

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

5777 ~Blessing of the Pets~ 2016

From the Rabbi

Beth D. Davidson

This is a challenging time in our nation. I hope that the following selections from the Shabbat Service after the election will be helpful.

We gather this evening in a community of hope and faith. Some of us are elated, some of us are saddened, all of us are unsure how our country will move forward. On this Shabbat, we sit in this Sanctuary together, reminded that despite our differences, we are all Americans. I hope that we can move beyond the contentious rhetoric of the election, and I have faith that we will remember how to listen and learn from each other.



There is no liturgy in our Siddur for such an evening. And so I hope the words of Rabbi Paul Kipnes, will speak to you:

“...There was that moment at the Red Sea when our people despaired like never before. Looking behind, the people saw an enemy coming for them. Looking ahead, the waters seemed ready to swallow them up.

“To stand still was not an option.

“We pray,

“*Eloheinu veilohei avoteinu v'imoteinu,*

“Our God and God of our fathers and mothers,

When our nation is divided,

When our people are afraid,

When our children are confused,

When we ourselves are unsure about how to move forward.

“Grant us,

Like Nachshon, the courage to face our fears and walk forward into the unknown.

Like Miriam, the insight to find the hidden waters in the wilderness to quench our thirst.

Like King Solomon, the wisdom to decide wisely as we face difficult



Saturday, 11-4-16. The Torah portion was the story of Noah's ark and the flood: the Kaplan & Rivetz families brought their pets for blessing. From left, Alan Kaplan holding his puppy Gabe; Rabbi Beth D. Davidson; Liz Judd-Rivetz holding Mia; Barry Rivetz; Emilie Kaplan with Ner on leash. ~D. Rosenzweig pic.

questions in the days and months ahead. Like the prophet Nathan, the faith to speak truth to power, demanding as he did from King David: truth and justice, compassion and kindness.

“And may we lie down in peace and rise up each tomorrow refreshed and renewed, prepared to work toward blessing for all.
Amen....”

And I have faith you will resonate with the words of Rabbi Zoe Klein, who wrote:

“...To Americans in red baseball hats and Americans in colorful pants suits alike...

“When God offered King Solomon anything he wished in I Kings 3:9, King Solomon asked for one thing only:

“Give me a listening heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of Yours?”

“He didn't ask for might. He didn't ask for wealth. He didn't even ask for wisdom.

He asked for a listening heart.

“May President Elect Trump, the new leader of the free world, be blessed with a listening heart. A heart that listens to the pain of a divided people. A heart that listens for commonalities. A heart that listens to those whose voices are tiny and soft. A heart that listens for the weeping at the margins. A heart that listens to the dreams of the poor, the hopes of the

Cont. at RABBI, p. 2, Col. 1.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Board Contacts.....	10
Brotherhood News.....	3
Calendar.....	15
Donations.....	12-13
Jews of Spain ~L. Rockenmacher.....	6-9
Peace & Pomegranates~Garnick.....	4
President's Message.....	2
Rabbi's Message.....	1-2
School News.....	4-5
Sisterhood News.....	11

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

RABBI, *cont. from page 1.*

young, and the faint prayer of the dying. A heart that listens to the call of the earth and the haunting song of the sea. A heart that listens past language, dialects and differences to the very pulse of humanity. A heart that listens to the resounding message of history. A heart that listens to the spirits of our ancestors and the hum of the future. A heart that listens to you and listens to me and hears the mysterious harmonies that are so often hidden from us.

“May we all be blessed with listening hearts, and step into tomorrow together with a commitment to hear one another. To receive each other's presence with hearts that are open and compassionate. With hearts that listen to one another's fears. With hearts that listen to one another's devotion. With hearts that listen to one another's achievements. With hearts that listen to one another's disappointments. With hearts that listen to one another's beauty. With hearts that listen to one another's goodness. With hearts that listen to one another's pride. Let us step into tomorrow with our hearts channeling Solomon's gift. With our hearts attuned to one another's precious and unique music, and learn to sing in harmony.

“This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California to the New York Island.
From the Redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.”

“God, let us wake with listening hearts, and let the circle of compassion widen enough to include the vast and diverse American family, one nation, under God, indivisible, with
Amen....”

May we be blessed with courage, insight, wisdom and faith, and give us hearts that listen and minds willing to work together, as we move forward with the healing and reconciliation our country needs.

Keen Y'Hee Ratson,
Be this God's will.

~Rabbi Beth D. Davidson

Simchat Torah and Consecration

Rabbi Beth reads the final portion in Deuteronomy. Scroll held by Joe Gallant. New students and their parents also were consecrated at the service on Saturday



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Cate Tanzer*

Dear Congregants,
It has been an eventful fall at TAY: The High Holy Days were lovely and beautiful, the Brotherhood Candidates Forum was exciting and informative, L'Chayim Jewish Food Festival was indeed festive, the Religious School children are settling in with their new Director and teachers, and finally the Presidential Election is over and we can all get back to our lives.



I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and attended Temple Adath Yeshurun's Third Annual Jewish Food Festival. The food was delicious and everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. Of course, without the volunteers, none of it would be possible. We did not sell out, so there is still brisket, deli meat, stuffed cabbage, blintzes, and tzimmes available.

Please come by TAY to make your purchases. Sisterhood will hold a Chanukah Fair in December. Please check our website for details. We will be selling Judaica, mezzuzahs, Hannukiahs, jewelry, wrapping paper, gelt and more. See you at the fair.

Finally, after a long year of contentious campaigning and name calling, the election is over. The most important thing I have learned through this was words and language matter.

