

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fifth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

Weddings and Fast Days

July 15 this year is the 17th day of the Hebrew month of Tammuz. According to the tradition, this is the beginning of a three week period of mourning similar to the time of the Omer (from the second day of Passover to the day before Shavuot). The first day of this three weeks is a minor fast from sunrise to sunset. The last day of the three weeks is the 9th day of Av (called in Hebrew Tisha B'Av) and is a major fast (like Yom Kippur) from sunset the night before (August 4 this year) to sunset of that day (August 5).

Among other tradition for this period, no weddings are allowed to be held. Many Reform Rabbis do not follow this traditional prohibition (as they do not follow it for the Omer as well). What were the reasons the Rabbinical world of some two millennia ago instituted these practices? Are these reasons still valid for us today? What is an appropriate Reform response? How does fasting and semi-mourning from our social and communal history relate to weddings in general?

The answers to the above questions (especially the first three) truly require a study program and not simply a brief Keshet article. If there is interest, this can be part of an Adult Education discussion program in the coming year.

The last question, however, is often connected to the one tradition that for most people is the paradigmatic symbol of a

“Jewish Wedding”. That symbol, of course, is the breaking of the glass at the end of the ceremony. For many, this shows that it was a Jewish ceremony.

One explanation for the breaking of the glass (often in a traditional ceremony) is that the breaking of the glass reminds us of the destruction of the Temple. The Temple disasters in Biblical and early post-Biblical times are also the root of much of the meaning behind the fast days (other than Yom Kippur). The glass breaking is then extended to serve as a reminder to the couple that, even in the midst of great joy, there will also be sorrow and brokenness in their lives and the lives of their present and historical world.

While the commingling of joy and sorrow is a fact of life and an important message for newly embarking couples, I do not believe it is the most important one to start off the new life. In the larger sense, it may also be important for us to remember and teach our children about the tragedies in the past. The question we, as Reform Jews, must always ask is: “What is the most meaningful way to make the message relevant today?”

Does fasting without a deeper study and sharing of insights accomplish our goal? Is study and learning a substitute for fasting? Both? Neither? This can be studied in that the Adult Education course.

And a “better” meaning for the glass breaking? *See my July Rabbi Article*

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TEMPLE OFFICE 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

Friday nights 7:30

Saturday mornings 10:30

Please note special service times

Friday July 4

First Friday Shabbat

6:30 Pot-luck Dinner & Service

We will share the before and after dinner blessings

Saturday July 5

10:30 Full service with Torah

Friday July 11

7:30 Shabbat evening Service

Saturday July 12

10:30 Torah Study

11:30 Shabbat Tots Program

Friday July 18

7:30 Third Friday Shabbat

Summer Service above the Pond

Saturday July 19

10:30 Torah Study

Friday July 25

7:30 Shabbat evening Service

Saturday July 26

10:30 Torah Study

Please note:

All Summer Onegs are Pot-Luck

Mazal Tov



Join us Friday evening
July 4, 6:30 PM
 as we offer our wishes to
 our July celebrants
 following the dinner.

Birthdays

Jody Selsberg (1), Sarah Mueller (3),
 Michael Behrendt (4),
 Cameron Sakelarios (10),
 Daniel Fishbein (11), Holly Grossman(14),
 Sara Anderson (16), Macy Harris (16),
 Nev Cartmill (17), Benjamin Segil (17),
 Jeffrey Segil (21), Stacey Segil (22),
 Scott Saltman (22), Mel Liston (23),
 Zachary Fishbein (24),
 Simon Wallace(26), Harry Mueller (27),
 Scot Sakelarios (27), Or Mars (28),
 Stephen Kaplan (28), Amanda Raven (29),
 Elle Harris(30), Ethel Baker (30)

Anniversaries

Martin & Carole Jaffe (2),
 Stephen & Maschia Kaplan (6),
 Sid & Heidi Kotlus (23),
 Mortin & Nancy Cherim (24),
 David & Mary Kaye (25)

Have You heard rumors about the Temple

- **Check the facts**
- **We are not closing**
- **The Temple community lives**
- **Calendar is updated regularly**
- **Services are held all summer**
- **Rabbi Sam continues to serve**

