

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fourth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

Does God Go On Vacation?

Summer often seems like a time for Temples to slow down and scale back on activities. Many Synagogues do not offer the possibility for Bar or Bat Mitzvah services, more lay services are conducted, Adult Education programs are not run, and Religious School sessions are not held. Certainly some of these are based on the needs and desires of the community (how many children would attend Religious School when there is no public school in session and vacation plans are fulfilled?). In other cases the Rabbi and Temple professionals can use some vacation and R&R, too. But the Jewish calendar keeps on going and religious observances also occur during these months.

Granted many of these observances are not well known or emphasized in Reform practice (when was the last time you fasted on the 17th of Tammuz or the 9th of Av?). Other practices, however, are becoming popular once more and they can be found in the summer as in every season. There is a Rosh Chodesh (new moon celebration) in June, July, and August and the pre-High Holy Day preparation month (Elul) begins on August 19 this year. Shabbat still manages to show up every Friday evening.

This summer, at Temple Israel, we have an active series of opportunities to continue to share and grow toward our future together. The list below is a sampling of what we are planning

for June through August. For a full list of times and details, be sure to check the website regularly for updated information.

- First Friday: tots on the bima, pot-luck dinner and early services
- First Saturday: full service with Torah reading
- Third Friday: kabbalat Shabbat music and reflection by the pond
- Special Dinner Theater program June 16
- Temple Annual meeting June 21
- Special Sisterhood hosted Shabbat June 22
- All other Fridays: regular Shabbat evening service
- All other Saturdays: regular Shabbat morning Torah study
- Bar and Bat Mitzvah tutoring
- Youth Group meetings and events

So it seems, at least in Dover, God will be sticking around for the summer. On the other, if you do happen to go on vacation this summer; God is actually very happy to join you. There are wonderful travel Shabbat kits you can take along with you. Summer is a time to relax and take a break from the work and school grinds. But that is also what Shabbat intends to provide on a weekly basis.

Have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer. Also feel free to attend the Temple, bring your friends, spread the word that we are still here – all year long, during the summer, and for the years to come – and invite God to join you where ever you go and what ever you do.

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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
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@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**

June 1

David Yanofsky and Family
in honor of Annie's becoming a Bat Mitzvah

June 8

Ellen Cohn, Lessa Brill and John Wallace

June 15

No Oneg — 6:00 service by the pond

June 22

Sisterhood

June 29

Pot luck oneg...Summer-style

July and August

Pot luck oneg...Summer-style

July 20 and August 17

No oneg — Special early service by the Pond

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

Florence Pastor –

In memory Leonard Berenson and Anne Stack

Donations

Aaron & Gina Kahn – In honor of Noah's Bris

Ruth & Stephen McDonald – In honor of Ben's Bar Mitzvah

David Yanofsky – Gold leaf on Tree of Life in honor of Annie's Bat Mitzvah

Capital Campaign

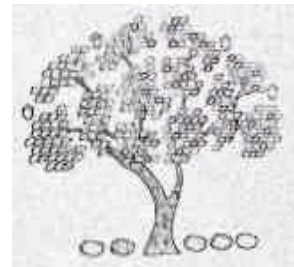
Cathi Cherry-Liston

Rabbis Discretionary Fund

David Yanofsky – In honor of Annie's Bat Mitzvah

Cathi Cherry-Liston and Mel Liston –

In honor of her Mother, Bunny Cherry's 80th birthday



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 June!

Birthdays

- Rachel A. Kennon (1), David Kaye (2),
- Razel Kallberg (3), Jonathan Mars (5),
- Robert Horowitz (8), Marjorie Fisher (8),
- Marilyn Mars (9), Gerty Flagg (9),
- Lauren Harris (11), Esther Cohen (18),
- Jane Liemer (19), Ann Isacoff (22),
- Emily Kaye (23)

Anniversaries

- Eric & Janice Miller (2), Stacey & Jeff Segil (14),
- Robert & Susan Horowitz (18), Alvin & Marilyn Mars (26)

Temple Israel Annual Meeting Thursday, June 21 7 p.m.

Please come to
this important meeting
to review the year past,
to look to the future, and
to elect new officers
and board members.



Upcoming B'not Mitzvah 2012

June 2 Annie Yanofsky
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.