I've been shocked over and over this year: rude behavior has not only been tolerated—but revered. Has it become socially acceptable to treat others with contempt? I do not accept this and cannot believe this has become the new norm.

Our children are looking to us for guidance. I hope we, as a nation, can get back to treating each other with respect and kindness. We can do better. Our future depends on it.

Shalom.

~Cate Tanzer

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

by Sol Rockenmacher

After a well-attended and publicized *Brotherhood Candidates Breakfast Forum* on Sunday, October 30, 2016 (see pictures in this issue) we roll along to our next initiatives and creativities.



A breakfast program on *The Drug Crisis in New Hampshire* was scheduled for Sunday, November 20 with Jeffrey Meyers, NH Commissioner of Health and Human Services,

Brothers Drs. Adam Tanzer and Ken Lerner and a Brother who is a recovering drug addict.

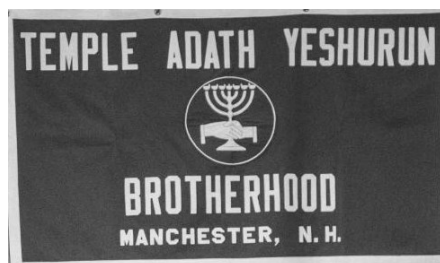
David Rosenzweig will once again be heading up the *Bud Baron Memorial Chanukah Candle Drive*. Check your mailbox for order forms.

On Sunday, December 18, our own P.T. Barnum—Also Known As Joel Gordon—will be in charge of what should be another fabulous *Chanukah Party*.

Then it is time for the *Christmas Mitzvah Program*. We'd love to have you involved. Contact Sol for more info.

Our 30th annual *Deli Night* is on the horizon and should be an amazing evening of great food and great entertainment. Tickets are **on sale now** and are going fast.

Never a dull moment for the TAY Brotherhood as we work together to help our temple and the community—Jewish and non-Jewish, as well.



10-30-16. Brotherhood Banner hung in the TAY social hall for Candidates Breakfast.



At left, Moderator George Bruno and Rabbi Beth Davidson welcome guests and Candidates. All photos on this page, thanks to TAY camera-man, David Rosenzweig.



At right, Chris Sununu—who won the vote for governor of NH—embraces Brotherhood Co-president David Penchansky.

IT'S MITZVAH TIME AGAIN!

The annual call is out for volunteers for the TAY Brotherhood-sponsored Christmas Mitzvah program. In existence for over 35 years, this program was formed to help our Christian neighbors at Christmas time, taking over certain functions and allowing them to enjoy their holiday with family and friends.

1. Delivering of Meals on Wheels on Christmas Day in Manchester and Bedford.
2. Taking charge of the information desks at both Manchester hospitals, Elliot Hospital and Catholic Medical Center on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
3. Running the Bingo event at the Manchester Veterans Administration Hospital on Christmas night.
4. Delivering lunch and refreshments to the police and fire stations in Manchester and Bedford on Christmas Day.
5. Preparing, serving, and cleaning up Christmas Eve and Christmas Day meals at the local soup kitchen, New Horizons.

Each year over 100 volunteers participate, often as families. They enjoy camaraderie, but especially enjoy a sense of fulfillment as a neighbor helping a neighbor.

For questions, please call Sol Rockenmacher at 603-232-3477 or email: rockenmacher@comcast.net.

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

PEACE & POMEGRANATES

Stacy Garnick.
Education Director

I believe that we all have our burning bush that calls us to this place. "This place" can be a moment in time, or as grand as our destiny. Burning bushes inspire us to be our best selves. Think of Moses as he stood in



the desert, his burning bush—God—before him, beckoning him to fulfill his destiny to lead the people of Israel, *Am Yisrael*, out of the narrow place of *Mitzrayim*, out of Egypt, so that we may become a people of free will who have control over our own Jewish destiny.

Our autumn holidays—*Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* in particular—call to us to be our best selves. These Holy Days ask us and require us, individually and collectively, to listen to our internal and external burning bushes, that we should leave our narrow places—the places that constrict us—so that we can rise up and find within ourselves our truest and most holy selves.

When I am out and about in the autumn, the foliage calls out to me. It's an extended reminder of my *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* promises. I am reminded of my purposefulness in this lifetime. I am reminded of what I need to do to be holy and to help build a great people. I am reminded that while I sometimes have little control over others, I have control over myself and am at times blessed with the power of sway.

Lately as I walk amongst the trees, and especially as I drive along roads, I can't help wonder if it's serendipitous that the leaves that are the most vivid and still connected to their branches are red and maroon, the brightest oranges and most vibrant yellows. No leaf is a replica of another, but together they hang in a mosaic of shared experience.

We all have our burning bush that brings us to this place. Let this place be Temple Adath Yeshurun. Let us rise up together and be our best selves as together we do the holy work of raising up the next generation of

Am Yisrael. God calls out to us. As it says in Deuteronomy, 30:19:

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day: I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life—if you and your offspring would live—."

This is the same bush that called out to Moses.

Please listen and choose life!

This column was inspired in part by the opening paragraph www.jewbelong.com. Please take a gander: you'll find the website slightly irreverent, relatable, and relevant to us all.

May you be blessed with laughter, learning, and light,

~Stacy N. Garnick



WE'RE HAVING A TAY-IN!

What's that? You ask.

It's a SHUL-IN at our beloved temple.

What's a shul-in?

It's an event when we sleep over in a temple and do fun activities together, play games, maybe watch a movie, eat snacks, and of course sleep.

★ WHEN : Friday, January 6 after services /pick up: 9:30 AM Shabbat morning

★ WHO: Kids in our education program, Grades K-7.

