

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fifth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

What Do You Think?

Recently I had the privilege and joy of being a part of an interfaith presentation panel to High School Youth at UNH through their Project Search program. The students had requested that the panel speak to a variety of questions about the way faith traditions confronted a variety of practical and philosophical/theological issues.

I have listed below the questions we were given and provided a space beneath each one for you to jot down some notes on the way you might have responded from a Jewish perspective.

Please note that, from a Jewish point of view, there are rarely mandated or “right” responses to philosophical or theological questions. From a denominational (Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, etc) perspective there often is not even agreement on how to answer even practical questions.

If you would like to learn more of the way I answered the questions, you can find my thoughts in this month’s article on the Rabbi’s Study page of the website.

1. I’d like to hear about what guides you to know you are doing the right thing. For example, what set of rules or guidelines or general feeling of happiness guides you through your belief to know your role in the world.

2. In your opinion, what does the after-life look like?

3. Can you talk about one practice or ritual that you particularly appreciate?

4. Is there one belief, practice, or ritual that provokes the most questions, or that you often have to defend or explain to others?

And a delightful question that came up during the discussion part of the afternoon:

What does your tradition have to say about creation and science?

I hope you enjoy wrestling with these as much as I and the panel did.

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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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****Friday nights 7:30**

Saturday mornings 10:30

Friday April 4

****First Friday Shabbat**

6:30 Pot-luck dinner

7:15 Service led by students

Saturday April 5

10:30 Full service with Torah

Friday April 11

****7:30 Service**

Saturday April 12

10:30 Torah Study

****11:30 Shabbat Youth Service**

Friday April 18

****Third Friday Shabbat**

****7:30 Music & Meditation**

Saturday April 19`

10:30 Passover Torah Study

Friday April 25

****Last Friday Shabbat**

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

****7:30 Shabbat Service**

Saturday April 26

10:30 Torah Study

From the President

The calendar says it is Spring, but as usual, New England weather will put us through another round or two of winter weather before giving in to the mandatory seasonal change. Ever thought you would look forward to mowing the lawn and yard work?

But we do have our signposts that it is Spring – Purim, March Madness, Red Sox opening day – and our fun and fund raiser to help us get out of the house and enjoy music, food, and camaraderie with our friends and neighbors.

And what a great lead in to a few words about our 75th Anniversary event on April 12th, some of which you may have seen/read before, but always worth repeating.

To mark the event we have an evening of entertainment for you – Klezmer and Korneed Beef – which will feature the Casco Bay Tumblers, a Klezmer group based in Maine. In addition to the corned beef and all the fixings, there will be vegetarian choices and salads for those who prefer not to eat meat. The evening will also be a tribute to Ann Isacoff. With the assistance of Ann's family, Rabbi Sam, Cathi Cherry-Liston, and others, a booklet of Ann's favorite stories, anecdotes, and comments, is being compiled. The book will be on sale at the event as well as after the event. There will also be a cash bar and desserts. I urge you, your family, and friends, to attend as this should be a fantastic evening. Further information is on our web site, in the Keshher, and through the office.

We already have sold about 60 tickets and we look forward to a much larger attendance. If you or your children have not heard Klezmer music this is a great opportunity to do so. We will also do some dancing and there will be brief instruction on some of the dances associated with Klezmer. In addition to the Tumblers based in Portland, there are other Klezmer bands in New England, but here is an opportunity to hear one in your local community. Don't let this pass you by.

I also want to repeat the following from my last Keshher article as it is critical to our future.

Lastly I want to remind you that the Temple is facing financial issues in the coming months. Full details will be available at the Annual Meeting and probably in advance of that from me. Although dues are not due until the June/July time frame, bills will be sent out in the next week or so. If you can pay in advance of then it would help us get through the next few months where income is traditionally down.

I have one more request. It has always been our policy and practice to allow for a dues relief for those who cannot afford full dues. We will continue to do that on an as needed basis, but I am personally asking those who are on reduced dues to give consideration to paying, if not full dues, something more than they are today. The Temple needs to increase revenues and we all need to help. So again I am asking you to examine your situation and if you can pay more than you are now, please do so.

And you can always write a check and make a donation to Temple Israel.

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

L'Shalom Steve Brody President President@DoverTemple.org 603 868

TEMPLE ISRAEL COMMUNITY SEDER

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 5:30 PM

36 Olive Meadow Lane (formerly 515 Sixth Street), Dover, New Hampshire

Enjoy a lively story of Pesach with songs, readings, holiday foods and more!

