



Hashofar

Adas Yoshuron Synagogue

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Passover Community Seder: Sold Out!

Thursday, April 2, 5:00 p.m.

We wish everyone a Happy Passover! We were blown away by the fantastic response to the Passover Seder! It was such an overwhelmingly positive response that we have sold out and reached full capacity for the event!

No walk-ins the day of the event will be able to participate. We will look for a larger space next year to accommodate a larger gathering.



Passover Services

First Day Passover Services, Thursday, April 2, 10:00 a.m.

Festival Shacharit service with Torah and Hallel. Passover (no chametz) potluck oneg; bring your first night leftovers.

Passover Shabbat Services, Saturday April 4, 9:30 a.m.

Special Passover and Shabbat service followed by Kosher for Passover (no chametz) vegetarian potluck kiddush lunch.

What We Carry: An Evening Yizkor for Passover

Wednesday April 8, 6:30 p.m.

On the eve of the last day of Passover, join us for an unhurried evening of remembrance — candle lighting, Yizkor prayers, a brief teaching on why Passover and memory belong together, and small group conversation. You don't need to be in active grief to come. You just need someone you're carrying. This evening is open to all. No prior knowledge required. RSVP to info@adasyoshuron.org.

Yom Hashoah - An Intimate Community Gathering and Service

Monday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

What does it mean to say "Never again?" Join us for a multi-generational evening of remembrance, poetry, and prayer.

Yom Hazikaron

Monday April 20

- Livestream Joint Memorial Ceremony, 1:30 p.m. (see page 2 for details)
- Ma'ariv Service, 8:00 p.m. We honor Israel's Memorial Day in person and on Zoom with prayers and poems.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Shabbat Community Dinner

Friday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.

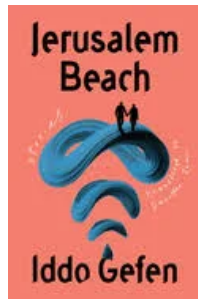
Join us for a Shabbat dinner celebrating Israeli life and culture in honor of Israel Independence Day.

Books & Bagels

Sunday, March 19, 10:00 a.m.

We'll get together for bagels and coffee and to discuss *Jerusalem Beach* by Iddo Gefen.

For more information or a Zoom link to join remotely, contact info@adasyoshuron.org.



Shabbat Hike - Rockport

Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.

Join Rabbi Lorin for a gentle hike with prayerful stops along the way as we tune into and appreciate the beauty of the Midcoast and this sacred day. RSVP to info@adasyoshuron.org by noon on Friday, April 10 for location details.

Passover Story Time

Friday, April 3, 10:00 a.m.

Pickering Room, Camden Library

Rabbi Lorin will join children's librarian Miss Amy as she hosts her weekly in-person story time with a focus on Passover, including exploring the seder plate, songs, and an art activity. The program is geared for preschool children, but all ages and families are welcome.

Jewish Study Group

Friday, April 10, 17, and 24, 10:30 a.m.

We will be reading an anthology of Jewish women writers. Join us for the discussion.

For more details contact Rabbi Lorin at rabbi@adasyoshuron.org

Jewish Family Programming in Belfast

Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.

Belfast Dance Studio, with Rabbi Erica Asch

All are welcome to join this family program of games, stories, snacks, and social time — all with Jewish content for kids. Led by Maine rabbis and educators.

Israel-Palestine Speaker Series

Sunday, April 26, 1:00 p.m.

We're teaming up with Beth Israel (Waterville), Beth Israel (Bath), and Beth El (Augusta) for a four-part speaker series on Israel-Palestine. We'll meet in person at Adas Yeshuron to engage with the speakers on Zoom together, and then gather for snacks and discussion.

The West Bank Frontier: Partnership in the Face of Peril

This will be an unflinching look at the West Bank as a shifting frontier, where escalating Israeli settler violence and the quiet momentum of de facto annexation are fundamentally altering the landscape. This session examines the severe toll these realities take on Palestinian lives, the integrity of Israeli democracy, and the work happening on the ground for Jewish-Palestinian reconciliation.

The speaker will be Israel Piekraash, who serves as the CEO and co-founder of the Anahnu Movement for new Israeli partnership and Jewish-Palestinian reconciliation.

RSVPs required. Let us know you are coming (info@adasyoshuron.org).

We are the Day After

Monday, April 20 1:30 p.m.