★ WHERE: Temple Adath Yeshurun

Hosted by Educational Director, Stacy Garnick (with chaperones)

Stay tuned for more information coming mid-December.

TAY Potluck Supper on Nov. 4, 2016



Children concentrate on serving themselves Dr. Miri's slightly-spicy vegetarian chili—without spills or mishaps. A good time was had by all. ~David Rosenzweig photo.

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

Bring Your Teacher to TAY for Shabbat:

As has been our tradition for many years, we invite our Religious School students to bring their secular school teachers to Shabbat Services and a Pot Luck Dinner.

This year we hope to welcome teachers to our
December 2, 6 PM Family Service and meal.

Support our students, welcome their teachers; and join us for services and dinner.

Life Long Learning News: Adult Hebrew Classes

If you are interested in taking an Adult Hebrew Class, please let Rabbi Davidson know. You can call/email the office, or directly to the rabbi.

Some congregants have expressed an interest in an "Intro" level course; others would like a prayerbook level course.

Which appeals to you?

When you call, please give your preference.

Everyone (brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, friends,
Next-door neighbor) invited to the

TAY BROTHERHOOD

Family CHANUKAH PARTY

Extravaganza

**FOOD, FUN (ALL AGES), GELT,
DREIDELS, LATKES,
ENTERTAINMENT**

WHEN: Sunday December 18, 2016

TIME: 11:00 AM

COST: Free-Donations Accepted

**WHERE: TAY Social Hall 152 Prospect St.
Manchester NH**

Reservations required: ALL AGES WELCOME.

RSVP-Temple office 669-5650

The rich history of Jews in Spain is a story about ex-



treemes, with some of the best of times and the worst of times in the lives of those living there. The influence of these Sephardic Jews has left a re-

markable legacy that continues today.

BIBLICAL TIMES

It appears likely that the presence of Jews in the Iberian Peninsula can be dated back to the very beginnings of its civilization. A number of references in early literature show that it was well known to the Israelites. Tarshish, the location to which Jonah fled, has frequently been identified as Tartessa in southern Spain, a known trading port at the time.

ROMAN RULE

2 BCE-400

The Romans arrived about 220 BCE and controlled the entire peninsula by 15 CE. After the Roman destruction of the second temple in Jerusalem, Jews dispersed to the extreme west in even larger numbers. By the third century they constituted about 25 % of the population in the eastern part of the Roman Empire. Tombstones with Hebrew inscriptions have been found dating from the second to third century near Barcelona and in a coastal city east of Granada.

Over the course of the fourth century, Christianity became the Roman Empire's official religion. The first Church council in Spain took place in Elvira, near Granada in 306. The bishops and other clerics passed 81 canons, four of which pertained to Jews. These barred intermarriage, the blessing of crops by Jews, eating with Jews, or adulterous relationships. The clergy clearly saw the integration of Jews in Christian society as a threat to their message.

THE HISTORY OF JEWS IN SPAIN

by Linda Rockenmacher

Editor's Note: On Tuesday, September 27, 2016, Sisterhood held its annual paid-up dinner. This year the program focused on the Jews and cuisine of Spain. Co-president Linda Rockenmacher was once again the presenter of this panoramic overview of the topic. Some of the illustrations for her talk are also reproduced here.

VISIGOTH RULE

409-711 CE

Following a series of invasions from the north, the Visigoths ruled most of Spain by the year 410. Though initially tolerant of Jews, The union of the Church and the Visigoth monarchy under Reccared I in 589 is regarded as the key event that made possible centuries of persecution of Jews in Spain.

This marks the starting point of the most tragic episodes of Jewish history during the Middle Ages. The Visigoth kings were the masterminds, but the Church was a willing partner in a united effort to either convert the Jews or drive them from the kingdom. This led to a miserable life for Jews so they welcomed news about a new religion, Islam, which was treating them favorably.

MUSLIM RULE

8th to 11th centuries

The period in European history referred to as the "Middle Ages" is a time we usually consider as dark and barbaric or as a synonym for an intolerant, unenlightened, and backward culture. Quite the opposite was true in the Iberian Peninsula, however. In Andalusia, Jews, Muslims and Christians lived side by side in a complex culture. Tolerance and acceptance of contradictions was nourished despite their differences and enduring hostilities.

The Moors swiftly conquered all of the Iberian Peninsula in the 8th century. Both Catholic and Muslim sources tell us that Jews provided valuable aid to these invaders. Once captured, they trusted the Jews with the defense of Cordoba.

Under Muslim rule, Spain enjoyed an extended period of stability. All non-Muslims were given a second-class citizenship, with Christians and Jews considered *dhimmis*, or "People of the Book." They were required to acknowledge Islamic superiority, pay higher taxes, could not employ a Muslim servant, marry a Muslim or receive an inheritance from one.

At that time these restrictions were not considered a severe burden by a conquered people. They were not slaves, could practice their faith, were not banned from any means of earning a living, and were able to contribute to society and culture.

This period is sometimes referred to as the "Golden Age" in Jewish-Muslim relations. Jewish intellectual and spiritual life flourished and many Jews served in the Spanish court centered in Cordoba. Among the most influential was Hasdai Ibn Shaprut, a wealthy scholar, physician and gifted diplomat. He served as governor of the Jewish community as well as powerful minister to the first Caliph. Through his influence he was able not only to increase the well-being of his co-religionists, but to develop Cordoba into the most significant center of Jewish learning and culture in the world, replacing the Babylonian School.

