

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fifth
Year!

FROM
RABBI SAM

Preparing for Passover

Traditionally we began preparing for Passover before we even observed Purim. In our modern world this is true as we begin to see Passover candy and such in stores (at least the ones that sell Jewish holiday food) at that time. The tradition, of course had a different focus on what preparing really means.

The first (of the five steps) is the reading of a special Maftir Torah passage and Haftarah on the Shabbat leading up to the new moon of Adar (the month prior to Passover — the final month of winter). This Shabbat is called Shekalim because it deals with the money and gift offerings for the Tabernacle and Temple. We are thus reminded, as we close out the festival year and prepare to enter into the new holiday cycle, that we should keep in mind those who need extra support.

The second Shabbat is the Shabbat before the full moon of Adar (the time of Purim) called Zachor (Remember). In the additional Torah reading is the story of the evil of Amalek and the ways in which Israel facilitated and allowed the weak and ill to be preyed upon. The evil of Amalek most notably survived in Haman. We are taught at this time, however, to stand against those who oppress or persecute others.

The third Shabbat, Parah, follows immediately after Purim. The Haftarah speaks of the hoped for return of Israel from exile and the repurification of both the people and the land.

The fourth Shabbat precedes the new moon of Nissan (also called the month of Aviv — the month of Spring). Thus it is called Shabbat HaChodesh (the Shabbat of the Month). Here the Haftarah tells of the preparations for Passover in the royal world of the ancient Temple days. For two weeks special offerings were to be made. These came to fullness with the Passover sacrifice on the fourteenth day of the month and the eating of unleavened bread for the seven days of the festival. Even for us today it is customary to do our “Spring cleaning” at this time. The coming of Passover offers us a good time to do an extra special house cleaning (both physically and spiritually).

The final Shabbat is right before the first night of Passover. This Shabbat is called HaGadol (the big or great one). The Haftarah reading is taken from the final words of the prophet Malachi — the last of the Biblical Prophets. In the words of Malachi, God will send Elijah back to us (he, having never formally died, had been transported bodily to Heaven in a fiery chariot) “before the coming of the great and awe-filled day. And he will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents.”

May this be soon and in our day.

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 is the newsletter
 of Temple Israel
 Dover, NH.

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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 March 1 First Friday featuring:
6:00 Tots on the Bima 6:20 Pot-luck dinner
- Saturday March 2 Full service with Torah
This service is required for all 6th & 7th grade families
- Friday March 8 Shabbat evening service
- Saturday March 9 Torah Study
- Friday March 15 Meditation & Music Shabbat
- Saturday March 16 Torah Study
- Friday March 22 Shabbat evening service
- Saturday March 23 Torah Study
- Friday March 29 Shabbat/Passover evening service
- Saturday March 30 Passover Torah Study



Havdalah and Jewish Movie Comedy

Join us for our newest
Adult Education Series



One Saturday night each month Jan-Mar 6:30 PM
We will explore Jewish themes in American movies

March 9 Havdalah followed by: My Favorite Year
 Each movie will be preceded by a brief overview of movie trivia
 and insights into many of the Jewish themes found in the movie

President's Message

Hello

It is interesting how things change and, yet, don't change over the years. I looked back at the Keshher article from March 2008 that Sharon wrote when she was president and once again we are in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico, enjoying our February vacation. The only change is the 5 years but the place here is basically the same.

Some of our Temple life has certainly changed in those 5 years. We have a change in our religious leadership with Rabbi Sam and our neighborhood has changed with the homes now on Olive Meadow Lane.

What has not changed is our need for member participation in Temple life. In addition to celebration of holidays, life cycle events, etc., we also need to focus on off the bimah activities that are needed to make our Temple life what it is and strive for continuous improvement.

With the help of the board and committees we are starting to make some inroads into areas of Temple life that have not been reviewed, changed, upgraded, etc., to maintain them as current practices. This includes areas such as a policy and process for our cemetery plots – how many do not even know that we have plots? – our rental structure for the building, both fun raising and fund raising activities, and much more.

