

Greetings from **Temple Beth El**



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Welcome to TBE's Fall and Winter 5780 Program Guide! The diverse array of programs and holiday celebrations that you will find in this booklet have been thoughtfully and collaboratively designed by our talented members and staff to ensure that people of all ages and backgrounds will find meaningful ways to learn, pray, celebrate, and find community at TBE.

The guide is organized into five main sections:

Holiday Services and Celebrations

Special Events

Adult Jewish Learning

Spiritual Programs

TBE Kids

Please take a look, mark your calendars, and reach out to us with any questions or feedback. Thank you for being part of this vibrant and joyful community!

Shana Tova u'Metuka!

Have a joyous and sweet New Year!



Kate Shalvoy
Executive Director

A complete guide to all High Holiday service times including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah can be found at

tbemaine.org





Beautifying Sukkot + Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, October 13, 2019 | 10am - 12pm

Pancake Breakfast: Suggested Donation \$5/plate for kids and \$10/plate for adults

Imagine: beautiful lights, roofing (schach) made of evergreen branches, creations from the craft table, dried cuttings from your gardens, and best of all - ushpizin (honored guests) in the form of photos of your ancestors adorning the walls. As if that scene couldn't get any better, add PANCAKES! Please come, bring photos of your ancestors for us to xerox and laminate, and share in the making of our beautiful Sukkah. This is an experience you will not want to miss!

Sukkot Cookout and Vegetarian Potluck

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 | 5-7pm

We had so much fun with our vegetarian potluck and cookout in the Sukkah last year, we've decided to do it again this year! Bring your friends (Jewish or not!), bring your sweaters, and bring a vegetarian side dish to share in our beautiful Sukkah.

TBE's Annual Chanukah Party with The Tumblers

Sunday, December 22, 2019 | 3-5pm | Free & Open to All

The party that needs no introduction, TBE's Annual Chanukah Party starring The Casco Bay Tumblers is back again! This event is suitable for ages 2 - 92, all you need is a love of latkes, dancing, and of course, the festival of lights! As always (and forever), this event is sponsored by TBE families and completely free and open to all.

Rabbi Braun's 25th Anniversary Celebration and Concert

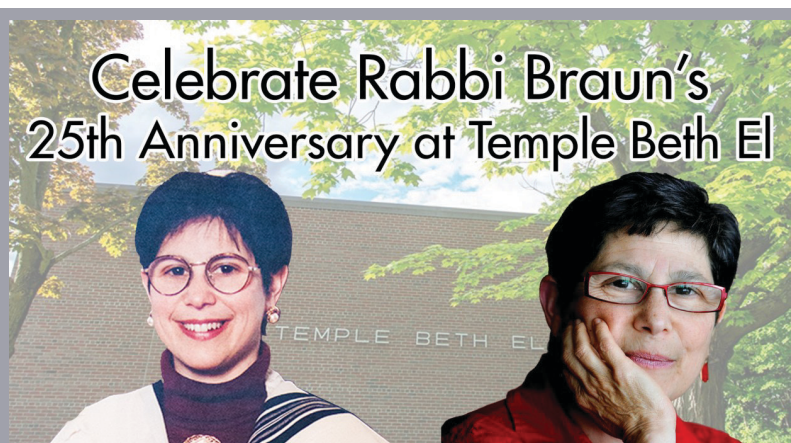
Sunday October 27, 2019 | 3-5pm

Tickets \$25 adults/\$12 kids 5 - 17/kids under 5 free

Host Committee Membership \$150, includes 2 tickets

Some congregations have a Rabbi who is brilliant. Some congregations have a Rabbi who is hilarious. Some congregations have a Rabbi who has a spirit as bright as the sun. Some congregations have a Rabbi who is a visionary.

For the past 25 years Temple Beth El has been amazingly blessed to have a Rabbi who is all of this and more, and this is cause for celebration! Internationally renowned Jewish folk band Nefesh Mountain will grace our stage as we sing, dance, nosh, and shower our Rabbi with love and gratitude for her years of tireless dedication to our community.



Celebrate Rabbi Braun's 25th Anniversary at Temple Beth El

**Sunday, October 27th
3:00pm-5:00pm**

**Featuring
Nefesh Mountain**

**Fusing Jewish Culture with
Bluegrass, Old-Time, and
American Roots music**



Reconciliation in the Jewish Tradition

with Rabbi Rachel Isaacs

Sunday, October 20, 2019 | 10:30 AM

We live in a moment of extreme polarization, defined by political litmus tests, secular banishing, and abundant brokenness.

How do we come back together as a community and as a nation? We will look back to the sources in the Jewish tradition — from Biblical narrative to contemporary Israeli poetry — that focus on facilitating healing and reconciliation, mending effectively what has been rent, and defining the reasonable limits of reconciliation in cases of betrayal, injustice, and abuse. This session will include song, explorations of religious and secular texts, and open discussion. Folks of all faiths and backgrounds are encouraged to come, learn, and contribute.