Jewish economic expansion was unparalleled. They were required to live separately in Jewish quarters, but were given administrative control over their communities and managed their own affairs. In a court system known as the Bet Din, Rabbis served as judges and rendered both religious and civil legal opinions.

The influence of Islamic culture injected into Jewish life was significant. The Arabic language, instead of Spanish and

Cont. at JEWS of SPAIN, on page 7.

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

JEWS of SPAIN, Cont. from page 6.

Hebrew, was used for prayers. Ceremonious washing of the hands and feet, an Islamic custom, became adopted by Jews before entering synagogues. Jewish music was sung to the tune of old Arabic melodies. Jews adopted the clothing style of their Moorish neighbors; however they were restricted from wearing the

family moved to the taifa, or state, of Granada. His talent for writing was recognized by the Muslim ruler who brought him into his court. Samuel became a charismatic leader of armies and rose to the position of vizier, like a minister of state. He is most remembered for his poetry, however. It is said that he brought the Hebrew language out of the confines of the synagogue and made it as versatile as the Arabic spoken by Andalusian Jews in his Hebrew poems of military victories and love.



The Modern City of Toledo, Spain

finest clothing such as furs and silk.

Toledo became the political, intellectual and spiritual capital of Spain where the country's largest Jewish population lived. Calle de la Juderia and the streets radiating from this center of Toledo was the core of a vibrant community that changed the face of Spain.

They were involved in translating Arabic texts to the romance languages, as well as translating Greek and Hebrew texts into Arabic. Greek literature and ideas were no longer confined to scholars. Jews contributed significant advances in the fields of botany, geography, medicine, mathematics, poetry and philosophy.

Samuel Ibn Nagrila, or Halevi in Hebrew, called himself the "David of his age." Born in Cordoba in 993, his

family moved to the taifa, or state, of Granada. His talent for writing was recognized by the Muslim ruler who brought him into his court. Samuel became a charismatic leader of armies and rose to the position of vizier, like a minister of state. He is most remembered for his poetry, however. It is said that he brought the Hebrew language out of the confines of the synagogue and made it as versatile as the Arabic spoken by Andalusian Jews in his Hebrew poems of military victories and love.

The Jewish people lived peacefully in Andalusia for 400 years, but the golden age grew more tarnished when more fundamentalist Muslim tribes gained power and brought with them radically stricter controls. Jews continued to work as moneylenders, jewelers, cobblers, tailors and tanners, but were required to wear distinguishing clothing, such as a yellow turban.

The first major persecution occurred in 1066 when a Muslim mob stormed the royal palace in Granada, crucified a Jewish official, and massacred most of the Jewish population of the city, about 4,000 individuals. As Muslims divided the kingdom into smaller units it led to the collapse of Moorish supremacy in Spain. Christian armies from the north began to make a foothold.

CATHOLIC KINGDOMS OF SPAIN 11th-15th centuries

The Christians conquered Toledo in 1098 and Jews in Christian Spain prospered while those under Moslem control suffered under the fundamentalist Almohad dynasty. Both Jews and Muslims were involved in the cultural, economic, intellectual, financial and political life of early Christian Spain. Conditions worsened for Jews as the

Christian presence expanded and there was increasing pressure to convert to Christianity.

In the years directly following the breaking apart of the caliphate there was a period of extraordinary innovation and a variety of cultural achievements. Moses of Leon was a proselytizer who wrote a series of booklets in Aramaic. Together these became known as the *Zohar*, the heart of the mystic tradition of *Kabbalah*.

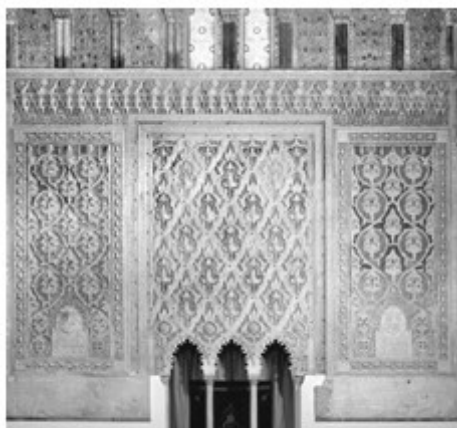
One of the brilliant minds who went into exile at this time to avoid conversion to

Christianity was Moses Maimonides. He left Cordoba for Africa as conditions deteriorated. There he became physician to the Muslim warrior-king, Saladin, in Egypt. His enduring philosophical works, mainly written in Arabic, include *Guide for the Perplexed* and *Mishneh Torah*.

Samuel Halevi Abulafia, financier to the Christian King Pedro, grew to be one of the wealthiest members of the Jewish community in Toledo. In 1360 he built a synagogue in the Moorish style known as *Synagoga del Transito*. The interior is decorated with script intricately carved into the plaster in Arabic as well as Hebrew, a marriage of intellectual and artistic languages. [Editor's Note: See pictures of *Transito* and detail, on page 10.]

Cont. at JEWS of SPAIN, P. 8.

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN



Interior of El Transito Synagogue

JEWS of SPAIN, Cont. from page 7.

We have some of his descendants here in our own congregation; Linda Abels, her daughter, Rachel Schor, and granddaughter, Ariana.

EDICT OF EXPULSION 1492

King Ferdinand II of Aragon and Queen Isabella of Castile united the country again when they married, then captured Granada. Father Torquemada, religious advisor to Isabella since her childhood, persuaded them that the Jewish community was expendable. In 1492 they commanded that all Jews who refused to convert to Christianity be expelled from Spain within 4 months and he became the grand inquisitor. This is known as the Alhambra Decree. Roughly a quarter of the country's population was forced to sell their homes and businesses at low prices and flee the country. Another 50,000 converted to Christianity. These Conversos, as they were called, remained subject to suspicion by the Inquisition. Some, called Crypto-Jews, continued to practice Judaism in secret.