Opportunities for child and adult participation!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Please check the website for the full Reservation Form

THANK YOU TO OUR ONEG HOSTS

April

- 4 Beth & Jim Lieberman
Lauren & Scott Saltman
- 11 Peter Pastor
Lisa & Marc Weinstein
- 18 Passover Pot-Luck Oneg
- 25 Vacation week Pot-Luck Oneg

May

- 2 Pre-K — 2nd Grade familie
- 9 Nancy & Mort Cherim
Pam & warren Goldblatt
- 16 Karen Jacoby & Stephen Lichtenstein
Jerold Pollak
- 23 Memorial Weekend Pot-Luck Oneg
- 30 Sharon & Steve Brody
DeeDee & David Goldstein

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

Join us at Friday evening service
April 4, 7:15 PM
as we offer our wishes for
our April celebrants.

Birthdays

- Stephen Giguere (3),
- Stefanie Diamond (4), Lynne DeSantis (6),
- Heather Charles (8), Rebecca Costa (9),
- Nancy Cherim (10),
- Jonathan Robbins (10),
- Elizabeth Jacobs (11),
- Benjamin Parkin (14), Polly Flagg (16),
- Helen Lieberman (17), Sid Kotlus (20),
- Steve Goren (20), Andrew Diengott (25),
- J. Taylor Shine (27)

Anniversaries

- Pamela & Stephen Giguere (25)

**Invite a Friend
to come with you to:
Friday Services
and/or
Community
Seder**



CELEBRATE TEMPLE ISRAEL'S 75 ANNIVERSARY WITH **KLEZMER** AND **KORNED BEEF**



Saturday April 12 7:00 PM 36 Olive Meadow Lane

(Formerly 515 Sixth St) Dover, NH

JOIN US AS WE NOSH & DANCE & CELEBRATE WITH OUR CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY!

WE WILL ALSO FEATURE A TRIBUTE TO ANN ISACOFF (Suggested donation \$18)
IN THE FORM OF A BOOK, YET UNTITLED, BUT SURE TO BE "THE BEST OF ANN."

We will also stream Ann's shows "Septemplefest '95" and "Octemplefest '96"

The fun includes: cash bar, "The Best of Ann", and raffles including a 50/50.

Cost: \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door

Please send payment to: Temple Israel PO Box 254 Dover, NH 03821

For more information call 603-742-3976 or visit www.dovertemple.org

We celebrate the memory of Ann Isacoff with a series sent prior to her death

DINING OUT WITH MY FOLKS IN FLORIDA — Part 2

As we enter Antonio's Restaurant, the waiter approaches us. "Hello, I'm Ronald and I'll be your waiter this evening. Would anyone care for a drink?" All at the table shake their heads no, except me:

"I'll have an Amstel please."

"You know, beer is not included in the dinner," my mother whispers to me. "If you want beer, I'll buy you a bottle at the supermarket."

"But I want a beer now, with dinner."

"You can wait until we get home."

"Yes...no?" asks the waiter.

"Yes, please," I say. My mother flashes me a look. "I'll pay for it myself, OK?"

"Don't be such a big shot!"

My parents study the menu as if they were picking stocks in which to invest their life savings. After several minutes, they begin calculating the options: With the Prix Fixe dinner they can get the filet of sole, plus salad and coffee for \$7.95 per person. But if they order a la carte, the filet of sole is only \$5.95, the coffee \$1.25, the salad \$2.50 but it's a large salad with tomatoes. However, if they share a salad, then substitute the French Onion soup from the Prix Fixe menu for a \$1.50 surcharge...

"Are you ready to order?" asks our waiter.

TO BE CONTINUED....WATCH FOR NEXT MONTH'S INSTALLMENT



B'not / B'nei Mitzvah

2014

5774/5775

May 31

Adult Class

June 28

Abigail Kaye

October 25

Belle Giguere

Religious School News

The Religious School will once again be sponsoring a Passover foods sale. Matzahs of various kinds, chocolate covered potato chips, macaroons, cakes, and cookies will be available.

Pre-orders at a discount may be requested by March 27. Order forms will be available beginning March 6. Orders will be at the Temple April 3 and 10.

Watch your mail or check the website after March 6 for information and forms on this and on the Temple Community Seder to be held Tuesday April 15.

