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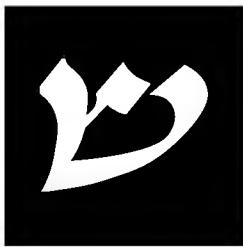
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THIS MONTH

- 5/4–5 – Claire & Emily Muscat
B'nai Mitzvah
- 5/5 – Kids Kehillah
- 5/9 – Chai & Chai
- 5/15 – TBE Annual Meeting
- 5/19 – Kids Kehillah
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- 5/22–24 – Shavuot, Visiting Scholar
- 5/23 – Janine Collins Bat Mitzvah
- 5/24 – Wayside Soup Kitchen
- 5/25–26 – Ariana Solodar-Wincle
Bat Mitzvah



"What Adonai requires of you: only to do justice and to love goodness and to walk humbly with your God. Then will your name achieve wisdom."

—Micah 6:8-9

KIBBUD AV V'EM — HONORING ONE'S PARENTS

A few times a year I have the privilege to sit as a member of a *Bet Din* (a Jewish court of law) and listen to candidates who have chosen to become Jews. These are all people who have first considered and then studied and lived a Jewish life. They take nothing for granted — most of what they know has come from books and/or with being with other Jews. They have all experienced Judaism first hand, but as an outsider looking in with longing. They don't have their grandmother's recipes for kneidlach or a long history of Pesach seders. They don't have their own stories of cheder or Hebrew School or of Bar and Bat Mitzvah. They don't know how their family "used to celebrate the holidays or Shabbat," or what it was like in the old country before they came to America. But what they do have is an intense desire to be part of the Jewish people — to explore their connections with God, to discover ways to integrate Jewish teachings and practices into the fabric of their lives, to bring Israeli politics into their conversations, to fully cast their fate in with that of the Jewish people. They are not jaded; in fact they are eager and full of thoughts and ideas. Listening to their journeys, their successes and struggles gives me renewed energy and new knowledge as well as pride in my "chosen" religion.

Not long ago, the *Bet Din* met with a young woman preparing to complete the process of becoming a Jew. Like many Jews by Choice, this day was long in coming, and very anticipated. Indeed, she was leading a very spiritual and

Jewish life. Even though her partner was not Jewish, she regularly attended synagogue, celebrated holidays and

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Shabbat, and followed the weekly Parasha. It was clear that she was 'in love' with her Judaism. As some of you may know, I often ask the candidate to think of a new mitzvah that they might take on after they immerse themselves in the *mikveh* (ritual bath). After thinking for a moment, she replied, "Well, it's not a new mitzvah, but I'd like to dedicate myself to a mitzvah that I don't always perform as well as I would like." I expected to hear her speak of a new adherence to kashrut or to study, or prayer, but she came back with something unexpected and, to me, very real. Her mitzvah was going to be a focus on *kibbutz av v'em* — honoring her parents. She said that she absolutely appreciated her parents and all that they had given her, and that she even told them so. But, she admitted, there were times when maybe she didn't really listen to them well, or she rushed a visit because she was busy, or she became too impatient with them. This was to be her new mitzvah after she became a Jew.

I'm not sure that I have the words to describe my thoughts, but I felt as though her mitzvah was profound. In many ways, it's a simple mitzvah — one that we rabbis don't often talk about.

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"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."

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Congregants are encouraged to make regular attendance at Temple Beth El a part of their lives.

DAILY SERVICES

Monday through Friday 6:50 AM
Saturday and Jewish Holidays 9:30 AM
Sunday and Secular Holidays 8:30 AM

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

First Friday Evening, September–June 7:30 PM
Remaining Friday Evenings 5:30 PM

"Do not separate yourself from the congregation."

—Hillel, Pirkei Avot, 2:5

CLOSURES

The Temple Beth El Office will be closed on the following days:
Wednesday, May 23; Thursday, May 24; and Monday May 28.

Temple Beth El Hebrew School will be closed on the following days: Wednesday, May 23; and Sunday, May 27.

TIKKUN OLAM – HELP REPAIR THE WORLD!