Join us at the synagogue for a livestream Joint Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day ceremony which will provide a unique opportunity to witness Israelis and Palestinians grieving together. This will be a powerful expression of shared humanity and remembrance. The ceremony is organized by Combatants for Peace and the Parents Circle – Families Forum.

Morning Minyan

Wednesday, April 8, 15, 22, and 29, 8:00 a.m.

Join us for a traditional Shacharit (morning) service, mostly in Hebrew. This is a great opportunity to hear the traditional *nusach* (chanted melodies) and be with the community in prayer. In person and also on Zoom.

Bet Midrash

Parashat Hashavuah - Weekly Torah Portion

Wednesday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 9:30 a.m.

In this session of Jewish learning, we explore the weekly Torah reading, both in *chevruta* (partners) and as a group. No experience necessary. All are welcome. Questions? Please contact rabbi@adasyoshuron.org.

From the Rabbi



*My father still loves me, and I
Love him always, so I don't
weep.*

*But in order to do justice to
this place*

*I have lit a weeping in my
eyes...*

*~Yehuda Amichai from "My
Father's Memorial Day"*

Shalom Chevre,

The Haggadah of the Passover Seder reminds us that "[i]n every generation, a person is obligated to see themselves as if they personally went out of Egypt." We do not merely commemorate but reactualize. We are not remembering something distant but reliving something present. According to Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi in *Zachor: Jewish History and Jewish Memory*, the Hebrew *zachor* (remember) in the biblical and rabbinic sense is an active, performative, communal act, not a cognitive one. This month allows us to expand this practice beyond the Seder in the sense that we collapse the distance between past and present.

I am in the midst of a six-month program made up of a North American rabbinical cohort that explores how our communities hold death and dying. On the last night of Passover (April 8) we will try a different type of Yizkor. The Yizkor service will

anchor the evening. From there we will move outward — from memories of those we have lost toward the words we most want to say to those still with us, as we stand humbly in our own mortality. It is my hope that the evening time slot and reframing will make this service more accessible for us to share both in a personal and communal manner.

Zichron L'vracha (may their memory be for a blessing) is both our language of comfort in the present moment as well as an invitation to carry our loved ones forward as inspiration and connection.

We are having two different programs linked with memory on Yom HaZikaron (April 20). Holding both of these programs as a community act allows us to honor the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for establishing and maintaining the State of Israel while also working towards a shared culture and vision of peaceful coexistence. We learn to build trust with one another through sharing our collective pain.

May we find pride and paths of possibility as we journey together to do the work of freedom that we feel from our seders.

Looking forward to being in community with you in this month of making memories present.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Lorin

President's Message

As March turns over to April and the sunlight keeps extending just a little more each day, we're getting our house ready for Pesach and thinking about spring and redemption. I was able to join Aviva Herr-Welber's Rituals of Transformation Program this past weekend and feel ready to burn and boil and immerse my way into a new season.

Here at the synagogue, we're also in the midst of transformation with a new Congregational Coordinator role. Kelli McCannell joined us just last week and she is already bringing a sense of order and overall holding of all of our many pieces. Kelli will be here in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings most weeks. Please introduce yourself to her if you see her!

World events continue to challenge us all and I find that coming together with this community is the best way to learn and to share and to find comfort. I invite everyone to join in our learning, praying, and social events — each one of us has a contribution to make. What else can we do but keep showing up for each other?

~Rosa Ergas, President, Adas Yeshuron

Donations

Thank you for your recent donation.

For the work of the synagogue

Fran Ornstein

Marty Pelham

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Emily Vigneron

Andrew Weissman and Deborah Carini

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Sarina Ergas and Allan Feldman

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Elizabeth Simon

Judith Stein

Daphne Lehava Stern

Judith Storch and Robert Sherrell

Emily Vigneron

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Anonymous

Thank You! Todah Rabah!

To: **Linda Garson Smith** for organizing the March
Community Dinner

To: **Rosa Ergas** for leading Od Yavo Shalom at the
Interfaith Service

To: **David Statman** and **Meyer Drapkin** for leading
Shabbat Services

To: **Debbie Carini** for great chili for the Shabbat
hikers

To: **Judy Stein** for organizing the Charoset Tasting

'Save the Soup Kitchen' Succeeded!

Thank you to everyone who sent a designated
donation to the Adas Yeshurun Soup Kitchen/
Community Meal fund. Thanks

to you we will be able to
continue our 35-year-long
commitment to serving our
Midcoast neighbors healthy,
delicious meals.