The Religious School schedule for April is:

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| 03 | 4:00-6:00 | Religious School classes |
| 10 | 4:00-6:00 | Religious School classes |
| 17 | 4:00-6:00 | Religious School classes |
| 24 | No Religious School classes : April Vacation | |

From the Sisterhood

Sisterhood has been an 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, Secretaries Karen Hiller and Lisa Weinstein, and Treasurer Patty Diengott. Our goal for this year is to renew and strengthen Sisterhood by encouraging more women to participate. 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 one of the co-Presidents:

Stacey Segil sbsegil@gmail.com or 603 343-5789

Karen Mott kgmaus54@yahoo.com or 603 767-6785

Dates to look forward to:

April 12	7:00	Temple Israel 75th anniversary celebration: Klezmer & Kored Beef
April 15	5:30	Community Seder at the Temple
May 4	4:00	Art with a Splash
June 5	TBD	Sisterhood meeting
August 7	TBD	Hackmatak event
Nov. 1	TBD	Havdalah and Movie Night

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/>

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

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 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

Dover Chapter of Hadassah

The Dover Chapter of Hadassah is offering greeting cards and certificates for purchase to help Hadassah fund the various charities and educational opportunities that they provide in Israel and elsewhere. Both cards and certificates come in a variety of styles. A sample is pictured here.

We have many to others choose from. Cards are \$2.50/each; small certificates sell for \$5.00/each; and the trees are \$15/each. There are also Water Certificates (helping to keep the Israeli desert irrigated) cost \$18/each.

Please consider purchasing a card or certificate to mark a special occasion, offer get-well wishes, honor or congratulate someone, or offer expressions of sympathy. Small certificates and tree and water certificates can be inscribed with your wishes to the recipient; cards will be signed as you wish.

You may purchase the cards by calling Donna M. Goldfarb at (603) 749-3293 or (603) 674-9168.

Please have the name and address of recipient, as well as any message you would like to have on the card/certificate readily available when you call.

Checks for the purchase should be made out to The Dover Chapter of Hadassah and sent to: Ilse Stevens at 4 Razorbill Circle, Durham, NH 03824.)

In most cases, cards will be sent out the day they are ordered.



JANUARY DONATIONS
FEBRUARY 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

Cathi Cherry-Liston
Alvin & Marilyn Mars

Yahrzeit Donation

Cathi Cherry-Liston -
in memory of Eleanor Goldstein
Muriel Slutzky -
in memory of Jerry Slutzky
Carole Krassner -
in memory of Helen 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.

NOTE: *Yahrzeits are recorded according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary from year to year. Adar and Adar I are remembered in Adar I. 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 April 5: Alan Cohen (31), Ruth Pindrus (1), Haskell Kram (1), Ruth H. Toby (2), Anna Bezar (5), Dora Dorf (5)

Week of April 12: Mary Mars (6), Allen Scheff (8), Herbert Fox (8), Irving Sternberg (9), Esther Issokson (9), Harry Pastor (10), Gil Victor Ornelas (10), Millicent Goodstein (12), Haskel Kram (12)

Week of April 19: Christine L. Kennon (13), Jean Willens (13), Rose B. Kates (16), Irving Oshman (19), Reuben Weinstein (19)

Week April 26: Sam Ollar (20), Sidney Goren (20), Morris A. Fox (20), Richard F. Morse (21), Sarah Mendelovtiz (22), Marcia J. Feinberg (22), Bessie Issokson (24), Judith Framer (24), Lillian Lane (24), Ruth L. Issokson (24), Samuel Abeles (25), Sylvia Allen (25), Frieda Osman (26)

Week of May 3: Morris Rotman (28), Dorothy Pearlstein (29), George James White (29), Francis Brown (29), Morris S. Rosen (29), Leah Osman (29), Rose Esther Weinstein (1), Louis Baumstein (3), Morris Siegel (3), Jules Philips (3)

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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April 2014

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 03** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 04** 6:30 First Friday Dinner and Early Shabbat Pot-luck Family style Shabbat Dinner
- 05** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service

- 10** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 6:30** **Annual Foods of Faith Event**
- 11** 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 12** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 11:30 Shabbat Youth Service and Program
- Passover story and activity
- 7:00 75th Anniversary Event

14-21 Passover

- 15** 5:30 **Community Seder**
- 17** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 18** 7:30 Music & Meditation Shabbat Service
- 19** 10:30 Shabbat/Passover Morning Torah Study

- 24** **No Religious School — April Vacation**
- 25** 6:00 Adult Hebrew class & dinner
- 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 26** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study