

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fifth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

Judaism is Now Cool Part 2

If the title of this month's article seems to be a little puzzling - "I never read 'Part 1'. It is not in the previous Keshet." - that is not surprising. The first article on this topic is in the January/February issue of the New Hampshire Jewish Reporter. For those who do not get the Reporter and would like to read the first part of this series, copies may be attained by emailing a request to the Temple at rabbisam@dovertemple.org.

The final line of that article is:
Judaism in the 21st century for the larger American community has become "cool". The real challenge for our Jewish institutions is to teach those born into the Jewish community this is true too.

This last line is, to some greater part, a response to the recent Pew survey and the way in which it has been interpreted by many in the American Jewish community leadership.

Surveys of the Jewish community at the end of the 20th century tended to play up intermarriage rates and assimilation as being predictive of the impending demise of the American Jewish community. Follow up surveys at the beginning of the 21st century, while showing those predictions to have been premature at the least, still bemoaned the assimilation and intermarriage rates as being detrimental to American Judaism.

The most recent survey, as it has been read in many areas of the community continues to be viewed in a negative light. The purpose of the Reporter article is to see the historic processes and, perhaps, try to accept the challenges that this awareness offers to us.

Without going into specific and in depth analyses of the actual numbers and percentages, it is apparent that Jews in the early parts of the 20th century who were not deeply connected to Judaism (read: highly assimilated or desiring to be more accepted in the larger American culture) were generally willing to convert (often to Unitarian but to other Christian groups as well). The recent survey seems to indicate that conversion is no longer as widely practiced but assimilation into the more dominant community still occurs.

The series of surveys over the past 30 years also seems to indicate a shift in the trend of creation of Jewish homes for intermarried families from quite low to an increasing and more significant proportion of these families. This includes a variety of scenarios including: conversion by the non-Jewish spouse, involvement in the Temple without conversion, and (for the Reform community) identification of the children as Jewish regardless of which parent is Jewish.

What does this trend mean for us today? What are the challenges offered to us? These questions and more will be the focus of Part 3 - in the February Keshet.

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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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****New Service Times****

****Friday nights 7:30**

Saturday mornings 10:30

- **Friday January 3** ****First Friday Shabbat**
 6:30 Pot-luck dinner
 7:15 Early/shorter Service
- **Saturday January 4** **10:30 Full service with Torah**
- **Friday January 10** ****7:30 Shabbat Service**
- **Saturday January 11** **10:30 Torah Study**
 ****11:30 Shabbat Youth Service**
- **Friday January 17** ****Third Friday Shabbat**
 3:00 At Langdon Place
 ****7:30 Music & Meditation**
- **Saturday January 18** **10:30 Torah Study**
- **Friday January 24** ****7:30 Lay Led Shabbat Service**
- **Saturday January 25** **No Torah Study**
- **Friday January 31** ****Last Friday Shabbat**
 6:00 Adult B'not/B'nei Mitzvah study & dinner
 ****7:30 Service with Sue Horowitz**

From the President
**As we enter 2014,
please know that the Temple
will continue to grow and
thrive as a community**

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

L'Shalom

Steve Brody President

President@DoverTemple.org 603 868 7810

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

THANK YOU TO OUR ONEG HOSTS

January

- 3 Magdalene & Joe Guardino
Jane Liemer
- 10 Ruth & Larry Gray
Sandy Rodeffer & Paul Pasternack
- 17 Lisa Connolly
Melissa Cooperman
- 24 Bev & Michael Kahn
Gina & Aaron Kahn
- 31 Cathi Cherry-Liston
Carole Krassner

February

- 7 Hebrew Level 2 students and families
- 14 Glicka & Micael Kaplan
Maschia & Stephen Kaplan
- 21 Lois & Robert Costa
Jane Liemer
- 28 Pot-luck 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, 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 birthdays in January!
Join us at Friday evening service on January 3, 7:15 PM as we offer our wishes for your special day.

Birthdays

- Brendan Miller (2), Cathi Cherry-Liston (3), Gregg Miller (5), Diane Schaefer (7), Isabella Ritzo (8), Eli Elkus (11), Maschia Kaplan (12), Julie Serrano (13), Bertha Litvack (13), Jordan Caracoglia (17), Jeremy Ira Jackson (17), Marc Saunders (18), Zachary Venne (21), Anna Lieberman (23), Gina Kahn (23), Todd Titus (24), Stacey Samuels (29), Jacob Kaplan (30), Mitchell Shuldman (30), Glicka Kaplan (31)

Anniversaries

- Bill & Jill Schoonmaker (13), DeeDee & David Goldstein (31)

**January is
“Bring a Friend
To Temple” Month**

Join the Greater Dover Community in A Martin Luther King Day Gathering January 19th, 2014 - 6:30 PM

With Liberty and Justice for ALL: The Challenges in 2014
St Mary Church
25 Third St.
Dover, NH 03820

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

Reflections and Memories

Today when a woman buys a dress or a sweater, she says, "I got this at a boutique."

