

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fourth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

Endings and Beginnings

This month we will be celebrating Shavuot – Saturday evening May 26 – as the culmination of the pastoral/historical period that began with Passover. Every evening since the second night of Passover, the tradition teaches us to count the days of the Omer. This is a period of a week of weeks – 49 days – that covers the spring grain harvest period and the time of travel from the redemption from slavery in Egypt to the beginnings of revelation of Torah at Mount Sinai. This year, each Friday evening sees us counting another full week of the Omer.

This pattern of finishing one holiday and immediately beginning to anticipate the next is repeated throughout the festival year. As we complete a Shabbat with the Havdalah ceremony, we look forward to the coming week and offer prayers for the coming of a world that can truly be in Shabbat and Shalom. The holiday year begins with Passover (the festival of the Spring). As stated above we begin to think of Shavuot as soon as we complete the first day of Passover. When Shavuot concludes, we find ourselves planning already for the High Holy Days. This sense of anticipation is most emphatically found in the sounding of the Shofar every morning in the month of Elul (the month immediately preceding the Days of Awe – Rosh Hashanna through Yom Kippur). We are then taught that as soon as Yom Kippur ends, we begin construction of our Sukkah. With the celebration of Simhat Torah we conclude the annual cycle of reading

from the Torah and immediately begin anew with the reading from the opening lines of Genesis. As Purim approaches we prepare with special Torah and Haftarah readings and determine whether we are in the final third of the winter months. If not, we add a thirteenth month to assure that Purim will be exactly one month before Passover and that Passover will be fully in the beginning of the Spring. Finally, we follow Purim with a series of special Shabbatot to lead us back into Passover. And so the cycle continues.

One purpose of viewing the holiday calendar in this way can be to teach us to treat our lives similarly. Communal gatherings of celebration and support are best enjoyed if properly prepared for and anticipated. Once we reach the appointed time, it is good to be fully present in the event. When it is done, however, it is then time to begin already to look forward to the next milestone. Certainly we have to live in each day whether we are anticipating, enjoying, or reflecting on that which we have done. But it is also beneficial to set new goals whenever the previous ones have been achieved.

As I now anticipate our Shavuot evening together, I also know that the celebration will mark the end of a full year of holidays we have celebrated together. In keeping, then, with the teachings of that cycle I look forward to spending this summer anticipating our next annual cycle together. I look forward to an even more growth filled year in 5773.

For more of my thoughts on what we may look forward to and for ways we can collaborate to make this happen, please now read the May 2012 article on the Rabbi's Study page of the website.

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

Thursday
1:00 pm– 6:00 pm

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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:

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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

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

May 4

Pre K- Grade 2 Families and McDonald family
in honor of Ben celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah

May 11

Janice and Eric Miller, Razel and Keith Kallberg

May 18

Beth and Scot Sakelarios, Erica and John Tauriello

May 25

Potluck Oneg — Memorial Day Weekend

June 1

David Yanofsky and Family
in honor of Anne'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

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 special funds.

We express our grateful appreciation to:

General Fund

Yahrzeit Donation

Florence Pastor in memory of Jackson Pastor

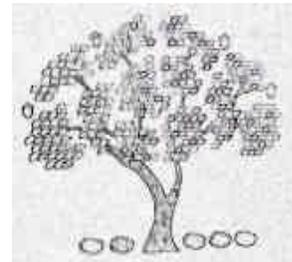
Capital Campaign

Cathi Cherry-Liston

Rabbis Discretionary Fund

Cathi Cherry-Liston -

In honor of her father Jerry 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.

Anniversaries

Andrew & Patty Diengott (29)



Mazal Tov

to our members celebrating happy occasions in May!

