

# KESHER

Our Seventy-Fourth  
Year!

## FROM RABBI SAM

### Trick or Treat vs. Mishloach Manot

Should Jews let their children celebrate Halloween? This is a frequent article in the Jewish press in October. Personally and professionally, I do not advocate non-participation in Halloween. Indeed, my children and grandchildren enjoy these annual outings with their friends and the adults in the family enjoy the parade of costumed youngsters – both those known to us and those new to us that year. The holiday has become an intrinsic part of the American culture and has lost most of its pagan or later Christian trappings. This is not, I believe, in any way supporting the commercialization and secularizing of a religious observance that is important to my neighbors of other faiths. If it were, I would encourage my Jewish community to refrain from desanctifying the holiday of a fellow religion. Thus discussions concerning Halloween are not a crucial part of my Rabbinic mission.

Rather, I prefer to teach the beauty of our traditions and practices. At times, as now, this entails a little comparison of parallel observances (in this case Halloween and Purim). On Purim we are encouraged to dress in costumes and overturn the normal rules of worship and religious observance. On Halloween we are also told to dress in costumes and participate in practices not usually observed on other days of the year. Is one better than the other? Should we be advocating or shunning one over the other? I do not believe this is a case of “either/or”.

Rather, Purim is an excellent opportunity to offer additional education on the values advanced by Jewish practice and observance. By comparing Purim to Halloween through their similarities, the underlying differences become clearer.

On both it is customary to dress in costumes and travel door to door in relationship to sweets. On Halloween the goal is to leave one’s house with an empty bag and seek to fill it by requesting (one might say extorting) sweets from all in the neighborhood. Meanwhile, the house of origin begins the evening with a bowl filled with sweets for the myriads of similar sweet-seekers. On Purim, on the other hand, the tradition teaches that we send out sweets to our friends and neighbors; keeping none for ourselves.

On Halloween the traveler’s bag starts empty and the home bowl starts full. By the end of the evening the bowl is empty and the bag returns filled. What has been lost (from the bowl) has been gained (in the bag). On Purim the sweets all leave the house and there is nothing left at home. By the end of the journey, the sent out sweets are gone but the home is filled with received treats and goodies. What has been gained (at home) has been lost (from the distributing of the Mishloach Manot). It would appear that both are equal since both are, ideally, a break-even proposition.

But the message we give our children is the key. On Halloween we are saying to our children, “You go and get gifts from others and we (the parents) will be responsible to do the giving to those seek from us.” On Purim we are saying, “You are responsible to share in the Mitzvah of giving to others (as are we all) and, if others choose to give to us, we are grateful for what we receive.”

It does not need to be an either/or debate on Halloween vs. Purim. Instead, we might say on Halloween, “Have fun with your friends.” On Purim, however, we would renew our commitment to bringing the lessons and values of our tradition more regularly into our homes and community. May this Purim season be filled with joy and may we each find at least two others with whom we can share the sweetness of our bounty.

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#### TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

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

Thursday  
 1:00 pm– 6:00 pm

## PASSOVER SEDERS

Wednesday	March 28	6:30	Interfaith Program
Friday	April 6	Evening	First Seder (see below)
Saturday	April 7	6:00	Community Seder

**The registration/invitation to the Community Seder  
 will be sent out separately by snail mail.**

**It will also be sent by email and posted on the website**

## 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

## SEDER HOSTING

**If you have space at you Seder or would like to be invited to join in a family home Seder, we can help!**

**UNH students, young adults living alone, singles, and small families often feel left out on Passover. If you are in this group we want you to enjoy a Seder on the first night. If you have a big Seder and have room for a few more, please open your home.**

