

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fourth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

What's in a Name

Names carry great power. This has been viewed as a fundamental part of the Jewish world view since the earliest Biblical times. In the second creation story in Genesis — the story that deals with the role of people in God's vision for the world — God gives the earthling (HaAdam) the task of naming all creatures that God has created. Even to this day, we accept this responsibility. Whenever a new species, heavenly object, etc is identified the first order of business is to provide it with a name.

In the ancient world, knowledge of the name of a thing (or person in many old legends) gave the holder of the name power over that object or being. This belief is the basis of the consistent prohibition from knowing or using the holy name of God (written as Yod-Hei-Vav-Hei which we can only traditionally pronounce variously as Adonai, Adoshem, Hashem).

In addition, names were given to children based on hopes for their future, reflection on the circumstances of their birth, and other aspects of the meaning attached to their life situation. When life changed, the name could be changed. Thus Abram became Abraham, Jacob became Israel, and Hoshea was renamed Yehoshua (among others). In more recent times, a seriously ill person might take an additional name (e.g., Chaim or Chaya) as part of a prayer for healing and wellness. A person who converts to Judaism also chooses a Hebrew name as a sign of the change of life circumstance.

Naming of a child, a convert, or any person in a later stage of life is often done in consultation with a Rabbi and celebrated within the community. As a Rabbi, I encourage people to consider the meaning of the name in addition to other factors

(naming after a loved one, the sound and feel of the name, etc). I also do suggest that the formal acknowledgement of the name be celebrated in a formal ceremony with family and or community, depending on the needs and desires of the person. I do not say that the name will change the fate of the person or offer any magical/mystical power, as might have been viewed in other times. Rather, I do encourage to consider that names do convey a sense of identity projected to others.

The use of names in an intentional way, as best as we can tell a uniquely human trait, can teach us to strive to make all that we do in life more intentional. To that end, I also strongly encourage parents who name their children not only to name intentionally but to be sure to teach their children why the name had meaning.

Last month I wrote of how we were able to participate as a Temple community to choose the new name for something seemingly so trivial as our new address. Given the opportunity to rename our location identity, we sought to do so with true intentionality. The name of our newly built street is now Olive Meadow Lane for the vision that the olive creates both Biblically and for the modern state of Israel. The number 36 reflects our hope that the life of the Temple will be reinforced for all of our community.

We want our members to know that the Temple is alive and well with a strong vision for the future of the congregation community. We want the greater Dover/Seacoast world to know that we are here for the greater good as best as we can.

The Temple is here for all who seek what we have to offer. But calling oneself a "Member of Temple Israel of Dover" can add to one's sense of identity as a part of community and the people Israel. Consider this as you carry the name with pride and offer the opportunity for others you may know to also become "Temple Israel Member".

Temple Israel Board of Trustees—2011-2012

Carole Krassner, President
Michael Behrendt, Vice-President
Eve Edelstein-Williams, Secretary
Sam Kirshman, Treasurer
Steve Brody, Lois Costa, Lynne DeSantis, Andy Diengott, David Goldstein,
Alvin Mars, Peter Pastor, Stan Robbins, Jeffrey Segil, Marc Weinstein
Cathi Cherry-Liston (Sisterhood)

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

Reflection from The Pond, June 15, 2012

Meandering down the path to The Pond, I spotted Rabbi Sam below, seated on a wooden bench, head tipped slightly, hands clasped comfortably across his middle, barefoot. I had an inkling I was about to enter a house of God, nature's sanctuary. This intimate gathering of a dozen or so congregants and friends accompanied by guitar music and the croaking of bullfrogs, welcomed the Sabbath bride.

Please join us for the next Kabbalat Shabbat music and reflection by The Pond on July 20th at 6:30. There are a few benches and blankets available. (Odorless citronella candles kept the bugs away last month!)