With gratitude,

~Linda Garson Smith



Purim Thank You

To: **Emily Vigneron, Stu Kantor, Linda Garson
Smith, Gail Wartell, David Statman, and Rabbi
Lorin** for the Purim spiel

To: **Emma Wendt, Andy Lackof, Ed Glaser, Janet
Martucci, and Mitch Kihn** for the Purim Band

To: Megillah Readers **Meyer Drapkin, Emma
Wendt, Liz Snider, David Statman, Linda Garson
Smith, Allen Feldman, Richard Aroneau, and
Susan Wind**

Shabbat Services in April

Passover Shabbat Services - Saturday, April 4, 9:30 a.m.

Special Passover and Shabbat service followed by Kosher for Passover (no chametz) vegetarian potluck kiddush lunch.

Kabbalat Shabbat and Evening Services - Friday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by a dessert oneg.

Shabbat and Rosh Chodesh Iyar Services - Saturday, April 18, 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat and services including Rosh Chodesh Hallel, followed by a kiddush lunch sponsored by Barbara Fishman in memory of her husband Joel Fishman, z”l.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Shabbat Community Dinner - Friday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a Shabbat dinner celebrating Israeli life and culture in honor of Israel Independence Day.

Community Dinner

We served 40 meals on March 1 with few leftovers: nine in person guests and 31 takeout meals. Jamie MacMillan, Susan Wind, Sarah Lozanova, and Sam James Levine cooked a tried and true recipe, “Mom’s Fabulous Chicken Pot Pie with Biscuit Crust,” vegetable stir fry, and rice pilaf. Susan Wind picked up and delivered the ABC Bakery bread, Steva Parkman and Shelley Kushner baked the yummy desserts: chocolate brownies and oatmeal/cranberry cookies. Thank you to everyone who participated!

If you’d like to do a mitzvah by participating in this community effort to feed our neighbors, please contact info@adasyshuron.org.

With gratitude,
~Linda Garson Smith



March Community Dinner volunteers
Photo: Linda Garson Smith

Easter Dinner Sign Up! Do a Mitzvah

Hello everyone! We’re reaching out to ask for your help in making the April 5 Easter Community Dinner the best it can possibly be this year.

We need your help to pull together all of the details. Please consider signing up to volunteer your time to help serve the dinner on April 5, to purchase supplies ahead of time, or to deliver meals to individuals who can’t attend.

No task is too small and we need all of you to make this happen. Please click on the link below to volunteer. Questions? Reach out to Ruth Kermish at (207) 691-2504 via text.

Thank you for offering your time to benefit the greater Rockland community!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4BAEAE2CA2FD0-62916219-easter#/>

Now in the Library

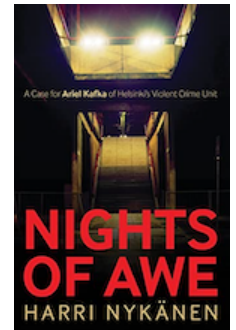
Finland’s Jewish community numbers in the neighborhood of 1,500 to 2,000. Think South Thomaston, on the low end, or Nobleboro, toward the top. Not many in a country a bit bigger than New Mexico, home to ten times as many Jews as Finland.

Enter Ariel Kafka (no relation to Franz), the lead investigator of Helsinki’s Violent Crime Unit, one of two Jewish police officers in Finland, and the driving force in the late Harri Nykänen’s *Nights of Awe* crime thriller.

Why the former Finnish crime journalist chose a Jewish protagonist is, for me, a mystery of another sort, but Nykänen pulls it off smoothly and suspensefully. The story is seasoned with touches of Jewish communal life in the Finnish capital, a dollop of involvement by embassy officials and others from Israel, finely tuned references to Jewish practice, and the almost obligatory incorporation (perhaps because this is the first of six novels featuring Kafka) of overheated Israeli-Arab friction.

If you enjoyed TV’s *The Closer* police procedural, starring the Jewish Kyra Sedgwick, you now have the solution to what you should read next.

~Stu Kantor



Hebrew School

In the month of March, the Adas Yoshuron Hebrew School students prepared to celebrate Passover. We reviewed the Passover story and practiced singing the *Mah Nishtanah*. We made “Elijah” and “Miriam” cups and had a chametz hunt. We then raced to make and bake our own matzot in under 18 minutes.

