event: entrees, side dishes, salads and desserts.

Please do not mix milk and meat in one dish or include pork or shellfish. Please label your dishes and supply serving utensils if needed. We always have a big turnout and ask that the serving size of food you bring be equal to the number of people in your party times four.

Please arrange to have your food in the Bet Ha'am kitchen as soon as possible after 12:00 PM on Yom Kippur day.

Help is also needed for set-up and clean-up. To volunteer to set up or break down, please contact Gail Kass, yomkippur@ashcovepottery.com or 833-6004 or Erin Koepf, ekoepf@une.edu. To RSVP, please visit the following link: <http://www.punchbowl.com/parties/6468025-congregation-bet-ha-am-break-the-fast-pot-luck> or contact Gail or Erin.

Support Bet Ha'am's Annual High Holy Day Food Drive

Bet Ha'am will again be coordinating an annual food drive. Once again, there will be two ways to contribute: direct food donations or, to maximize the impact of your gift, cash or check donations. Cash or check donations allow agencies to buy up to eight times the amount of food that you can purchase by yourself for the same amount.

Welcome New Members!

- The Dietlin family: Lauren & Mark, Luc and Everett
- The Jenkins family: Stacey & Daniel, Ava and Macie
- The Ottow family: Leah & Joshua, Reuben and Sarah

Celebrating Maine's Jewish History

By Susan Cummings-Lawrence

In 2007, the Nelson Family funded a project whose goal is to "preserve Maine Jewish historical materials," and for the past several years I have worked as the Maine Jewish history community curator for the Maine Historical Society (MHS). I have had wonderful opportunities to meet people with stories about their families and what it was like to grow up, say, in Brownville Junction or on Munjoy Hill. Hearing stories about Portland's first Jewish policeman, turn of the century peddlers in Livermore Falls, and a house in Eastport with a giant Star of David on its side has been more fun and interesting than I would have imagined.

It has been exciting to rescue boxes of memorabilia from dumpsters and receive synagogue documents and Judaica that are over one hundred years old! People have also been willing to write short memoirs to preserve a childhood memory of walking to Hebrew school in the 1930s or travelling from New York to summer camp in Maine.

One of my favorite experiences has been supporting the Maine Jewish War Veterans, Jacob Cousins Post #99, with their Fallen Heroes project. Many exciting efforts have involved collaboration with other agencies, including:

- working with Greater Portland Landmarks to perform preservation assessments of local Jewish cemeteries;
- working with the Maine Jewish Museum (MJM) to organize two statewide Maine Jewish history conferences;
- working with Colby College and MJM to curate two exhibits;
- working with the JCA to write a column for *The Voice*;
- working with *Shaarey Tphiloh* to facilitate creation of a digital exhibit on the Maine Memory Network; and
- working with four institutions to create a consortium to hold, digitize and translate Yiddish documents.

Some of you have been on the receiving end of my nagging so know that part of the work involves encouraging individuals, synagogues and Jewish institutions to learn how to take care of their records and historic items. While websites are perfect for enabling access to interesting photos, cemetery listings and genealogical research, they are not substitutes for preservation and historical interpretation. The gold standard in preservation is housing historical materials in an institution where professional preservation and conservation can take place and the original items can be available to scholars and the public. Curators, historians and research librarians can also help us understand the historical context and research value of these items.

Many of Maine's Jewish historical materials have been lost or destroyed, and I hope that the efforts of this project and community historians can delay or prevent the loss of what remains. There is a range of actions that people seem to take with old items: some toss things out, others want to hold onto old things but often don't have the knowledge or time to take care of them, and a minority entrust their precious memories to professional collecting institutions. Encouraging people to consider this latter option is important but usually requires asking people to do something that, in general, they are not inclined to do.

Please consider joining my colleagues, many wonderful Mainers and me in helping this project to succeed. If you are interested in becoming a community historian or if you want to support this work in other ways, please contact Susan Cummings-Lawrence at 799-9257 or slawrence1@myfairpoint.net.

Meanwhile, have some fun and take a look at:

www.mainememory.net
www.mainehistory.org

The Vintage Maine Images and the Past Perfect Catalogue on the Maine Historical Society website.

High Holy Day Open Door Policy

Since its founding in 1985, Bet Ha'am has been committed to being a house of worship where all feel welcome. In keeping with this goal, Bet Ha'am invites anyone seeking a place to worship on Shabbat and other holidays to join us for services. During High Holy Day services, we all - members and non-members alike - wear name tags to allow us to get to know each other better. Members receive their name tags automatically. We ask non-members who wish to attend High Holy Day services to make out a name tag upon arriving.

To ensure the strength of our synagogue community, we must have volunteer and financial support year-round. We, therefore, rely on people of good will to contribute their fair share. We anticipate that those who choose to attend our Sabbath or holiday services year after year will recognize the importance of formally joining our community. Our dues policy, based on the ability to pay, ensures that everyone can afford to join.

We welcome you to become members of the Bet Ha'am family. Donations are appreciated.