Plans for the High Holy Days

- The Ritual Committee has begun planning for the High Holy Days. Please contact Rabbi Sam or Cathi Cherry-Liston if you would like to participate in the services. A more formal appeal via emails and phone calls will be made later this summer.
- Lynne DeSantis will meet with Rabbi Sam to talk about some of Temple Israel's High Holy Day traditions.
- The *Yizkor Book*, a traditional undertaking of the Ritual Committee, is chaired by Ethlyne Golub. A form will be mailed asking for your updated information and contributions again this year.
- Did you know Temple Israel now has a High Holiday Music Fund? This is a short-term fund raiser. We are in the process of hiring a cantor and professional singers for some of our services. Thank you to Temple Israel Sisterhood for donating the first \$200.00.

L' shalom,

Cathi Cherry-Liston

(H) 603-269-4888

(C) 603-312-8152

ccherryliston@yahoo.com

**THANK YOU TO OUR
ONEG HOSTS**

July

- 6** Pot luck Dinner, Early Service, pot luck oneg
- 13** Pot luck oneg...Summer-style
- 20** No oneg — Special early service by the Pond
- 27** Pot luck oneg...Summer-style

August

- 3** Pot luck Dinner, Early Service, pot luck oneg
- 10** Pot luck oneg...Summer-style
- 17** No oneg — Special early service by the Pond
- 24** Pot luck oneg...Summer-style

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

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 funds.

We express our grateful appreciation to:

General Fund

Yahrzeit Donation

- Rita Novak – In memory Anne Stack
- Carole Krassner – In memory of Anne Stack & Shirley Kramer
- Ethlyne Golub – In memory Anne Stack
- Stan & Rita Robbins – In memory Anne Stack
- Bobby & Margie Fisher – In memory Anne Stack
- Muriel Slutzky– In memory Anne Stack
- Robb & Kim Hennessey– In memory Anne Stack
- BC Dworsky – In memory Anne Stack
- Rita Novak - In memory of Hyman E. Novak
- Alan Nasberg - In memory of Selma C. Nasberg
- Ethlyne Golub - In memory of Shirley Kramer
- Carol & Francis Birch - Yahrzeit

Donations

- Richard & Sally Robbins - In recognition of Patty & Andy Diengott's service to the temple
- Carole Krassner - In honor of Ben Segil from graduating college
- Carole Krassner - In honor of Rabbi Alvin Mars receiving the Morton L Mandel Jewish Education Leadership

Designated Funds

- Cathi Cherry-Liston – High Holiday Music Fund

Capital Campaign

- Cathi Cherry-Liston

Rabbis Discretionary Fund

- Cathi Cherry-Liston and Mel Liston – In memory of Anne Stack

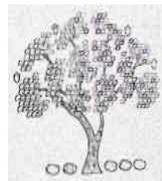
Mazal Tov

to our members celebrating
happy occasions in July!



Birthdays

- Michael Behrendt (4), Susan Shepcaro (5),
- Todd Adelman (7), Cameron Sakelarios (10),
- Daniel Fishbein (11), Macy Harris (16),
- Benjamin Segil (17), Deker Adelman (20),
- Jeffrey Segil (21), Stacey Segil (22),
- Scott Saltman (22), Mel Liston (23),
- Zachary Fishbein (24), Grace R. Tauriello (24),
- Simon Wallace (26), Scot Sakelarios (27),
- Stephen Kaplan (28), Or Mars (28),
- Colin Williams (29). Elle Harris (30)



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.**

Anniversaries

- Martin & Carole Jaffe (2), Stephen & Maschia Kaplan (6), Sid & Heidi Kotlus (23),
- David & Mary Kaye (25), Jeff Mather & Lisa Rockenmacher (31)

