

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fifth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

In the Wilderness

This month our Torah portions are from the book of Numbers (in Hebrew — *B'midbar* meaning in the [Sinai] wilderness or desert). We are in the second year of the wanderings after the exodus from Egypt (in Hebrew — *Mitzrayim* derived from the word for narrow places). Thus the Hebrew implies that we have moved from a narrow and constricting place into a wide open and unbounded expanse.

The stories from the book of Exodus recounting the experience of slavery and oppression are not about pleasant times. It is also clear from the stories we read this month that the experience during the time of the wanderings (which we learn will last now for 40 years) was also no picnic or stroll in the park. Or as one of my favorite TV characters, Max Klinger, would say: "This was no piece of baklavah!"

But a crucial message we can learn from the Torah stories of these two books and the way in which they are juxtaposed, is that the awareness and continued retelling of the past and the way in which we deal with the present are the crucial building blocks for the future we hope to create.

In Genesis we hear of great triumphs and also of mistakes and missteps taken by those who came before us. We cannot undo that which was done but we can learn from all that they were and did.

In Exodus we moved from a time of

enslavement to a life of freedom. This is the message we recount at Passover each year and allude to in every Friday night Kiddush and much of the liturgy of the weekday, Shabbat, and Holy Day, and the festival services.

Even in this time of freedom and the unbounded life, however, we learned to create appropriate boundaries in order to become a true society of justice. Two of the weekly readings highlight our need to understand how we make decisions for the betterment of ourselves, our community, and our world.

The story of the 12 scouts sent by Moses into the promised land (the week of June 8-14) finds all bringing back the same facts. The interpretation and vision that derives from these "facts", however, differ widely. Two view the ultimate goal as fully attainable and worth the effort. Ten claim that the obstacles are too great to handle. Ultimately we will find that the two were right but the "nay-sayers" caused more distress in the short run.

The rebellion of Korach and those who followed him (the week of June 15-21) demonstrates the challenge of leadership with communal vision versus those who seek only personal glory and honors.

As we find ourselves facing a future that is open and unknown let us learn from the Torah. Community and society are most supportive of each individual when each person strives to be a supportive member of the larger community.

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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 June 6

First Friday Shabbat

6:30 Pot-luck dinner

7:15 Shorter Interactive Service

Saturday June 7

10:30 Full service with Torah

Friday June 13

7:30 Shabbat evening Service

Saturday June 14

10:30 Torah Study

11:30 Shabbat Youth Program

Friday June 20

Third Friday Shabbat

7:30 Summer Service at the Pond

Saturday June 21

10:30 Torah Study

Friday June 27

7:30 Shabbat evening Service

Saturday June 28

10:30 Full service with Torah

Celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Kaye

Please join us
for a dinner celebrating

HS Seniors

Thursday June 5 6:00 PM

Pot-Luck dinner and Blintzes



B'not Mitzvah

2014

5774/5775

**June 28
October 25**

**Abigail Kaye
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

**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/>

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 Cell Phone

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club when a cell phone on a bench starts to ring. Sydney walks by, picks it up, pushes the hands-free speaker button and begins to talk.

“Hello!” says Sydney.

“Honey it’s me,” says a woman “Are you at the club?”

“Yes.” replies Sydney.

“Well I’m at the mall.” she says, “and I’ve found a beautiful leather coat. It’s \$450. Can I buy it?”

“OK.” says Sydney, “go ahead and buy it if you like it that much.”

“Thanks” she replies. “I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and had a close look at the 2008 models, and I saw one that I really liked.”

“How much was it?” asks Sydney.

“\$50,000!” she replies.

“For that price I want it with all the options,” says Sydney.

“Great,” she says. “Just one more thing. That house we wanted last year is back on the market again, and they’re only asking \$750,000 for it now.”

Sydney says, “Well go ahead and buy it but don’t offer them more than \$720,000.”

“Ok,” she says, “I’ll see you later. I love you”.

“Bye, I love you too.” Says Sydney and then he hangs up.

The other men in the locker room who heard all of this conversation are looking at Sydney in astonishment. Then Sydney shouts out. “Does anyone know who the hell this cell phone belongs to?”

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

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

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



MAY DONATIONS

JUNE 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

Stacey & Jeff Segil
Steve & Sharon Brody

Yahrzeit Donation

Susan & Saul March –
In memory of Ann Isacoff
Carole & Francis Birch -
In memory of Bernard Black

Thank you to all who donated to:

the Onegs —
From the Sisterhood

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.*

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 June 7: Bernard Kornhauser (1), Anne Stack (1), Laurel Silverman (3), George Sibulkin (4), Susan Fine (4), Stuart Boughton (5), Samuel Fishman (6), Beatrice Wehrwein (6), Phillip Willensky (7), Louis Smith (7)

Week of June 14: Edgar Pass (9), Sumner Cohen (9), Hyman E. Novak (10), Robert Davis (10), Bette Yaffee Kemp (12), Dr. Samuel Cohen (13), Anne Golub (13), Irwin Behrendt (13), Arthur Gershman (13), Sadie Wolfson (14)

Week of June 21: Rose Rosenberg (15), Laura Garr (15), Joseph Peters (15), Isadora Greenblatt (16), Max Cooper (17), Daniel Cohen (20), Nathan Schwartz (20), Jerry Smith (20), Simon Bernstein (21), Mariano Rechy (21)

Week of June 28: Mark Lichtenstein (22), Joseph Ambinder (22), Jacob Mars (26), Barney Saperstein (27), Ida Hooz (28), Robert William Ryder (28), Rose Lechner (28)

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

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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June 2014

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

03 (evening) - 05 Shavuot

- 05** 6:00 Shavuot Dinner in honor of HS Seniors
- 06** First Friday Dinner and Early Shabbat
 - 6:30 Pot-luck Family style Shabbat Dinner
 - 7:15 Shabbat Service
- 07** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
- 13** 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 14** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
 - 11:30 Shabbat tots Service and Program
 - Shabbat story and activity
- 20** 7:30 Music & Meditation Shabbat Service
 - First Summer Service at the Pond
- 21** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 27** 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 28** 10:30 Shabbat Morning service
 - Celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Kaye