May Food of the Month: Preble Street is requesting the following, so they will be foods of the month for May: beans, rice, pasta and canned tomatoes.

We are also collecting towels and personal health care products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) for Preble Street. Small items collected from hotels are welcome.

Wayside Soup Kitchen is the 4th Thursday of the month (May 24). You can just show up at 5:00 or 5:30 PM. If you'd like further information, please call Harlan Baker at 772-9640.

Seeking Committee Members: If you are interested in serving on the Tikkun Olam committee, please call Barbara Peisner at 797-6651. New members are always welcome!



Temple Beth El is a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.



Funding for Temple Beth El Religious School has been generously provided by the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, through its Annual Campaign.

A NOTE OF THANKS

My year as president of Temple Beth El will end at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 15. I have participated in all kinds of synagogue activities, from services to educational events to closing ceremonies of our Hebrew School. I have met members of all ages and learned much about what makes our congregation "tick!" So many volunteers contribute their valuable free time to our community and have fun in the process.

New members have been welcomed. Adults and children have spent time learning about their Jewish heritage. Tikkun Olam has collected food and clothing for those in need. A new Web site committee has put the Web site back in action. Meals have been delivered. Board members have worked to address the needs of our congregation and have acted as ambassadors. The Governance committee has completed their revision of our Constitutional by-laws. The roof (and other parts of our building) has been fixed. Our Accessibility committee has addressed the special needs of some of our congregants. Social, religious, and educational activities have been planned for our children and teens. An Interfaith Brochure has been completed. These are just some of the wonderful things that have happened at TBE this year.

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[to] be a warm and welcoming community

Last May I set one clear goal: Temple Beth El should be a warm and welcoming community. I asked that all of our members join our Rabbi, Cantor, and Educational Director in reaching out to new members, visitors, and one another. I hoped that no one would feel isolated or alone in our building and that everyone would feel embraced by our community and comfortable enough to participate in activities. This is an ongoing goal whose success depends on each of us.

One of our Vice Presidents, Rick Finberg, has agreed to become the next president of our congregation. He is a skilled and thoughtful leader and has a deep commitment to Temple Beth El. He will have the Board's support

as he moves us through a challenging but exciting time.

Thanks to each of you for your help and participation during this past year. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns with me and for your passionate commitment to our synagogue. I have been honored to serve as your president.

B'Shalom,
Judy

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Claire Muscat Bat Mitzvah



Emily Muscat Bat Mitzvah



Paul and Sarah Muscat invite you to join them, as their twin daughters, Claire and Emily, become B'not Mitzvah on May 4–5, 2007.

Claire and Emily are seventh grade students at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. Emily enjoys soccer, ice-skating, and recently joined the Jewish Youth Chorus of Southern Maine. Claire plays soccer and lacrosse, and the tuba in the middle school band. The girls will share their Haftarah and each sing Torah portions and the Maftir. Their father and older sister, Rachel, will join them in chanting Torah.

All the Muscats are excited that all four of the girls' grandparents will attend the service. Claire and Emily thank all their teachers and the TBE community for their assistance and support in reaching this wonderful day.

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- Gail Osgood for her help in the office on Sundays.
- Patti Garson, Karen Hindall, and Miriam Kranton for their efforts during Hebrew School release.
- Bob Tabachnick for his Torah readings at Kids Kehillah.
- Avis Smith, Norm Wilson, Amanda Zane, Rebecca Cantor, and Roger Smith for leading services in March.
- Dan Gatchell and his team for replacing the Ner Tamid bulb in the sanctuary.

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THOUGHTS ON ISSUES THAT FACE 21ST CENTURY JUDAISM

(from the next generation...)

At a recent session of our Hebrew high school class, the students were asked what they felt were the most important issues facing Judaism — and facing themselves as Jewish teens — in 2007. We filled the board with ideas — assimilation, lack of participation, intermarriage, stereotyping, the requirements of ritual, lack of knowledge about Judaism by non-Jews, having few Jews in their schools and classes, anti-Semitism, and more. I then asked them to write an essay choosing one of the issues, and to include some suggestions for addressing the one they chose. Below are excerpts from some of their writings.

