

# KESHER

Our Seventy-Fifth  
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

## Transition or Stasis

Throughout November, we will read the continuing story of the history of the people Israel as reported in Genesis. At the end of September the Genesis account started with the history of the world. The first week of October finished this view of pre-history (from the vantage point of the Biblical author and audience) and gave a fore-taste of the specific family lineage that was to lead to the relationship of a people and the one God (as opposed to the many-God ideas that had been in vogue at the time).

Throughout October the weekly Torah portions traced the Abraham cycle of stories from his call to the death of himself and his wife. These stories traced his journeys, new insights, and transitions. Little is actually said about the personality of Abraham or the reasons for his having been the one to be in this position.

Only the first Shabbat of November tells the stories of Isaac, the next generation in the family to carry this mission forward. The balance of November and the first weeks of December give the stories of Jacob, his children, and the establishment of what will become the tribes of a nation. Through these stories we learn much more about their personalities and individual roles in all that is yet to come.

Abraham's life was filled with trials and tribulations as he moved through the transitions God had planned for him. God,

however, revealed little of the details of this plan beyond the assurances that there would be a relationship between God and the descendants of Abraham down through the generations (and the statement that there would be many members of those generations)

Isaac's life, on the other hand, held few travels and little that was eventful or new and innovative. His was a life that seemed to consist primarily of repeating the feats of his father amidst a quiet and quite unremarkability. Indeed, one might even surmise that if it were not for the exploits of his father (and the issues his sons had to deal with) we might have never heard of him at all.

The cycle of stories about Jacob takes even more time to tell than those of Abraham. They again trace a new process of transitions that will lead to an entire body of history.

Abraham and Jacob are stories that face an uncertain future that will clearly be different from anything they had known in the past. In both cases there is great growth. But it comes with an equally great degree of difficulty and uncertainty.

Isaac goes nowhere and develops nothing of note. Despite a few moments of stress (hard but brief in comparison to the span of his life), his life is calm.

Growth requires faith and hard work in the face of difficulties. We accept the challenges even as we seek times of quiet calm to best build for the future.

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### TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am – 1:30 pm**  
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#### KESHER

*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*.

#### mail to:

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## Shabbat@ Temple Israel

Friday nights 7:00

Saturday mornings 10:30

Friday November 1

First Friday Shabbat

6:00 Tots-on-the -Bima

6:20 Pot-luck dinner

7:00 Shorter Service

Saturday November 2

10:30 Full service with Torah

Friday November 8

7:00 Shabbat Service

Saturday November 9

10:30 Torah Study

Friday November 15

Third Friday Shabbat

7:00 Music & Meditation

Saturday November 16

10:30 Torah Study

Friday November 22

7:00 Shabbat Service

With Sue Horowitz

Saturday November 23

10:30 Torah Study

Friday November 29

Last Friday Shabbat

6:00 Adult B'not/B'nei Mitzvah study & dinner

7:00 Shabbat / Chanukah

Saturday November 30

10:30 Torah Study

# From the President

What do you think about your connection to the Temple?

What would you like to see at the Temple?

How can we all help to strengthen the Temple community?

As always please feel free to contact me with any thoughts, concerns, or feedback.

L'Shalom

*Steve Brody* President [President@DoverTemple.org](mailto:President@DoverTemple.org) 603 868 7810



## **\*The Tradition of offering thanks continues\***

The faith communities of DARLA (the Dover Area Religious Leaders Association) will gather for thanksgiving worship on Sunday evening, November 24th, at 7 PM, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church (corner of Locust and Hale Streets in downtown Dover).

As in the past years, the service will be comprised of "offerings" that each faith community makes, to say thanks to God for the provisions of the year. There will be readings, silence, instrumental music, vocal anthems, a massed choir, and more.

Those attending the service are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and/or personal care items for the Dover Cooperative Ministries Food Pantry, as well as gifts of money to be given to the Dover Friendly Kitchen.

A massed choir – comprised of any volunteer singer, whether their faith community has an organized choir or not – will gather at 5:30 PM to practice for the service. The Music Directors are Steve MacKenzie, from St. John's United Methodist Church, and Rick Gremlitz, from First Parish.

