

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fourth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

Moving from Av to Elul

In the Hebrew calendar, Elul is the final month of the summer. It is during this month that we find ourselves looking forward to the Fall and a new Hebrew calendar year (this year it is 5773 AC). According to the tradition, the world was created on Tishri 1 5773 years ago. The commemoration of that event will be Sunday evening September 16, 2012. We mark that time with a special service of additional prayers, reflections, and melodies known as Rosh Hashanna. But we are still over a month away from the beginning of the High Holy Day period of 10 days of entrance into 5773. This month (August 2012), we will begin with the full moon of the month of Av and conclude with the full moon of Elul. By the end of August we will, therefore be half way through the last month of summer.

This has been an exciting and enriching summer, I pray, for all of us at Temple Israel. I will have concluded one full year with the congregation and we have mutually agreed to continue this relationship for at least the next two years. I have enjoyed being a part of the Jewish and general community here and anticipate more for the future. We have strengthened our membership commitment to the Temple, grown the Sisterhood and Brotherhood, celebrated worship and life-cycle services, developed new opportunities to fund raise while we fun raise, enhanced alliances with the larger community and with the Hillel at UNH, and enhanced our sense of connection to Israel and our Biblical history of rootedness in nature.

Like the mystics of Sefat, half a millenium ago, we took one monthly Friday evening service outside to find the entrance of Shabbat in a natural

surrounding. There is still one more chance this summer to share in that experience on August 17 – the night before the new moon of Elul. In this column, you can see a little of what we felt on July 20 at our last Shabbat by the Pond.

Even when the weather is not conducive to gathering outside under the setting sun, may this year fill us with the awe and wonder of God's creation and we build a stronger Temple together.



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TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

Summer Schedule

Monday — Friday
9:00 am – 1:30 pm

KESHER

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 twentieth (20th) of the month for the following month's issue of *Kesher*.

mail to:

Tammy Fascetta
TempleOffice

@dovertemple.org
or

Rabbi Sam Seicol
rabbisam@dovertemple.org

Saturday Afternoons at the Bagelry

Have you been there recently?

Temple Israel in cooperation with UNH Hillel has been holding an open-ended, drop-in discussion program most Saturday afternoons at 2:30 at the Bagelry in Durham. The general theme for this program has been "Understanding Judaism".

If you have attended or never attended any session, please send your responses to the appropriate questions below to:

rabbisam@dovertemple.org

(copy and paste the questions into your email response)

Did you know this was happening?

Is 2:30 on Saturdays in Durham convenient for you?

Is the general topic of interest to you?

Would you find a set series of sessions more interesting?

If yes, what topics would you like to see?

What was the most enjoyable part when you attended?

What Adult Education programs would you like to see?

What times would you like for Adult Education programs?

Thank you in advance for participating in this survey

**THANK YOU TO OUR
ONEG HOSTS**

August

Pot luck oneg...Summer-style

August 3

Pot luck dinner 6:20

August 17

No pot luck

Special early service by the Pond

Kiddush and Motzi
Following the service

Hosted by the Temple

**BENEFIT THE TEMPLE
& YOURSELF**

Advertise in the Kesher, B/W or full color
for the same price.

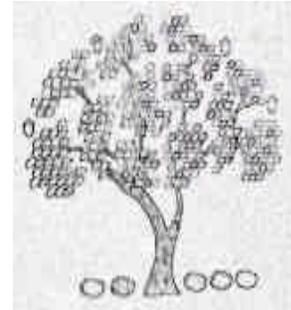
Monthly and annual rates available.

For more information, please contact Tammy:
templeoffice@dovertemple.org

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



**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 Fascetta in the Temple office.**



Mazal Tov

to our members celebrating
happy occasions in August!

Birthdays

Maddy Shuldman (4), Bill Schoonmaker (4),
Mary Kaye (17), David Kaplan (18),
Samantha Fisher (18), Rick Robbins (22),
Savanna Weinstein (28), Martin Jaffe (29),
David Ramsay (30)

Anniversaries

Michael & Meridith Davidson (6), Alan & Donna Goldfarb (10), Mitchell & Diane Shuldman (11),
Rob & Lois Costa (11), Rabbi Sam & Jenni Seicol (18)



B'not Mitzvah

Fall 2012 — Summer 2013

September 8
April 6
May 4
May 18
June 1
June 8
June 29

Emily Kaye
Elly Mather
Harrison Flagg
Evan Saltman
Olivia Gannon
Nathan Pastor
Jacob Saunders

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 unexpectedly find yourself in the hospital, 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 all the Temple Israel community would like to offer support and comfort to you and your family.

(From the files of Ann Isacoff at Langdon Place)

(A Rosh Hashannah Joke)

A man in Boston calls his son in Philadelphia the day before Rosh Hashannah and says: "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you: your mother and I are getting a divorce. Forty-five years of misery is enough."