In our day it was simply called a "Women's Clothing Store"...What's with this 'boutique business?'

A friend of mine came over to me in school the other day and said, "I just got a beautiful plaid woolen shirt in that men's boutique on the corner."

I started to laugh. You know what we called a "men's boutique"?...An Army Navy Store.

We didn't have Supermarkets in our day. If you wanted milk or cheese you went to the grocery store. If you wanted a light bulb you went to the hardware store....if you wanted a pickle you went to the appetizer store. Life was so simple in those years....We got exercise just by shopping....we didn't have to get up at 5:00 in the morning to run like a nut wearing a pair of shorts.

A ride on the trolley car cost five cents...the subway was five cents...a bus was five cents.

It was a simple life...



B'not / B'nei Mitzvah

2014

5774/5775

May 31

Adult Class

June 28

Abigail Kaye

October 18

Belle Giguere

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 January:

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| 02 | 4:00-6:00 | Religious School classes resume |
| 09 | 4:00-6:00 | Religious School classes |
| 16 | 4:00-6:00 | Community Tu BiShevat celebration |
| 23 | 4:00-6:00 | Religious School classes |
| 30 | 4:00-6:00 | Religious School classes |

From the Sisterhood

Sunday, January 19th 4-6pm PLEASE JOIN US

Art with a Splash — Portsmouth.



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

If you need a ride, to register, or for more information contact Stacey or Karen.

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. 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 or 603 343-5789 OR

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

Co-President's Stacey and Karen would like to host a Havdalah evening in February or March. We were hoping to plan some movie nights like last year. If anyone has an interest to see a movie at the Temple on a Saturday night, please let Stacey or Karen know by the end of December so we can make plans.

Tu BiShevat Celebration

Thursday January 16 4:00 — 6:00

Service 4:00 (Sanctuary)

Celebration of Tree Foods 4:45 (Social Hall)



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 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 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

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/>

DECEMBER DONATIONS

JANUARY 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 –
In memory of Edward Wheeler
Alvin & Marilyn Mars
Earl S Prolman & Family
Jerry & Ursula Cherry

Rabbi's Fund

Cathi Cherry-Liston

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 January 4: Rose Silverman Cohen (29), Rabbi Sidney Rothstein (29), Harold J. Potter (1), Nathan Allen (3), Morris Kram (3), Mary C. Feltes (4)

Week January 11: Steven Goodstein (7), Marjorie Alberts (8), Irving Pastor (9), Chayim Meyrowitz (9), Marian Frankel (10), Rebecca Thorner (11), Jason Smith (11)

Week of January 18: Mildred Katz (12), Hyman Miller (12), Isadore Stack (14), Alfred Anderson (14), Issac C. Kates (15), Harry Goodstein (15), Gertrude Baer (16), Jacob A. Rosenberg (17), Jane Wise (17), Max Becker (18), Sue Ann Katz (18)

Week of January 25: Gertrude Berenson (19), Daniel Berman (19), Michelle K. Robbins (19), Marian Ruth Frankel (19), Thomas Weinbaum (20), Vivian Lafargue (20), Frances Davis (21), Elizabeth Schoonmaker (21), Jacob N. Paisner (24)

Week of February 1: Abraham Levine (26), Laura Ossoff (26), Lewis J. Fisher (26), Libby Rothstein (27), Ida Siegel (27), Jack Cok (27), Irving Thorner (28), Milton H. Cooper (28), Ellen Silverman (28), Betty Karnefsky (29), Robert Davis Jr. (30), Jacob Potter (30), Anne Gray (30), Ree Becker (30), Theodore Davis (31), Lillian Miller (1), Sam Glosserman (1)

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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January 2014

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 02** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 03** 7:00 First Friday Dinner and Early Shabbat
- 6:30 Pot-luck Family style Shabbat Dinner
- 7:15 Shabbat Service
- 04** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
- 09** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 10** 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 11** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- Second Saturday - especially for young children
- 11:30 Shabbat Youth Service and Program
- TuBiShevat story and activity

16 Tu B'Shevat

- 16** 4:00 Community Tu B'Shevat celebration
- 17** 3:00 Visit to Langdon Place
- 7:30 Music & Meditation Shabbat Service
- 18** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 19** 4:00 Sisterhood event in Portsmouth
- 6:30 Dover Community MLK service at St. Mary's Church in Dover
- 23** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 24** 7:30 Lay led Shabbat Service
- 25** No Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 30** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 31** 6:00 Adult Hebrew class & dinner
- 7:30 Shabbat Service with Sue Horowitz