

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fifth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM Showing Up

Woody Allen said, “Eighty percent of success is just showing up.” In many ways this is quite true. One question that does arise, however, is “What about the other 20%?” That, of course is a crucial question but the Keshar readers will have to wait for my May article for an answer.

What does it mean to show up and why is a significant portion of success so seemingly simple? It is not as simple as it sounds, in fact. The tough part, though is in that other twenty percent. Certainly it is difficult to achieve much of anything if you are not there. The process of “showing up” is not only a physical presence, however. It is also an emotional, mental, and spiritual form of connection. This is true both for true personal success and for any communal success.

This month we find ourselves in the middle of the Omer — a time that we count the days from Passover to Shavuot. This was an agricultural process of observing the time of the grain harvests and historically for Israel the moving from freedom from oppression to the communal commitment at Mount Sinai. April marks the days 6 through 35 of this 49 day period. There is nothing to do during the time of the Omer other than to “show up” for the day and to

count each one sequentially. There are no specific daily obligations or ritual beyond the counting. There is not even a specific time that one counts (other than at night, after sunset, when the new day in Hebrew calendar begins).

This period is also viewed as another entrance into the New Year. Indeed, the New Year for festivals and the numbering of the months in the Hebrew calendar starts with Passover. Just as the New Year for the numbering of the years (Rosh Hashanna in the fall) provides a time of preparation of some 40 days (Elul at the end of the summer through Yom Kippur), so does the New Year for the festivals offer time to truly get into the renewed cycle.

As we move into the festival year this year, let us accept the challenge to “show up” more often. Our Temple Israel community succeeds when the community is present. This Passover, the community Seder was celebrated with over 80 people attending. It was truly a success.

There are many other opportunities to build a successful community and this first month of spring is a good time to get started. Friday night services, Saturday morning Torah study, Thursday Religious School sponsored community events, monthly Saturday evening Havdalah, fun/fund raising programs offer ways for all of us to “succeed”. Look for the special page in the Keshar on when “showing up” can truly build successes at Temple Israel.

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 is the newsletter
 of Temple Israel
 Dover, NH.

Ideas for submissions and/or letters to the editor may be submitted by members of the Temple Israel family and all others who would like to share news or information with the Temple community.

All communication with the Editor should be by e-mail. Publication of any flyer or any other article or submission 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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Shabbat @ Temple Israel

Services Friday nights 7:00

Service or Torah Study Saturday mornings 10:30

- **Friday April 5** First Friday featuring:
 ● 6:00 Tots on the Bima ● 6:20 Pot-luck dinner
 ● 7:00 Service with presentations by grades K-2
- **Saturday April 6** Full service with Torah
Bat Mitzvah of Elly Mather
- **Friday April 12** Shabbat evening service
- **Saturday April 13** Torah Study
- **Friday April 19** Meditation&Music Shabbat
- **Saturday April 20** Torah Study
- **Friday April 26** Shabbat evening service
- **Saturday April 27** Torah Study

Havdalah and More

Join us for our newest
Adult Education Series

One Saturday night each month at 6:30 PM

We will share in Havdalah and socialization

April 13 Havdalah followed by: Family Game night

May 11 Havdalah followed by: pre-Shavuot learn-in



President's Message

As Pesach comes to an end in the next few days I hope it was a time for your family to gather at the Seder table, recount our history in Egypt and the journey out, and enjoy one of the happy Jewish holidays. If you didn't get a chance to join us at the Community Seder the second night, you missed a good evening. We had 82 people attending, including a group of the confirmation class, Pastor, and parents from Lee Church Congregational. It was indeed a good evening.

I have some news from the Board for you. First, we have had a change in some positions. Our Treasurer, Jeff Segil, decided that he did not have sufficient time to devote to the position and stepped down. Marc Weinstein agreed to take the role of Treasurer and so the following nominations were made by me in accordance with the By-Laws, and approved by the Board:

Marc Weinstein as Treasurer

Jeff Segil as Vice-President (filling the now open position that Marc vacated)

And Peter Pastor as Chair of the House and Grounds committee replacing Marc

I am very pleased to report that we have a Membership Committee chairperson. Sharon Brody has agreed to take on this role effective immediately. After her approval by the Board, Sharon addressed them to remind one and all that membership is not just the responsibility of one person, but it is a shared responsibility among the entire congregation. All of us own a part of it as we go about our daily lives and we talk to unaffiliated Jews as well as prospective, current or past members who may have left or are considering leaving or are considering joining. If you know of someone that we should be talking to about joining, or staying, as a member of Temple Israel, please let Sharon know and she will make the contact. You can reach Sharon through the Temple office (TempleOffice@DoverTemple.org) or at her home email address kayyoumom@comcast.net or call her at 868 7810.