High Holy Days Schedule of Services 2013-5774

All High Holy Day services are held at Congregation Bet Ha'am,
81 Westbrook St., South Portland, ME.

SELICHOT

Saturday, August 31, at 7:30 PM

ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Children's Service*
Torah Study
Worship Service
Tashlich

Wednesday, September 4, at 8:00 PM
Thursday, September 5, at 8:30 AM
Thursday, September 5, at 9:00 AM
Thursday, September 5, at 10:00 AM
Thursday, September 5, following the
Rosh Hashanah Worship Service

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Erev Shabbat Worship Service
Torah Study
Morning Worship Service

Friday, September 6, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, September 7, at 9:00 AM
Saturday, September 7, at 10:00 AM

KOL NIDRE

Friday, September 13, at 8:00 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Children's Service*
Torah Study
Worship Service
Meditation & Healing Service
Afternoon Study
Afternoon Service
Yizkor Service
Neilah Service
Break the Fast Potluck**

Saturday, September 14
8:30 AM
9:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:45 PM
2:00 PM
3:00 PM
4:30 PM
5:00 PM
Directly after *Neilah* (about 5:30 PM)

SUKKOT and SIMCHAT TORAH:

Sukkot Celebration
Sukkot Service

Wednesday, September 18, at 7:30 PM
Thursday, September 19, at 10:00 AM

**Consecration &
Simchat Torah Celebration**
**Atzeret-Simchat Torah
and Yizkor Service**

Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 PM
Thursday, September 26, at 10:00 AM

*Our **Children's Services** are designed for children in third grade and younger with their families.

Join us for our **Break the Fast Potluck after the *Neilah* service. We need food contributions of all kinds for this terrific potluck event. See details on page 8.

New! High Holy Day Children's Programs and Childcare

During the *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* morning worship services, we will be offering **Project Shofar**, an educational and social program, for **children ages three to nine**. Children must be registered in advance for the program. Please contact the office at 879-0028 for registration or more information.

Childcare will be available at no cost with advance reservation or for \$25 at the door, **for children from birth to age three**. (Children age three and older may participate in Project *Shofar*.)

Our **Children's Services** are designed for children in third grade and younger with their families. We encourage our students in fourth grade and higher to participate in our full sanctuary service. Please contact the office to register.

A few reminders

Parking

In addition to our own parking lot, you may park on Braeburn Avenue and across Westbrook Street at the Thornton Heights United Methodist Church parking lot (100 Westbrook Street).

Scents

For the comfort and enjoyment of all, please avoid wearing perfumed health and beauty aids to Bet Ha'am events. Some of our members are allergic to the scents.

Rides

If you need transportation to attend services, please call the office (879-0028) and we will be happy to arrange a ride for you. If you have extra room in your car and can offer a ride to someone in need, please let us know.

Yizkor Booklet

During *Yom Kippur* services, we recite *Yizkor* (Memorial) prayers and hold memories of our departed loved ones close to our hearts.

We are continuing the Bet Ha'am tradition of printing and distributing a memorial booklet again this year. As a courtesy, names that were included last year will be included and printed again. Please send your donation for listings to the office. If you forget, we will send you a reminder bill after the High Holy Days.

If you have new entries or changes, please complete this form and return it and your donation by Friday, September 6. The suggested donation is \$18 per listing. You can email the information to teri@bethaam.org. You can also bring your donation to the office or mail the form to Bet Ha'am at 81 Westbrook Street, South Portland, ME 04106.

Your name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

New Listings:

Name _____

Relationship _____

Date of Death _____

Name _____

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___ Please do not repeat my listing from last year

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):

- Annual Fund
 General Fund
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 Adult Library Fund
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 Building Capital Campaign
 Cohen Fund for Worship & Learning
 Goldfinger Fund for Israel Travel
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 Rosalyne S. & Sumner T. Bernstein
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Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery

We thank our generous contributors

Annual Fund

- In memory of Sylvia Smith by Ruth-Ellen Flanagan
- In memory of Barbara Schaner, mother of Amy Stanley, by the Tabenken family
- In memory of Catherine Cohen, step-mother of Martha Ollove, by the Tabenken family
- Lee & Jamie Broder
- Ellen Peck
- David & Jessica Butzel
- Rosalyne Bernstein
- In honor of Lisa Pierce by Jane Snerson
- Daisy Kaplan

Capital Campaign

- To honor Jane Snerson - *Mazel Tov* on her new home by Lee & Jamie Broder
- In loving memory of Yankele Broder on his *yahrzeit* by Lee & Jamie Broder
- In memory of Sylvia Smith by Jeremy Moser & Laura Kittle
- In memory of Nan Sawyer by Jeremy Moser & Laura Kittle
- *Mazel Tov* to the Szanton family in honor of Jules's engagement to Caren Lewis by Jeremy Moser & Laura Kittle
- In honor of the marriage of Lisa Munderback & Susan Paris by Nathan & Sarah Szanton

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks by Steve & Elaine Smith
- In memory of Sylvia Smith by Trudy & Merrill Cohen
- In celebration of the wedding of Susan Paris & Lisa Munderback by Shirley Freedman