From an eighth grader:
"...Many people may disagree when I say that the most important influence on Judaism is assimilation. As proof of this I have been a witness to how it affects Judaism. Throughout my life I have seen Jewish families hang up Christmas lights... Usually I would give three ideas how to address it, but I'm going to give three reasons why not to address it. One: The first amendment says that we can state our opinion, but no matter how odd it is the family has the right to hang their lights. Two: ...we only know what they did, not why they did it. Three: Even if assimilation is a bad thing, if it makes the family happy we should respect it...it isn't our right to step in and force the family to do what they don't want to do."

From a ninth grader: "Anti-Semitism from stereotyping affects Judaism frequently, and can happen to anyone no matter how old you are... Jewish teens and adults should be concerned because

things are said to you that can be insulting. The people who say it should also be concerned because it can be discriminat-

EDUCATION DIRECTOR
AVIS SMITH

ing toward a religion that has the right to exist. There can be ways to get rid of anti-Semitism: you can invite people to your home to show them about Judaism, you can explain to people why Judaism is important to you, and lastly, you can show that it is your religion and it is important not only to you but to your whole Jewish community."

The most important issue that currently faces the Jewish community is the ignorance of non-Jewish adolescents

From a tenth grader: "It seems we face the world's ignorance, stereotyping, and accusations in our everyday lives. It is ironic that these all are still issues to assimilated Jews who have changed traditions to escape oppression. The problem I have with assimilation is what we have assimilated with. The technology and resources are now a part of our life, but with that comes the influence of Christianity on society. We, as Jews, struggle to unite in a world, which surrounds us with Christianity. ...Assimilated Jews could make an effort to preserve the value of their religion by emphasizing the importance of Judaism to the next generation, which will eventually continue the cycle. Another approach could be to try to be involved in your synagogue; if families realize the Temple is a community, they would have more of a sense of belonging."

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TBE RELIGIOUS PROFESSIONALS: A Transition Update

by Rick Finberg

As reported in last month's *Shofar*, Cantor Ross' contractual relationship with Temple Beth El sadly will end on June 30. Many congregants have inquired about our plans regarding B'nai Mitzvah, High Holiday services and how we will handle other services that Cantor Ross currently provides to our congregation. The Temple Beth El Board and staff are hard at work developing an interim plan for 2007, as well as a longer-term plan for 2008 and beyond.

On April 6, the Ad Hoc Committee responsible for developing the 2007 interim plan met. This Ad Hoc Committee con-

sists of current President Judy Wilson, incoming President Rick Finberg, Ritual Committee Chair Judy Gatchell, Long Term Transition Plan Committee Chair Ellie Miller, Rabbi Braun, Cantor Ross, Education Director Avis Smith and Executive Director Liz Rose-Cohen. This group had a productive meeting and expects to be in a position to publish the details of the 2007 interim plan within the next month. The interim plan will provide professional coverage for Summer and Fall B'nai Mitzvah tutoring, and appropriate coverage for all services, including but not limited to B'nai Mitzvah services and

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Maine Community Conference on Jewish Medical Ethics

by Rorie Lee, PhD and Ross Goldberg

The second annual Maine Community Conference on Jewish Medical Ethics was held at the Minnie Brown Education Center of Congregation Beth Israel in Bath on Sunday, March 25 (6 Nissan 5767). The conference presented an opportunity to engage physicians, Jewish clergy, and the public in a discussion of Jewish perspectives on medical ethics.

Cantor Daniel Leeman, of Congregation Beth Israel in Bath, served as both host and a member of the panel. Other discussants included Rabbi Carolyn Braun; Rabbi David Cantor from Congregation Beth Israel in Bangor, Maine; Craig Hurwitz, MD, Director of the Maine Center for Pain and Palliative Care at Maine Medical Center; and Robert Lenox, MD, Vice President and Worldwide Head of CNS Drug Discovery at Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals. Irwin Brodsky, MD, MPH, an endocrinologist and dia-

betes specialist at the Maine Center for Diabetes of Maine Medical Center moderated the discussion.



