

# KESHER

Our Seventy-Sixth  
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

## Spring is Here

In April we will be rolling out some new classes and new Shabbat times at the Temple. These will offer opportunities for members with and without children to find more ways to share with each other, as well as enhance personal growth and community building.

The Shabbat schedule will be adjusted as follows (the website flyer and Keshet will also contain all dates and times):

**First Fridays** will either be a 7:00 early ending service or a communal family style 6:30 pot-luck dinner. The dinners will include pre-and post dinner blessings, some learning opportunities, and socialization. There will be no formal service on those evenings. The next scheduled dinners are:

Friday May 22 Dairy/Vegetarian in honor of Shavuot. The Temple will provide the blintzes. More information to follow.

Friday June 19 Meat/Vegetarian meal Barechu and BBQ in honor of new members. More information to follow.

**Third Fridays** will begin with a 7:00 prayer study followed by music and meditation.

**Third Saturdays** will be our monthly full Shabbat service at 10:30. This new date and time will decrease the conflict

for all who have tried to attend both the early time service and the Saturday morning service.

**Tots in Shabbat** will begin at 11:15. Families with tots (who do not come at 10:30) are invited to join us for a Torah parade and reading. Each child 5 and younger will carry his or her own plush Torah in the parade. All will sing basic Shabbat songs and share in a brief Torah reading and study. Children under 5 will also receive a take-home activity sheet. This, we hope, will give families more ways for young children to be part of the larger community.

**Five Saturdays** April 11, 18, 25, and May 9 and 16 will be the Adult Hebrew II class. This is a continuation of Adult Hebrew I from the Fall but all are welcome to participate. For those with the basic ability to “read/decode” the Hebrew Alphabet, this series will look at the story of the creation Genesis 1. We will study the basic vocabulary and grammar with an eye toward better understanding the story of creation in the text. Students with no Hebrew knowledge are welcome as well.

All other services will be at the usual times unless otherwise noted in the calendar and on the website. I hope to see you at the Temple at any of our services, programs, study classes or community events.

**Temple Israel Board of Trustees—2012-2013**

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**TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 1:30 pm**

**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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**Shabbat**

**@ Temple Israel**

**Friday nights 7:00**

**Saturday mornings 10:30**

**Friday April 3 No Shabbat Service - Passover 1st Seder**

**Saturday April 4 No Torah Study**

**Friday April 10**

**7:00 Shabbat Service**

**Saturday April 11**

**10:30 Shabbat Torah Study**

**2:00 Shabbat Adult Hebrew II**

**Friday April 17**

**7:00 Third Friday Shabbat**

**Saturday April 18**

**10:30 Full Shabbat Service**

**11:15 Tots Torah Parade and Song**

**2:00 Shabbat Adult Hebrew II**

**Friday April 24**

**7:00 Shabbat Service**

**Saturday April 25**

**10:30 Bar Mitzvah Jack Kontarinis**

**2:00 Shabbat Adult Hebrew II**

# From the Board

## President's Message

April 2015

Given that we live in New Hampshire and snow blowers and shovels are viable until sometime in May, it should be no surprise that as I write this it is flurrying outside. They say it won't amount to much but we have all heard that before. But have faith – the trees and laws will green in the coming weeks and this past winter will be relegated to memory.

I want to take this opportunity to update you on several items:

**First**, in the past 2 months or so most of our heat exchangers that heat the building have failed and needed to be replaced. Now that we are landlords and there are requirements for minimum temperatures in the classrooms, they all needed to be replaced as soon as possible and the last ones were done last weekend. Cost for parts and labor are still being added up but they have cut into our bottom line just as we were starting to see daylight. But we are still financially positive, albeit by a slimmer margin.

