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TEMPLE BETH EL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 6, 2014 7 - 13 CHESHVAN, 5775



Parashat Lech Lecha

Torah Reading:

Genesis 12:1 - 17:27 (annual)
Genesis 14:1 - 15:21 (triennial)
Haftarah: *Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16*

Candle Lighting:

Erev Shabbat - Fri. Oct. 31 5:14 pm
Havdalah - Sat. Nov. 1 6:14 pm

Shabbat Shalom!

***Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend.
Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour
on Saturday night.***

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mon. - Fri.	6:50 am
Friday evening	5:30 pm
Saturday	9:30 am
Sunday	9:00 am
Jewish Holidays	9:30 am
Secular Holidays	8:30 am

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THIS WEEK AT TBE

Friday, October 31

6:50 am Morning Minyan
5:14 pm *Candle lighting time*
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 1

9:30 am Shabbat services
6:14 pm *Havdalah time*

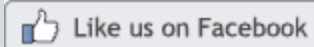
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS - Turn clocks back

Sunday, November 2

9:00 am Morning Minyan and
Schmooze & Shmear
9:00 am Kadima Beth El
9:15 am Kol Yeladim Learns About Shabbat
10:00 am Teen Beit Midrash
10:30 am Ethical Dimensions of the
Israel/Palestine Conflict with
Rabbi David Freidenreich
11:30 am KBE Committee meeting
12:00 pm Jewish Music Jam Session with
student Cantor Jeff Warschauer
12:00 pm Torah Reading Master class
with Rabbi David Freidenreich
1:30 pm KBE 7th Grade trip to HHRC

Monday, November 3

6:50 am Morning Minyan



Tuesday, November 4

6:50 am Morning Minyan

Wednesday, November 5

6:50 am Morning Minyan

8:05 am Melton Course - Foundations
of Jewish Family Living

3:30 pm Kadima Beth El

6:00 pm KBE 7th Grade

Thursday, November 6

6:50 am Morning Minyan

TODAH RABAH - THANK YOU

Todah Rabah to the following service participants: **Tom Berman, Stephanie Cummings, Naomi & Rabbi David Freidenreich, Morton Gold, Jeff & Abby Halpern, Sandra Kornblum, Samuel Kemmerer, Joy Krinsky, and Carol Nemeroff.**

Todah Rabah to Debbie Kanter for filling in for Morah Mel at KBE's Sunday morning tfilot!

Todah Rabah to the following for taking down and storing our Sukkah: **Greg Levinsky, Tom Berman, and Bob Bradbury.**

Todah Rabah to the following for helping with the gift shop grand re-opening event last Sunday: **Karen Lerman, Elaine Lewis, Shirley Rosen, Jodi Veysey, and David Jacobs.**

Todah Rabah to **Lynn Goldfarb** for bringing in donuts for the TBE staff.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest TBE members:

- **Julie Michals**
- **Stanford & Sylvia Schneider**
- **Verne & Tracey Weisberg**
- **Michael Goldman and daughters Eliana and Eva**
- **Dan & Mandy Rosenfeld and daughters Sydney and Lilah**
- **Karl Schatz & Margaret Hathaway and daughters Sadie, Beatrice & Charlotte**

TBE NEWS

TEFILLAT YELADIM - KIDS' SHABBAT SERVICES

Children ages 3-10 years old are warmly welcome to attend *tefillat yeladim* (kids' services) every Shabbat morning for singing, dancing, stories, and games. We begin during the *haftorah* reading (at approx. 10:45 am), but feel free to arrive earlier. Parents are welcome to participate as well.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES:

On November 1, TBE children over the age of 4 are invited to join the kids' service at Shaarey Tphiloh at 76 Noyes St. (The kids will be walked over so that TBE parents can still enjoy the TBE Torah service).

KOL YELADIM LEARNS ABOUT SHABBAT!

Temple Beth El's Early Childhood program for families with children ages 0-3 years



Sunday, November 2, from 9:15 to 10:00 am

TBE - 400 Deering Avenue, Room 1A - school wing

RSVP to Deena Schoenfeld at kolyeladim@tbemaine.org or 774-2649.

Please join us for stories, music and crafts for young children as we learn about Shabbat. Program is free. All are welcome!

Upcoming Kol Yeladim events - Sundays, 9:15 - 10:00 am: Dec. 14, 2014 * Jan. 11, 2015 * Feb. 1, 2015 * March 1 & 9, 2015 * May 17, 2015

Kol Yeladim (Hebrew for "voice of the children"), TBE's early childhood program, is a positive, fun and educational introduction to the joys of Judaism, Hebrew, Shabbat and Jewish holidays, for children ages 0-3 years and their families. Kol Yeladim programs meet monthly on Sundays during the school year and are free and open to the community.

