

# KESHER

Our Seventy-Fourth  
Year!

FROM  
RABBI SAM

## Fixed Spontaneity

This may sound like a bit of a paradox, or somewhat of an oxymoron. Living in the many paradoxes life presents to us, however, is at the root of much of Jewish philosophy and practice. In most cases we are taught not necessarily to try to resolve the paradox but to wrestle with it. We are especially encouraged to study both sides of the issue with others. The process by which we learn from one another and explore together the words of the tradition is more important than any specific answer we might arrive at.

This is especially true in the approach to formal public worship. Rabbi Shimon, over 2000 years ago, is quoted in Pirkei Avot 2:13 as teaching us to keep the words of the Shema and Tefillah fixed while inserting ourselves into the worship in a personal and intentional way. This paradox of both fixed prayers and personal spontaneous worship is at the heart of our approach to dialogue with God and formal worship in a community setting. Thus, the prayer service is not an either/or proposition. Either we do it the same way every week (day, holiday, etc) or we created worship experiences that are new and fresh all the time.

The very beginning of Pirkei Avot (1:2) states that the worship service is one of the three pillars on which the very foundation of the world stands. The other two are Torah and acts of loving-kindness. The way we approach worship, then, both as individuals and as a community is a basic part of the way we reinforce our view of the world on a regular basis.

The compilers and editors of our prayer-book, Mishkan Tefilah, certainly had this in mind as they worked to create a template for worship in a

Reform setting. Mishkan Tefilah offers fixed prayers around each of the themes of the service process, while providing the leader the opportunity to choose different intentionalities at any given service. This balance of keva (the fixed words) and kavvanah (intentionality), however, is only a first step. It offers one pathway to living with and balancing the apparent contradiction of living with both sides at the same time.

The next step calls for the worshipers as individuals and for the worship community as a formal whole to build on this template. We must work out ways to create some sense of fixedness so that we are all “on the same page” and in the “same place” as it were. For there can be no true community unless we are somehow together. Within that fixed time and place, however, we must also create the knowledge and sense of the celebration of each individual.

To accomplish this balance of keva with kavvanah, Temple Israel will now be following a Shabbat schedule that is both fixed and fluid.

Each Friday night, the Temple will begin the service at 7:00. There will no longer be early, late, and earlier services with times varying from 7:00 to 7:30 to 6:30 and back again. On the first Friday there will still be our 6:00 tots on the bima program for our youngest members and friends and a 6:20 family style pot-luck dinner. All other Fridays will still include a 6:00 Adult Hebrew program for all interested in improving prayer reading fluency and understanding. In this same way, all Saturdays will be at 10:30 with the first Saturday being a formal Shabbat morning worship and Torah service.

The Friday night services will enhance the ability for each to connect with a deeper sense of kavvanah by varying the format and educational opportunities we provide. Remember to check the calendar and website regularly for the composition of the service. But know that we will be here every Shabbat: the same time and the same place.

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### TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am – 1:30 pm**

**Thursday 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

#### **KESHER**

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

Ideas for submissions and/or letters to the editor may be submitted by members of the Temple Israel family and all others who would like to share news or information with the Temple community.

All communication with the Editor should be by e-mail. Publication of any flyer or any other article or submission 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*.

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## Shabbat @ Temple Israel

**Services Friday nights 7:00**

**Service or Torah Study Saturday mornings 10:30**

**All members, non-members, guests, and friends  
are welcome to attend all services and programs**

**Saturday December 1 Formal Torah service**

**This service is required for all 6th & 7th grade families**

**Friday December 7 First Friday also featuring:**

**6:00 Tots on the Bima**

**6:20 Pot-luck dinner**

**Saturday December 8 Torah Study**

**Friday December 14 Music by Sue Horowitz**

**Saturday December 15 Torah Study**

**Friday December 21 Meditation & Music (Alan Wolff)**

**Saturday December 22 Torah Study**

**Friday December 28 Service & early New Year's Eve**

**Saturday December 29 Torah Study**

# Chanukah is coming

Light the candles each night Saturday December 8 — 15

Join us for special celebrations at the Temple

**Thursday December 13 4:00 Community Chanukah Program**

Sponsored by the Religious School — all are welcome

- Latke and Sufaganiot eating
- Book and media exchange
- Chanukah Decoration Making
- Chanukah Games