**Questions? Contact St. Thomas (603) 742-3155**



**THANK YOU TO OUR  
ONEG HOSTS**

**November**

- 1 Pam & Steve Giguere  
Lauren & Jonathan Harris
- 8 Eve Edelstein Williams &  
Colin Williams  
Naomi Kornhauser & Michael Behrendt
- 15 Lynne DeSantis, Tobi Cartmill
- 22 Steve Goren, Rita & Stan Robbins
- 29 Thanksgiving / Chanukah Pot Luck

**December**

- 6 6th & 7th grade families
- 13 Janice & Eric Miller
- 20 Pot-Luck — vacation week
- 27 Pot-Luck — vacation week

**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 November!  
Join us at Friday evening service on November 1, 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), Frederick Diengott (20),  
Jessica Costa (22), Matthew Jacobs (25),  
Evelyn Rogers (26), Hannah Mather (26),  
Aaron Kahn (30), Jack Kontarinis (30)

**Anniversary**

- James & Elizabeth Lieberman (1),  
Magdalene & Joe Guardino (4),  
Mark & Karen Hiller (5),  
Harry & Deborah Mueller (10),  
Michael & Glicka Kaplan (11),  
Scot & Beth Sakelarios (11),  
Bill & Linda Ollar (23),  
Cathi & Mel Liston (26)

**Please Welcome  
our new members**

- Sara B Anderson  
Marcus and Erin  
Stefanie Diamond  
Marjorie & Jeff Raven  
Noah, Zachary, and Amanda

## ***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)**

## **Real Israeli Personal Ads**

I take out the Torah Saturday mornings — Would like to take you out Saturday nights (POB 801)

Couch potato latke in search of the right applesauce. Let's try it out for eight days. Who knows? (POB 437)

Divorced Jewish man seeks partner to attend shul, light shabbos candles, celebrate holidays, attend brisses, and bar mitzvahs. Religion not important. (POB 658)

Yeshiva bochur, Torah scholar, long beard, payos; seeks same in woman. (POB 413)

Jewish male, 34, very successful, smart, independent, self made; looking for a girl whose father will hire him. (POB 494)

**These days — you never know**



**B'not / B'nei Mitzvah**  
**2014** **5774**

**May 31**  
**June 28**

**Adult Class**  
**Abigail Kaye**

**Religious School News**

The Religious School is now in full swing. Our preK-2nd graders hear stories from the tradition, study and enjoy crafts about Shabbat and the holidays, and explore the wonders of the Hebrew Aleph-bet. Third graders and up also study the torah and holidays, Jewish history, and Rabbinic and modern ideas on Jewish practice and values. Hebrew levels provide an opportunity for each student to learn to read and understand the concepts of the prayers at her or his best pace (We recommend a minimum of 10 minutes of practice each day at home). All students and families are encouraged to attend services Friday evenings (especially the first Friday of the month) and the first Saturday of each month (required for the year prior to the celebration of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah).

**The schedule for November:**

- 07**      **4:00-6:00**    **Religious School classes**
- 14**      **4:00-6:00**    **Religious School classes**
- 21**      **4:00-6:00**    **Religious School classes**
- 28**      **No Religious School: Thanksgiving/Chanukah**

## From the Sisterhood

Sisterhood has been a very important part of our Temple for many years. This year we will be working in a different format than in the past, under the guidance of Co- Presidents Stacey Segil and Karen Mott, Secretary Karen Hiller and Treasurer Lisa Weinstein. Our goal for this year is to renew and strengthen Sisterhood by encouraging more women to participate.

**Please mark your calendars for the Sisterhood outing on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm to *Art with a Splash* — Portsmouth.**

**It is sure to be a great time of art, wine, fellowship and fun!**

**If you need a ride contact Stacey or Karen.**

Sisterhood's major responsibilities:

Funding all the supplies for meals (i.e. paper plates, cups, napkins, etc.), providing the flowers and arrangements on the bimah, operating the Judaica Gift Shop, maintaining the library, and providing the Temple's women with opportunities to socialize.

**To join or for more information, please contact:**

**Stacey Segil Co-President: at [sbsegil@gmail.com](mailto:sbsegil@gmail.com) or 603 343-5789 OR**

**Karen Mott Co-President at [kgmaus54@yahoo.com](mailto:kgmaus54@yahoo.com) or 603 767-6785.**

Everyone is welcome to join us for events! To become a member, dues are \$36/year.