JEWISH MUSIC JAM SESSION

With student Cantor Jeff Warschauer

Sunday, November 2 | 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Temple Beth El - Chapel



Sing and play great music and have a wonderful time in a warm and *heykish* (homey or cozy) environment. We invite everyone to participate, regardless of vocal or instrumental level, previous experience, background or knowledge. Ages 0 to 120 are welcome. If you are someone who is shy about singing or playing, come anyway. (Kids should be accompanied by a

responsible adult.) **For more information, please call Jeff Warschauer at (347) 623-4228.**

Jeff Warschauer is internationally renowned as a guitarist, mandolinist, Yiddish singer and educator. He is a member of the Strauss/Warschauer Duo, and was a long-time member of the Klezmer Conservatory Band. Jeff is a Founding Artistic Director of KlezKanada, is on the faculty of Columbia University, and is currently pursuing graduate study in Cantorial music and Modern Jewish Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Jeff is thrilled to be joining Temple Beth El as its Student Cantor.

CANTOR KURT MESSERSCHMIDT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, November, 9 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Temple Beth El Social Hall

RSVP required by Wed. Nov. 5th to events@tbemaine.org or (207) 774-2649



Please join us for a complimentary brunch to celebrate the 100th birthday of our beloved Cantor Emeritus Kurt Messerschmidt, featuring a delicious dairy brunch and special presentations. We invite you to make a donation in Cantor Messerschmidt's honor to the new **Cantor**

Kurt and Sonja Messerschmidt Fund at Temple Beth El. Donations to this fund will support the enhancement of our musical programming, prayer services, and sound system. We are suggesting \$100 donations in honor of Cantor Messerschmidt's 100 years, however we welcome any amount.

REPAIRING THE BROKEN GLASS

An Interfaith Kristallnacht Program on Tolerance and Acceptance

November 9, 2014

12:30 - 4:30 pm

Temple Beth El - 400 Deering Avenue, Portland

Parking is limited so please carpool and arrive early.

Open to public * Free of charge

RSVPs requested but not required: office@fccucc.org.

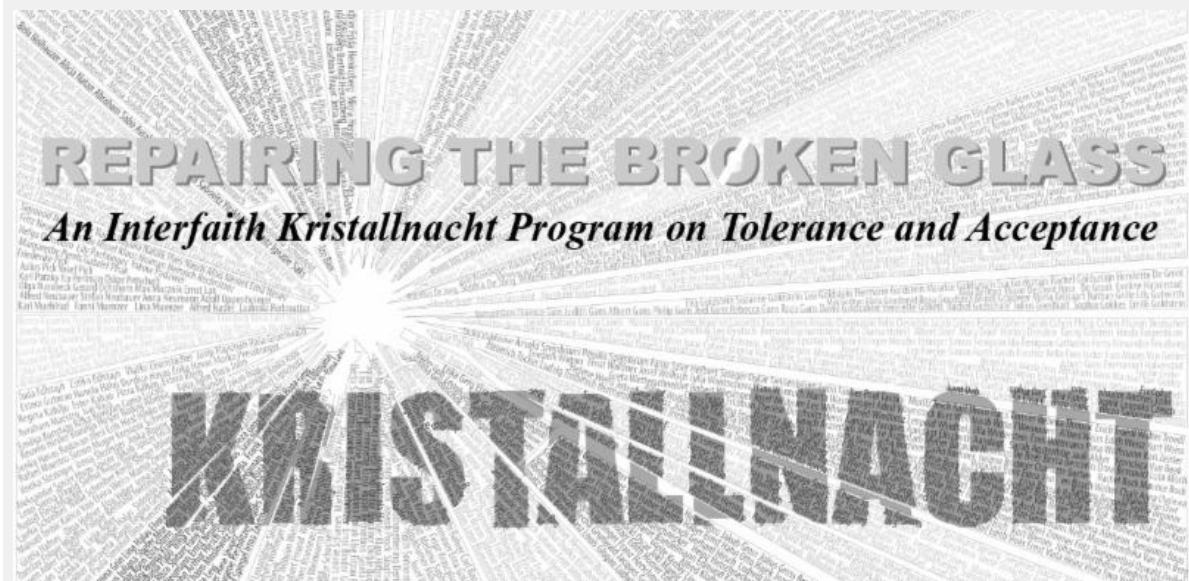
Event Partners:

