

KESHER

FROM RABBI SAM TGIShabbat

As we observed at the end of last month for Rosh Hashanna and we have continued this month with Yom Kippur and Sukkot/Simhat Torah, let us remember that these services are all derived from the Shabbat worship experience. The Friday evening service serves as a template for all evening holiday observances and the Saturday morning for morning services. In fact, Yom Kippur is called (Leviticus 16:31) “Shabbat Shabbaton” – a Sabbath of Sabbath rest. Thus, the High Holy Day and festival services are not a separate and distinct set of observances. Rather, they are a special subset of the weekly worship experiences.

Certainly there are special additions and changes to the worship service during the High Holy Day and festival services. The shofar, the unique melodies, the prayers and poems written in honor of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the stirring strains of Kol Nidre, and the atmosphere of anticipation of hope for a new year do bring us together in numbers well beyond the regular weekly worship. Sukkot and Simhat Torah also offer unique settings and rituals. With the sharing in the sukkah, the waving of the lulav, and dancing with the Torah we fulfill the traditional statement that we are to be joy-filled at the times of our festivals.

The regular Shabbat service, however, also brings wonderful opportunities to participate and renew communal support and commitment. We will have a variety of experiences every Shabbat to close out the week and find a connection to the special soul Shabbat plants in each of us.

Celebrate and receive an anticipatory blessing at

the first Friday night early service (6:30) of your birth-month. At that service, check out the newest ride in New Hampshire – *the D’varRide*. Do you have a tot – or just like to enjoy being with them? Sing and celebrate Shabbat on the bima at 5:00 prior to the potluck Shabbat dinner (5:30) and early service the first Friday of each month.

Join us every other Friday at 7:30 to welcome in Shabbat with the Temple community. You never know when there may be an opportunity to welcome in a new convert, celebrate the public naming of a new baby, wish a “mazal tov” to a couple preparing to wed, or just share a relaxing music and prayer-filled entrance into Shabbat.

And don’t forget Saturday morning: Torah study, worship, and an informal social potluck Kiddush Saturday mornings at 10:30 when there is no Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

While there will be Shabbat services with themes and events that will be announced in advance, there will also be many “surprises” that will make the evening or morning even more memorable. The best way not to miss one of these times is to be at the service when it happens. The best reason to be at the service is because, even without any special event, the service can be uplifting and spiritually fulfilling: whether you are simply attending or you are sharing in the leadership of the worship (Please feel free to contact me if you would like to learn more about sharing in leading parts of the service.)

In this New Year may we find ourselves saying, as the week winds down, “Let us try out services at Temple and say, ‘T G I S!’”

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Kesher, Connection,
is the newsletter
of Temple Israel
Dover, NH.

Ideas for submissions and letters to the editor are welcomed from members of the Temple Israel family and from others who wish to communicate with the congregation.

All communication with the Editor should be by e-mail. Publication is limited by editorial and space considerations.

The deadline for submission is the tenth of the month for the following month's issue of *Kesher*.

Email to:

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Rabbi Sam Seicol

Dear Friends of Temple Israel,

Our family is so grateful for the community of love that has supported my mother for many years. You have befriended and honored our mother both as a cherished member, and as a beloved survivor of the holocaust. As you know, Mama's faith is central to her self-understanding. Shabbat marks her rhythm of life, and she looks to the familiarity of your faces as a touchstone to her week. We could never express the depth of this connection or what it has meant for Anja and to all of us. In 2002 we celebrated my parent's 57th wedding anniversary, a few years ago we read from my mother's papers in a service of Holocaust Remembrance, we also mourned our father's death among you and much more. Each of your Rabbis have offered pastoral care and support. Each of you have shown such kindness and love. Alan Nasberg is my mother's spiritual son, and we are indebted to his faithful stewardship of rides.

My siblings and I are facing the difficult necessity of moving mama to be closer to her children. With the help of the Holy One, she will be residing at Langdon Place in Nashua, literally following Yom Kippur on October 10th. Although we are telling Anja that change is coming and that she will be moving- the reality of this transition is comprehended with wariness and uncertainty. We would like to ask that you help Mama if you can, by affirming the goodness of this next step that will provide a better quality of life for her. Your assurances will mean a lot to her. We are committed to helping Mama find a new spiritual home. Rabbi Jon Spira has already visited and is reaching out to welcome her.

Thank you dear friends for opening your hearts to our family. We will always remember you and thank God for the blessing you have been in my mother's life and to our own.

May this New Year bring new hope and promise to your community. Our heartfelt thanks and the blessings of Shalom be with you all.