Rabbi Carolyn Braun (L) offers Jewish perspectives related to a case presented by Craig Hurwitz, MD at the Maine Community Conference on Jewish Medical Ethics. (Photo by Ross Goldberg)

Following introductions by Dr. Brodsky, host Cantor Leeman presented a brief overview of Jewish views of the doctor/patient relationship. Against that background, pediatric oncologist Craig Hurwitz presented the first case, about end-of-life decision making with an adolescent patient. Rabbi Braun

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Ariana Solodar-Wincele Bat Mitzvah



Olivia Solodar and Elliott Wincele would be honored to have their Temple Beth El community join them in prayer and celebration as their daughter, Ariana, becomes a Bat Mitzvah on May 25–26, 2007.

Ariana attends Waynflete School. She loves to dance, and takes ballet, modern, tap, and hip hop. Ariana is looking forward to welcoming family and friends from the west coast to the east coast to celebrate with her.

Ariana named her mitzvah project "Kids For Kids." She will be contributing all of her money from babysitting throughout this year to the Talpiot Children's Village in Hadera, Israel, which is a home for young immigrant children.

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■ Judy, Dan, and Benjamin Gatchell, Alex Brinkman-Young, Norm Wilson, Murray and Shirley Rosen, Rick and Nancy Finberg, Susie Schwartz, Ross Goldberg and Rorie Lee for their help setting up for the March B'nai Mitzvah.

■ To Nancy Finberg for her service as Shiva meal coordinator and deliverer.

IN OUR TBE FAMILY

Mazel Tov

To great grandmother Rita Willis and grandparents Steve and Joani Willis on the birth of Oliver Max Willis, son of Bethan and Andrew Willis.

To Sara and Harvey Berman on the engagement of their son Ben to Heather Budd, daughter of Marvin and Sandi Budd of Cincinnati, Ohio. A summer 2008 wedding is planned.

To Eitan Kahn, son of Orly and Natan, on the celebration of his Bar Mitzvah, on May 5, 2007.

To Janine Collins on the celebration of her Bat Mitzvah, on May 23, 2007.

To Daniel Schwartz, son of Arlene and Fred Schwartz, on his acceptance to the PhD program in Jewish Studies at Brandeis University.

We mourn the passing of:

Rose Venner, on February 19.

Patricia Benaly, mother of Allan Labos, on March 4.

Miriam Lillian Kaplan, mother of Ellen Ruben, on March 17, in Long Island.

Lillian A. Lerman, mother of Alan Lerman, mother-in-law of Karen Lerman, grandmother of Justin and Brandon Lerman, Larry Brown, Sandi Goodman-Brown, and great grandmother of Max and Jessica Brown, on March 22, in Florida.

David Schwartz, father of member Fred Schwartz, on March 25, in Arizona.

Alvin Robert Blattner, father of Stephen Blattner and Marguerite Blattner, on March 30.

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TBE Annual Meeting – May 15, 2007

Please join us at the Temple Beth El Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM.

This year, we are looking forward to great excitement at our annual meeting.

1. We will recognize the 2006–7 recipient of the Eleanor Merdek Volunteer of the Year Award and to our "Honorable Menschen" volunteers.
2. Miriam Remar, chair of the Governance Committee, will present our new Constitution.
3. We will honor and thank Cantor Ross for her contribution to our syna-

gogue. We will also have another opportunity to hear the choir perform.

4. Rabbi Braun, Cantor Ross and Avis Smith will present their usual entertaining reports.
5. Rabbi Braun will help us install new officers and Board members. Slate of officers to be elected: Rick Finberg, President; Judy Gatchell, Vice President; Paul Muscat, Vice President; Linda Jacobs, Treasurer; and Rachelle Mack, Secretary.

Refreshments will be served. □

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Gil Dichter, chairman

The new roof over the Social Hall and Sanctuary was completed in early February. Liz Rose-Cohen and I met with Steve from SMR for a final review of the project. Steve reported that we "caught it just in time." If we had waited one more year we would have ended up with some major issues. The materials they hauled off were completely water saturated weighing 35–40 tons, which was more than triple what they would have expected.