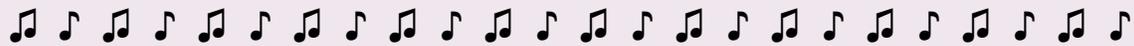
"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer!" the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting a divorce," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls Boston immediately and screams at her father. "You are not getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing....DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up the phone and turns to his wife, "Done! They're coming for Rosh Hashannah.... and they're paying their own way."

Sisterhood News



Music for Shabbat Fund

This year Sisterhood has budgeted \$1,600.00 for the purpose of starting a Shabbat Music Fund. This fund will be included amongst the other funds and donations in the Temple Israel community.

The Shabbat Music Fund will be for raising money to have musical accompaniment on Shabbat at least one Friday per month. All donations should be mailed to the Temple. These monies will be used only for Friday, Shabbat service enhancement. Donations can be made for honoring and remembering loved ones. The checks should be made out to Temple Israel Sisterhood and define it for the Shabbat Music Fund.

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MARK THESE DATES

HIGH HOLY DAY GREETING FORM DUE — Friday August 14

See the Sisterhood section on the front page of the website www.dovertemple.org for the greeting form

CURRIER MUSEUM AND ZIMMERMANN HOUSE — Thursday, August 23, 8:30-3:00

All are welcome: members, friends, and spouses are included (not recommended for children under 12)

Reservations: (First come first served) with check by Monday, August 6, payable to: Temple Israel Sisterhood
Please mail to Leslie Kirshman, 35 Muirfield Drive, Stratham, NH, 03885

Cost: \$12.50 per person **Departure:** 8:30 from Park & Ride Route 125 in Epping *Lunch around noon*

RSVP: Leslie Kirshman at 603-580-1871 or email larainericcardi@yahoo.com

HIGH HOLY DAY CHALLAH ORDER FORM DUE — Tuesday September 4

See the Sisterhood section on the front page of the website www.dovertemple.org for the order form

FAMILY TZEDAKAH BOX CRAFT PROGRAM — Wednesday September 5, 7:00

Please come to the Temple and prepare for the Jewish New Year by creating a hand painted, ceramic Tzedakah Box to set the tone of family giving to all those who are in need throughout the year.

All women are invited to join us. Especially designed for friends and families. Mothers and daughters (over the age of 12) are encouraged to share in this mitzvah project. **Includes a brief general meeting and pot luck dessert.**

Cost: \$20.00 per Tzedakah Box, which includes all necessary materials and firing.

PAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY: Saturday, August 18

Are you looking for good gifts ?

Shop at the Temple Gift Shop

Would you like to share in friendship, learning, and events with other women?

Consider joining the Sisterhood

For more information call Leslie 580-1871

**The Sisterhood offers our condolences to Donna Goldfarb and her family
on the passing of her mother, Rose Greenblatt.**

We will long remember her happy attitude and pleasant smile.

We have not moved

Only our street address has changed

We are still at what was formerly 515 Sixth Street. We are now a part of the neighborhood association that includes the owners of all the new houses that have been developed (and the few yet to be built) on the lower end of our former property. With the development of the new houses, came the establishment of a new Dover street — Olive Meadow Lane. Olive trees are special and protected in Israel.

We requested and received number 36 (which is double Chai — which are the Hebrew letters that stand for the number 18 and mean “life”).

Thus our new address is: 36 Olive Meadow Lane

Our mailing address remains: P.O.Box 254 Dover, NH

Did you know that the Dover Chapter of Hadassah has cards and certificates available for purchase?

Proceeds from the sales of these attractive certificates and lovely cards support Hadassah's many projects and programs in Israel and throughout the world, and the price is right for each certificate and card.

Here is a sample of one of the many cards available:



If you would like to order a greeting card — Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Congratulations or Mazel Tov, Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, Wedding or Holiday (New Year or Rosh Hashanah), or even note cards — let me know.

Certificates can also be purchased to honor or remember a loved one or commemorate a special Simcha, mark a Milestone, or make a Memorial Tribute.

For more information or to order a card or certificate please contact Donna M. Goldfarb (603) 749-3293. It is best to call to talk about how you would like your card prepared, as well as to provide the appropriate addresses. In most cases, cards will be sent out the day they are ordered.

Brotherhood News

We enjoy getting together monthly over a coffee and bagel breakfast. We are also excited about the rest of this year and our plans for next year.

- Jewish Food and Music Festival
- Joint programs with Portsmouth
- Holiday programs and learning opportunities

For more information or to be added to the Brotherhood email list, contact:
Templeoffice@dovertemple.org

Temple Israel in the Community

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. Temple Israel's 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

abbwelch@yahoo.com or 534-4142

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!

www.dovershare.org

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 loving kindness) is appreciated!!!

