

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fourth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

Take the Month Off...

At least according to the Jewish holiday and festival cycle, that seems to be the message. We are in the last half of the month of Cheshvan. Cheshvan is the only month in the entire Hebrew calendar that does not contain even one holiday, festival, or formal observance. Certainly there are the four Shabbatot that every month has but no other special dates. Cheshvan follows after Tishri (with the ten Days of Awe from Rosh Hashanna through Yom Kippur, the seven days of Sukkot, and Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah) with nineteen special days in addition to the Shabbatot. Kislev, which comes next (beginning on November 15 this year) concludes with the first six of the eight nights of Chanukah. Even Tevet, which follows Kislev, has the last two nights of Chanukah and also has a designated fast day on the 10th of the month.

So what do we do with Cheshvan and why is it arranged this way? One could say that after the stress and hectic pace of the High Holy Day and fall festival season, we need a break.

In discussing the meaning of the role of Cheshvan in this calendar system with the upper grades of the Religious School, the students offered various thoughts on the matter. One suggested that this way we have no distractions of holidays to worry about. We can, therefore, devote our full attention to making Shabbat really count as we move forward into the new year. I second that challenge for all of us.

I also believe that this "month off" is a time not to get away or take a break. Rather it is a time to consolidate and strengthen the commitments and resolves that we looked at during the opening ten days of the new year.

While there are no formal Jewish holidays during this month, the Temple has been working to consolidate and strengthen our community for the year and years to come.

Cheshvan this year saw the first of our new Sisterhood sponsored musically enhanced Friday evening Shabbat services. We also added our third Friday early service of music, meditation, and prayer learning.

This Cheshvan we have formally begun our Adult Hebrew Learning program that will offer those over 16 who never celebrated a Bat or Bar Mitzvah, the opportunity to do so as a part of a community of learners.

Immediately following the full moon (mid-point of the month), we had a special membership meeting to elect the new leadership of the Temple. These committed women and men have graciously accepted the responsibility to build an even stronger and more vibrant community for the years to come. They have begun this task in the month of Cheshvan but are eager to continue to build on the wisdom and leadership provided by all of the out-going board and Temple leadership. We thank those who served for all their dedication and join together in committing to give as we can to the new officers and board.

This month of Cheshvan has indeed been a time of building and not resting or taking a break. Of course, following the time of reflection and of consolidation, comes the times of building and growth.

There is more to be done and everyone can take part. Join a committee (Religious School, Ritual, Membership, and many more), check out services or learning programs, participate in the Sisterhood or Brotherhood, share in opportunities to fun-raise and fund-raise with the Temple, create new opportunities to strengthen our community.

Members of the board and I are eager to talk with you and see you at the Temple.

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Monday, Tuesday, 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*.

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From the Out-Going President

Dear Friends,

“Everyone can be great because everyone can serve” (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for all your support over the past three and a half years of my Presidency. We have overcome many obstacles to keep our doors open. With your help and continuous support we have been able to sustain the present and future vitality of our Temple community. I would like to remind you all that we still have a lot of work to do, so please support the new board. Many people have worked so very hard, but without volunteers we cannot exist. Please consider giving a little of your time by joining a committee, volunteering or making a donation.

Remember, we are all in this together---this is our Temple!
 It has been an honor to serve as Temple president!

L'shalom,
 Carole



Just Breathe...

On Saturday, October 13th, friends and family of Temple Israel, Dover and the Homeless Center for Strafford County came together in a "quest for a little piece of mind..." and found decadent desserts, warm conversation, and a fabulously funny, vibrant ventriloquist, whose voice carried us into the world of her spirited puppets.

Lesley Smith shared a message that anyone who has tried to juggle family, a career, running a household, or just growing older, could understand. Acceptance, love, the support a friend like "Sammy the Snail", prayer, songs that make us want to sing and dance, and chocolate, help us survive-- a day at a time. Lesley's rendition of "Crazy" was unforgettable. I left Temple that evening joyful, uplifted, and still smiling, from the impression of "Just Breathe."

Because of our joint sponsorship of "Just Breathe" with the Homeless Center for Strafford County, they have since acquired a few new volunteers from those in attendance that night. And Old Navy, in Kittery, has "adopted" the shelter for the up-coming winter holiday season. A great mitzvah!