In the first Sephardic diaspora, a large number of Jews settled in lands of the Ottoman Empire, especially Turkey and Greece. Many of these immigrants preserved their unique culture and Ladino language until the 20th Century. A second Converso Diaspora took place a century later. Many moved to

Holland where they were allowed to outwardly practice Judaism; others moved to Western Europe or Latin America.

Eventually Spain extended the inquisition into its New World colonies. Fear of persecution led Crypto-Jews to settle in more remote areas. Today their descendants can still be found in Colorado and New Mexico.

MODERN COMMUNITY 1834 TO PRESENT

The Inquisition was not officially abolished until 1834, lasting almost 350 years. When a new constitutional



Detail on Eastern wall

monarchy was later created, it allowed for the practice of faiths other than Catholicism. Jews were once again permitted to return to Spain. Their numbers increased slowly, often coming from Morocco, Germany, Austria and Hungary. Synagogues eventually opened in both Madrid and Barcelona.

During the Holocaust, Franco-led Spain aided the Jews by permitting over 25,000 Jews to use the country as an escape route from the European theater of war, as long as they "passed through leaving no trace."

Today there are approximately 50,000 Jews living in Spain, mainly of North African-Sephardic descent. It is one of the few Jewish communities in Western Europe that is growing in both numbers and activities. The Spanish government has more recently made an effort to increase awareness of the role that Jews

once played in Spanish life and to combat anti-Semitism. Now that they are part of the European Union, the country has become more attractive for its cost of living relative to northern Europe, plus its appealing weather, and lifestyle.

The Jewish communities are now centered in Madrid and Barcelona. There are currently 32 synagogues in the country including 3 Jewish day schools and a Reform congregation in Madrid.

Spanish historians started to take an interest in the history of Spain's Jewish population and in the language of Ladino. In 1995, the Spanish government created the "Route of the Sephardim." This network of historical tours aimed to help reclaim the country's Jewish history while also generating tourism. The route includes 21 cities throughout the country. In Toledo a museum dedicated to the Sephardic Jewish community is now housed in the ancient synagogue constructed by Samuel Halevi Abulafia, which has recently been restored to original beauty. Following the expulsion in 1492 it was used as a hospital, a priory, and even as a military barracks.

In 2015 the Spanish Parliament approved a measure aimed at restoring citizenship to descendants of Sephardic Jewish individuals who were expelled during the Inquisition. They can apply for dual citizenship and must pass a Spanish history test and demonstrate a connection to modern Spain.

SARAJEVO HAGGADAH

I want to conclude my talk by telling you the story about a book. In 1992 the Serbian army shelled the National Library of Sarajevo in order to destroy its many books and manuscripts. They had already burned more than 5000 Islamic and Jewish manuscripts from the Oriental Institute in the city.

Cont. at JEWS of SPAIN, page 9.

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN



Illustration from the Sarajevo Haggadah shows a black Muslim seated at the Seder table, participating with the family.

JEWS of SPAIN, Cont. from page 8.

Few books survived this destruction. Books—like songs, language, buildings and works of art—often tell stories. They can reveal that beneath the face of official tyranny, social and cultural interaction carries on. The artifacts that survive destruction are themselves acts of tolerance and resistance.

One of these surviving books is known as the Sarajevo Haggadah. This gorgeous illuminated manuscript, considered the best of its kind in the world has an appraised value of over \$700 million dollars. It was made somewhere in the

Christian territories of Spain in the late 13th or early 14th century.

Its first rescue was when it was taken out of Spain 500 years earlier during the Exodus of 1492. After being cherished all this time, it was rescued during World War II from destruction by the Nazis by a Muslim curator in the library at Sarajevo. At great personal risk he smuggled it into a mosque in a nearby city, later returning it to the museum where it remains on permanent display.

Years later the *New York Times* reported the following story:

In early April 1990 ethnic Albanians were herded out of Kosovo. Among them was a Muslim woman who was permitted to bring only a handful of belongings as she fled into exile. Among the most precious, since she kept it on her body rather than in a bag, was a piece of paper written in Hebrew, a language she could not read.

The Muslim woman presented the paper to a Jewish community in Macedonia where she had fled, to be translated. This paper was the commendation her father, the Muslim curator of the Sarajevo library, received from the Israeli government for saving not only the Sarajevo Haggadah, but a Yugoslavian Jewish orphan from the Nazis.

Inspired by the picture in the Haggadah showing a black Muslim seated at the seder table with the family, he had told his wife to welcome this girl just as this Jewish family had welcomed a Muslim in Spain so long ago.

Within days she and her family were flown to Israel and extended asylum. She was welcomed at Ben Gurion Airport by Prime Minister Netanyahu, and *by the woman her father had rescued fifty years earlier.* ~



Joke for November

by Ted Yegerman

Art Zweig, the plumbing contractor, was called into court for crooked practices—again!

“Zweig,” growled the judge, “this makes the fifth time in a year you’ve been in this court. You should be ashamed of yourself.”

“Now your honor, is that a nice way to talk?” asked Zweig reproachfully. “After all, I’ve seen you here, too, five times. But do I criticize you?”

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

For your convenience, cut out and copy this form the next time you're making donations or contributions: Send with your check.