**Second**, our tenant, Honey Tree Learning Center, has been doing very well and they are adding additional students in the near future. They came to our Board with a presentation to add two classrooms, and the Board agreed. Given that Honey Tree will buy the building in the next 2-3 years there was no reason not to agree. Their plan is to add the classrooms in the Social Hall and will construct semi-permanent walls that will leave us with a little less than half of what we have now. As soon as I get the final plans with some changes we requested, I will provide them to you. We will get additional rent revenue and considering that in 2014 we had no revenue from anyone using the full Social Hall, there was no reason not to agree. Construction will probably be in mid-to-late April.

In the event we need more space for any of our or your events than what we have in the Social Hall, we will open the folding wall and use part of the sanctuary as needed

**Third**, I received no responses to my request for people to step up and serve on the Board as an Officer or Trustee. That is unfortunate as we are not afforded the input, advice, and guidance from new Board members who would like to help the direction of our Community. Worse, many of those who are currently on the Board, who originally thought they would be term limited, find themselves staying on as there are no people to replace them. As a result the Board membership continues to dwindle and that is not a good way to lead and manage our affairs. Our next Board meeting will most likely be on April 12, since both Passover and Easter fall on the weekend we originally planned to meet. So if you decide that you would like to be on the Board please let me know by phone or email. And remember that being on the Board does NOT obligate you to any additional financial commitments.

**Fourth**, a reminder that we are always looking for people to assist at the Dover Food Pantry. Please contact Karen Robichaud at (603) 749-4235 or [blrklr2@aol.com](mailto:blrklr2@aol.com).

**Fifth**, it has been a while since our last fund raising event. If you have suggestions for an event and/or would be willing to donate some of your time to make it a successful event, let the office or me know.

Remember that donations to the Temple need not be at just one time of the year – our expenses and operating costs are year round. If you find yourself with a refund this tax season consider an additional donation to the Temple, and that will also help your deductions for this calendar year. And if you are on a dues reduction plan, and if you don't need to be, consider moving to full dues.

And last, but certainly not least, from Sharon and me to you and your families, near and far, we wish you a zissen Pesach.

**THANK YOU TO OUR ONEG HOSTS**

**April**

- 3 No Services — 1st Seder night
- 10 Peter Pastor  
Lisa & Marc Weinstein
- 17 Lauren & Jonathan Harris  
Andrea & Tim Burt
- 24 Cooperman-Kontarinis family  
In honor of Bar Mitzvah of Jack

**May**

- 1 Pot-luck Oneg — Vacation week
- 8 Pre-K to 2nd grade families
- 15
- 22 Shavuot Dinner Service
- 29 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**

to our members who are celebrating birthdays in April  
Join us at Friday evening service on April 10, 7:00 PM as we offer our wishes for your special day.

**Birthdays**

- Stephen Giguere (3), Stefanie Diamond (4),  
Lynne DeSantis (6), 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)

**Celebrate with our  
New Members**

**Save the date**

**Friday June 19 6:30 PM  
BBQ & Barechu  
Cookout dinner**

# Calling all tots

All are **WELCOME** to join us

**Third Saturday Shabbat Experience**

**10:30 - 11:15 Shabbat morning service**

Especially designed for students and families during the years before celebrating a Bat or Bar Mitzvah. All are welcome to attend all services at the Temple.

**11:15 - 11:45 Torah Parade and Songs**

This portion of the Shabbat morning experience has been designed for families with children under 5 to join in. Each child will carry her/his own plush Torah as we sing then read and study directly from the Torah. Each child will also receive a special take-home activity sheet.

## We celebrate the memory of Ann Isacoff

From her tribute book — pick up your copy at the office  
(donations in Ann's memory are welcome)

**Taken from Students' Papers (History of the World) - Part 3**

8. William Tell shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.
9. Gutenberg invented the Bible.
10. Sir Walter Raleigh invented cigarettes.
11. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.