**Friday December 14 7:00 Chanukiot Lighting (7th night)**

Sponsored by Ritual Committee — all are welcome

All are encouraged to bring personal Chanukah Menorot

7:30 Shabbat/Chanukah Service

Music with Sue Horowitz — Sponsored by Sisterhood

Guest Speaker Inbar Keren — Sponsored by Jewish Federation

**Sunday December 16 10:00 Annual Latke Making Party**

Join the Diengott Family and friends for our annual gala event

## 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, please tell a nurse 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 be able to offer support and comfort to you and your family.

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
ONEG HOSTS**

- Dec. 7** Jodie Fisher-Aviles  
Margie and Bob Fisher
- Dec. 14** Carolyn Anderson and Phil Ginsburg  
Jodi and Stuart Scharff
- Dec. 21** Lois and Robert Costa  
Jane Liemer
- Dec. 28** Pot-luck Style Oneg
  
- Jan. 4** David Yanofsky  
Ruth Wharton McDonald & Stephen McDonald
- Jan. 11** Patty and Andy Diengott  
Stacey and Jeff Segil
- Jan. 18** Carole Krassner  
Heidi Krassner
- Jan. 25** Sharon and Steve Brody  
DeeDee and David Goldstein

**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



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 also 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 who are celebrating happy occasions in December! Join us at Friday evening services on December 7, 7:00 PM as we offer our wishes for your special day.

**Birthdays**

- Michele Samuels (1), Rita Robbins (2), DeeDee Goldstein (4), Burton Cohen (6), Mort Cherim (7), Janice Miller (8), Michael Davidson (12), Brendon Kotlus (15), Joshua Jacobs (18), Roger Elkus (18), Kristin Adelman (19), Arthur Saunders (21), Marc Weinstein (24), Andrew McDonald (24), Satchel Adelman (23), Louisa Samuels (26), David Goldstein (29), Michael Kaplan (30), Will Ramsay (30), Zoe Adelman (31), Abigail Kaye (31)

**Please welcome  
this month's  
new member**

**Randy Schwartz**

# *We have not moved*

## Look for our new sign on Sixth Street

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 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”).

## 36 Olive Meadow Lane

Our mailing address remains:

**P.O. Box 254 Dover, NH 03821**

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

(From the files of Ann Isacoff at Langdon Place)

#### My Favorite Quotes

1. The world is full of willing people. Some are willing to work. The rest willing to let them.
2. Isn't it a shame that future generations can't be here to see all the wonderful things we are doing with their money.
3. Elections should be held at Christmas. That way if we don't like who we elected, we can exchange them.
4. Regular naps prevent old age, especially if you take them while driving.
5. If you want a new idea, read an old book.
6. I was stopped once for going 53 in a 35 mile zone, but I told them I was dyslexic.
7. I figured out a way to slow down inflation. Turn it over to a Government worker.
8. The only one of your children who doesn't grow up and move away, is your husband.
9. I lost 20 pounds. Unfortunately I was in England at the time.

(I wish I had thought of these before)

### **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 at  
**<http://www.interfaithfamily.com/elg/pg/groups/2598/temple-israel/>**



## Sisterhood Thanks

Temple Israel Sisterhood sincerely thanks the following individuals, who most definitely contributed to the success of our Fall Donor Dinner.

Thank you to:

Dr. Jeffery Segil of Dover Women's Health for making our dinner possible and for offering your insight and expertise as our guest speaker.