The new leak where the paint bubbled on the ramp to the small sanctuary was fixed as part of the work because it was in the seam between the old and

new roof. They left the curbs with structural steel and insulated them (where the old AC units were). It would have cost a lot more to remove them. In the spring an inspection will take place to obtain the warranty for the roof. It was a pleasant surprise to learn that the cost of the new roof was approximately \$3,000 under the estimated cost.

Pine State is replacing the four old AC units with two new efficient AC units/heating units, and by the time you read this, I expect the work to be in progress or near completion. Steve from SMR will make himself available if they need his assistance. □

RITUAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Most of us remember someone in our family or community who could step in at a moment's notice to lead services or chant Haftarah, who beautifully led the seders, and even those who passed out the candy at shul. Today these people are mostly a memory. We are now looking to follow in their footsteps by building the next generation of *daveners*, Torah readers, and *gabbaim* to whom our children can look and emulate.

As we begin the process of evaluating the long-term needs of our congrega-

tion and to make decisions regarding the composition of our professional staff, we want to open opportunities to our members to expand their skills. Regardless of your level of knowledge and experience, there is a way that you can play an active role in the spiritual life of our congregation.

If you have questions or have an interest in being part of this effort, please contact our Ritual committee chair, Judy Gatchell, at gatch@suscommaine.net or 725-8018. □

TUESDAY, MAY 22: HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

The Hebrew High School year ends on Tuesday evening, May 22 at 7 PM, Erev Shavuot, with Confirmation of our students who have continued three years beyond B'nai Mitzvah. As in past years, each confirmand will share his or her theology with us that evening. A special guest that evening will be Rabbi Jack Gabriel from Colorado, who will add some musical *kavannah* to the program. Desserts will be served. All 8th-10th

CHAI & CHAI WITH RABBI BRAUN

The Wednesday afternoon Chai & Chai study group will meet with Rabbi Braun on May 9 at 12:00 NOON, at MPBN on Marginal Way in Portland.

Remember — you do not have to have any experience with the text. You don't have to know Hebrew (but it is fun, if you do) and you don't even need a Siddur as one will be supplied for you. Just come and learn with others, translate, and discuss. Find deeper meaning in the prayers and doors will be opened.

Please feel free to bring your lunch and/or a snack. ☩

grade students and their parents are invited to join us for this special Shavuot/Confirmation celebration. ☩

CELEBRATE SHAVUOT WITH VISITING SCHOLAR RABBI JACK GABRIEL!

Shavuot Services:

■ Erev Shavuot:

Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 PM

■ Shavuot Day 1:

Janine Collins Bat Mitzvah

Wednesday, May 23 at 9:30 AM

■ Shavuot Day 2:

Thursday, May 24 at 9:30 AM

Visiting Scholar Rabbi Jack Gabriel, May 23-24:

Folk-singing Rabbi Jack Gabriel has created a delightful musical form that he calls "klez-reg" (klezmer-reggae). A leader of the Jewish Renewal movement, he performs his own soul-filled lyrics and inspired melodies with infectious enthusiasm. He is also a scholar of liturgy, music and spirituality and is currently rabbi of B'nai Vail in Vail, Colorado. He will be sharing his special gifts of music and learning during our Shavuot services. ☩

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 2007

- 1 Eve-Karen Finkelstein and John Rejman
- 1 David and Amy Goldberg
- 2 Doug Chene and Jennifer Elowitch
- 8 Ben Marcus and Anita Bernhardt
- 11 Harry and Florine Gorsky (64 years)
- 12 Steven and Patrice Adler
- 12 Adam and Lisa Arens
- 12 Burt and Barbara Epstein
- 23 Jennifer and Jeff Adkins
- 25 Leticia and Rhetta Huttman
- 26 Todd and Tracey Nussinow
- 27 Murray and Shirley Rosen (51 years)
- 29 David and Nancy Brenerman
- 30 Doug and Jennifer Goldblatt
- 30 Matt and Lynn Goldfarb
- 30 Michael and Linda Jacobson (20 years)
- 30 Jerry and Phyllis Rosen (61 years)
- 30 Richard and Marie Silver (20 years)

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Shirley Bogg, mother of Debbie Kanter, grandmother of Josh and Lauren Kanter, on April 10.