~Elizabeth Beggarly



Photos: Elizabeth Beggarly

Charoset Tasting

We had a delectable evening tasting a wide variety of charosets from around the world, and learning about the culinary history and traditions of recipes from Azerbaijan to Alaska. Delightfully surprising ingredients in the recipes included bananas, chestnuts, shallots, mangos, Brazil nuts, peanuts, oregano, and blueberries! A big thank you to Judy Stein for bringing us all together and providing so many recipes. What a wonderful way to enter the Passover season!



Photo: Liz Snider

Around the State

Lipman Lecture with Author Ayelet Tsabari

Thursday, April 16, 7:00 p.m., Colby College,
Bixler 219

Followed by book signing and dessert reception.

Ayelet Tsabari is the author of *Songs for the Brokenhearted*, winner of a National Jewish Book Award for Fiction, the Association of Jewish Libraries Fiction Award, and A Globe and Mail Best Book of 2024. Her memoir in essays *The Art of Leaving* was a finalist for the Writer's Trust Hilary Weston Prize and The Vine Awards, winner of the Canadian Jewish Literary Award for memoir, and an Apple Books and Kirkus Review Best Book of 2019. For more information <https://jewishlife.colby.edu/colby-and-waterville/the-lipman-lecture/>

Maine Jewish Film Festival

April 25 through May 2, 2026
at venues around the state.

For more information mjff.org

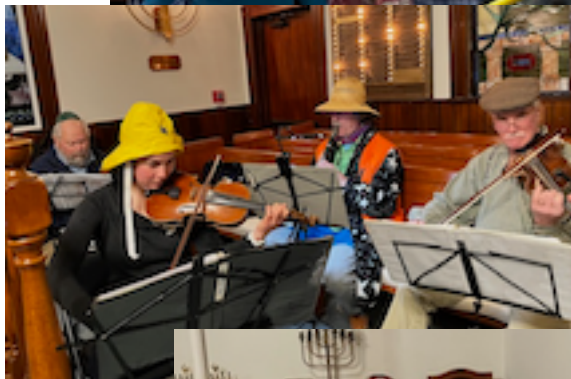
The Sea

Waldo Theater, Saturday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

The Maine Jewish Film Festival presents *The Sea* with special guests. For tickets <https://www.thewaldotheatre.org/film#:~:text=Tickets%20here>



Purim 2026



Yahrzeits April 2026; 14 Nisan - 13 Iyar 5786

Celia Tuschman	14 Nisan	April 1	Jeanette Busch Lapides	5 Iyar	April 22
Janet Levin Hovnanian	15 Nisan	April 2	Jordan Paul Zwecker	5 Iyar	April 22
Victor Greenberg	17 Nisan	April 4	Robert Finkelstein	6 Iyar	April 23
Deborah Marlowe	17 Nisan	April 4	Bertha Pollock	6 Iyar	April 23
Marie Gruenfeld	19 Nisan	April 6	Stanley Baer	7 Iyar	April 24
David Kolkin	20 Nisan	April 7	Milton Feinberg	7 Iyar	April 24
Fred Gold	21 Nisan	April 8	Philip Lapides	7 Iyar	April 24
Caryl Kolkin	21 Nisan	April 8	Lillian Rubinoff	7 Iyar	April 24
Laurence Neil Tobis	23 Nisan	April 10	John Graf	10 Iyar	April 27
Joel Glassman	24 Nisan	April 11	David Pollock	10 Iyar	April 27
Muffie Berliner	25 Nisan	April 12	Rene Vesery	11 Iyar	April 28
Alan Kaplan	25 Nisan	April 12	Louise Grinstein	12 Iyar	April 29
Morris R. Filler	26 Nisan	April 13	Ann Muehsam	12 Iyar	April 29
Michael Aaron Ostrow	26 Nisan	April 13	Morris Polise	13 Iyar	April 30
Douglas Gerrish	27 Nisan	April 14	Samuel Shafter	13 Iyar	April 30
Bella Rose Barnhart	30 Nisan	April 17			
Elliott Mammon	30 Nisan	April 17			
Etta Crockett Marcus	1 Iyar	April 18			
Sydney Robert Carr	2 Iyar	April 19			
Barbara Black Funk	2 Iyar	April 19			
Barney Leibowitz	2 Iyar	April 19			
Jesse L. Rosenberg	2 Iyar	April 19			
Edith Metzger	3 Iyar	April 20			
Oscar Meyerowitz	3 Iyar	April 20			
Edith Traber	3 Iyar	April 20			
David Lapides	4 Iyar	April 21			
Rachel Orenstein	4 Iyar	April 21			
Jacob Wolff	4 Iyar	April 21			
Ernest Dondis	5 Iyar	April 22			