Temple Adath Yeshurun Donation Form

Name of Fund _____

Amount of Donation _____ Check Number _____

From: Name _____
Address _____

To: Name _____
Address _____

In memory of NAME: _____

In honor of NAME: _____

In appreciation of NAME: _____

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN BOARD DIRECTORY

Cate Tanzer, President	714-4337	cate.tanzer@gmail.com
Bob Bersak, 1st VP & Membership	714-5407	rbersak@hotmail.com
Steve Short, 2nd VP	458-7399 (home)	steven.b.short@gmail.com
Michael Litvin, Treasurer	204-8000	mglitvin@yahoo.com
Reva Miller, Assistant Treasurer	669-1090	reva@discountnaturalfoods.com
Jake Berry, Secretary	493-8781	jakeberry11@gmail.com
Jonathan Baron, Ritual & Tech.	978-521-1728	jbaron@necompservices.com
Rabbi Beth D. Davidson	622-9390 (H) 540-3595 (cell)	rabbidavidsontay@comcast.net
Barry Frank	472-8773	bamkf@comcast.net
Ruthie Gordon	582-2949 (cell)	ruthiehsgordon@gmail.com
Mark Granoff	785-2302	memkgranoff@comcast.net
Alan Kaplan, Past President	361-2679	kap0205@aol.com
Emilie Kaplan	627-8787	jewel949@aol.com
Bob Katchen	621-0521	bobtmpladath@myfairpoint.net
Linda Rockenmacher, Sist. Co-pres.	232-3477	rockenmacher@comcast.net
Barry Scotch	668-7272	bscotchnh@hotmail.com
Serena Tanzer, Manty Pres.	471-0323	serena.tanzer@gmail.com
Michael Yellin	595-5957	yellin.michael@gmail.com

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Linda Rockenmacher

The start of November this year coincided with the beginning of the Jewish month of Cheshvan, and our sisterhood celebrated Rosh Chodesh at the lovely home of Linda Abels with a pot-luck dinner.

Rabbi Beth led us in a lively discussion about the first two chapters in Genesis, a parsha that has influenced the lives of women dramatically since it was first written.

Frankie Shapiro provided a delicious meal on October 22 for a *Breakfast with the Rabbi* before Torah study, and then did another feast of blintz kugels and fruit before Torah study on November 12.

Next month's *Breakfast with the Rabbi* will be on **Saturday, December 17**. All members (and guests, too) are welcome to join us as we enjoy food for both thought and our bodies.

Our See's candy sale was a great success and people are now receiving their orders. Thank you so much to Ruthie Gordon for chairing this fundraiser and to all of you who supported Sisterhood with your sales and purchases.

See's Candy Sales Sorters Smile at Work



From left, Joel Gordon, Sisterhood Co-presidents Linda Rockenmacher and Ruthie Gordon, and TAY president Cate Tanzer sort the sweetness for TAY supporters and friends. ~D. Rozenweig pic.

On Sunday, December 18, from 10 to 1PM, we will have a Chanukah Fair to provide an opportunity for you to purchase special gifts for the holiday from our newly-stocked shelves in the Judaica Shop.

This Chanukah Fair is more modest than the crafts fair we have held in recent years. However one artist, Barbara Lester, will have a table of her crafts. Come and see her works and others that we have in stock to help you with your Chanukah shopping.

In addition, we have a beautiful dragonfly pendant necklace donated by Jeffrey Scott Jewelers in Amherst—for which we are selling raffle tickets. The winner will be drawn at the end of the Chanukah Fair.

Were you overwhelmed this summer?

Forgot to send the Bulletin
NEWS of your
Graduations?
Weddings? Simchas?

SEND to
taynews@comcast.net

For **DEC or JAN-FEB**
ISSUES.

Inquiring Minds Want to Know.

Sisterhood Chanukah Fair

Sunday, December 18
from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

**See the special holiday gifts and newly-stocked shelves
in our Judaica Shop!**

- ◆ Glass artist Barbara Lester will have a display of her crafts.
- ◆ You can purchase a raffle ticket for a beautiful dragonfly pendant necklace donated by Jeffrey Scott Jewelers in Amherst.
- ◆ The winning ticket will be drawn at end of the fair.

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN



November Birthdays

Kylie Harrison

Elias Pound

Birthday Blessings

At FAMILY SERVICE (usually the first Friday of each month) children under the age of Bar or Bat Mitzvah are called to the Torah for birthday blessings.

Next Shabbat Family Service is
Dec 2 at 6 PM,
followed by a pot-luck supper.
Students are urged to invite their
secular school teachers to TAY and
supper following. Congregants are
welcome. Pot-lucks are fun.

See you on Shabbat.

TAY Security Reminders for ALL

Please remember that as part of our plan to increase security in the building, the front doors will be locked 15 minutes after the start of any service or class that is held when the office is not open.

We understand this may sometimes be an inconvenience. When the office is closed, we don't have anyone working the buzzer to screen visitors.

Thanks for helping us make TAY a safer place.

DONATIONS

Donations are listed from October 5, 2016 through November 10, 2016.

Building Fund

By Judith and Michael Goldsmith to Sue Niederman and family, in memory of Mark Younger.

By Judith and Michael Goldsmith to Ruthie Gordon & family, in memory of Julian Schlager.

Endowment Fund

By Leonard and Ellie Green to Susan and Jay Niederman, in appreciation.

By Pam and Luis Englander to Susan and Jay Niederman, in memory of Mark Younger.

By Marc Rubenson to Charlotte Krentzel and Lee & Jeff Forgosh, in memory of Alan Krentzel.

By Marc Rubenson to Susan and Jay Niederman, in memory of Mark Younger

Capital Campaign Fund

By Nancy and Jerry Zidle to Joni Taube and Eliot Sirkin, in honor of the marriage of Jenna to Rampal Chopra.

