

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fifth
Year!

FROM
RABBI SAM

What Can We Do For You?

JFK said over half a century ago, “Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.” In recent articles, I have discussed this basic question in terms of what you can do for, with, and at your Temple.

This month I would like to turn the question around and ask you to consider what your Temple can do for you. We are at the close of the supposedly busy and hectic time of the year — Religious School is over for the year, the holiday cycle from High Holy Days through Shavuot has concluded for 5773, and the Annual Meeting will soon be in the books. Summer plans are being made and the High Holy Days of 5774, though early this year, are still 3 months away.

Temple Israel does not close for the summer. In many ways, we do not really even slow down. We do, however, relax and take stock of where we have been and where we might yet go.

This past year we have seen a growth in membership and opportunities to enhance the sense of community at the Temple. Some changes and new developments have been offered while other activities have been maintained.

Friday evening services have settled in to a consistent 7:00 starting time. The First Friday of the Month service continues to offer a Tots on the Bima 6:00 program, and a 6:20 pot luck dinner prior to the 7:00 service. It is still the “early service” in that it ends earlier than the other Friday nights of the month. The Third Friday of the Month service offers the opportunity for a deeper understanding of the prayers and a time for meditation. As begun last year, this service will be held at the Pond (weather permitting) from June to August. All other Friday evening worship is “usual”. For those who prefer a later start time, please refer to the April Rabbi Article and know that you are welcome to arrive at any time that is good for you.

Saturday mornings continue to be a mix of Torah Study or Full Service as listed in the calendar.

Religious School, fun and fund-raising activities, and more have been held during the year — with mixed success in attendance.

So...

What Can We Do For You?

Youth Group?

Social Programs?

Sisterhood / Brotherhood?

Adult Education?

Please let us know and we will help to build a stronger community together.

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TEMPLE OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

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Kesher, Connection,
 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

- **Saturday June 1** Full service with Torah
Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Gannon
- **Friday June 7** First Friday featuring:
• **6:00 Tots on the Bima 6:20 Pot-luck dinner 7:00 Service**
- **Saturday June 8** Full service with Torah
Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Pastor
- **Friday June 14** Shabbat evening service
- **Saturday June 15** Torah Study
- **Friday June 21** Meditation&Music Shabbat
- **Saturday June 22** Torah Study
- **Friday June 28** Shabbat evening service
- **Saturday June 29** Full service with Torah
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Saunders

Youth Group

Calling all 2013-2014 High Schoolers

Temple Israel Youth Group Summer events

*****June 22 Wings and Salad at Margaritas*****

*****July 13 Pizza and Salad at Roger's Pizza*****

**RSVP required to rabbisam@dovertemple.org
 by the Thursday before the event**

President's Message

In the past month as I thought about this Keshar article I probably changed my mind on what to write about at least five times. So I have whittled it down and there are several topics for this month.

First, I hope you all had an enjoyable Memorial Day holiday and at least at some time during the day thought about those who have served our country and given the ultimate sacrifice. I know that is a well-worn phrase, but there is no other way to put it – giving one's life is the ultimate. I, as many who are my age, lost many friends in Vietnam, as well as know many who came back with injuries – physical and mental – that changed them and their lives significantly. For them, and all others who served throughout our nation's history, please remember to honor them at least each and every Memorial Day.

Second, this past Saturday night we had our first Night of Comedy. There were almost 100 people who attended and were treated to three very funny comics. We were fortunate to have donors to underwrite most of the cost of the evening and so the net benefit to the temple was about \$2000. Now if we can continue along that vein with various events throughout the year we can make our fundraising events a success and help to sustain the Temple. It also takes more Temple members to attend, sell tickets to their friends and neighbors, and help with the committee work. For the Night of Comedy the committee was 5 people. Think what we could have done with a larger committee and greater attendance. There are some other events in the works but plans are not solid enough to talk about them yet. If you are interested in helping on one or more of these events please let me know and we will be happy to have you join us. No specific skills needed other than the willingness to work within a team. At the Annual Meeting on June 6 we'll have more on what is needed to sustain the Temple as the proposed budget for the coming year is presented and discussed.

Third, I want to talk about our Temple auxiliaries – Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and Youth Group. We do have a Brotherhood and Sisterhood at this time, although the Brotherhood has not met in some time. Sisterhood is in much better shape and has more structure to it. Sisterhood has also taken on projects for the benefit of the Temple, such as the window shades in the sanctuary and social hall, among many others. We do not currently have a Youth Group but that is something that both Rabbi Sam and I will be working on over the next few months.

The point of this is that the auxiliaries are vital to the Temple – they are a support to the members of the congregation and also provide a vital function by assisting in fun and fund raising, taking on and bringing to fruition projects that are needed by the Temple, helping the Temple's outreach programs, serving the ill and hospitalized members, etc. We need to make sure that these auxiliaries continue to function at Temple Israel. To do that they need your support, and not just financial. Put the dollars aside for now. Consider joining them and participating as best you can. It is not necessary to attend each and every meeting they have, but at least some of them and lend a hand with organizing meetings, with projects, or whatever other activities they have. Become part of their Executive Committee by serving them as an officer. I know we are all very busy and that weekends are prime time for us and our families. But they do have weekday activities as well. Become active and help make them viable organizations and part of the backbone of the Temple. And if you know someone in high school or college in the local area that would like to help bring about a Youth Group, you or they can contact me or Rabbi Sam and we'll take it from there. For Sisterhood you can contact Leslie Kirshman, Karen Mott, the Temple office, or me; for Brotherhood you can contact Martin Jaffe, the Temple office, or me.