**If you have Seder space or would like to be invited, contact Rabbi Sam — rabbisam@dovertemple.org**

**A Seder matching form for hosts and guests  
 will also be posted on the website.**

**Simply fill it out and return it to  
 the Temple Office**

**THANK YOU TO  
OUR ONEG HOSTS**

**March 2**

School Vacation Potluck Dinner and Oneg

**March 9**

Todd and Lisa Titus, Marc and Lisa Weinstein

**March 16**

Julie Serrano, Stacey Smith

**March 23**

Scot and Beth Sakelarios, Jon and Erica Tauriello

**March 30**

Beth and Jim Krzanowski, Jim Weiner and Julie Low-Weiner

**April 6**

No Services - 1st Seder Have a healthy and Happy Pesach

**April 13**

Sharon and Steve Brody, Ruth and Larry Gray

**April 20**

Carol and Francis Birch, Heidi and Sidney Kotlus

**April 27**

Potluck Oneg - School vacation week

*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:*

**General Fund**

Ken & Bertha Litvack

***Yahrzeit Donations***

Carole Krassner –

*In memory of Bruce Krassner, Selma Nasberg and David McDonald*

Florence Pastor –

*In memory of Gertrude Berenson*

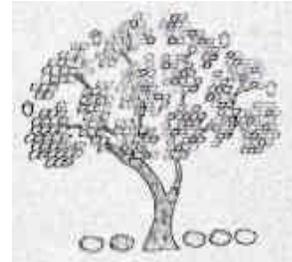
**Capital Campaign**

Cathi Cherry Liston

**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 February!



**Birthdays**

- Eliana Mather (1), Eric Miller (1), Craig Stevens (3), Keith Kallberg (5), Jeremy Naquin (6), Adam Karol (9), Andrew Martin (12), Daniel G. Tauriello (12), Jacob Sakelarios (13), Alvin Mars (13), Evan Saltman (14), Stephen McDonald (16), Ilese Stevens (20), Alan Nasberg (25), Mark Rubinstein (28), Patricia Diengott (28), John Wallace (29), Jonathon Venne (30)

**Anniversaries**

- Michael Behrendt & Naomi Kornhauser (8), Jonathan & Lauren Harris (24)

# Community Purim Program

**March 8**

**4:00 — 6:00**

Join in our annual  
Purim Shpiel  
Hamentaschen Making  
Carnival Games

All are encouraged to  
Come in Costume

## Upcoming B'nei/B'not Mitzvah

**April 21**      **Daniel Fishbein**

**May 5**        **Ben McDonald**

**June 2**        **Annie Yanofsky**



## 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)**

### Something to Think About

1. Why do doctors call what they do "practice". I'd hate to go to doctors because I'm looking for one who is through practicing.
2. And those of you using Windows, don't you wonder why you have to click on "start" to stop the computer? I mean it, if you want to shut off your computer, you have to click the word START, and only then the computer begins to shut down. It's meshugah! I think I know why, if a Jew had invented the computer it would probably have said "Fardray zich dein kop" and the computer would shut off.
3. Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dish washing liquid made with 'real lemon'?
4. And here's another question nobody has answered for me. Why is the fellow who invests your money called a 'broker'? Doesn't that term scare you? Shouldn't he be called a "gainer" because you want to gain money in the stock market?
5. And here's one to ponder. Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand? Tahkeh?
6. And why is the time of day when the traffic is the slowest called the "Rush Hour?"
7. And here's one a teenager asked me. Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when everybody knows you can't drink and drive.
8. I never could understand why, when I didn't know how to spell a word, my mother used to say "look it up in the dictionary." If I knew how to spell the word in the first place I wouldn't have had to look it up in the first place.

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# March 2012

## Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 01** No Religious School – School Vacation  
**02** 5:30 Tot Shabbat 6:00 Pot-luck Family style Dinner 7:00 Shabbat Service  
**03** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service  
 2:30 Understanding Judaism (at the Bagelry in Durham)  
**07 – 08** Purim  
**08** 4:00 Community Program for Purim  
**09** 6:00 Hebrew class & dinner  
 7:30 Shabbat Service  
**10** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Esther  
 2:30 Understanding Judaism (at the Bagelry in Durham)  
**15** 4:00 Religious School Classes  
**16** 6:00 Hebrew class & dinner  
 7:30 Shabbat Service  
**17** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Ex 30-40  
 2:30 Understanding Judaism (at the Bagelry in Durham)  
**18** 9:00 Brotherhood get together for B & L  
**22** 4:00 Religious School Classes  
**23** 6:00 Hebrew class & dinner  
 7:30 Shabbat Service  
**24** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Lev 1-5  
 2:30 Understanding Judaism (at the Bagelry in Durham)  
**28** 6:30 Interfaith Seder Program sponsored by Temple Israel and DARLA  
**29** 4:00 Religious School Classes  
**30** 6:00 Hebrew class & dinner  
 7:30 Shabbat Service  
**31** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Lev 6-8  
 2:30 Understanding Judaism (at the Bagelry in Durham)

