

T E M P L E B E T H E L

shofar

OCTOBER 2006 TISHREI/HESHVAN 5767

SAVE THE DATES

- 10/21 – Kids Kehillah
- 10/22 – 100 Years of Storytelling (series begins)
- 10/24 – Candidates' Forum
- 11/1-5 – Book Fair
- 11/1 – Speaker at Friday Night Services
- 11/5 – An Afternoon of Jewish Learning
- 11/10-11 – Andrew Schwartz Bar Mitzvah
- 11/11 – Kol Yeladim
- 11/17-18 – Reid Pryzant Bar Mitzvah
- 12/1-2 – Jesse Barkin Bar Mitzvah
- 12/8-9 – Marlena Lantos Bat Mitzvah
- 12/15-16 – Evan Eklund Bar Mitzvah



"The shofar is a prayer without words."

—Saul Lieberman
 Quoted in *Leo Rosten's Treasury of Jewish Quotations*
 (1988)

CATCH THE WAVE! DAYS OF JEWISH LEARNING

Mark your calendars! The Adult Jewish Learning Committee is planning a fascinating array of learning opportunities:

■ CANDIDATES FORUM

On **Tuesday, October 24**, at 7:00 PM, Irwin Gratz of Maine Public Radio will moderate a discussion and debate among the state's Congressional candidates (both Senate and House). This will be a public service forum open to the entire community.


■ AN AFTERNOON OF JEWISH LEARNING

Four mini-courses will be offered on **Sunday, November 5**, between 1:00 and 4:30 PM:

- **A Taste of Talmud:** Rabbi Braun gives us an introduction to the centuries-old texts that contain the wisdom, insights and ethical debates that help shape the Jewish perspective on today's world.
- **Israel Today:** A look at Israel in light of recent military and political events. Those planning to join TBE's Israel trip next summer will find this course particularly informative. Instructor: Michael Peisner, a Portland attorney, TBE board member, and authority on Israel.
- **Israel Under Attack:** How do we respond knowledgeably to critics who attack Israel for its policies as it struggles to survive the continued threats from its neighbors? Moderator to be announced.
- **Film and Discussion: Ushpizin.** If you missed this delightful film at the Maine Jewish Film Festival, or if you're dying to see it again, here's your chance. *Ushpizin* is the charming fable of an Orthodox couple in Jerusalem struggling financially and longing for a child. With the approach of Sukkot, they pray for a miracle. When two suspicious characters from Moshe's secular past arrive, the couple welcomes them into their sukkah as a test of faith and commitment—with surprising consequences. Please return enclosed registration form if interested in attending these courses.

■ 100 YEARS OF STORYTELLING: INTERNATIONAL JEWISH SHORT STORIES, 1850-1950

Sanford Freedman, Professor of Literature at Bates College, will guide us through translations of stories by some of the era's greatest writers in Yiddish, Hebrew, German, Russian, Italian and English, including works of Peretz, Shalom Aleichem, Kafka, Babel, Canetti, Ozick, Olsen, Oz, Roth, and others. **Six Sundays, 2 to 4 PM, starting October 22.**

Admission is free, but you must register. To sign up, please phone the office (774-2649) or fill out and return the enclosed registration form. 

THIRD ANNUAL FAMILY JEWISH BOOK & MUSIC FAIR

Wednesday, November 1 – Sunday November 5

Celebrate Jewish Book Month!

Temple Beth El

The School Wing

400 Deering Avenue, Portland

SPECIAL EVENT:

Friday, November 3, 2006

Please join us for services at 7:30 PM. We are fortunate to have Leigh Hallett, teacher at Maine Central Institute (MCI), Pittsfield, Maine, speaking and helping us to interpret Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, *The Jewish Cemetery at Newport*. Oneg to follow. Questions? Please contact Nancy Levinsky at nlevinsk@maine.rr.com.

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HOURS:

Wed. Nov 1, 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Thurs. Nov 2, 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Fri. Nov 3, 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 2:30 – 3:00 PM

Sun. Nov 5, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM



Kol Yeladim: Fun programs all year long



Kol Yeladim is a positive, fun, and educational introduction to the joys of Judaism, Shabbat, and the *haggim*/holidays for children ages 0–5 and their families.

The children sing songs and prayers, dance and march in their own “torah procession,” hear a Shabbat story, or celebrate holidays in a fun, interactive way that follows the structure of tradition. Programs include a snack and often conclude with a family Kiddush.

Through these programs, young children and their parents have the opportunity to make new friends and to build special bonds with Judaism as they get to know one another.

Free and open to the community.

- Shabbat Service, October 14 • 9:30–10:15 AM
- Shabbat Service, November 11 • 9:30–10:15 AM
- Shabbat Service, December 9 • 9:30–10:15 AM
- Hanukkah Party, December 17 • 10:00–10:45 AM
- Shabbat Service, January 6 • 9:30–10:15 AM
- Shabbat (Tu B'Shevat) Service, February 3 • 9:30–10:15 AM

- Shabbat (Purim) Service, March 3 • 9:30–10:15 AM
- Passover “Seder”, April 1 • 10:00–10:45 AM
- Shabbat Service, April 14 • 9:30–10:15 AM
- Shabbat Service, May 12 • 9:30–10:15 AM
- Shavuot/Closing Ceremony, May 20 • 10:00–10:45 AM

THIS YEAR'S KIDS KEHILLAH

Kids Kehillah meets on the first and third Shabbat mornings of each month. It is a one hour service (in the school wing) geared to children and their families. Bob Tabachnick is our Torah reader. Please join us!

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| ■ November 4 | ■ March 3 |
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| ■ December 2 | ■ April 7 |
| ■ December 16 | ■ April 21 |
| ■ January 6 | ■ May 5 |
| ■ January 20 | ■ May 19 |
| ■ February 3 | ■ June 2 |