(From the files of Ann Isacoff at Langdon Place)

THE SILENT TREATMENT

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00AM for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper:

"Please wake me at 5:00AM"....He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning the man woke up only to discover it was 9:00AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he found a piece of paper by the bed. It said:

"It is 5:00AM, Wake Up!"

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contest.

(this was written by a woman)

June 2012

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 01 Early Shabbat Services & Dinner
 6:00 Tot Shabbat Program
 6:20 Pot-luck Family style Dinner
 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 02 10:30 Bat Mitzvah – Annie Yanofsky
- 08 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 09 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Num 8 -12
- 10 2:00 Dedication of Lorraine's Corner
 at the Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens
 in loving memory of Lorraine Goren
- 14 7:00 Sisterhood general meeting
- 15 6:30 Summer Early Service by the pond
*****See the flyer on the front page of the website*****
- 16 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Num 13 - 15
 6:00 Dover Comedy Dinner Theater at the Temple
- 21 7:00 Temple Members' Annual Meeting
- 22 7:30 Shabbat Service — Sisterhood Sponsored
- 23 10:30 Shabbat Study – Num 16 - 18
- 29 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 30 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Num 19 - 21

June 10 2:00 PM

**Join us for the dedication of Lorraine's Corner
 at the Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens
 in loving memory of Lorraine Goren**

Dover Comedy Dinner Theater

at: Temple Israel 36 Olive Meadow Lane (formerly 515 Sixth St) Dover NH

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Cocktails @ 6:00pm - Dinner @ 7:00pm - Show @ 8:00pm
\$40.00 per person - \$320.00 for a table of 8

Please call the Temple office at 742-3976 to reserve your seat(s)

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 (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 (double Chai — 18 use numero-letters meaning “life” in Hebrew).

Thus our new address is: 36 Olive Meadow Lane

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.

Sisterhood News

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

Join us

Sisterhood sponsored Shabbat Service
June 22 7:30 PM

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.

- June 16 Dinner Theatre evening
- 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 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/>

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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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News from the Sisterhood

Temple Israel Sisterhood is ready for summer.

Two dates to mark on your calendar are:

June 14 at 7:00 PM – Sisterhood general meeting and election of officers

June 22 at 7:30 PM – Sisterhood Shabbat and oneg Theme – Summer Solstice

We are asking for volunteer readers for the service.

Call Leslie at 603-580-1871 or Cathy Cherry at 603-312-8152.

Upcoming activities

- Luncheon get-together and speaker
- Garden tour
- Challah covers – paint or stencil craft
- Rabbi Sam as our guest speaker at a future meeting
Topic: Ethical discussion – tradition and ethical dilemmas
- Challah fundraiser
- Donor dinner and special guest speaker

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 June. 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.

JUNE YAHRZEITS

Week of June 2: George Sibulkin (27), Susan Fine (27), Stuart Boughton (28), Beatrice Wehrwein (29), Samuel Fishman (29), Louis Smith (30), Phillip Willensky (30), Edgar Pass (1), Sumner Cohen (1), Robert Davis (2), Hyman E. Davis (2)

Week of June 9: Dr Samuel Cohen (5), Irwin Behrendt (5), Arthur Gershman (5), Bette Yaffee Kemp (5), Anne Golub (5), Sadie Wolfson (6), Rose Rosenberg (7), Joseoh Peters (7), Laura Garr (7),

Week of June 16: Isadora Goldblatt (10), Max Cooper (11), Jerry Smith (12), Daniel Cohen (12), Simon Bernstein (13), Mariano Rechy (13), Joseph Ambinder (14), Mark Lichtenstein (14)

Week of June 23: Jacob Mars (18), Barney Saperstein (19), Rose Lechner (20), Ida Hooz (20), Robert William Ryder (20), Joel Cooperman (21), Selma Nasberg (23)

Week of June 30:

Gretchen Hughes (24), Helen Meyrowitz (25), Max Winer (25), Leonard M. Marcus (25), Gertrude Kaplan (26), Laurel Silverman (26), Michael Lechner (27), Elizabeth Pinn (27), Frances Greene (27), Dorothy Davis Gordon (29), Fay Briskin (29)

***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.