Dirkje Legerstee, Mala Charest, and Joseph Legerstee

**THANK YOU TO
OUR ONEG HOSTS**

October 7
No Oneg—Yom Kippur

October 14
Mort & Nancy Cherim
Warren Goldblatt & Pam Schultze

October 21
David & Mary Kaye
Marc & Susan Shepcaro

October 28
Alan Nasberg
Lynne DeSantis

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS

If you are unable to host the Oneg Shabbat on the night assigned to you, please find a substitute by trading with another family from the membership directory. If you need to change your assigned date, please notify Cathi Cherry-Liston 603-312-0152, 603-269-4888 ccherryliston@yahoo.com or Susan Shepcaro 603-964-7959 sshepcaro@yahoo.com

All are encouraged to honor the memory of loved ones and to offer tribute to friends, relatives and community members through a donation to one or more of the special funds.

We express our grateful appreciation to:

Mitzvah Donations

Ellen Cohn

Yahrzeit Donations

Rita Novak – In memory of Myer Saunders
Carole Krassner – In memory of Phyllis Cohen, John Talisman, Gordon Cohen, and Edward J. Bleiler,

General Fund Donations

Carole Krassner –Welcome Rabbi Sam Seicol,
Get well wish to Ann Isacoff,
Cathi Cherry-Liston
Carole & Martin Jaffe – Welcome Rabbi Sam Seicol
Carole Krassner –High Holiday Honor
Cathi Cherry-Liston – High Holiday Honor

High Holy Days

Thank you to participants in services and to all who gave of your time and/or donated financially



Please consider marking special occasions and milestones along the path of life for you or members of your family by purchasing a leaf on the Tree of Life.

The rocks in the Sanctuary can celebrate joyous occasions or honor the memory of a loved one.

For more information, contact Tammy Fas-



Mazal Tov

to our members celebrating happy occasions in October!

Birthdays

- Aaron Williams (1), Rachel Fishbein (2),
- Randy Ann Thomas (2), Samantha Weinstein (3),
- Rabbi Karol (3), Belle Giguere (5), Marc Hiller(6),
- Lisa Titus (7), Maria Rubinstein (9),
- Alexa Jackson (14), Noah Saunders (18),
- Sharon Nye (18), Jeremy Giguere (21),
- Carole Krassner(22), Emily Behrendt (26),
- Sarah Fisher Fuller (28), Andrew Fishbein (29)



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Anniversaries

- Rachael & Andrew Fishbein (9)
- Scott & Betty Kaplan (10)
- Phil & Carolyn Ginsburg (28)



Simhat Torah @ Temple Israel

Thursday October 20 5:00 PM
All are welcome



These certificates are available from Hadassah for \$5.00 each for the purpose of honoring someone or remembering a loved one or friend who has made an impact on your life. For more information, contact Donna Goldfarb at 603-749-3293 or

Hospital Visits: Please keep us informed!

Due to national privacy laws, hospitals are not allowed to call congregations to inform them that their members have been admitted as patients. If you know you are going to be in the hospital please call the Temple office. If you find yourself in the hospital unexpectedly, please tell a nurse that you would like to see the hospital chaplain, who can call the Temple to let us know that you are there. Rabbi Sam and your Temple Israel community would like to provide support and comfort to you and your family.

Lorraine's Corner to come to Dover

Our continued wishes are with Steve Goren in memory of his wife Lorraine. May her memory be a blessing.

The following is from a letter to the Temple by Steve.

... [please] become part of a movement that will bring **hope** to Dover in the form of a meditative, healing garden which will be known as "Lorraine's Corner" and will be constructed along the Cocheco River in Downtown Dover at the Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens. Amy's Treat, an independent 501c3 community organization dedicated to providing help to people undergoing treatment for cancer and their families along with the professionals here at Seacoast Cancer Center in Dover offer assistances and "treats" to patients and their families as they deal with one of life's most stressful situations. "Lorraine's Corner" will be a place away from the hospital setting for anyone who seeks comfort and reflections. Patients, their friends, families or any community member can go there to relax, reflect and remember. Within the garden, there will be benches along a stepping stone walkway and the remains of a granite well fashioned to become a place to leave notes of hope and reflection. The plants will be chosen specifically to promote peace and meditation.

For more information, see www.amystreat.org



October 2011

- 06 4:00 Religious School Family Program
 07 8:00 Yom Kippur Evening Service
 08 10:00 Yom Kippur Morning Service
 1:30 Yom Kippur Family Service
 3:30 Yom Kippur Afternoon / Concluding
 Break the Fast following Concluding Service

- 12 – 20 Sukkot
 20 – 21 Simhat Torah

- 13 4:00 Religious School in the Sukkah
 14 7:30 Sukkot / Shabbat Service
 15 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study - Sukkot

- 20 5:00 Simhat Torah Family Service

****Please note the time change for this event****

- 21 7:30 Shabbat Service
 22 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – the Service

- 27 4:00 Religious School Classes
 28 7:30 Shabbat Service
 29 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Gen 1-11

Temple Israel in the Community

Temple Israel Mitzvah Project

Please bring food items that can be donated to the Dover Food Pantry at any time. We would like to continue our generosity to people in need throughout the year. Your help in this act of tzedakah (righteous giving) and g'milut chasadim (acts of lovingkindness) is appreciated!!!