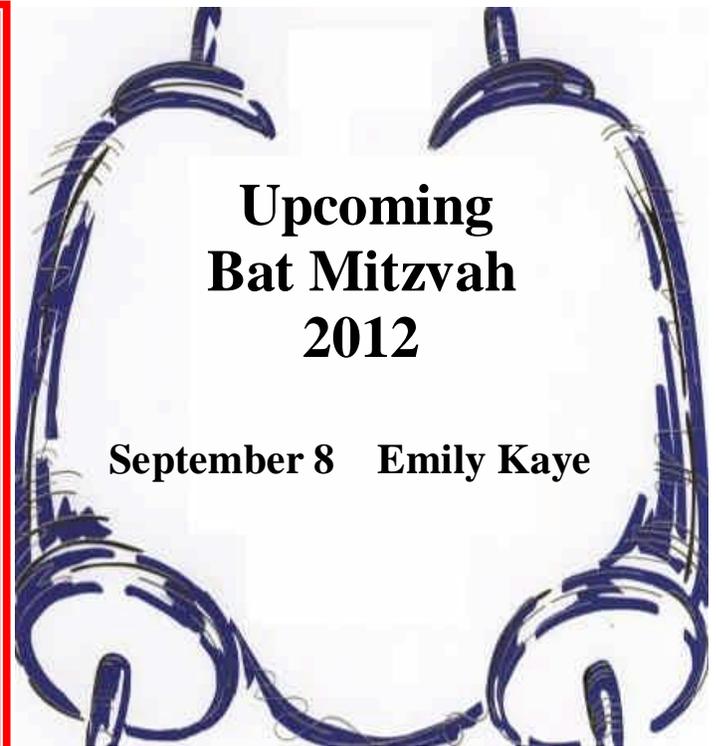
Thank you Alan

Temple Israel Dinner Theater 2012
was enjoyed by all who attended.

Alan Goldfarb and all who worked to
make the evening a success have our
thanks and appreciation.

To all who worked on:
ad book, food preparation and serving,
set up and clean up, and much more

Thank You



Upcoming Bat Mitzvah 2012

September 8 Emily Kaye

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.

SISTERHOOD SPONSORED ACTIVITIES DEADLINE INFORMATION

FULLER GARDEN & GOV. LANGDON HOUSE TOUR

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, JULY 16 to:

LESLIE KIRSHMAN AT 603-580-1871

or LARAINÉ RICCARDI AT 1-978-500-5377.

CURRIER MUSEUM & ZIMMERMANN HOUSE TOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK BY AUGUST 6.

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME. THIS TOUR REQUIRES A
MINIMUM OF 15 PEOPLE. **CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD AND **MAIL TO:**

LESLIE KIRSHMAN AT 35 MUIRFIELD DRIVE,
STRATHAM, NH, 03885

CHALLAH FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

IT WILL SOON BE THAT TIME OF YEAR TO ORDER

THOSE DELICIOUS **ROUND CHALLAS**

AGAIN FROM OUR SISTERHOOD.

WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE AUGUST KESHER

HIGH HOLIDAY GREETINGS

FROM YOUR FAMILY TO OUR TEMPLE'S FAMILIES
WILL BE MADE **AVAILABLE** IN THE KESHER AND IN A
BOOKLET TO BE DISTRIBUTED ON ROSH HASHANAH

AND YOM KIPPUR THROUGH THE SISTERHOOD

\$10.00 PER FAMILY AND \$18.00 PER BUSINESSES

July 2012

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 06** Early Shabbat Services & Dinner
 6:00 Tot Shabbat Program
 6:20 Pot-luck Family style Dinner
 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 07** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
- 13** 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 14** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Num 22 - 29
- 20** 3:00 Service program at Langdon Place
 6:30 Summer Early Service by the pond
- 21** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Num 30 - 36
- 27** 9:00–5:00 Fuller Garden/Langdon House
 Sisterhood sponsored tour
 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 28** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Fast Days
- 28 evening – 29 Fast of Tisha B’Av**

Welcome New Member

Alan Wolff

We have not moved

Only our 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 on the lower portion of our former property. With the development of the new houses, came the establishment of a new Dover street: Olive Meadow Lane. Olive has significance in the Torah and in Israel today. We requested and received number 36 (*Chai* is 18 in the Hebrew numero-letter system of *gematria* meaning “life” and we are now “double *Chai*”).