By Karen and Steven Rothstein to Robert and Debra Feins, in memory of Ann Feins.

Special Purpose Funds

Created with a minimum donation of \$5,000. May only be used for the specified purposes.

Alex Shapiro Building Improvement Fund

By Pam and Luis Englander to Lee and Jeffrey Forgosh, in memory of Alan Krentzel.

Brotherhood

By Margie and Jay Hodes to Ruthie Gordon and family, in memory of Julian Shlager.

By Margie and Jay Hodes, in memory of Joseph Scheiner.

By Margie and Jay Hodes, in memory of Ann Hodes.

By Margie and Jay Hodes, to Susan Niederman and family, in memory of Mark Younger.

Cemetery Chapel Fund

By Sue and Jay Niederman to Michael and Rikki Bornstein, in memory of your brother-in-law, Arnold Canner.

By Sue and Jay Niederman to Annebelle Cohen in memory of Arnold Cohen.

By the Tanzer family to Susan and Jay Niederman, in memory of Mark Younger.

By Jane Silberberg to Susan and Jay Niederman, in memory of Mark Younger.

Chesed Fund

By Ken and Sue Gelinas to Susan Niederman and family, in memory of Mark Younger.

MANTY Fund

By Shelley and Joel Spierer to Ruthie Gordon and family, in memory of Julian Shlager.

Perpetual Care Fund

By Ruthie Gordon and Cate Tanzer to Mike Litvin, in appreciation.

By Jean Schlager to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, in appreciation.

By Ruthie and Joel Gordon to Sue Niederman and family, in memory of Mark Younger.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

By Karen Silverstein to Annebelle Cohen, in loving memory of our dear friend, Arnold Cohen.

By Richard Friedman to Larry and Elizabeth Eckman, in memory of George Eckman.

By Richard Friedman to Joan Izen and family, in memory of Ida Rosenbaum.

By Richard Friedman to Sherry Goldberg and family, in memory of Jordan Elliott.

By Richard Friedman to Alan Becker and family, in memory of

Jacqueline Saunda Becker.

By Richard Friedman to the Itzikovitz family, in memory of Carol Itzikovitz.

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

DONATIONS, *cont. from p.12.*

Cont. at DONATIONS, on page 13.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, *cont.*

By Richard Friedman to Annebelle Cohen, in memory of Arnold Cohen.
By Leonard and Ellie Green to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, in appreciation.
By Sylvia Friedmann in memory of Aunt Gita Bayer.
By Frankie Shapiro & Ellen Covici to Ruthie Gordon and family, in memory of Julian Shlager.
By Miriam Singer of West Hartford, in memory of Neil Singer.
By Joan Izen and Joel Schwelling to Ethan Schwelling and Meg Bailey in honor of the marriage of our son Ethan to Meg.
By Jean Shlager to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, in appreciation.
By Millie Eisman to Charlotte Krentzel, in memory of Alan Krentzel.
By Millie Eisman to Do Younger and family, in memory of Mark Younger.
By Paula Blank and the Cannon family to Ruthie Gordon and family, in memory of Julian Shlager.
By Harriet Cannon.
By Marc Rubenson to Steven Schwartz, in memory of Rhona Gallman.

Religious School Fund

By Linda & Sol Rockenmacher to Ruthie Gordon and family, in memory of Julian Shlager.
By Tanzer family to Ruthie Gordon, in memory of Julian Shlager.

Short Family Youth Involvement Fund

By Tanzer family to Jean Shlager, in memory of Julian Shlager.
By Fran and Steve Short to Ruthie Gordon and family, in memory of Julian Shlager.
By Fran and Steve Short to Susan and Jay Niederman, in memory of Mark Younger.
By Fran and Steve Short to Robert and Debra Feins, in memory of Ann Feins.

Sisterhood Fund

By Karen and Steven Rothstein to Ruthie Gordon and family, in memory of Julian Shlager.
By JoAnn Meyers to Ruthie Gordon and family, in memory of Julian Shlager.
By Loretta and Ernie Greenberg to Ruthie Gordon and family, in memory of Julian Shlager.

Whitaker Music Fund

By Karen and Steven Rothstein to Susan and Jay Niederman, in memory of Mark Younger.
By Karen and Steven Rothstein to Charlotte Krentzel and Lee and Jeff Forgosh, in memory of Alan Krentzel.

Trees in Israel

Nancy and Alan Friedberg to Susan and Jay Niederman and family, in memory of Mark Younger.

Named Funds

Created with a minimum donation of \$1500; income helps fund temple operations.

Judith & Michael Goldsmith Family Fund

By Judith & Michael Goldsmith, in memory of Frank and Sylvia Gerber.

Continued at NAMED FUNDS DONATIONS, bottom of Col. 2 on this page.



November Anniversaries

**Roz and Gerald Angoff
Ruthie and Joel Gordon
Carolyn and Philip Hollman**

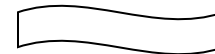
NAMED FUNDS DONATIONS, cont. from Column 1.

Harry & Sophie Katz Fund

By Nancy & Dick Katz to Susan Niederman and family, in memory of Mark Younger.
By Nancy & Dick Katz to Charlotte Krentzel and family, in memory of Alan Krentzel.

Stahl Family Fund

By Sherry Goldberg in memory of Jacob Sherman.



Yahrzeit

By Mike and Jan Litvin, in memory of Millie Litvin.
By Judy Clayman, in memory of Harry Clayman, Alice Clayman, Stanley Clayman, Arthur Addelson and Frances Addelson.
By Fran Gordon, in memory of Goldie Gordon and Freeda Shapiro.