- In celebration of the wedding of Lisa Munderback & Susan Paris by Jane & Barry Freedman
- In celebration of Jules Szanton & Caren Lewis on their engagement by Sarah & Nathan Szanton

General Fund

- In memory of William Kopans on his *yahrzeit* by Rona & Robert Rosenthal
- In memory of Sylvia Smith by Carl Lerman & family
- In honor of Jane Snerson on Mother's Day and on her move to her new home by the Podtburgs
- In memory of my aunt, Sylvia Smith, by Ilisa Clark
- In appreciation of Karen Silverman & the Caring Committee by Steve & Elaine Smith
- In memory of Sylvia Smith by Ed & Carole Friedman
- In memory of Sylvia Smith by Marlene Sontz
- In memory of Sylvia Smith by Charles & Shirley Burack
- In memory of Gerald Robinov by his family: Mara, Warren, Zane & Eliza Moorhead & Jacqueline Robinov
- In honor of Perry & Sharon Newman by the Novick family
- In appreciation by Richard & Phyllis Levy
- In celebration of the wedding of Susan Paris & Lisa Munderback by Sue Howard
- In celebration of the wedding of Susan Paris & Lisa Munderback by Ki & Bill Leffler
- In celebration of the wedding of Lisa Munderback & Susan Paris by Rosie Wohl
- In appreciation of Bet Ha'am by Joanne Turnbull
- In appreciation by Cliff & Liz Levine
- In appreciation by Martin & Paula Levine
- In honor of the engagement of Jules Szanton & Caren Lewis by Louise & Stu Abramson
- In celebration of Lisa Munderback & Susan Paris and their wedding by Lisa & Russ Pierce

Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery (continued)

We thank our generous contributors

General Fund

- With thanks to Becca & Emily Brocks from Ethan Pierce
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Harriet Wallerstein & John Speropoulos, Jr.
- In appreciation of High Holy Day services by Jon Rotenberg

Goldfinger Fund for Israel Travel

- In honor of Alan Davis on his birthday by Bob & Suzanne Englander

Zecher T'zaddik L'vrachah

- Condolences to Martha & Peter Ollove on the loss of Martha's step-mother, Cathy Cohen
- Condolences to Amy & Dana Stanley on the loss of Amy's mother, Barbara Schaner
- Condolences to Sam & Liz Rudman on the loss of Sam's father, Gerry Rudman

Join us for *Sukkot*...

Sukkot is about thanking God for the bounty that will get us through the winter. On **Wednesday, September 18**, at 7:30 PM, the Bet Ha'am Legacy Writers (pictured below) will share the bountiful legacies they've received and help us in our celebration of *Sukkot*.



On **Thursday, September 19**, please join us at 10:00 AM for *Sukkot* worship service followed by a potluck *Kiddush*.

and *Simchat Torah*

On **Wednesday, September 25**, at 6:30 PM, come celebrate the consecration of our newest Bet Ha'am students and *Simchat Torah*. We will all help hold the Torah as we unroll it to read from the end and the beginning. We will also dance and have fun with the Casco Bay Tumblers.

On **Thursday, September 26**, please join us at 10:00 AM for *Azeret/Simchat Torah* morning worship service, including *Yizkor*.



September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Office Closed	3	4 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM <i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i> Service 8:00 PM	5 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> Children's Service 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM	6 <i>Shabbat Shuvah</i> Service 7:30 PM	7 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
8 Welcome Back Breakfast 8:30 AM Religious School Grades 1-6 Family Program 9:30 AM Religious School Grades 7-10 5:00 PM	9 Office Closed	10 Finance Committee 10:00 AM Executive Committee 11:00 AM	11 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Education Committee 6:30 PM	12 Adult Learning Committee 6:30 PM	13 <i>Kol Nidre</i> Service 8:00 PM	14 <i>Yom Kippur</i> Children's Service 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Yizkor</i> 4:30 PM <i>Neilah</i> 5:00 PM Potluck Break Fast
15 Teacher Workshop 9:30 AM	16 Office Closed	17 Garden Committee 5:30 PM	18 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM <i>Sukkot</i> Celebration 7:30 PM	19 <i>Sukkot</i> Service 10:00 AM	20 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM The Poetry of Talmud 12:00 PM	21 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
22 Religious School Grades 1-6 9:00 AM Kindergarten 9:00 AM <i>Shalom Yeladim</i> 11:00 AM Religious School Grades 7-10 5:00 PM	23 Office Closed	24 Social Action Committee 5:30 PM The Sukkah: A Paradigm of Sacred Space 5:30 PM Board Meeting 6:30 PM	25 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Consecration and <i>Atzeret-Simchat</i> <i>Torah</i> Service 6:30 PM	26 <i>Atzeret-Simchat</i> <i>Torah</i> and <i>Yizkor</i> Service 10:00 AM	27 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	28 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
29 Religious School Grades 1-6 9:00 AM Grade 1 parent meeting 9:30 AM Grade 4 parent meeting 11:15 AM Religious School Grades 7-10 5:00 PM	30 Office Closed					