I also want to let you know that we have an active group working on fun and fund raising. They have been in contact with Cuzin Richard Entertainment in Portsmouth and we have scheduled a Comedy Night for Saturday, May 25th. There will be more on this in the coming weeks but please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The headliner will be Mike McDonald. This will be the first in what we hope will be a quarterly happening, and possibly more frequently than that once we get our feet wet and hone the process. Since it is the beginning of April, having lived in New Hampshire for quite some time, I refuse to put the snowblower away for another month. And as March Madness comes to a close on April 8, March 31 is opening of baseball season so I would be remiss if I did not end with *Go Red Sox!*

Steve Brody, President

President@DoverTemple.org

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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**

- April 5** K through 2nd Grade Families
Rockenmacher/Mather families
- April 12** Ruth and Larry Gray
Sandy Rodeffer & Paul Pasternack
- April 19** Carol and Francis Birch
Susan and Marc Shepcaro
- April 26** Pot-Luck style oneg
- May 3** Flagg family
- May 10** Razel and Keith Kallberg
Sue and Rob Horowitz
- May 17** Saltman family
- May 24** Karen Jacoby & Stephen Lichenstein
Jerrold Pollak
- May 31** Lisa Connelly and family

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 who are celebrating happy occasions in April!
Join us at Friday evening service on April 5, 7:00 PM as we offer our wishes for your special day.

Birthdays

- Michael Blackman (2), Stephen Giguere (3), John D. Taurello (3), Heather Charles (4), Rebecca Costa (9), Nancy Cherim (10), Jonathan Robbins (10), Benjamin Parkin (14), Polly Flagg (16), Benjamin Titus (18), Sid Kotlus (20), Steve Goren (20), Deborah Oshman (23), Andrew Diengott (25), Molly Samson (27), Stacey Smith Jackson (29)

Anniversary

Pamela & Stephen Giguere (25)

**Please welcome
our new members:**

Guardino family
Magdalene & Joe and Tatiana

Selsberg family
Jody and Dani Fuchs & Eli Fuchs

HOW TO SHOW UP

See the Rabbi's article on the front page of this Keshet
Help build on the successes at the Temple

Friday nights: the service generally runs from 7:00 — 8:00 and oneg follows
Show up for some or all of the service and stay through the oneg or not

Show up around **7:00** for Kabbalat Shabbat songs and readings

around **7:15** in time for L'cha Dodi

around **7:25** in time for Ma'ariv — evening service

around **7:35** in time for the weekly d'var Torah

around **7:50** in time for Kaddish & stay for the Oneg

Saturday mornings: Torah study 10:30-11:30 and kiddush follows

Show up arrive by **10:30** for the full Torah study

or before **11:30** in time for Kiddush and Motzi together

We have not moved

Look for our 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



B'not / B'nei

2013
April 6
May 4
May 18
June 1
June 8
June 29
July 27
September 28

Mitzvah **5773/5774**

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

Religious School Calendar

April — May 2013

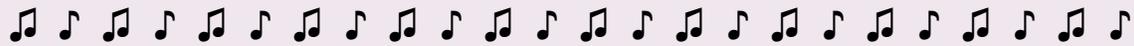
April

- 04 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 05 6:20 Pot-luck Shabbat Dinner
- 7:00 Shabbat Service — conducted by the K to 2nd grade students
- 06 10:30 Shabbat Service – Bat Mitzvah of Elly Mather
- 11 4:30-5:30 Community Yom HaShoah observance
- 18 4:00-5:30 Community Yom Ha'atzma'ut celebration
- 25 NO Religious School — April vacation

May

- 02 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 03 6:20 Pot-luck Shabbat Dinner
- 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 04 10:30 Shabbat Service – Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Flagg
- 09 4:00 Last Day of Religious School Classes
- 16 6:00 Shavuot Dinner Service in honor of High School Seniors
- 18 10:30 Shabbat Service – Bar Mitzvah of Evan Saltman

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. Sisterhood Shabbat with music and song nights in 2012 were wonderful and as lovely as we expected them to be. We thank Rabbi Sam and Susan Horowitz for presenting such beautiful Shabbat experiences.