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Further, one doesn't need to be Jewish to observe this mitzvah, it's not like Kashrut or learning Hebrew or observing one more detail of *halacha* specific to Jews. And still, it is the mitzvah she decided to focus on as a Jew. *Kibbutz av v'em* (honoring one's parents) is a mitzvah that we all should observe, regardless of age, regardless of whether we consider ourselves "religious" or "spiritual" or even Jewish. It is a mitzvah that actually affects all of our relationships. If we work on honoring our parents, our elders, and our teachers, we will also honor ourselves and we, in turn will also be honored. The mitzvah also sends us upward and helps us also to honor the Divine:

Kiddushin 30b, Our Rabbis taught: *There are 3 partners in the creation of humans: God, the father and the mother (or as we can say today, God and one's parents), When we honor our parents, God says, "I count this as though I am living among them and being honored."*

In today's world, I'm not convinced that we truly honor one another. We dismiss or hurt others because of their religious beliefs (whether they are too reli-

gious, or not religious enough), their nationality, their citizenship status, their gender, their sexuality, their opinions, and their social status. I wonder what would happen if each of us took the time to show honor to one another. Some of us, sadly, have lost parents and so we can't observe the mitzvah literally. But just as we gain "life" from all of those around us, it is not a far stretch to see one another as a kind of parent — as a teacher or as a person of wisdom.

In a few short weeks we will celebrate Shavuot, the time when we were given the Torah. We will listen to the wisdom of young adults as they discuss their theologies with us. We will listen to the wisdom and the melodies of Rabbi Jack Gabriel, our scholar in residence who comes to us from the Renewal Movement. We will listen to the davening and the wisdom of one of our adult members who has prepared her "Bat Mitzvah" for the first day of Shavuot. And we will have the opportunity to share Torah with one another.

Let us take the time necessary to honor one another. Let us make this a primary mitzvah as we take our journey from "Egypt" to "Mount Sinai" and finally to the "promised land." □

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of course High Holiday services. We are fortunate to have access to talented lay and religious leaders both in and outside our community. We are confident that we will be able to meet the needs of our congregants during this interim period.

Anyone with questions or concerns should feel free to contact any member of the Ad Hoc Committee. You are also invited to e-mail your questions or comments to Liz Rose-Cohen at execdir@templebethel-maine.org and/or to Rick Finberg at rfinberg@maine.rr.com.

Ellie Miller is in the process of putting together her Long Term Transition Plan Committee. Ellie's Transition Plan Committee will have as its members,

individuals who represent the varied demographics of our congregation so that the process is as inclusive as possible. We will also include, at appropriate junctures, opportunities for the entire congregation to provide input with regard to the Transition Plan. The Transition Plan Committee will ultimately recommend to the Board a long term plan regarding the composition of religious professionals that will best meet the needs of our congregants. With change comes opportunity and we look forward and welcome the congregation's input during this planning process.

We will provide you with updates as more information is available. □

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aren't Jewish don't know anything about Judaism; and frankly, they don't want to, either. It is our duty as Jewish people to educate others about our religion and beliefs, if they are willing to listen... One way to educate the younger generation is for public schools to teach comparative religion classes... Schools would need to be extremely cautious, so as not to be offensive to anyone or violate the separation of church and state... during these classes information about the Holocaust would need to be included... Students need to be educated and warned about anti-Semitism, because many are dangerously unaware... in addition, most teens are oblivious to the similarities between Judaism and Christianity. There are many common parallels between the two religions... Another way to educate is to include Judaism in the media. There are many celebrities and famous people who are Jewish. Even though kids don't actually know these people, they feel they can relate to them... Finally, having Jewish teens educate their peers in an informal way about their religion will help inform non-Jewish adolescents... talking about religion between people of different faiths can help diminish some of the potential friction that might exist. Jewish teens who talk about their faith will gain confidence about themselves, as well as grow proud of their religion." □

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commented on the case from the Jewish perspective, followed by questions from the very engaged audience.