*First Congregational Church UCC, South Portland * Temple Beth El **

*Congregation Bet Ha'am * RCAD - Religious Coalition Against Discrimination in Maine **

Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine

Please join us for this first annual intergenerational event. Our mission is to increase



education, awareness, and empowerment, using this historical context as a lens through which we engage contemporary issues. After an introductory educational session, two workshops will be available:

Slam Poetry (or Spoken Word)

Geared toward teens and young adults but open to everyone, including auditors. Participants will learn about slam poetry styles and techniques through a gifted instructor and will write their own pieces inspired by the stories of Kristallnacht or other experiences of hate and violence, or acceptance and inclusion.

Personal Narrative

Geared toward adults but open to everyone, including auditors. Participants will learn about legacy writing, hear the narratives of people who experienced Kristallnacht, and write their own stories of brokenness and healing.

Several pieces from both workshops will be chosen by the facilitators to be read or performed in a joint program at the end of the day.

Speakers / Facilitators: Judith Goldstein, Michael Burnett, Colleen Myers, Sue Clark



SHABBAT HALAILA - Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Community Dinner, hosted by KBE

Friday, November 14

5:30 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:30 pm - Dinner Temple Beth El

Kadima Beth El (KBE), TBE's religious school program, invites the entire congregation to our special monthly Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Community Dinner that includes bureka pie, mashed sweet potatoes, salad and dessert. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Shabbat together with old friends and new over a joyous Shabbat meal! **RSVP to the TBE office at 774-2649 or office@tbemaine.org.** Cost for dinner: Adults - \$10, children (age 4-12) - \$6, children (3 and under) - free. Family maximum - \$25. Kadima Beth El Families - no charge (included in school tuition).



CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS - MONTHLY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

Special November Kiddush: Saturday, November 15 Following 9:30 am - Shabbat Service Temple Beth El Social Hall

Starting in November and going forward, TBE will be honoring our members whose birthday or anniversary falls within that month with a special monthly Kiddush. Please join us for Kiddush after Shabbat services that will include a special cake from Cookie Jar Bakery in Cape Elizabeth. Feel free to invite your family and friends to help you celebrate. **RSVP to the TBE office 774-2649 or office@tbemaine.org to let us know if you can join us!**

All are welcome. If you aren't sure that our office has your birthdate or anniversary listed, **please contact us at office@tbemaine.org**. *Mazel tov!*

TBE BROTHERHOOD NEWS

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (and their parents): Brotherhood continues their program of awarding a college scholarship of \$1,000 to graduating high school students who commit to attend morning Minyan one day a week for the school year. Come join us in this mitzvah of helping to make a Minyan for those saying Kaddish. **If you have any questions, please contact Fran Jacobson at (207) 773-8972.**

TIKKUN OLAM UPDATES

TBE PARTICIPATING IN JFS HANUKKAH LIGHTS PROGRAM AGAIN THIS YEAR

The Tikkun Olam committee will be partnering with the Jewish Family Services' Hanukkah Lights program again this year. We'll soon have a board in the TBE lobby with tags of toys and winter clothing that you and your family can buy for a family in need. Last year the TBE community gave 36 presents (really!). Let's see if we can top that this year!

WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH EXTRA WINTER COATS AND GEAR?

Did you buy a new coat or winter accessories for this winter? Have your children outgrown their coats from last winter? Bring in your gently used coats, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, sweaters, sweatshirts, and warm socks. Put them in the Tikkun Olam collection bin in the lower lobby, and the Tikkun Olam committee will deliver them to Preble Street Resource Center.

FOOD AND TOILETRY COLLECTION

The Tikkun Olam committee is also collecting non-perishable food, toiletries, and household items for the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry this month. If you can, bring an item with you when you come for services, for a meeting, or to drop your children off for KBE! Or send your children with an item or two and have them put it in the collection bins!



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR NEWLY RENOVATED GIFT SHOP

The Temple Beth El Gift Shop has re-opened thanks to the generosity of the Lerman family! Our well-stocked, high-quality Judaica Gift Shop is a service to the congregation and community as a way of raising funds for the synagogue. The Gift Shop offers a wide range of items to enhance Jewish holiday celebrations, life-cycle events, and daily life. You can find new and unique Judaica gifts and other fine crafts made in Israel and by renowned Jewish artisans from around the world. The Gift Shop sells Kiddush cups, mezzuzot, Shabbat candlesticks, Seder plates, kippot, challah and matzah covers, memorial candles, jewelry, menorahs, dreidels, and other Judaica as well as a variety of childrens' books, toys and games. Our inventory is always changing based primarily on the Jewish calendar. We can

also place special orders and we have gift certificates available. Our Gift Shop has something for every taste and budget. **The Gift Shop is open during regular office hours**, and is a great way to support our temple while fulfilling your holiday and *simcha* needs... Every dollar collected benefits Temple Beth El. Thank you for your support!