Thanks were bestowed upon friends, congregants, supporters and businesses in the show's play bill. I'd like to personally thank Martin Jaffe for his endless support of me and putting together our show bill; Steve Brody, who handled the liquor license and accompanying cold beverages; Rabbi Sam for his encouragement, flexibility, and manual labor; and Tammy Fascetta, whose commitment, dedication, problem-solving ability, and manual labor made this evening a success in so many important ways.

Cathi Cherry-Liston

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**

- Nov. 2** 6th & 7th Grade Families
- Nov. 9** Steve Goren
Rita and Stan Robbins
- Nov. 16** Leslie and Sam Kirshman
Karen and Marc Hiller
- Nov. 23** Pot-luck Style Oneg
- Nov. 30** Peter Pastor
Lisa and Marc Weinstein

- 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

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 celebrating happy occasions in November!
Join us at services November 2, 7:00 PM as we offer our wishes for your special day.

Birthdays

- Rachel Saltman (1), Helen Segil (7),
Benjamin McDonald (11),
Kim Durand-Proud (12),
Derrick Kotlus (13),
Lydia Claire Jacobs (14),
Jenny Kaplan (15), Lisa Weinstein (19),
Marc Shepcaro (19),
Frederick Diengott (20),
Jessica Costa (22),
Gabrielle Blackman (23),
Hannah Mather (26), Tucker Adelman (29),
Aaron Kahn (30), Jack Kontarinis (30)

Anniversaries

- Mark & Karen Hiller (5),
Marc & Susan Shepcaro (5),
Harry & Deborah Mueller (10),
Michael & Glicka Kaplan (11),
Scot & Beth Sakelarios (11),
Bill & Linda Ollar (23),
Cathi & Mel Liston (26)

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

Holly & Ken Grossman

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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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/>

(From the files of Ann Isacoff at Langdon Place)

The following questions and answers were actually from SAT tests given to students in a Southern community:

Don't laugh, one of them may be President one day.

Question: How is dew formed?

Answer: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Question: What are steroids?

Answer: Things for keeping carpets from moving on the stairs

Question: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes

Answer: Premature death.

Question: How do you keep milk from turning sour?

Answer: Keep it in the cow.

Question: What is the fibula?

Answer: A small lie.

Question: What does varicose mean?

Answer: Nearby.

Question: What is a seizure?

Answer: A Roman Emperor

Question: What is a Terminal illness?

Answer: When you're sick at the Airport.

Question: What is a turbine?

Answer: Something an Arab wears on his head.

Oy Vey



**B'not/B'nei
Mitzvah**

2013 / 5773 — 5774

**April 6
May 4
May 18
June 1
June 8
June 29
September 28**

**Elly Mather
Harrison Flagg
Evan Saltman
Olivia Gannon
Nathan Pastor
Jacob Saunders
Sarah Mueller**

*Temple Israel of Dover Sisterhood
Invites you to a
Fall Donors Gathering*

Dr. Jeffrey Segil of Dover Women's Health will be speaking on management of menopause and perimenopause, including hot flashes, sleep issues, libido, concentration and energy issues. Dr. Segil specializes in BioIdentical Hormones (natural alternatives) and hormonal balancing for his patients.

*Join us for Dinner and Dessert
Wednesday, November 14, 2012
6:30pm at Temple Israel Dover
36 Olive Meadow Lane, Dover New Hampshire
(Formerly 515 Sixth Street, Dover New Hampshire)*

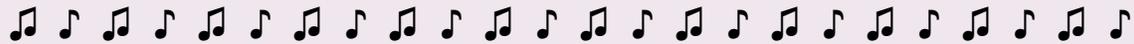
\$25.00 per person

*Please make checks payable to Temple Israel and
mail checks to Temple Israel PO Box 254, Dover NH 03821*

RSVP no later than November 8 to reserve your tickets:
To Tammy at: 603-742-3976 or templeoffice@dovertemple.org

Raffle and Door Prizes

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.

Donor Dinner

Sisterhood is inviting you to our Donor Dinner, Wednesday, November 14 at Temple Israel at 6:30 PM. Please check our fliers, bulletins, press release in Foster Daily Democrat, and invitations for further information. Sisterhood is seeking volunteer to help with various parts of the Donor Dinner. Please call Leslie Kirshman, 603-580-1871 for further information or to volunteer.