Please report all rumors to:

Steve Brody (president@dovertemple.org)

or

Rabbi Sam (rabbisam@dovertemple.org)



Bat Mitzvah

2014 5775

**October 25
 Belle Giguere**

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 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

Sisterhood Sponsored Evening

HACKMATAACK PLAYHOUSE Berwick, Maine

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT

Thursday, August 7, 2014

**The show begins at 8:00 but stop by between 7:00-7:45
for summer refreshments under the Temple Israel Tent.**

Ticket prices: Adult \$25, Senior \$23, Students \$10-\$15

To purchase tickets for this event contact:

Temple Office: (603) 742-3976 templeoffice@dovertemple.org

Cathi Cherry-Liston: (603) 312-8152 ccherryliston@yahoo.com

We celebrate the memory of Ann Isacoff
From her tribute book — pick up your copy today
(copies are available at the Temple — a donation is welcome)

The Power of Prayer Part 1
(Part 2 will be in the August Keshher)

Cast of Characters: Narrator 3 men

Narrator: One day three men were hiking and unexpectedly came across a large raging river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so.

Man #1: He gets down on one knee, lifts his eyes up to God and says: “Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.”

Narrator: Poof, poof, and God gives him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, but only after almost drowning a couple of times.

Man #2: Wow, he made it across, and he prayed to God, but I'm going to ask for more help. (He, too, gets down on one knee, and starts praying to God.) “Please God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river.”

Narrator: Poof, poof, and God gives him a row boat, and he was able to row across the river in about one hour, but only after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

And Man #3???

See the August Keshher

**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 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

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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:
Ilese Stevens at 4 Razorbill Circle, Durham, NH 03824.)

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



JUNE 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

Julie Serrano -

Thank you B'not Mitzvah

Ethlyne Golub

Marilyn & Alvin Mars

Alan Nasberg

Yahrzeit Donation

Rita Novak -

In memory of Hyman Novak

Rabbi's Fund

Ken & Bertha Litvack

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.

JULY YAHRZEITS

NOTE: *Yahrzeits are recorded according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary each year.*

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 July 5: Joel Cooperman (29), Selma C. Nasberg (1), Gretchen Hughes (2), Leonard M. Marcus (3), Barbara Frank O'Leary (3), Max Winer (13), Helen Meyrowitz (3), Gertrude Kaplan (4), Laurel Silverman (4), Elizabeth Pinn (5), Frances Greene (5), Michael Lichner (5)

Week of July 12: Fay Brisken (7), Clara Saperstein (7), Rabbi Byron T. Rubenstein (10), Lillian Shapiro Horwitz (10), Rochelle Lifson (12), Judee Weiner LaFargue (12)

Week of July 19: Mary Babson (13), Annie Feinberg (13), Thelma Fishman (14), Mae Lillian Evans Ryder (14), Goldie Saunders (14), M. Eleanor Sava (16), Joyce Green (17), Leo Seligson (18)

Week of July 26: Harold Segal (20), Dr. Martin Leimer (20), Gladys G. Poucher (20), Fred Zuckerman (21), Sidney Lane (21), Harry Verner (23), Gussie Smokler (23), Seymour Hirsh (23), Pearl Robbins (23), Phyllis Cohen (24), Nancy Denenberg (24), Rose Greenblatt (25), Ruth Honig Zeff (25), Jacob Eli Stein (26)

Week of August 2: Myra Fine (27), Loretta Moon (30), Augusta Verner (30), Beatrice Weiner (1), Saul Wiseman (2), Anthony Blum (3), Irving Fine (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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July 2014

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 04** First Friday Dinner and Early Shabbat
6:30 Pot-luck Family style Shabbat Dinner
The dinner will include the blessings before and after the meal
A Special 4th of July Shabbat Candle Blessing and a blessing for all July birthdays & anniversaries
- 05** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
- 11** 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 12** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
11:30 Shabbat Tot Service and Program
Shabbat story and outdoor activity
- 18** 7:30 Lay Led Service
Summer Service above the Pond
- 19** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 25** 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 26** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study