Temple Israel of Dover is active in cyberspace!

All are welcome to join us on Facebook, "Friends of Temple Israel of Dover NH," established by Marc Hiller.

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

We are also listed among the organizations at
<http://www.interfaithfamily.com/elgg/pg/groups/2598/temple-israel/>

TEMPLE ISRAEL DOVER

INVITES ALL SEACOAST AREA FAMILIES TO
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2012
4:00 - 5:30

Experience learning as a sweet and enjoyable process



- Meet Rabbi Sam, the Religious School faculty, and other families
- Classes in Hebrew reading, Jewish history and texts, and Israel studies
- Programs available for pre-K through High School students
- Adult education opportunities also available at Temple Israel of Dover
- Tour the Temple building, fields, and private pond
- Learn about the many activities for individuals and families of all ages
- Religious School classes are Thursdays from 4:00 – 6:00

36 Olive Meadow Lane (formerly 515 Sixth Street)

For more information contact the Temple office:
(603) 742-3976 or templeoffice@dovertemple.org
www.dovertemple.org

JULY DONATIONS

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

We express our grateful appreciation to:

General Fund

Yahrzeit Donations

Muriel Slutzky –

In memory of Goldie Saunders

Rita Novak –

In memory of Goldie Saunders

Grace Simon –

In memory of Anne Stack

Carole Krassner –

In memory of Arthur Golden & Rose Greenblatt

Cathi Cherry-Liston –

In memory of Rose Greenblatt

Designated Fund

High Holy Day Music Fund

Cathi Cherry-Liston

Carole Krassner

Michael Behrendt & Naomi Kornhauser

Stan & Rita Robbins

Alvin & Marilyn Mars

David & DeeDee Goldstein

Capital Campaign

Cathi Cherry-Liston

Rabbis Discretionary Fund

Ken & Bertha Litvack

AUGUST YAHRZEITS

Week of August 4:

Barnet Bordetsky (29), Chester A Kennon (29), Sam Jacobs (29), Benjamin Edelstein (30), Michael Goodstein (30), Ruth Seligson (30), Sadie Rockenmacher (31), Hilda Kleinhandl (1), Max Flescher (1), Sadie Medved (2), Berla Mae (3), Thomas Peters (4), Rose Verner (4)

Week of August 11:

Max Isacoff (5), Albert Issokson (5), Marlean Willensky (6), Elsie Klein Glosserman (7), Curtis Most (7), Raymond Newton (8), Max Cohen (8), Jeannie Daniels (9), Meyer Hiller (10), Bertha Stein (10), Lillian R. Rubin (10), Bertha Wolfson Shapiro (10), Irene R. Lindy (23), Ivor Frank (11), Saul Smokler (11)

Week of August 18:

Alice Cohen (12), William Hymanson (13), Pearl Edwards (15), Virginia Lipman (15), Sidney Robbins (15), Auxlia Marie Nye (16), Murray Daniels (18), Ruth Goldman (18)

Week of August 25:

Eva Pastor (19), Esther Weinstein (20), Marvin Poster (21), Samuel Sibulkin (22), Judah Wise (22), William Kleinhandle (23), Betty Doris Kates (24), Robert Dick (24), Krissy Yanofsky (25)

Week of September 1:

George Nielsen (26), Mary Nicole (26), Arthur Yaffee (26), Dyna Dykerman (26), Myer Saunders (27), Charles Zinck (27), Nathan Issokson (27), Samuel Goldstein (27), Harry Stein (28), Frederick L. Diengott (28), John Talisman (30), Barbara Alperin (31), Joseph Jalbert (1), Barbara O'Conner (1)

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 loved one. To make a donation, please contact the Temple Office.

Memorial Wall

Members may add names of loved ones or reserve spaces on the memorial wall with a minimum contribution of \$300. Please contact the Temple Office for more information.



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Temple Israel is a vibrant Reform Jewish congregation. We welcome all who wish to participate in Jewish study, worship, and fellowship. Our mission is to be a center for Jewish tradition, Shabbat and holiday services and programs, sharing of life-cycle events, opportunities for Jewish education for all ages, connection to Israel, and involvement in the wider Jewish world and support 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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August 2012

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 03 Early Shabbat Services & Dinner
 - 6:00 Tot Shabbat Program
 - 6:20 Pot-luck Family style Dinner
 - 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 04 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service

- 10 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 11 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study

- 17 3:00 Service program at Langdon Place
- 6:30 Summer Early Service by the pond
- 18 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Elul

- 23 8:30–3:00 Currier Museum/Zimmerman Hse
Sisterhood sponsored tour
- 24 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 25 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study

- 31 7:30 Shabbat Service