As I mentioned last month we continue to need volunteers for many of the various Temple committees. This is especially true for the Membership Committee and the Caring Community Committee.

And now that March is upon us we can look forward to better weather and a very early Passover. There will be a Family Seder at the Temple and for details and specifics please make sure you check the Temple website (www.DoverTemple.org). By the time you read this, we will have celebrated Shabbat Across America on March 1.

Looking ahead several months, planning is beginning for Temple Israel's 75th Anniversary in the October time frame. We would like to make this Gala Event one of our most successful in terms of fun raising and fund raising. As we are in planning mode if you have suggestions let me know.

Please make sure to send me any comments, concerns, thoughts, and suggestion on Temple life – both good and bad. My email address is on the back page of the Keshher or you can reach me by phone at (603) 868 7810 (home) or (603) 617 9116 (cell), but not until after March 4, as I am currently out of the country.

And last, but certainly not least, from the Brody family to yours, a zissan Pesach.

L'Shalom,

Steve Brody, President

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**

March 1	Shabbat Across America
March 8	Rachel Kennon & Stacey Smith
March 15	Lessa Brill and John Wallace Lisa and Todd Titus
March 22	Beth and James Krzanowski Julie Low and Jim Weiner
March 29	Cathi Cherry-Liston Bev and Michael Kahn
Apr. 5	PreK-2 nd Grade Families Rockenmacher-Mather Family
Apr.12	Ruth and Larry Gray Sandy Rodeffer and Paul Pasternack
Apr. 19	Carol and Francis Birch Susan and Marc Shepcaro
Apr. 26	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, or 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 March!
Join us at Friday evening service on March 1, 7:00 PM as we offer our wishes for your special day.

Birthdays

Eliana Mather (1), Eric Miller (1), Keith Kallberg (5), Deborah Parkin (6), Jeremy Naquin (6), Ken Grossman (8), Adam Karol (9), Andrew Martin (12), Susan Horowitz (12), Daniel G. Tauriello (12), Jacob Sakelarios (13), Alvin Mars (13), Evan Saltman (14), Stephen McDonald (16), Alan Nasberg (25), Mark Rubinstein (28), Patricia Diengott (28), John Wallace (29), Jonathon Venne (30)

Anniversaries

Anne & Marc Saunders (2), Michael Behrendt & Naomi Kornhauser (8), Jonathan & Lauren Harris (24)

**Please welcome our
new members
Heather Charles
&
Dan Basta**

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/>

Passover

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Temple Israel

**All are welcome to join us
Tuesday March 26 5:30 PM**

Annual second night community Seder

Adults ages 13+	\$30 *(\$35)
Children ages 6-12	\$15 *(\$20)
Children under age 5	No Charge

* Cost if received after March 12th

*Family price cap of \$90.00
(2 adults plus 2 children with additional
children at no charge.*



B'not/B'nei Mitzvah

2013 / 5773 — 5774

April 6	Elly Mather
May 4	Harrison Flagg
May 18	Evan Saltman
June 1	Olivia Gannon
June 8	Nathan Pastor
June 29	Jacob Saunders
September 28	Sarah Mueller

Religious School Calendar March — April 2013

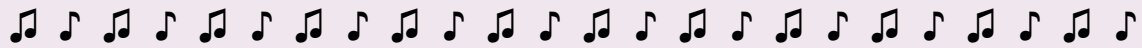
March

01	6:20	Pot-luck Shabbat Dinner
	7:00	Shabbat Service
02	10:30	Shabbat Service – required for pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah families
07	4:00	Religious School Classes
14	4:00	Religious School Classes — pre Passover sale
21	4:00	Community Passover program and sale
28	4:00	Religious School Classes