Fourth and the last but not least, is an article in the new issue of 'Reform Judaism Magazine (Summer 2013/5773)'. The article is *Reinventing the Synagogue – an interview with Allison Fine*. Ms. Fine is the current president of Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown, NY, and in the article she is interviewed by the editors of Reform Judaism Magazine about her ideas on why memberships are declining and the changing model of congregants and congregations over the past years and what needs to be done going forward. And most importantly some suggestions that have worked for her during her presidency. It requires all of us – congregants and leadership – both lay and spiritual – to work with each other in different modes. One of the key points she raises is that we need to consider what she refers to as the 'matter-ness' of each and every congregant which she defines as what each of us do that matters in the congregation. Not who donated what or how much, but rather what they did that helps make the congregation function. As she notes these people are the cogs of the organization that allow the gears to turn smoothly.

I won't go into the rest of it now but rather I ask you to read the article. I will be discussing this with the board over the next few months. And you will hear more about it from me during the High Holy Days.

So I think I have given you enough to ponder this month. If there is any of the above that you would like to discuss with me, or have any comments on – positive or negative – please let me know.

As always feel free to contact me on any Temple related topic.

Steve Brody, President

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**THANK YOU TO OUR
ONEG HOSTS**

- June 7** Peter Pastor and Family
In honor of Nathan's Bar Mitzvah
- June 14** Karen and Marc Hiller
Heidi and Sidney Kotlus
- June 21** Service at the Pond
Sisterhood
- June 28** Anne and Marc Saunders
In honor of Jacob's Bar Mitzvah
- July — August**
Summer Schedule
Pot-luck onegs

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 June!
Join us at Friday evening service on June 7, 7:00 PM as we offer our wishes for your special day.

Birthdays

- Rachel A. Kennon (1), David Kaye (2), Oliver Elkus (3), Razel Kallberg (3), Jonathan Mars (5), Pearl Kontarinis (7), 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), Elizabeth Mott (29)

Anniversary

- Eric & Janice Miller (2), Mark & Maria Rubinstein (4), Stacey & Jeff Segil (14), Rachel & Ryan Kane (15), Robert & Susan Horowitz (18), Clayton & Pamela Barrows(26), Alvin & Marilyn Mars (26)

**Please welcome
back to the Temple:**

Irving Liebson
&
Suzanne Shinn

We have not moved

Look for our sign on Sixth Street at what was formerly 515

Our drive is at the end of the cul-de-sac

36 Olive Meadow Lane

Our mailing address remains:

P.O. Box 254 Dover, NH 03821

Bubeh Meiseh

(from the files of Ann Isacoff at Langdon Place)

IF IT WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR OUR GRANDPARENTS

The Atkins Schmaltz Diet.....Before we start, there are some variations in ingredients because of the various types of Ashkenazic Jewish taste (Polack, Litvack and Gallicianer). Just as we Jews have six seasons of the year (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, the slack season, and the busy season), we all focus on a main ingredient which, unfortunately and undeservedly, has disappeared from our diet. I'm talking of course, about SCHMALTZ (chicken fat).

SCHMALTZ has, for centuries, been the prime ingredient in almost every Ashkenazi Jewish dish, and I feel it's time to revive it to its rightful place in our homes.

I plan to distribute it in a green glass Gucci bottle with a label clearly saying, "low fat, no cholesterol, NEWMAN'S (Paul's not Sol's) choice, extra virgin SCHMALTZ"(it can't miss)....

Temple Israel of Dover is active in cyberspace!

Join us on Facebook,

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/42322897909/>

This group can only be viewed by facebook members.

We are also connected through interfaithfamily.com

<http://www.interfaithfamily.com/elgg/pg/groups/2598/temple-israel/>

**2013****B'not / B'nei****Mitzvah****5773/5774**

June 1
June 8
June 29
July 27
August 24
September 28

Olivia Gannon
Nathan Pastor
Jacob Saunders
Jordan Hall
Zachary Fishbein
Sarah Mueller

Religious School Calendar

June 20 — August 22, 2013

Hebrew Review and Enrichment Summer Program Thursdays except July 4

Each Thursday throughout the summer there will be free, drop-in, Hebrew Prayer study for those who wish to maintain and/or grow in Hebrew reading ability. There will be reading games, prizes, and challenges to enhance Hebrew reading fluency.

- **4:00 — 4:45 Level 1: Torah and Haftarah blessings**
- **5:00 — 5:45 Level 2: Prayers of the Saturday Service**

Leviticus 19:32 Show respect to the elders
Psalm 71:9 Cast me not off in my old age

Accept the challenge from Leviticus

Listen to the plea of the Psalmist

“How can I?” you may ask.

