

KESHER

Our Seventy-Fifth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

The Jewish Leap Year

This year is one of the 7 leap years that are added every 19 years (according to an established schedule — in the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years). This system, established over 1500 years ago, was in practice in some form at least since the Babylonian times. It was needed to keep the lunar year (12 months each beginning on the new moon) of approximately 354 days in seasonal line with the solar year of approximately 365.22 days. The difference between the two ways of counting the months and year comes to some 22 days every two years and 34 days every three years. Since the lunar month has 29.5 days, adding a month every two or three years regularly will not fully correct the disparity over the long run. Thus the current system was developed. It has worked for over 1500 years without any additional corrections.

The extra month is added at the end of the winter in order to assure that Passover will be able to be observed on the full moon of the Spring. The last winter month of the Hebrew calendar is Adar. In a leap year there is, therefore, an Adar I (which ends as March begins) and then an Adar II (which this year covers the balance of the month of March). Adar is the month that includes the festival of Purim which always falls on the new moon immediately preceding Passover. This indicates that Purim must fall on a leap year in Adar II.

The following questions may then arise about other Adar observances. What do I do if my birthday was in Adar and I celebrate my birthday according to the Hebrew calendar? When is the *yahrzeit* of a loved one who died in Adar? Doesn't the book of Esther say that Purim is to be celebrated on the 14th day of the 12th month (now called Adar) which in a leap year would be Adar I? What does Judaism have to say to that?

These are good questions and, indeed, the Rabbis did raise them and answer them. Taking the

questions in the opposite order as presented above:

1. The 14th day of Adar I is now called Purim Katan (little Purim) and is observed as the day we would have expected to celebrate. It is considered to be a minor holiday and primarily is a time of some minor adjustments to the prayers in the traditional liturgy. One interesting note is that fasting is prohibited.

2. The time of a *yahrzeit* which is based on the Hebrew date of death of a loved one is the most common area of questions in the life of a Temple community. The reasoning we use is as follows: If the death occurs in a leap year, the *yahrzeit* is in Adar in a non-leap year and in the same number Adar as the death when there is a leap year. If the death occurs in a non-leap year, the *yahrzeit* is observed in Adar I in a leap year. This is done because Adar II is a more joy filled month since it contains the full celebration of the festival of Purim. We try not to create conflicts between sorrow and joy when possible. Thus it is most common that the number of *yahrzeits* in a leap year will be significantly higher in Adar I than in Adar II.

3. Birthdays, on the other hand, are joy filled events (one hopes) and are easily linked to the extra joy of the Adar II and its full Purim time. While most Jews in America do not count their birthdays according to the Hebrew month, this situation can be felt in the way some Temples determine eligibility for the celebration of a boy or girl becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah. According to traditional reckoning, a child become Bar (or Bat Mitzvah in the Reform view) at the age of 13. A child can, therefore be determined as being 13 either by the Hebrew date or by the English date. Thus we can (and do) allow the date to be after the 13th birthday (whichever is earlier).

So now you know.

Don't forget to: Be happy, it's Adar (II) and come and celebrate with us on March 13.

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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*.

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****New Service Times****

****Friday nights 7:30**

Saturday mornings 10:30

Saturday March 1 10:30 Full service with Torah

Friday March 7 **First Friday Shabbat

Shabbat Across America 6:30 Pot-luck dinner

7:15 Service led by students

Saturday March 8 10:30 Torah Study

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

Friday March 14 **7:30 Service with Sue Horowitz

Saturday March 15 10:30 Torah Study

Friday March 21 **Third Friday Shabbat

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

Saturday March 22 10:30 Torah Study

Friday March 28 **Last Friday Shabbat

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

****7:30 Shabbat Service**

Saturday March 22 10:30 Torah Study

From the President

On April 12th we will be celebrating, at long last, our 75th Anniversary. To mark the event we have an evening of entertainment for you – Klezmer and Corned Beef – which will feature the Casco Bay Tumblers, a Klezmer group based in Maine. Although the final plans are being worked out there will be corned beef sandwiches with all the fixin's as well as a something 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 book 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. This promises to be a fantastic evening. Further information will be available shortly on our web site, in the Kesher, and by calling the office.

Although this event is intended primarily as a fun-raiser, we think we can make some money as well. We are also going to do an ad book to raise funds for the Temple. More information on that will also be available shortly. Our next 75th Anniversary Committee meeting is on March 6 and most of the loose ends and details should be resolved at that time.

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, if you can pay in advance it would help us get through the next few months during which income is traditionally significantly lower.

I do 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. All I am asking is each person and family to examine their situation and make a financial commitment to the best of their ability.

Donations above the commitment level are always welcome and appreciated.

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

TEMPLE ISRAEL CONGREGATIONAL 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 much more!*

Opportunities for child and adult participation!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

For discounted price: payment with reservation form due by April 2

Questions and/or Contacts

Tammy Fascetta at : 603-742-3976, Templeoffice@dovertemple.org

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

check the website for the full Reservation Form

THANK YOU TO OUR ONEG HOSTS

March

- 7 Magdalene & Joe Guardino
Melissa Cooperman
- 14 Glicka & Michael Kaplan
- 21 Leesa Brill & John Wallace
Carol & Francis Birch
- 28 Beth & James Krzanowski
Julie Low & Jim Weiner

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

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
March 7, 7:15 PM
 as we offer our wishes for
our March celebrants.