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, November 16 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

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

Religious School Calendar November — December 2012

November

- 01 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 02 6:20 Pot-luck Shabbat Dinner
- 7:00 Early Shabbat Service – led by the pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah class
- 03 10:30 Shabbat Service – required for all pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and families
- 08 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 15 4:00 Religious School Classes – Mid-Semester Hebrew reassessment
- 22 No Religious School – Thanksgiving
- 29 4:00 Religious School Classes / Sisterhood pre-Chanukah sales
- 30 Noon Religious School Committee meeting — Bagel Works in Durham (all are welcome)

December

- 06 4:00 Religious School Classes / Sisterhood pre-Chanukah sales / Temple Book exchange
- 07 6:20 Pot-luck Shabbat Dinner
- 7:00 Early Shabbat Service
- 08 10:30 Shabbat Service – required for all pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and families
- 08 – 15 *Chanukah Candle Lighting in the evening at home*
- 13 4:00 Religious School Chanukah craft & latke making - families welcome
- 5:30 Menorah lighting, latke eating, dreidl games
- 20 & 27 No Religious School – Winter Vacation

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!!!

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

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

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

abbwelch@yahoo.com or 534-4142

OCTOBER DONATIONS

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

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

Carolyn Litalien -
High Holy Day Donation
John Bohenko & Nancy London -
High Holy Day Donation

Yahrzeit Donations

Florence Pastor -
In memory of Julius Berenson and Gussie Berenson Shutzer
Mitchell Shuldman & Daine Schaefer -
Yahrzeit Fund
David Cohen -
In memory of Sumner Cohen (High Holy Day)

Capital Campaign

Cathi Cherry-Liston

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Shirley & Edward Wheeler -
In memory of Louis & Bessie Green (High Holy Day)
Audra Cohen Dickinson -
Thank you for including me in Yom Kippur Services
Anonymous

Week of November 3: Mabel Philips (28), Lorraine Goren (28), Harold Jacob Edelstein (28), George Hooz (29), Lt Albert N. Edelstein (29), Anne Borwick (30), Adrienne Saltz (30), Albert Gordon (30), Donald Martin (31), Lydia Wills (1), Katherine Edelstein (3)

Week of November 10: Hyman L Pindrus (4), Burton Golub (5), Herbert Cohen (6), Bessie Lichten (6), Barbara Kates Comenitz (7), Morris Fine (9), Herman Seperson (9), James Bockman (9), Alexander Willens (9)

Week of November 17: Barney Grossman (11), Seymour Osman (12), Martha Magerer (14), Sadie Cook (15), Katherine H. Edelstein (15), Gerald Fine (15), Abraham Fisher (17), Frances Anderson (17)

Week of November 24: Bessie W Young (18), Eileen Platania (18), Gussie Flescher (19), Fannie Krasnow (21), Baurcard Nesin (21), Richard Rowe (21), Barnett H. Book (22), Pierette Zinck (23), Lawrence Felsenberg (24), Edward Seperson (24), Julius Weiner (24) Lillian Smith (25)

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)

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 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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November 2012

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 01** 4:00 Religious School Classes
7:00 Special Membership Meeting
- 02** Early Shabbat Services & Dinner
6:00 Tot Shabbat Program
6:20 Pot-luck Family style Dinner
7:00 Shabbat Service – led by 6th and 7th graders
- 03** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
- 08** 3:30 Ritual Committee Meeting - all are welcome
4:00 Religious School Classes
- 09** 7:30 Shabbat Service – Annual pulpit swap
Guest Rabbi: Rabbi Jonathan Spira-Savett from Nashua
- 10** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
7:00 AJ Levine talk in Manchester - No Charge
<http://www.jewishnh.org/calendar/nov2012.html#10>
- 11** 3:00 Singles trip (45-65) to Vilna Shul
<http://www.bresler.us/>
- 14** 6:30 Sisterhood Donor Dinner
- 15** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 16** 3:00 Service program at Langdon Place
6:30 Music & Meditation Shabbat (with Alan Wolff)
- 17** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 18** 7:00 Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving
at Temple Israel Dover
- 22** No Religious School – Thanksgiving
- 23** 6:00 Adult Hebrew class and dinner
7:30 Shabbat Service
- 24** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 29** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 30** Noon Religious School Committee Meeting
6:00 Adult Hebrew class and dinner
7:30 Shabbat Service (with Sue Horowitz)