“In many ways!” I respond.

“One easy way each month is

to visit Langdon Place at

3:00 on the 3rd Friday

to help welcome Shabbat.

Share with the residents in

song, Kiddush, and motzi.

See you there

June 21, July 19, and/or August 16

Temple Israel in the Community

The Dover Food Pantry
 Items can be donated to the Food Pantry any time.
 Drop off may done at the Temple.
 The Food Pantry is open
 Tuesdays 3-5PM and Thursdays 9-11AM

**In addition to donations of
 food and/or personal items
 volunteers are always welcome
 to help work at the Dover Food Pantry.
 Please contact Karen Robichaud
 at (603) 749-4235 or blrklr2@aol.com**

Dover Friendly Kitchen
MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
PLEASE JOIN THE COMMUNITY!!!
 Temple Members help 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 are not met through other helping agencies, providing them with shelter and support for utilities and medical care. Your support is appreciated!
www.dovershare.org

Dover Chapter of Hadassah

Donations to Hadassah may be recognized with a variety of cards and certificates. Honor or Memory certificates are available for \$10 each.
 Tree Certificates are available for \$18.00
 Water Certificates are available for \$25 (water for the land of Israel).
 Large Gift Acknowledgement Cards acknowledge a minimum donation of \$20 (filled in with the name of the recipient or in honor or memory of someone else)

**For more information or to order a card or certificate
 please contact Donna M. Goldfarb 603-674-9168 donnadee82@gmail.com
 A phone call is best to assure the correct spellings.
 In most cases, cards will be sent out the day they are ordered.**

MAY 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:

General Fund

Muriel Slutzky -

To Rita Novak in honor of her granddaughter, Hilary Reid's graduation from Skidmore College
Cathi Cherry-Liston

Yahrzeit Donations

Rita Novak – In memory of

Hyman E. Novak

Carole Krassner - In memory of
Morris Siegel and Shirley Cooper

Capital Campaign

Cathi Cherry-Liston

Carole Krassner

Hospital Visits:

Please keep us informed!

If you or someone you know will be or is in the hospital please call the Temple office. You can also ask a nurse to see the hospital chaplain, who can call the Temple to let us know that you are there. Rabbi Sam and the Temple Israel community would like to be able to offer support and comfort to you and your family as you may desire.

JUNE 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 June 1: Rose Rosenberg (26), Laura Garr (26), Joseph Peters (26), Isadora Greenblatt (29), Max Cooper (30), Daniel Cohen (31), Nathan Schwartz (31), Jerry Smith (31), Simon Bernstein (1), Mariano Rechy (1)

Week of June 8: Mark Lichtenstein (2), Joseph Ambinder (2), Jacob Mars (6), Barney Saperstein (7), Ida Hooz (8), Robert William Ryder (8), Rose Lechner (8)

Week of June 15: Joel Cooperman (9), Selma C. Nasberg (11), Gretchen Hughes (12), Leonard M. Marcus (13), Barbara Frank O'Leary (13), Max Winer (13), Hele Meyrowitz (13), Gertrude Kaplan (14), Laurel Silverman (14), Elizabeth Pinn (15), Frances Greene (15), Michael Lichner (15)

Week of June 22: Fay Brisken (17), Clara Saperstein (17), Rabbi Byron T. Rubenstein (20), Lillian Shapiro Horwitz (20), Rochelle Lifson (22), Judee Weiner LaFargue (22)

Week of June 29: Mary Babson (23), Annie Feinberg (23), Thelma Fishman (24), Goldie Saunders (24), Mae Lillian Evans Ryder (24), M. Eleanor Sava (26), Joyce Green (27), Leo Seligson (28)

Week of July 6: Gladys G. Poucher (30), Dr. Martin Leimer (30), Harold Segal (30), Fred Zuckerman (1), Sidney Lane (1), Harry Verner (3), Gussie Smokler (3), Seymour Hirsh (3), Pearl Robbins (3), Nancy Denenberg (4), Phyllis Cohen (4), Rose Greenblatt (5), Ruth Honig Zeff (5), Jacob Eli Stein (6)

Memorial Wall

Members may add the name of a loved one or reserve a space 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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June 2013

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 01** 10:30 Bat Mitzvah – Olivia Gannon
- 06** 6:00 Annual Meeting
- 07** First Friday Shabbat
6:00 Tots on the Bima Shabbat Program
6:20 Pot-luck Family style Shabbat Dinner
7:00 Shabbat Service
- 08** 10:30 Bar Mitzvah – Nathan Pastor
- 14** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 15** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 20** 4:00/5:00 Hebrew Enrichment Program
- 21** 3:00 Visit to Langdon Place
7:00 Music & Meditation Service at the Pond
- 22** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
**5:00 9th-12th graders
Youth Group Dinner Program**
**RSVP rabbisam@dovertemple.org
by June 20 required**
- 27** 4:00/5:00 Hebrew Enrichment Program
- 28** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 29** 10:30 Bar Mitzvah – Jacob Saunders