Birthdays

- Elly Mather (1), Eric Miller (1), Randy Schwartz (2), Keith Kallberg (5), Deborah Parkin (6), Jeremy Naquin (6), Ken Grossman (8), Adam Karol (9), Lisa Wolff (9), Eli Benjamin Fuchs (11), Jacob Sakelarios (13), Alvin Mars (13), Evan Saltman (14), Stephen McDonald (16), Elizabeth Lieberman (20), Jessica Rogers (23), Marcus Anderson (23), Alan Nasberg (25), Patricia Diengott (28), John Wallace (29), Jonathon Venne (30), Emeri Jacobs(30)

Anniversaries

- Michael Behrendt & Naomi Kornhauser (8), Anne & Marc Saunders (2), Jonathan & Lauren Harris (24)

**Please Welcome
 our new members**

**Greg Woodward & Erica Kent
 and family**

**Josh Berger & Mallory Littman
 (congratulations on your marriage)**

Purim @ Temple Israel

All are encouraged to join us Thursday March 13



3:45 — 4:15 Hamantaschen Making
4:30 — 5:15 Purim Shpiel in costume
for the 3rd annual Rabbi Challenge



5:00 — 6:00 Purim Carnival & Hamantaschen eating
Come in a costume you think the Rabbi will not be able to include in his light hearted midrashic retelling of the story of Esther and her Shushan community.

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

DINING OUT WITH MY FOLKS IN FLORIDA — Part 1

Visiting from out of state, I wallow in the heated pool of my parents' Ft. Lauderdale retirement community where a group of bathing cap clad seniors exchange their Early Bird dining experiences: Places that offer good value, places that have gone downhill, places that are owned by the Mafia, places that cater to those on low-cholesterol, low-sodium diets. Surrounding the entire community is an 8-foot wall, where rent-a-cops at the gate leer at me suspiciously, like they first did 12 years ago, when my folks moved here.

As I sip water from the poolside fountain, an elderly woman approaches me. "Sonny, can you do me a favor? Go into the men's sauna and ask if there's a Sol Finkel inside. If he's there, ask him when he's coming out. Tell him his wife Minnie needs him to drive her to the butcher. Would you be a nice young man and do that for me?"

At 4:30, my parents and I drive to nearby Century Village (a.k.a. Cemetery Village), to pick up their friends Murray and Evelyn Moskowitz who are joining us for Early Bird dinner. We will be dining at Antonio's in Deerfield Beach, normally a 10 minute ride via I-95. But my mother, who never learned to drive, has a morbid fear of highways, and insists my father take the streets. At age 74, this is probably not a bad idea. Yet, even on the streets, my father is oblivious to cars he cuts off, like the kid in the Camaro who flashes him the finger.

After 45 minutes of stop-and-go traffic, we arrive at Antonio's. The restaurant is located in a strip mall, sandwiched between "PIP Printing" and a podiatrist's office with an overhead sign that simply reads "Podiatrist Office".

To be continued.....



B'not / B'nei Mitzvah

2014

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May 31

June 28

October 25

Adult Class

Abigail Kaye

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 March is:

06	4:00-6:00	Religious School classes
13	4:00-5:30	Community Purim Celebration
20	4:00-6:00	Religious School classes
27	4:00-6:00	Religious School classes

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, 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 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/>

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: Ilese 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 Donations

Nancy Winograd —
In memory of Laura Ossoff

In Memory of Ann Isacoff:

Helen & Stanley Shaw
Muriel Slutzky
Robert & Cheryl Rothstein
Mel & Bernice Pearlson
Brian & Mary Barrington
Ralph & Ann Mecklenburger
Estate of Ann Isacoff

Capital Campaign

Jay & Marie Berman –
In honor of Jasmine I Berman

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 March 1: Ida Isacoff (23), Celia Pindrus (23), Lorraine Kotlus (24), George J. Feinberg (25), Duy Davis (25), Mary Low (26), Samuel Rosenberg (26), Joel Perlman (26), Eli Oil (27), Ida Barr (27), Patrick Jackson (27), Gertrude Isenstein (28), Mary Paisner (28), Myer Siegel (28), Arline (Lieber), Alan G. Rudolph (29)

Week of March 8: Norman Torf (3), Moe Rosenblum (3), Nancey Medoff (5), Sheila Kaplan (7), Debbie N Most (7)

Week of March 15: Jerry Slutsky (10), Helen Krassner (12), Max David Mendelovtiz (12), Herbert Cohen (13), Ida Wenig (13), Corinne Wiseman (13), Katie Robbins (14)

Week March 22: Marie Blanding (21), Rose Baumstein (22)

Week of March 29: Deeda Wharton (23), Rosamond E. Hiller (24)

Week of April 5: Alan Cohen (31), Ruth Pindrus (1), Haskell Kram (1), Ruth H. Toby (2), Anna Bezar (5), Dora Dorf (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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March 2014

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 01** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
- 06** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 07** 6:30 First Friday Dinner and Early Shabbat Pot-luck Family style Shabbat Dinner
- 08** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 11:30 Shabbat Youth Service and Program Shabbat story and activity
- Second Saturday - especially for young children
- 13** 4:00 **Community Purim Celebration**
- 14** 7:30 Shabbat Service with Sue Horowitz
- 15** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 16** **Purim**
- 20** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 21** 3:00 Visit to Langdon Place
- 7:30 Music & Meditation Shabbat Service
- 22** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 27** 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 28** 6:00 Adult Hebrew class & dinner
- 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 29** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study