All members will be encouraged to participate and find projects they will enjoy.

We want to both increase the number of social events that do not include fundraising and find ways to increase our fundraising results to meet our budget goals.



## The 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht

The Music Hall, in Portsmouth, is hosting the documentary, "Two Who Dared: The Sharps' War," as a part of their Film Matters Series on Sunday, November 10, at 4:00 PM.

This documentary explores the lives of a Unitarian minister and his wife who risk their lives to save Jews during World War II. In 2006, they were honored as the 2nd & 3rd Americans (out of 25,000) at Yad Vashem as "Righteous Among the Nations." It is an extraordinary story that only recently has come to light.

In this time of people searching for models of character, this is a wonderful, inspiring story. Artemis Joukowsky, the Director and Producer of this film and the grandson of Martha and Waitstill Sharp, will lead a discussion about moral courage after the film.

For more information about this amazing story of courage see:

<http://www.twowhodared.com>

# 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](mailto:blrklr2@aol.com)**

## 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](http://www.dovershare.org)

## 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 ef-  
fort 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](mailto:abbwelch@yahoo.com) or 534-4142

## 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](mailto: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.**

## Temple Israel of Dover is active in cyberspace!

In addition to checking the website regularly, please join us at one of both of:

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

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

## SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

## OCTOBER 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**

Maxine Morse

Rene Levy

Ellen Cohn

Harry & Debbie Mueller –  
In honor of Rabbi Sam Seicol  
Alvin & Marilyn Mars  
Carole Krassner

**Captial Campaign**

Cathi Cherry-Liston

**Rabbis Discretionary Fund**

Harry & Debbie Mueller –  
In honor of Rabbi Sam Seicol

**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.

**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 November 2:** James Bockman (28), Alexander Willens (28), Herman Seperson (28), Morris Fine (28), Barney Grossman (30), Seymour Osman (31), Martha Magerer (2)

**Week of November 9:** Katherine H. Edelstein (4), Sadie Cook (4), Gerald Fine (4), Abraham Fisher (6), Frances Anderson (6), Bessie W. Young (7), Eileen Platania (7), Gussie Flescher (8), Julius Weiner (8)

**Week of November 16:** Richard Rowe(10), Baurcard Nesin (10), Fannie Krasnow (10), Barnett H. Book (11), Pierette Zinck (12), Faye Shear (13), Lawrence Felsenberg (13), Edward Seperson (13), Lillian Smith (14), Ruth E. Fain (15) Mildred Lane (16)

**Week of November 23:** Newron B. Cohn (17), Joseph P. Giffen (19), Sarah Zirpolo (20), Morris Levy (21), Sidney Zeff (21), Statia Nesin (21), Arnold M. Baer (22), Morris Isacoff (23)

**Week of November 30 :** Davida Gelfman (24), Selma J. Nasberg (24), Deborah Most (25), Gert Sternberg (27), Rita Peters (27), Rose Cohen (28), James Green (28), Arnold J. Ashline (29), Robert Goren (29), Rabbi Aaron Ilson (30), Jean Lafargue (30)

**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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# November 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 Dinner**
  - 7:00** **Shabbat Service**
- 02** **10:30** **Shabbat Morning Service**
- 03** **1:00** **DARLA sponsored Youth Event**
- 07** **4:00** **Religious School classes**
- 08** **7:00** **Shabbat Service**
- 09** **10:30** **Shabbat Morning Torah study**
- 14** **4:00** **Religious School classes**
- 15** **3:00** **Visit to Langdon Place**  
**7:00** **Music & Meditation Service**
- 16** **10:30** **Shabbat Morning Torah study**
- 21** **4:00** **Religious School classes**
- 22** **7:00** **Shabbat Service**
- 24** **10:30** **Shabbat Morning Torah study**
- 25** **7:00** **Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving**  
**St Thomas Episcopal — Dover**
- 27 through December 5** **Chanukah**
- 28** **4:00** **No Religious School — Thanksgiving**
- 29** **6:00** **Adult Hebrew class and dinner**  
**7:00** **Shabbat/Chanukah Service**
- 30** **10:30** **Shabbat Morning Torah study**