# Religious School Classes

*Religious School Supported Events*  
*All ages are welcome at all events*

**April**    *(Nisan/Iyyar)*    [Omer]

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|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 5(16)[1]   | No Religious School | - 1st day of Passover          |  |
| 12(23)[8]  | 9:30                | Religious School Classes       |  |
| 18(29)[14] | 10:30               | Full Shabbat Service           |  |
|            | 11:15               | Tots Torah Parade and songs    |  |
| 19(30)[15] | 9:30                | Religious School Classes       |  |
| 25(6)[21]  | 10:30               | Bar Mitzvah of Jack Kontarinis |  |
| 26(7)[22]  | No Religious School | - School vacation week         |  |

## DOVER FRIENDLY KITCHEN NEEDS YOU

1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Help provide meals any time you can between 3:45 and 6:15  
 See the article on page 8 for more information

*Please Note Service Schedule  
Beginning April, 2015*

**Friday nights all services  
will begin at 7:00 PM**

**1st Friday** (check the monthly schedule):

an earlier ending service 7:00 — 8:15

**or**

a home-style dinner service with dinner  
blessings and study 6:30 — 8:00

**3rd Friday** Prayer Study/Music/Meditation

**Saturday mornings  
will begin at 10:30 AM**

**3rd Saturday** full service with tots at 11:15

**All other Saturdays** Torah Study

# 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](mailto: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](http://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 time  
slot 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) 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.**



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**MARCH DONATIONS**
**APRIL 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

Samuel Engel –

In honor of Rabbi Sam's support

## Designated Fund

Phyllis Brill

## Rabbi's Fund

Carole & Francis Birch

### **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 loved one. To make a donation, please contact the Temple Office.*

**Week of April 4:** Irving Sternberg (29), Esther Issokson (29), Harry Pastor (30), Gil Victor Ornelas (30), Millicent Goodstein (1), Jean Willens (2), Christine L. Kennon (2)

**Week of April 11:** Rose B. Kates (5), Irving Oshman (8), Reuben Weinstein (8), Sam Ollar (9), Sidney Goren (9), Morris A. Fox (9), Richard F. Morse (10), Sarah Mendelovitz (11), Marcia J. Feinberg (11)

**Week of April 18:** Bess Issokson (13), Judith Kramer (13), Lillian Lane (13), Ruth L. Issokson (13), Samuel Abeles (14), Sylvia Allen (14), Frieda Osman (15), Morris Rotman (17), Dorothy Pearlman (18), George James White (18), Francis Brown (18), Morris S. Rosen (18)

**Week of April 25:** Rose Esther Weinsten (20), Louis Baumstein (22), Morris Siegel (22), Jules Philips (22), Ruth Fram (23), Bessie Kemler (23), Lee Gunst (23)

**Week of May 2:** James Dieterich (26), Grace Turner (26), Lloyd Amann Gage (26), Ursula Muller Gage (26), Douglas Hamilton (27), Jackson Pastor (27), Herbert Turner (28), Sarah Fisher (28), Louis Weinstein (28), Lillian Hirsch (28), Bernard A. Black (30), Nathan Balansky (30), Michael S. Shine (30), Evelyn M. Miller (30), Ida Fox (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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# April 2015

## Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

### 03 – 10 Passover

- 03** No Shabbat Service – Enjoy a First Night Seder
- 04** No Shabbat Torah Study  
5:30 Community 2<sup>nd</sup> Passover Night Seder
- 05** No Religious School Classes – Passover
- 10** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 11** 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study  
2:00 Adult Hebrew Study – Genesis 1
- 12** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 17** 7:00 Third Friday Study, Music, & Meditation
- 18** 10:30 Third Saturday Shabbat Service  
11:15 Tots and families join in  
2:00 Adult Hebrew Study – Genesis 1
- 19** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 24** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 25** 10:30 Bar Mitzvah of Jack Kontarinis  
2:00 Adult Hebrew Study – Genesis 1
- 26** No Religious School Classes – April Vacation

# ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



**How many frogs are there?**

**Count the Jewish stars.**

**Which foods did not get eaten at the Seder?**