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, April 19 at 3:00.

Consider joining the Sisterhood

For more information contact Leslie (603) 580-1871 or LeslieKirshman@aol.com

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/elgg/pg/groups/2598/temple-israel/>

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Ha'atzma'ut

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Temple Israel

All are welcome at no charge

Thursday April 18

4:00 — 5:30

65th Birthday of Israel

Please join us for

Israeli music and dance

Falafel and humous in pita

Bubeh Meiseh
(from the files of Ann Isacoff at Langdon Place)

THE BATHTUB TEST

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, “How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in a Nursing Home?”

“Well,” he said, “We fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the person and ask her to empty the bathtub.”

“Oh, I understand,” I said. “A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup.”

“No!” he said, “A normal person would pull the plug.... Now, do you want a bed near the window?”

(Hah.....now do you want the bed next to mine??)

.....Ann

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!!!

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**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

MARCH DONATIONS

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:

Capital Campaign

Cathi Cherry-Liston
Lessa Brill

Rabbi's Fund

Nancy Winograd -
in memory of mom
Laura Ossoff

Special thank you to all who donated to the Community Seder

APRIL YAHRZEITS

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 loved one. To make a donation, please contact the Temple Office.

Week of April 6: Sam Ollar (31), Sidney Goren (31), Morris A. Fox (31), Richard R. Morse (1), Sarah Mendelovtiz (2), Marcia J. Feinberg (2), Bess Issokson (4), Ruth L. Issokson (4), Judith Kramer (4), Lillian Lane (4), Samuel Abeles (5), Sylvia Allen (5), Frieda Osman (6)

Week of April 13: Morris Rotman (8), Leah Osman (9), Dorothy Pearlstein (9), George James White (9), Francis Brown (9), Rose Esther Weinstein (11), Jules Philips (13), Louis Baumstein (13)

Week of April 20: Lee Gunst (14), Ruth Kram (14), Bessie Kemler (14), James Dieterich (17), Lloyd Amann Gage (17), Grace Turner (17), Ursula Muller Gage (18), Jackson Pastor (18), Douglas Hamilton (18), Herbert Turner (19), Lillian Turner (19), Louis Hirsch (19), Louis Weinstein (19), Sarah Fisher (19)

Week of April 27: Ursula Mueller Gage (21), Nathan Balansky (21), Evelyn M. Miller (21), Michael S. Shine (21), Bernard A. Black (21), Ida Fox (22), Rose Levy (24), Sadie Goldstein Byer (24), Eva Weisner (25), Ruth Karol (25)

Week of May 4: Morris Isenstein (28), Honey Shaines (28), Brenda Gibbs (30), Beryle Grant (2), Leonard Berenson (2), Irvin Lavine (2), Benjamin Babson (3), Donald Albion (4), Samuel Klaye (4)

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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April 2013

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 04** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 05** First Friday Shabbat
6:00 Tots on the Bima Shabbat Program
6:20 Pot-luck Family style Shabbat Dinner
7:00 Shabbat Service – with K-2nd grades
- 06** 10:30 Bat Mitzvah – Elly Mather
- 07** **Yom HaShoah**
- 11** 4:30-5:30 Community Yom HaShoah service
- 12** 6:00 Adult Hebrew class & dinner
7:00 Shabbat Service
- 13** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
5:00 9th – 12th graders dinner at Margarita's
RSVP rabbisam@dovertemple.org by April 11
6:30 Havdalah and Game Night
- 16** **Yom HaAtzma'ut**
- 18** 4:00-5:30 Community Yom Ha'atzmaut fair
- 19** 3:00 Visit to Langdon Place
6:00 Adult Hebrew class & dinner
7:00 Music & Meditation Shabbat Service
- 20** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 25** **No Religious School – April Vacation**
- 26** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 27** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study