Book Club

October 5, November 9, December 7, 2019 , January 4, Feb 1, 2020
After Kiddush, around 1:00pm

TBE's library presents a monthly book club for all to enjoy.
October 5th: *The Last Jew: A Novel of the Spanish Inquisition* by Noah Gordon. November 2nd: *I am Not a Spy: An American Jew Goes Deep in the Arab World & Israeli Army* by Michael Bassin
Book selections for December, January, and February will be announced in TBE's weekly email.



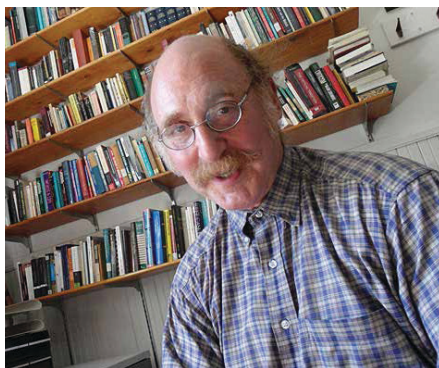
Anti-Semitism, Assimilation, and the European Artistic Community after the Dreyfus Affair

with Dr. Sanford Freedman

November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019 | 10:30 AM

What links or associations might we discover when we stand anti-Semitism against assimilation? How do past historical anti-Semitic contexts inform contemporary moments?

Many of us are familiar with the Dreyfus Affair the 1892 false accusations against French Corporal Alfred Dreyfus. In this unit of adult education, I propose reexamining this affair in light of the historical responses of such French artists as Zola, Monet, Pissarro, Cezanne, Renoir, Toulouse Lautrec, and Degas. This will require us to investigate documents, paintings, posters, and newspapers, largely drawn from the New York Jewish Museum's exhibition in 1985.



We will also work with extracts that study the composer Felix Mendelsohn's dealings with assimilation, the claim that after his conversion to Christianity, he purposely shifted his musical compositions toward anti-Semitic themes. We then investigate the 1930 social moment of Vienna and various forms that Jewish assimilation take in the lives of such Viennese composers and writers as Mahler, Schoenberg, Berg, Herzl, and Kraus.

Finally we view and analyze Joseph Losey's film, *Monsieur Klein*, a historical thriller set in Paris in the 1940s, an amazing portrayal of denial and guilt.

Kleeblatt, Norman, ed., *The Dreyfus Affair*, University of California (1987)
Losey, Joseph, *Monsieur Klein* (1976)

Sposato, Jeffrey, *The Price of Assimilation:*

Felix Mendelsohn and the Nineteenth-Century Anti-Semitic Tradition (Oxford University Press, 2008)

SHALOM MAINE

**Presented by Temple Beth El, the Jewish
Community Alliance of Southern Maine,
and Congregation Bet Ha'am**

ShalomMaine is a community-wide collaboration to bring adult Jewish learning to the Jewish community of Southern Maine. The following courses are the first of many and are subject to change. Locations will vary throughout the area. All tuition is pay-what-you-can with suggested tuition rates.

**AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY –
PART I w/ Anna Wrobel**

5 Sessions - Wednesdays at 10am
Starting October 16

**JEWS, BASEBALL & SOCIAL
JUSTICE w/ Paul Linet**

4 Sessions - Wednesdays at 6:30p
Starting October 16

**TEACHING JEWISH VALUES
THROUGH FILM
w/ Barbara Merson**

6 Sessions - Thursdays at 6pm
Starting October 17

**CREATE YOUR OWN CERAMIC
JUDAICA w/ Toby Rosenberg**

6 Sessions - Wednesdays at 6pm
Starting November 6

**FROM TRIBES TO NATION –
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
DAVIDIC MONARCHY – PART I
w/ Ellie Miller**

8 Sessions - Tuesdays at 9:30am
Starting November 12

**FAMILY DYNAMICS IN GENESIS
– FROM ABRAHAM TO JOSEPH
w/ Ellie Miller**

5 Sessions - Mondays at 6pm
Starting November 18

**EINSTEIN & OPPENHEIMER
w/ David Hecht**

4 Sessions - Sundays at 10am
Starting January 5

Full course listings and registration information can be found at

shalomme.com

Sunday Singing Sessions

Sundays beginning November 11, 2019 | 10:30am

Sing a new song to adonai...Start your week with peace and meditative song! Anyone who enjoys singing or wants to explore how niggunim and other soulful melodies can elevate your spiritual life are warmly invited to drop in to our weekly singing group.



Shabbat b'Chutz (Outside)

October 5, November 9, December 7, 2019

January 4, February 1, 2020

Generally the 1st Saturday of the month | 10:00am

Shabbat B'Chutz (Outside) is an outdoor davening alternative for those who feel most spiritually alive while exploring the natural world. This season, we have decided to 'branch' out and offer monthly b'chutz services all the way into February, and at all new locations!