Thank you to:

Mrs. Sally Cobb of Mezzanine Catering

Miss Juliet Diengott, who prepared our soup and helped with the kitchen choreography

Mrs. Stacey Segil who contributed the wine and helped with the publicity

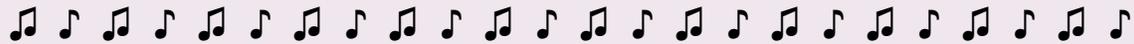
Mrs. Glicka Kaplan who prepared the dessert

Thank you to:

all the wonderful volunteers who helped to ensure that the set-up, serving, and evening ran smoothly:

- Mrs. Karen Mott
- Mrs. Mary Kaye
- Mr. Mort Cherim and Mrs. Nancy Cherim
- Miss Lila Cherim
- Mrs. Laraine Riccardi
- Mr. Joel LaFargue
- Mrs. Tammy Fascetta, who provided the office help for taking reservations

# Sisterhood News



## Music for Shabbat Fund

The Shabbat Music Fund provides support for Friday evening Shabbat service music enhancement. Donations can also be made for honoring or remembering loved ones. All donations should be mailed to the Temple. Please make checks to Temple Israel Sisterhood and designated for the Shabbat Music Fund.

**We will be sponsoring the music of Sue Horowitz on November 30, and December 14.**

Sisterhood Shabbat with music and song night October 26 was a wonderful success and as lovely as we expected it to be. We thank Alan and Joel and all the Sisterhood members for hosting the Oneg. We thank Rabbi Sam and Susan Horowitz for presenting such a beautiful Shabbat.

November 30 Sisterhood will sponsor the next Shabbat with a music and song program. Susan Horowitz will be joining us again with her dear friend EJ who will be signing the Hebrew songs as Susan sings. This will make for a very special evening and hope you will be able to attend.

## Langdon Place

We extend a hug and thank you to Emily and Abigail Kaye for beautiful their musical accompaniment to Rabbi Sam's program that our Sisterhood sponsors the third Friday of each month at Langdon Place.

We are pleased that the girls will return to Langdon Place, Friday, December 21 at 3:00.

## Chanukah Gift Shop

The Chanukah Gift Shop will be open this month. Please remember that what you purchases goes toward aiding the Temple and the Religious School. Our costs are only a few pennies more than you will find at the local stores. Please take a look at what we have to offer and let your hearts do the judging.

## Special Notes and Wishes

Thank you to Florence Pastor, Muriel Slutzky and Rita Novak for the items they donated to the gift shop. Sisterhood is wishing Eve Edlestein a rapid recovery. You are certainly in our thoughts.

### Consider joining the Sisterhood

**For more information contact Leslie (603) 580-1871 or [LeslieKirshman@aol.com](mailto:LeslieKirshman@aol.com)**

# Brotherhood News

Please join us for our monthly Bagels and Fellowship

We are excited about the rest of 5773 with monthly breakfasts and special events.

Watch this space or check the website calendar for more information

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

To be added to the Brotherhood email list, contact:

[Templeoffice@dovertemple.org](mailto:Templeoffice@dovertemple.org)

# Religious School Calendar December 2012 — January 2013

## December

- 01 10:30 Shabbat Service – required for all pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and families
- 06 4:00 Religious School Classes / pre-Chanukah sales / Temple Book exchange
- 07 6:20 Pot-luck Shabbat Dinner
- 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 08 – 15 *Chanukah Candle Lighting in the evening at home*
- 13 4:00 Religious School sponsored Chanukah event - all are welcome
- 5:00 Menorah lighting, latke eating, dreidl games
- 14 7:00 7th night Chanukah candle lighting
- 16 10:00 Annual Temple latke party

## January

- 03 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 04 6:20 Pot-luck Shabbat Dinner
- 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 05 10:30 Shabbat Service – required for all pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and families
- 10 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 17 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 24 4:00 Community Tu B'Shevat Celebration
- 31 4:00 Religious School Classes

## Temple Israel in the Community

### Temple Israel Mitzvah Project

Food can be donated to the Food Pantry any time. Your help in this act of tzedakah (righteous giving) and g'milut chasadim (loving kindness) is appreciated!!!  
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**Volunteers are needed for the 3rd Thursday of each month from 8:30 — 12:30**

**to help work at the Dover Food Pantry**

**Karen Robichaud at (603) 749-4235 or [blrklr2@aol.com](mailto:blrklr2@aol.com)**

### 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](http://www.dovershare.org)**

### Dover Friendly Kitchen

**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!  
PLEASE JOIN THE 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*

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**NOVEMBER DONATIONS**


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*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 appreciation to:*

### **General Fund**

Andy & Patty Diengott –

Thank you for Aliyah on Yom Kippur

### **Capital Campaign**

Cathi Cherry-Liston

### **Thanksgiving Service**

This year the annual interfaith service was hosted here at our Temple. This service is jointly sponsored by DARLA (Dover Area Religious Leaders Association) and the Dover Area Cooperative Ministries.