Thus our new address is: 36 Olive Meadow Lane

**Our postal mailing address is still:
P.O. Box 254, Dover, NH 03820**

**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.**

From the Sisterhood

A big **THANK YOU**
to all the ladies who participated in our
Sisterhood Shabbat Friday June 22.
It was a lovely turnout, wonderful service,
and delicious oneg.

We would like to thank:

Carol Birch, DeeDee Goldstein, Glicka Kaplan,
Leslie Kirshman, Carole Krassner,
Cathi Cherry-Liston, Karen Mott,
Laraine Riccardi, and Muriel Slutzky

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

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 do-
nated to the Dover Food Pantry at any
time. We would like to continue our ge-
nerosity 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 of Dover

36 Olive Meadow lane
P. O. Box 254
Dover, N. H. 03821
(603) 742-3976
templeoffice@
dovertemple.org
www.dovertemple.org



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.

President:
Carole Krassner

c.krassner@comcast.net

Rabbi:

Sam Seicol

rabbisam@dovertemple.org

Administrative Assistant:

Tammy Fascetta

TempleOffice@
dovertemple.org

News from the Sisterhood

Temple Israel Sisterhood is ready for summer.

Two dates to mark on your calendar are:

JULY 27 10:30-5:00: TOUR OF FULLER GARDENS & GOV. LANGDON HOUSE

All are welcome \$10 for Sr, Citizens, students, and children \$12/adult
Tour leaves the Temple at (:00 and includes:

FULLER GARDENS 10:00 LUNCH NOON GOV LANGDON HOUSE 3:00

R.S.V.P. by July 16

LESLIE KIRSHMAN 603-580-1871 or LARAINÉ RICCARDI 1-978-500-5377

AUGUST 23 8:30-3:00: CURRIER MUSEUM AND ZIMMERMANN HOUSE

All are welcome (Not recommended for children under 12)

Reservations (First Come First served) by August 6

More information on cost, timing and specifics will be posted on the website
or contact

LESLIE KIRSHMAN 603-580-1871 or LARAINÉ RICCARDI 1-978-500-5377

What's new? Shabbat at Langdon Place.

Sisterhood will begin to host an afternoon preparation for Shabbat program, with Rabbi Sam, at Langdon House one Friday each month, at 3:00 PM, starting July 20. We are seeking volunteers to join us in this wonderful outreach. Please call: Leslie Kirshman or Laraine Riccardi at 1-978-500-5377 if you are interested.

JULY YAHRZEITS

Week of July 7: Clara Saperstein (1), Lillian Shapiro Horowitz (2), Rabbi Byron T. Rubenstein (2), Rochelle Lifson (4), Mary Babson (5), Mae Lillian Evens Ryder (6), Annie Feinberg (5), Goldie Saunders (6), Thelma Fishman (6),

Week of July 14: M. Eleanor Sava (8), Charles Pastor (9), Joyce Green (9), Leo Seligson (10), Gladys Poucher (12), Harold Segal (12), Fred Zuckerman (13), Sidney Lane (13)

Week of July 21: Harry Verner (15), Gussie Smokler (15), Pearl Robbins (15), Seymour Hirsh (15), Phyllis Cohen (16), Nancy Denenberg (16), Ruth Honig Zeff (17), Jacob Eli Stein (18), Myra Fine (19)

Week of July 28: Augusta Verner (22), Saul Wiseman (24), Beatrice P. Weiner (24), Anthony Blum (25), Irving Fain (25), Allen H. Toby (26), Frank Cohen (26), Pearl Goldberg (26), Philip H. Miller (27), Harry Goren (27), Celia Levy Pines (28), Ruth Zeff (28)

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

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.