### Welcome New Members

Tim, Andrea & Paige  
Burt

### Members in the News

**JCC Association Announces Award Winners**  
 Rabbi Alvin Mars will receive the Morton L. Mandel  
 Jewish Education Leadership Award



Looking for something to do this Summer?  
Want to go out and meet new people and make friends?  
Feel like having a great time?  
Want to do some schmoozing?

### Introducing Mazel Co-ed Sports

We are now accepting players ages 21-39 for this years Summer Co-ed Softball League in Central and Southern NH including Northern MA, and beyond !

#### How do I get to be a part of this seasons Softball League?

Send Us an email: [goodtimes@MazelSports.org](mailto:goodtimes@MazelSports.org)  
Please include your name, age, city/town, experience.  
Or add us on Facebook: Mazel Sports

Be a part of the action @ [www.MazelSports.org](http://www.MazelSports.org)

## Interfaith Seder Educational Experience

**Wednesday March 28 6:30 — 8:00 PM at Temple Israel**

The evening program will include an overview to the Passover story and meal, traditional rituals and customs, and foods that are special to Passover.

We will conclude with a sampling of foods related to sacred times, seasons, and holidays from a variety of faiths and cultures.

This event is sponsored by Temple Israel and Dover Area Religious Leaders Association (DARLA)

### 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  
for up-coming simchas?

### 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

## Brotherhood News

We enjoy getting together monthly over a coffee  
and bagel breakfast. We are excited about our  
events for the coming year.

- March 18            9AM — Breakfast
- April 1             Trip to New York
- April 22            9 AM — Breakfast

### Coming later in the year

- Dinner Theatre evening
- Jewish Food and Music Festival

## 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

**is hosting an evening of fun and song  
Saturday, March 24th starting at 7:30  
Dover Moose Lodge on Chestnut Street.**

- **Silent auction.**
  - **\$250.00 prize - best karaoke performance**
- Tickets \$10.00 in advance or at the door.**  
**[www.dovershare.org](http://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 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

Regular classes are held Thursday afternoons.  
Special family programs are planned around holiday times.  
Saturday morning study programs offer additional education for all students and adults.

- 01**            **No school — NH school vacation week**
- 08**            **4:00**            **Community Purim Celebration**
- 15**            **4:00**            **Visit with Ore Ayah Dagan**
- 22**            **4:00**            **Regular Class Schedule**
- 29**            **4:00**            **Regular Class Schedule**

### MARCH YAHRZEITS

**Week of March 3:** June Singer (4), Norman Brill (28), Phyllis Klaye (28), Louis H. Silverman (28), Bruce Krassner (29), Rachel Leah (1), Peter L. Hooz (1)

**Week of March 10:** Edward Baer (6), Margaret Levor Gutman (6), Bertram Marks (9), Michael Stocklan (9)

**Week of March 17:** Pearl Rosenthal (13), Esther Bravman (15), Sumner Levy (15), Max B. Sanders (16), Ida Isacoff (17), Celia Pindrus (17)

**Week of March 24:** Lorraine Kotlus (18), George J. Feinberg (19), Mary Low (20), Samuel Rosenberg (20), Joel Pearlman (20), Patrick Jackson (21), Myer Siegel (22), Gertrude Isenstein (22), Alan Rudolph (23), Haskell Kram (24), Ruth Pindrus (24)

**Week of March 31:** Ruth H. Toby (25), Dora Dorf (28), Anna Bezar (28), Mary Mars (29), Allen Scheff (31), Herbert Fox (31)

*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.