We also mourn the loss of the following people who died within this past year. *Zichronam l'vracha*

David Rosenthal (July 24, 2025)
 Martha Goodyear Mason (July 30, 2025)
 Andrew Reichline (November 16; 26 Chesvan)
 Robin Foudray (November 19, 2025; 29 Chesvan)
 Eric Grossman (November 21, 2025; 1 Kislev)
 Gus Kermish (December 7, 2025; 17 Kislev)
 Barry Faber (December 19, 2025; 29 Kislev)
 Richard Long (December 31, 2025)
 Myron Feld (February 14, 2026; 28 Shevat)
 Stanley P. Cohen (March 8, 2026; 19 Adar)

Help Make a Minyan!

Kaddish Minyan Alert System: Be on Call to Make a Minyan

We aim to have a minyan (quorum of 10 Jewish adults) at every service in order to recite the Mourners Kaddish in community. Sometimes we need a few more people to make a minyan. If you would like to add your name to be contacted by text to join on Zoom when needed, please contact Michael Kosowskyat mk@heywhatsthat.com.

Board Notes

The Board of Directors shares highlights of their meetings. Please contact the Board if you would like to review the minutes.

The Board met on March 16, 2026. Board business included:

- Rabbi Lorin reported on his and Clare Tully's recent trip to Florida to visit some of our summer congregants. They were well received and appreciated and got some excellent feedback.
- Our new Congregational Coordinator, Kelli McCannell started last week. We are excited to have her join our team and will be scheduling a time for folks to meet her in the upcoming weeks. Welcome Kelli!
- Rabbi Lorin will be part of a post-film panel at the Maine Jewish Film Festival on April 26th at the Waldo Theatre. Click on this link for info and tickets: <https://www.thewaldotheatre.org/film>
- The Programming Committee is looking for additional members. Contact Richard Aroneau if you are interested.

The Board will meet next on Monday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m. Board meetings are open to all members of the congregation.

~Steve Mintz, Secretary

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Refu'ah Shleimah



We send our prayers for a complete healing to

Jimmy Brickel	Patricia Lombardi
Christina Camacho	Debra Lowtwait
Robert Cohen	Jamie MacMillan
David Cornelius	Janet and David Martucci
Laura Edelbaum	Susan Most
Stuart Finkelstein	John Parkman
Des Fitzgerald	Honey Pearlman
Vic Goldsmith	James Rapaport
John Hechtlinger	Elisheva Rogosa
Marsha Kaplan	Caroline Rosen
Beth Kettell	Autumn Scott
Jack Kettell	Dave Theriault
Cathy Landau-Painter	Ron Tesler

If you are aware of someone in the Adas Yeshurun community who is in need of healing prayers, please contact the office.

To read our COVID policy, go to <https://www.adasyeshurun.org/covid-policy>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bet Midrash 9:30 a.m. <i>Passover begins at sunset</i>	2 First Day Passover Services 10 a.m. Community Seder 5 p.m.	3	4 Passover Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
5 Easter Community Dinner	6	7	8 Morning Minyan 8 a.m. Bet Midrash 9:30 a.m. Yizkor 6:30 p.m.	9 Hebrew School 4 p.m.	10 Study Group 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 7 p.m.	11 Shabbat Hike 10 a.m. Family Program in Belfast 10 a.m.
12	13 Yom Hashoah Program 7 p.m.	14	15 Morning Minyan 8 a.m. Bet Midrash 9:30 a.m.	16 Hebrew School 4 p.m.	17 Study Group 10:30 a.m.	18 Shabbat Services and Rosh Chodesh Iyar 9:30 a.m.
19 Books & Bagels 10 a.m.	20 Memorial Service Live Stream 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting 6 p.m. Yom Hazikaron Service 8 p.m.	21	22 Morning Minyan 8 a.m. Bet Midrash 9:30 a.m.	23	24 Study Group 10:30 a.m. Yom Ha'atzma'ut Shabbat Dinner 6 p.m.	25
26 Speaker Series 1 p.m.	27	28	29 Morning Minyan 8 a.m. Bet Midrash 9:30 a.m.	30 Hebrew School 4 p.m.		

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