Birthdays

- Drew Ramsay (1), Owen Shepcaro (1), Sarah Fishbein (1), Naomi Kaplan (1), Erica Tauriello (2), Harrison Flagg (3), Ari Hiller (3), Sage Hiller (3), Steve Giguere (3), Lessa Brill (6), Ethlyne Golub (7), Scott Kaplan (8), Carole Jaffe (8), Ruth Wharton-McDonald (12), Hadassah Ramsay (12), Lisa Rockenmacher (13), Beth Sakelarios (14), Lillian Davidson (15), Karen Mott (16), Robert Costa (19), Penina Wallace (20), Jordana Kotlus (24), Naomi Kornhauser (25), Miranda Schultz (26), Lauren Saltman (28), Austin Kotlus (31), Lois Costa (31)

Calling all HS Seniors

Hold the Date

Saturday May 26

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Shavuot Service

**In honor of all our
High School Seniors**



Upcoming B'nei/B'not Mitzvah

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)

FACING THE BEAR FACTS

A Jewish man was out in the woods in Montana when he came across a bear. Frightened for his life he ran as fast as he could to escape the bear. He found a cave and hid there. Horrified he found that the bear had run after him into the cave, and now the man was trapped.

He closed his eyes and started to recite "Sh'ma Yisrael" in anticipation of his final moments.

When he is finished he opened his eyes and was surprised to see the bear in front of him with his eyes closed as well. The bear had put on a yarmulke and was praying. The man breathed a sigh of relief and said to himself, "How lucky am I to be cornered by what must be the only Jewish bear in North America! "We're Mishpocheh---I'm saved"

As he listened more closely to the bear's prayer, however, he heard the bear finish...

"hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz".

May 2012

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 03 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 04 Early Shabbat Services & Dinner
5:30 Tot Shabbat Program 6:00 Pot-luck Family style Dinner 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 05 10:30 Bar Mitzvah – Benjamin McDonald
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- 10 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 11 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 12 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Lag B’omer
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- 17 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 18 7:30 Shabbat Service – Lay led
- 19 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study – Lay led
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- 24 4:00 Religious School Classes – Last Day
- 25 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 26 10:30 Shabbat Study – Intro to Numbers
- 6:00 Shavuot Pizza, Salad, and Blintzes dinner**
- 7:00 Shavuot Service**
- Dinner and Service will be in Honor of High School Seniors**
- 26 – 28 Shavuot

**Welcome
New Members**

Karen Mott

Members in the News

JCC Association Announces Award Winners

Rabbi Alvin Mars will receive the Morton L. Mandel
Jewish Education Leadership Award

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 excited about our events for the coming year.

- May 20 9:00 AM B&L meeting
- June 16 Dinner Theatre evening
- Jewish Food and Music Festival

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 School — May

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.

- 03 4:00 Visit with Ore Ayah Dagan**
- 10 4:00 Religious School Classes**
- 17 4:00 Religious School Classes**
- 24 4:00 Last Day of Religious School**
- 26 7:00 Shavuot Dinner and Service
In Honor of all High School seniors**

**June — August Watch this space for
summer services, programs, and youth group events**

MAY YAHRZEITS

Week of May 5: Grace Turner (29), James Dieterich (29), Lloyd Amann Gage (29), Jackson Pastor (30), Douglas Hamilton (30), Louis Weinstein (1), Lillian Hirsch (1), Sarah Fisher (1), Herbert Turner (1), Michael Shine (3), Bernard A. Black (3), Evelyn M. Miller (3), Nathan Balansky (3), Ursula Mueller Gage (3), Ida Fox (4)

Week of May 12: Rose Levy (6), Ruth Karol (7), Eva Weisner (7), Sadi Goldstein Byer (7), Morris Isenstein (10), Honey Shaines (10), Brenda Gibbs (12)

Week of May 19: Beryle Grant (14), Irvin Lavine (14), Leonard Berenson (14), Benjamin Babson (15), Donald Albion (16), Samuel Clay (16), Anna Kessler Krasnoff (17), Molly Cook (18), Elbert Lafargue (18), Irving Landes (19), Richard Nye Jr. (19)

Week of May 26: Marshall Derby (20), Sumner Berenson (21), Benjamin A Weiner (21), Rose Goren (23), Bernard Kornhauser (23), Laurel Silverman (26)

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)

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.