The second case, concerning patient enrollment in a clinical trial, was presented by psychiatrist and neuroscientist Robert Lenox, and commented upon by Rabbi Cantor. The conference concluded after a second lively audience question and answer period. □

Let Kadima Take You Out to the Ball Game!

by Natalie Ladd, Kadima Advisor

Our last event of the Hebrew School year will be a much-anticipated fare-thee-well to our current 6th graders, and a step-up day for incoming 4th graders, as Kadima goes to a Portland Seadogs game on Sunday, June 3 at 1:00 PM! We have a limited number of reserved-seat tickets, and this game is sure to sell out. All Jewish kids of Kadima ages (4th, 5th & 6th grade) are welcome to join us. Kadima will pay for the tickets, so please send your child with money for snacks. Parents will be asked to drop off (promptly at 12:45 PM) and pick up your children at the

Slugger statue in front of Hadlock Field. Call Natalie Ladd at 878-3477 to RSVP.

We are thrilled to welcome new Kadima Co-Advisor Steve Berg. Steve is father of Kayla Berg, an incoming member and will help Natalie plan and execute awesome Kadima events for the year to come. □



Rabbi Braun and Kadima at Board Games and Bagels in February.

DIGGING THE PAST *Israeli Archaeology at TBE Hebrew School*

On March 18, grades 1–6 got to Dig the Past as this hands-on archaeology program came to TBE Hebrew School, with a grant from the Scott M. Black Israel Enrichment Fund.

Students got to dig and sift for artifacts, reconstruct a first-century pottery vase, and translate early Hebrew inscriptions. The program is based in Boston and Israel. Our visiting archaeologists were Ely Levine and his assistant, Zach Margulies from Brandeis. □



KOL YELADIM

Kol Yeladim's Closing Ceremony will be on Sunday, May 20, 10:00–10:45 AM in the TBE Social Hall. We will be learning about Shavuot through the story of Ruth, making flower decorations, singing songs, and enjoying a dairy snack.

Kol Yeladim is for children ages 0–6 and their parents. It is free and open to the public. □

April Lucky Day Lotto Winners

- David Page
- Pauline Harris
- Robin & Sam Young
- Rebecca Beyea
- Ken Levinsky
- Natalie Cohen
- Boyd Phillips
- Michael Gershen

These lucky folks will take home \$25. They are already earning back what they paid for their LDL books. It doesn't get better than that! If you don't have a book yet, call the TBE office today or stop in and buy one. Support TBE and have fun at the same time! □

KIDS KEHILLAH

by Debbie Kanter

Kids Kehillah will be meeting in May on the following dates:

- May 5 led by 3rd grade
- May 19 led by 2nd grade

We meet Shabbat morning in the school wing at 9:30 AM for a one-hour kid-friendly service. Parents are always welcome.

Hope to see you there. □

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR USY

- TBA May — Dinner and voting
- Friday–Sunday, May 11–13 — Spring Convention: convention forms and more details soon to follow.
- Sunday, May 27 — USYers helping the brotherhood in putting flags on gravestones.
- Friday, June 8 — Cedars (last one of the year).
- Sunday, June 17 — Father's Day and step up (for soon to be 9th graders) End of the year event... White Water Rafting. Email Rebecca if interested. □

NERUSY TO Day at the New England Revolution — May 6

by Jackie Soley, Jr. USY Advisor

Jr. USY will be having a NERUSY TO Day at the New England Revolution! Tickets are being held for Sunday, May 6 for a 5:00 PM game featuring the Revolution vs. Chicago Fire. I'm sure it will be a fantastic event, which I hope Jr. USY families will support! As in the past the event is open to Kadima through USY, and their families. Details about the day are forthcoming. The Revolution may be offering us some fun extra game "amenities," which I will let you know about shortly as well. Tickets will be limited, so don't leave your chapter behind! Tickets are \$23. (which includes a \$4.00 donation to TO). □

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Tuesday, May 15 at 7 PM

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(see page 6 for details)

■ Shavuot

**Tuesday, May 22 – Thursday,
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