April

04	4:00	Religious School Classes
05	6:20	Pot-luck Shabbat Dinner
	7:00	Shabbat Service – led by preK – 2 nd grades
6	10:30	Bat Mitzvah – Elly Mather
07	5:00	Yom Hashoah (Holocaust) remembrance and reflection
11	4:00	Religious School Classes
18	4:00	Yom Ha'atzma'ut (Israel Independence Day) celebration
25		No Religious School – April Vacation

Sisterhood News



Music for Shabbat Fund

The Shabbat Music Fund provides support for Friday evening Shabbat music enhancement. Donations can 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 heartfelt thank you to Emily and Abigail Kaye for their beautiful musical accompaniment to our Sisterhood sponsored program led by Rabbi Sam on the third Friday of each month at Langdon Place.

We are pleased that the girls will return to Langdon Place, Friday, March 15 at 3:00. They will be sharing some pre-Passover music.

**If you are interested in learning more about what we offer
or would like to become involved in Sisterhood:**

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

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

Women's Revenge

“Cash, check, or charge?” I asked after folding the items the woman wished to purchase.

As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. “Do you always carry your TV remote to come shopping?”

“No!” she replied, “But my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.”

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 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

FEBRUARY 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

Shanti Gold —

Thank you for your hospitality

Richard & Margot DeSevo —

Thank you for your hospitality

Cathi Cherry-Liston —

Passover Seder underwriting

Capital Campaign

Cathi Cherry-Liston

JNF Tree Fund

Thank you to all who donated for the Tu B'Shevat tree planting fund raiser.

We were able to donate 6 trees to the community of Hof HaCarmel as they begin to replant the forest destroyed by fires 2 years ago

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

Week of March 2: Pearl Rosenthal (1), Bess Marcus (1)

Week of March 9: Esther Bravman (3), Sumner Levy (3), Max B. Sanders (4), Ida Isacoff (5), Celia Pindrus (5), Lorraine Kotlus (6), George J. Feinberg (25), Samuel Rosenberg (8), Mary Low (8)

Week of March 16: Haskell Kram (12), Ruth H. Toby (13), Anna Bezar (16), Dora Dorf (16)

Week of March 23: Mary Mars (17), Allen Scheff (19), Herbert Fox (19), Irving Sternberg (20), Esther Issokson (20), Gil Victor Ornelas (21), Harry Pastor (21), Millicent Goodstein (23)

Week of March 30: Jean Willens (24), Christine L. Kennon (24), Rose B. Kates (27), Irving Oshman (30), Reuben Weinstein (30)

Week of April 6: Sam Ollar (31), Sidney Goren (31), Morris A. Fox (31), Richard R. Morse (1), Sarah Mendelovtitz (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)

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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March 2013

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 01 First Friday Shabbat
6:00 Tots on the Bima Shabbat Program
6:20 Pot-luck Family style Shabbat Dinner
7:00 Shabbat Across America
- 02 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
- 07 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 08 6:00 Adult Hebrew class & dinner
7:00 Shabbat Service
- 09 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
5:30 9th – 12th graders dinner at the Temple
6:30 Havdalah and movie comedy night
- 14 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 15 3:00 Visit to Langdon Place
6:00 Adult Hebrew class & dinner
7:00 Music & Meditation Shabbat Service
- 16 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
2:30 Making a fun Seder (in Durham)
contact rabbisam@dovertemple.org to RSVP
- 21 4:00 pre-Passover community program
6:30 Annual Interfaith Festival Season Program
- 22 6:00 Adult Hebrew class & dinner
7:00 Shabbat Service
- 23 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
2:30 Making a fun Seder (in Durham)
contact rabbisam@dovertemple.org to RSVP
- 26 – April 1 Passover**
- 25 First Passover Seder Night
- 26 5:30 Community Passover Seder (2nd night)
- 28 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 29 6:00 Adult Hebrew class & dinner
7:00 Passover/Shabbat Service
- 30 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study