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN



**** Presents ****

A Gathering through the Arts

Come celebrate the richness of our many faith communities.

Check in begins at 6:15 and program begins at 6:45 PM

*First Congregational Church, 508 Union St.,
Manchester, NH 03104*

*Students of Natyanjali ,
Bell Choir,
Barbershop Quartet, +*

*Join us for refreshments and conversation
after the program!*

Please register via email:
interfaithwomennh@gmail.com or
call 603-623-7461 before December 5, 2016

OUR MISSION:

To share religious beliefs, cultures, and traditions among women of diverse faiths in order to develop understanding and friendship among us and within our community.

Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service

Please join the Manchester community on **Monday, Nov. 21 at 7 PM** for our annual Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving.

The service will be held this year at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 335 Smyth Road, Manchester, NH.

Again this year, food will be collected for local food banks, and collected donations will support New Horizons.

No need to RSVP. Just attend.

Thanksgiving Quotation

GENESIS 27: 28

May God give you

Of the dew of heaven
and the fat of the earth,

Abundance of new grain and wine.



Manty's Winter Wonderland February 3, 4 & 5, 2017

Housing Needed for NFTY Teens

If you can help, please contact Adam Klein.

Email: ark5494@yahoo.com Phone: 508-215-6845

Cheshvan/Kislev 5777

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

DATES & TIMES : *MARK YOUR CALENDAR*



NOVEMBER

FRIDAY, Nov. 18

Shabbat Service 7 PM

SATURDAY, Nov. 19

Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM with Cantor Shira

Sunday, Nov. 20

Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting 10 AM

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

Monday, Nov. 21

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Methodist Church,

THURSDAY,

Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Day



FRIDAY, Nov. 25

Shabbat Service 6 PM, combined with Temple Israel, at TAY.

SATURDAY, Nov. 26

NO Torah Study

Sunday, Nov. 27

NO Religious School

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

DECEMBER

FRIDAY, Dec. 2

Shabbat Family Service 6 PM, With Cantor Shira, followed by pot-luck supper. Bring your teacher to TAY for services and supper.

SATURDAY, Dec. 3

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, Dec. 4

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Brotherhood Meeting 7 PM

FRIDAY, Dec. 9

Shabbat Evening Service 7 PM

SATURDAY, Dec. 10

7th Grade Shabbat Service, 10 AM (NO Torah Study.)

Sunday, Dec. 11

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

Thursday, Dec. 15

TAY Board Meeting 7 PM

FRIDAY, Dec. 16

Shabbat Evening Service 7 PM

With Cantor Shira

SATURDAY, Dec. 17

Sisterhood Breakfast with Rabbi 9:30 AM, followed by Torah Study

Sunday, Dec. 18

Religious School 10 AM

Brotherhood Chanukah Party 10:45 AM

Sisterhood Chanukah Family Gift Shop, Open 10 AM—1 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

FRIDAY, Dec. 23

Shabbat Evening Service 7 PM, With Cantor Shira

SATURDAY, Dec. 24

Brotherhood Mitzvah Program, Day 1 Torah Study 10 AM

Chanukah Begins at SUNDOWN, on Dec. 24, and continues for eight nights of candlelighting and festivities.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Brotherhood Mitzvah Program, Day 2.



**Share
Your
Simchas!**

Send details of your family

- ◆ Graduations,
- ◆ Engagements,
- ◆ B'nai Mitzvot,
- ◆ Honors and Awards

To the BULLETIN NOW

taynews@comcast.net

Did you forget?

Summer and the High Holy Days went by in a blur?

No worries. Send the news NOW.

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

The **Sisterhood Gift Shop** is open during normal office hours. Office hours sometimes vary due to holidays/construction.

Normal OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. 9 AM—5 PM
Tue. 11 AM—5 PM
Wed. CLOSED
Thu. 9 AM—5 PM
Fri. 9 AM—2 PM

(Call to check before you drive over.)

CHECK IT OUT:

Chabad of New Hampshire is presenting

CHANUKAH at the Palace

December 26, 2016
 5:30-7:30 PM

3rd Night of Chanukah

Program Features the **Maccabeats**
 And **Magic by Jay Mattioli**

TICKETS 603-668-5588

NEXT



BULLETIN- DEADLINE:

Send news + pictures TO
<taynews@comcast.net>

By Dec. 1, 2016

**For
DECEMBER
Bulletin.**

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN
152 Prospect Street
Manchester, NH 03104-3695

Tel (603) 669-5650

RETURN Service REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage

PAID

Manchester, NH

TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

TAY email: templeadathy@comcast.net

TAY WEBSITE: <http://www.taynh.org>

Beth D. Davidson, *Rabbi*,
rabbidavidsontay@comcast.net
Arthur Starr, *Rabbi Emeritus*, ReachingforAStarr@gmail.com
Stacy Garnick, *Educational Director*, eddiretorTAY@gmail.com
Office– templeadathy@comcast.net



TAY Bulletin Editor: Mary Singer
Assistant Editor: Jonathan Pollack

Personal communications:
mary.singer@comcast.net

Send all Bulletin info & copy to:
taynews@comcast.net

Cate Tanzer, , President
Bob Bersak, *1st Vice President*
Steve Short, *2nd Vice President*
Michael Litvin, *Treasurer*
Reva Miller, *Assistant Treasurer*
Jake Berry, *Secretary*
David Penchansky and Sol Rockenmacher,
Brotherhood Co-Presidents
Ruthie Gordon and Linda Rockenmacher,
Sisterhood Co-Presidents