Over 260 people attended, sharing in choir music, prayers, liturgical dance, readings and reflections, a reading of the 1962 (50th anniversary) Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation (as timely today as it was then), and a social time dessert reception.

Donations totaling \$660 were offered that have gone to benefit the Dover Share Fund.

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**DECEMBER YAHRZEITS**


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**Week of December 1:** Lillian Smith (25), Ruth E. Fain (26), Mildred Lane (27), Newton B. Cohn (28), Joseph P. Giffen (30), Sarah Zirpolo (1)

**Week of December 8:** Sidney Zeff (2), Statia Nesin(2), Morris Levy (2), Arnold Baer (3), Morris Isacoff (4), Selma J. Nasberg (5), Davida Gelfman (5), Deborah Most (6), Gert Sternberg (8), Rita Peters (8)

**Week of December 15:** James Green (9), Rose Cohen (9), Robert Goren (10), Arnold J. Ashline (10), Rabbi Aaron Ilson (11), Jean LaFargue (11), Catherine Most (12), Milton Brody (12), Jacob H. Cohen (12), Minnie Cooper ( 14), Eva Gordon Baer (14), Bernard Fine (15), Ralph Noveletsky (15)

**Week of December 22:** Floretta Osman (17), Gloria Rosengarten Alder (18), Julius Nasberg (19), Sayde Harris (19), Samuel N. Cook (21), Charlotte Brody (21), Beatrice Book (22), Louis J. Magerer (22), Adolph Jacob Baer (22), Abraham Issokson (22)

**Week of December 29:** Bernard Luloff (23), Benjamin Radner (23), Herman Cherim (25), Roman A. Rubinstein (26), ISadore Osman (26), Daniel Fisher (26), Warren H. Overstreet Sr. (29)

**Week of January 5:** Gloria Adelman (30), Eugene Kleinhandl (30), Antoine Walker (30), Arnold S. Katz (2), Suzan Irene Horn (2), Matthew Krassner (3), Harold Dinaburg (4), Shelia Kaplan (4), Hyman Katz (4), Allen Sibley (4), Arthur Housman (5), Philip Singer (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 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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# December 2012

## Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 01** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service  
2:30 History of Chanukah (in Durham)  
contact [rabbisam@dovertemple.org](mailto:rabbisam@dovertemple.org) to RSVP
- 06** 4:00 Religious School Classes & Book Exchange
- 07** Early Shabbat Services & Dinner  
6:00 Tot Shabbat Program  
6:20 Pot-luck Family style Community Dinner  
7:00 Shabbat Service
- 08** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study  
2:30 History of Chanukah (in Durham)  
contact [rabbisam@dovertemple.org](mailto:rabbisam@dovertemple.org) to RSVP
- 08 — 15 Evenings** Light the Chanukah Candles
- 13** 4:00 Chanukah Family Program & Book Exchange
- 14** 6:00 Adult Hebrew class: study and dinner  
7:00 7th night Chanukah candle lighting  
7:30 Shabbat / Chanukah Service  
*Guest Speaker: Inbar Keren, Israeli Shlichah to NH*  
*Music at the service with Sue Horowitz*
- 15** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 16** 10:00 Annual Temple Latke party
- 20** No Religious School Classes — Winter Vacation
- 21** 3:00 Service program at Langdon Place  
6:00 Adult Hebrew class: study and dinner  
7:00 Music & Meditation Shabbat (with Alan Wolff)
- 22** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 27** No Religious School Classes — Winter Vacation
- 28** 6:00 Adult Hebrew class: study and dinner  
7:00 Shabbat Service — early New Year's Eve
- 29** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 31** **Have a safe and joy-filled entrance into 2013**