LEARNING AT TBE

ETHICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE ISRAEL / PALESTINE CONFLICT

A four part course with Rabbi David Freidenreich

Sunday, November 2 - last session

10:30 am -12:00 pm | All are welcome!

Temple Beth El - Youth Lounge/Library (off of the Social Hall)

These sessions meet in collaboration with the Teen Beit Midrash.

Register with the TBE office at 774-2649 or office@tbemaine.org.

As the recent war in and around Gaza once again demonstrated, the conflict over the Land of Israel/Palestine raises profound ethical questions which reasonable people of good will answer differently. This text-based, discussion-oriented course for teens and

adults explores ethical dilemmas associated with Israeli responses to Hamas attacks, resistance to what Palestinians regard as Israeli occupation, the use of history to justify Israeli and Palestinian claims, and the nature of Israel as a self-defined Jewish state. Come explore these dilemmas, reflect on your own responses to them, and gain a deeper understanding of why some people respond differently. The required readings for the course are available on the [TBE website](#) on the Teen Beit Midrash page and in the TBE office in advance of each session.

A joint program of the KBE Teen Beit Midrash, the Adult Jewish Learning Committee, and Colby College's Jewish Studies Program. The course, part of Colby's Perspectives on Israel series, is made possible in part by the Legacy Heritage Jewish Studies Project, directed by the Association for Jewish Studies (AJS). Support for the Legacy Heritage Jewish Studies Project is generously provided by Legacy Heritage Fund Limited.

TORAH READING MASTER CLASS with Rabbi David Freidenreich

Sundays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, when KBE Religious School is in session.

Temple Beth El - Library / Youth Lounge, off of the Social Hall.

Interested in improving your skills as a Torah reader? This is the class for you: we'll work on some of the finer points of Torah trope and biblical grammar so that you can read more accurately and learn aliyot more rapidly. Those who have never read Torah or haven't read for many years are also welcome to participate -- you'll get up to speed quickly with a bit of effort. Participants in this class are expected to read Torah regularly on Shabbat mornings.

Save the date!

EXPLORING ISRAEL'S SECULAR-RELIGIOUS DIVIDE THROUGH POPULAR MEDIA

with Rabbi Rachel Isaacs of Beth Israel Congregation & Colby College, Waterville

Sunday, Dec. 14 - 10:00 am | Temple Beth El

Using clips from some of Israel's most popular dramas and comedies, Rabbi Isaacs will discuss social and political schisms in Israeli society. We will watch scenes from the internationally renowned drama *Srugim*, the beloved comedy *Arab Labor*, and the uproariously funny *What is this Nonsense* with Adi Ashkenazi. Q&A follows.

KADIMA BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

KOL YELADIM LEARNS ABOUT SHABBAT - This Sunday, November 2

Join Deena Schoenfeld and our youngest friends (age 0-3 years) for an excellent time, learning about Shabbat together! Sunday, Nov. 2 from 9:15 to 10:00 am in Room 1A - in the school wing at the bottom of the ramp. Please tell your friends!

TEEN BEIT MIDRASH 11/2 -- HOMEWORK!

The pre-reading for the next Teen Beit Midrash series is available on the Beit Midrash page of the [TBE website](#).

7TH GRADE TRIP TO HHRC - This Sunday, November 2

Our 7th grade class will be travelling to the Holocaust and Human Rights Center in Augusta this Sunday. **Drop off is 1:30 pm; pick up is 4:00 pm;** both are at TBE. No meals will be served this session of 7th grade. Parents who wish to join us are welcome to, but not required! Please make sure your student brings his or her notebook and something with which to write.

KBE COMMITTEE MEETING - This Sunday, November 2

The KBE committee is meeting this **Sunday, November 2, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm** in the conference room. Have a thought, question or idea for KBE? Please be in touch with committee chairs Kate Foye and Katie Small, or with Morah Mel, to let them know!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We need lots of help to make the KBE school year the best it can be! You can sign up by dropping off the form that was mailed home, by signing up on Morah Mel's door, or by clicking through [this link](#) and signing up online!

KADIMA BETH EL - 'Like' us on Facebook!