Dover Friendly Kitchen

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

PLEASE JOIN THE

CONGREGATIONAL & COMMUNITY!!!

Temple Members serve dinner at the Dover Friendly Kitchen on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas Church Parish Hall on Locust Street. Our Temple effort needs people to help cook, serve and clean. We are there from 3:45 until around 6:15. Volunteers do not need to come for the whole time. For more information or to let me know if you plan to attend, please contact me. We welcome everyone's help! Thank you!

Andra Welch, Coordinator

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The Dover SHARE Fund

directly assists local residents

with needs that cannot be met through other helping agencies,
providing them with shelter and support for utilities and medical care.

Your support is appreciated!

Temple Israel of Dover has entered the world of...FACEBOOK!

Please join our group, "Friends of Temple Israel of Dover NH,"
established by Marc Hiller.

This gives us one more way to learn about Temple events in cyberspace
(along with our "real space" gatherings)!

Currently, this group can only be viewed by facebook members.

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Temple Israel, a growing Reform Jewish congregation, welcomes all who wish to participate in Jewish worship, study, and fellowship. Our mission is to serve as a center for Jewish tradition, Shabbat and holiday worship and celebration, life-cycle observances, opportunities for Jewish education for all ages, connection to Israel, and involvement in the wider Jewish world and for all who are in need.

Temple Israel is a proud member of the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) We join with more than 800 congregations in the Reform synagogue movement.

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News from the School

The Religious School program is off to an exciting start as students and families, together, prepared for the High Holy Days with educational and experiential activities. New Year greeting cards, resolution posters and wheels, and challah covers were created. We also heard stories, shared experiences and hopes for the coming year and took a holiday trivia challenge. Look for more opportunities to share, create, and learn as families during the rest of the year.

Formal classes begin October 27.

- October 6 4:00 Yom Kippur preparation activities and program
- October 13 4:00 Sukkot decoration making and Sukkah dine-in
- October 20 5:00 Simhat Torah for the entire community
******Please note the time change for this event******
- October 27 4:00 Religious School classes begin

OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

Week of October 1: Charles Kram (25), Martin Karelitz (26), Isadore Kotlus (26), William Baer (29), Nancy S. Hernandez (29), Suzanne Rubenstein (30), Bernard Cooperman (1), Leonard Lane (1), Joseph M. Baer (1)

Week of October 8: Sarah Edelstein (8), Mark Shor (8)

Week of October 15: Gertrude Fine (9), Gerald Landgarten (11), Julius Berenson (11), Peter Solomon (11), Louis Golub (12), Alec Cohen (14), Rachel Beaupre (15)

Week of October 22: Debbie Ginsburg (16), Jack Briskin (17), Lawrence H. Barrows (18), Dorothy Cohen (18), Irene Torf (18), Michael Pines (19), Jack Gotz (19), Samuel K. King (19), Gert Sternberg (20), Lena Bernstein (20), Margaret Jacoby (21)

Week of October 29: Sylvia Seperson (23), Alex Siegel (25), Martha Shuldman (25), Henrietta Banner Abeles (26), Gregory Parsons (26), Edward Black (26), Sherry Parsons (26), Clara R. Fisher (26), Gussie Berenson Shutzer (26), Louis Cohen (27), Gloria LoPatin (27), Boris Traven (27), Patrick Zirpolo (27), Marc Goldsmith (28), Jakki Wiese (28), Norman Stein (28), Leon Hirsch (29)

Week of November 5: Janette Krasin (30), Thelma R. Hooz (30), William Gross (31), Alice Wismann (1), Bennie Davis (1), Maurice Lifson (2), Leonard D. Kaplan (3), Samuel Smokler (5), Sidney Kates (5), Evelyn Robbins (5)

NOTE: *Yahrzeits are recorded according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary from year to year. Kaddish in the Synagogue may be recited on the Shabbat following the date of remembrance. It is traditional to make a donation in memory of the Yahrzeit of a love one. To make a donation, please contact the Temple Office.*



Memorial Wall



Members may add names of loved ones or reserve spaces on the new memorial wall with a minimum contribution of \$300.

Please contact the Temple Office for more information.