As always, following the hike we will return to Temple Beth El to rejoin our community to say Kiddush and have a nosh. Please make sure to bring the following: Comfortable walking shoes, Warm Clothing, Towel or blanket, Water, Tallis/Kippa if desired. *In case of rain, Shabbat B'Chutz will join the regular Shabbat morning service B'fnim (inside).

- Oct 5 Portland Trail / Evergreen Cemetery: Woodvale St. Entrance
- Nov 9 Presumpscot River trail: Riverton Trolley Park Entrance
- Dec 7 Ten Apple Farm Goat Hike
- Jan 4 Portland downtown
- Feb 1 Willard Beach

Spirits and Spirits

November 14, December 12, 2019, January 9, February 13, 2020
Generally the 2nd Thursday of the month | 5:30pm

We start as dust and end as dust, in between let's have a drink. - Yiddish Proverb. Beginning in November Rabbi Braun will be at Maine Craft Distilling on the second Thursday of every month for a casual evening of libation and conversations about life. People of all faiths and curiosities are welcome to join. First drink is on the Rabbi!



Shabbat Niggun!

October 18, November 15, December 20, 2019
January 17, February 21, 2020
3rd Friday of the month | 5:30pm

The primary purpose of prayer is not to make requests. The primary purpose is to praise, to sing, to chant. Because the essence of prayer is a song, and man cannot live without a song.

- Abraham Joshua Heschel

Join TBE for a spiritual, singing Kabbalat Shabbat one Friday of every month followed by Ma'ariv. No experience required, no auditions necessary. All are welcome.

Be one in a Minyan

Temple Beth El's Brotherhood offers the only daily prayer service in Maine. Our goal is to have a minyan every day, and for that, we need you! Start your day with perspective and gratitude, and perform the mitzvah of being one in a minyan.

Schedule

6:50 am - Monday-Friday

9:30 am - Saturday (Shabbat Services followed by Kiddush)

9:00 am - Sunday followed by Schmooze and Schmear
(Bagels, Coffee and Snacks)

SPACE Kids Service

October 5, 19, November 16, December 7, 21, 2019

January 4, 18, February 1, 15, 2020

Generally the 1st and 3rd Saturday | 10:45am - 11:30am

Come join us for a volunteer-led, energetic Shabbat morning kids' service! The kids will participate in a short prayer service and a discussion, skit, or game about the Torah portion. We conclude with a snack. This program is co-sponsored by TBE and Shaarey Tphiloh.

Tot Shabbat

November 8, December 13, 2019, January 10, February 14, 2020

Generally the 2nd Friday of the month | 5:30 PM

Parents and kids ages 6 and under are warmly invited to join us for this fun, interactive monthly Family Kabbalat Shabbat service! 5:30pm: Schmooze and enjoy complimentary Kosher snacks and Challah (with allergy alternatives upon request in advance). 6:00pm: Family service. 6:30pm: Option to join the rest of the minyan for Kiddush and more snacks!



Kol Yeladim

October 13, November 24, December 15, 2020

January 12, February 9, 2020 | 9:15 AM

Kol Yeladim (Hebrew for “voice of the children”) is a positive, fun, and educational introduction to the joys of Judaism, Hebrew, Shabbat, and Jewish Holidays for little ones aged 2 to 4.



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Pre K-Kindergarten (Twice Monthly)
 Grades 1-2 • Grades 3-6 • 7th Grade
 Hebrew High and Teen Classes
 Madrichim (Assistant Teacher)

Pancake Breakfast!

October 13, 2019 | 10am - 12pm

Suggested Donation \$5/plate for kids and \$10/plate for adults

The same morning that we will be feeding our souls by crafting and raising our beautiful Sukkah, we will also be feeding our bellies - with pancakes! All proceeds will support our Hebrew school Kadima Beth El.

Family Havdallah and Movie Night

November 23, 2019 | 5pm - 7pm

Put on your favorite PJs, load up the kid(s), and come to TBE to join other families in an evening of song, light, and a family friendly movie! Snacks will be on hand. See you there!

Family Film & Chinese Food at the JCA

December 25, 2019 | 12pm - 3pm

\$5/individual or \$10/family

Join us for a family-friendly film, board games for all ages, and Chinese food! This program is co-sponsored by TBE, the JCA, Bet Ha'am, and the Maine Jewish Film Festival. Pre-registration for this event is requested by December 19th at mainejewish.org.

Sparkle Havdallah

January 11, 2020 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Sparkle Havdallah with PJ Library is back again this year! TBE's Family Engagement Committee will be there shining on and making crafts as we say goodbye to Shabbat and welcome in the new week with a vegetarian potluck community dinner. This event is free and all are welcome.

Parent Discussion Group: Finding Family Joy in Shabbat

February 9, 2020 | 10am - 10:45am

Following Kol Yeladim a sitter will be on hand to entertain your children so that you, their parent(s), can have an uninterrupted discussion with other parents about how your family can find a greater sense of peace and joy in Shabbat.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE



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