Check out Kadima Beth El's page on Facebook by [clicking here](#). "Like" our page to get updates from our Education Director Melanie Weiss about our exciting programs and activities!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

YAD L'YAD

Yad L'Yad, Temple Beth El's Caring Committee, is always available to reach out to those in need. If you or someone you know could use a hand, contact the TBE office at 774-2649.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are seeking volunteer cooks to help prepare kosher meals for shiva visits and families with newborn children. To help out, please contact Becky DeLois at radelois@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER AT TBE

We can always use your help! Please volunteer your time helping us with the following: plant care, holiday celebrations, our fundraising events, food shopping, food preparation, gift shop, office help & mailings, usher or greeter, and library.

If you would like to add your name to our volunteer list, please contact the office at office@tbemaine.org or 774-2649.

IN THE COMMUNITY

JCA ANNUAL CAMPAIGN and SUPER SUNDAY!

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Jewish Community Alliance - 57 Ashmont Street, Portland, Maine

This year the JCA will host the second of two Super Sunday Phonathons to accommodate the busy schedules of our diverse community. Please join us to connect with our neighbors and secure the funding we all need to support and enhance our vibrant Jewish community. Calling will take place at the JCA on Sunday, November 2. For times, or to sign up yourself and/or your team, **please contact Tal Zucker at 772-1959 or jca@mainejewish.org**. Free childcare and snacks provided!

THE BATTLE FOR HISTORY: ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN NARRATIVES IN WAR AND PEACEMAKING

The Annual Lipman Lecture by Gershom Gorenberg

Wednesday, Nov. 5 | 7:00 pm

Colby College | Parker-Reed Room, Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center

A Perspectives on Israel event

"AN EVENING WITH DAVID FANNING: 'FRONTLINE' BEHIND THE SCENES"

Thursday, Nov. 6 | 7:30pm

University of Southern Maine - Hannaford Hall

MPBN Radio's Irwin Gratz (TBE Board Member) will interview Fanning for an inside view on the journalistic process that informs America's award-winning, longest running public affairs television series. Tickets available from [Brown Paper Tickets](#): \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, students free. The Maine Jewish Film Festival and MPBN are co-sponsors. All proceeds benefit MJFF.

THE SECOND ANNUAL COLBY / BATES / BOWDOIN / BETH ISRAEL SHABBATON

Friday, Nov. 7 | 5:00 pm

Colby College | Parker Reed Room, Schair-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center

An evening of celebration and learning that features a festive dinner and a bluegrass Kabbalat Shabbat service -- come sing traditional tunes to the twang of a banjo.

Saturday, Nov. 8 | 10:00 am

Colby College | Meet in front of the President's House on Mayflower Hill

Join us for a prayer hike on the Colby campus.

At 12:30 pm, come for lunch, followed by song and Torah study, at the campus apartment of Rabbi Rachel Isaacs.

All are invited, but RSVPs are required for meals. For more information or to RSVP, please email Rabbi Rachel Isaacs at risaacs@colby.edu.

THE FALL TIKVAH FAMILY SHABBATON

November 7-9

Camp Ramah in New England, Palmer, MA

Camp Ramah in New England and Reshet Ramah invite you to join them for a fun, meaningful weekend retreat for families with children with disabilities. Cost is \$125 per adult and \$75 per child. **For more information, contact Tali Cohen, Director of Tikvah Vocational Services, at talic@campramahne.org.**

Yahrzeits

Saturday, November 1 / 8 Heshvan

Benjamin Volk

Sunday, November 2 / 9 Cheshvan

John W. Isenman

Henry Schwey

Goldie Sulkowitch

Philip Zetlen

Monday, November 3 / 10 Cheshvan

Elizabeth Gordon

Manfred Kraemer

Toba Miriam Richman

Tuesday, November 4 / 11 Cheshvan

Ruth S. Bricker

Carol Davidson

Mildred Shulman

Wednesday, November 5 / 12 Cheshvan

Myer Levine

Thursday, November 6 / 13 Cheshvan

William Berman

Eva Hurwitz Slater

Friday, November 7 / 14 Cheshvan

Louis Berkowitz

James Kriger

Louis F. Mack

Jackie Reibel

Adrienne Hinda Saltz

Sylvia Seidenberg

Jacob Zetlen

THE TEMPLE BETH EL MISSION

Our vision is to be an embracing, supportive and vibrant community which observes Judaism in the Conservative tradition and which is devoted to the perpetuation of Jewish values and culture. Temple Beth El honors the diversity of its members and is committed to their spiritual growth.

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