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Our
Seventy-Sixth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

Reform Jewish Spirituality Part 4

Last month, I continued analogies to better understand the definition of spirituality as a part of the human experiential process. Spirituality can be seen as a parallel to our view of the perceptual world and our temporal awareness. In the same way that there are 3 physical dimensions (length, width, and depth), there are 3 spiritual dimensions (value, meaning, and purpose). Also, in the same way that our sense of the present relates to our awareness of the past and future, our sense of value of ourselves and others depends on our estimation of the meaning and purpose within the person.

The three spiritual dimensions of value, meaning, purpose are neither physical nor temporal in the perceptual sense. They are both in the spiritual framework. The issue in creating and connecting intentionally to our spiritual source of strength and sustenance thus relies on how we balance these three.

Meaning is best viewed as the way in which we make sense of where we have been and who we are in the light of our experiences. There is no inherent meaning placed on what happens to us. We each have the power and the responsibility to create and invest meaning on and out of our past. There may be some who claim to see or know the meaning (e.g., “God has a plan for you”, or “all happens for some higher or deeper meaning”). Ultimately, however, each individual has the right and the

obligation for meaning creation. This is not to say the actions and choices do not have consequences. Rather, the spiritual model reflects on the role of each person’s meaning creation in the formation of the spiritual self.

In a similar way, purpose is the term for our future course in life. It includes, hopes, plans, directions, and intentions. Again, while some future paths may seem to be restricted or limited by the previous decisions or actions, purpose is the self aware process of creating or envisioning the personal path ahead.

From the temporal parallel, meaning and purpose are the perfect (past) and the imperfect (future) tenses of our existence. Value would then be the “present/non-existent” tense of the spiritual realm. Value is both the action and the actor and has the same value for each person. The present moment is only truly defined in terms of the past and future surrounding it. The value of the individual, while constant and equal to every other person’s value at all times, is perceived to be greater or lesser depending on the meaning and the purpose perceived (see again the illusion in the Supplement to the November Rabbi Study article).

Meaning, Purpose, and Value can also be understood in the physical analogy as three legs of a tripod. When not viewed in balance, stability vanishes. The model pictured on page 2 of the October Rabbi Study article will be the subject of part 5.

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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 evening services 7:00

Saturday mornings 10:30

Please note special programs

Friday Dec 4 7:00 1st Friday Shabbat Service

Saturday Dec 5 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

Friday Dec 11 7:00 6th night Chanukah/Shabbat

Saturday Dec 12 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

Friday Dec 18 7:00 3rd Friday Shabbat Service

Saturday Dec 19 10:30 Full Shabbat Service

11:15 Tots' Torah Parade

11:45 Music is Life jam session

Friday Dec 25 6:30 Last Friday of 2015

Pot-Luck Chinese Dinner and Brief Service

Saturday Dec 26 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

Friday Jan 1 7:00 1st Friday of 2016

Pot-Luck Meat/Veg (NO DAIRY) Dinner

From the Board

The Temple is still too well kept a secret in the greater Dover and Seacoast area. Jews and non-Jews, alike, still say to me: “Temple Israel is still around!” or “I heard that you were closing!” or “I heard you sold your building and moved!” We are still here and vibrant and active as those who have remained involved, read the Keshet, and/or view our website know.

Honeytree Learning Center is strong and continues to grow toward its future. We have an excellent relationship with them and our proud of all that they provide to families with young children in the greater Dover area. They are open year round Monday through Friday 6:30am to 6:00pm. They close for major holidays, teacher in-service days, and Jewish holidays when the Temple needs the building or the full parking lot.

The Temple is open for services, events, programs, activities, and Religious School Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sunday mornings. Rabbi Sam is available almost every weekend at these time - also year round. Rabbi Sam is also available to our members, as needed and possible, Monday to Thursday each week by email. Tammy is available during the week by phone or my email, as well.

Just take a look at the monthly calendar on the last page of the Keshet or the full “rest of 5776” calendar on the front page of the website to see all that we offer through the Temple.

Please make a special effort to join us for any or all of our December events. All can be found on the Temple calendars and website or you can view pages 2, 4, 5, and 6 for more information on each. If you have a facebook account, you can also join the Temple facebook page for up to date reminders. Also be sure that Tammy has your email address if you would like to be reminded of the next week’s calendar. Take special note of the bottom of page 5 of this Keshet. The annual latke/sufganiyot event is an excellent time to bring friends to the Temple. We have over 50 people each year share in this food and dreidl contest fun for all ages.

Finally, we are always glad to develop and expand ways that the Temple can offer more to members and the community. If you have any ideas, questions, or simply want to become more involved and connected, do not hesitate to contact me.

May you have a joy-filled Chanukah and a healthy and happy new secular year.

Steve Brody, President

president@dovertemple.org

THANK YOU ONEG HOSTS

December

- 4 Religious School families 3rd-7th
- 11 Pot-Luck - Chanukah celebration
- 18 Eve Edelstein Williams & Colin Williams
Naomi Kournhauser & Michael Behrendt
- 25 Pot Luck - Winter Vacation

January

- 1 Meat/Veg Dinner (No Services)
- 8 Patty and Andy Diengott
Stacey and Jeff Segil
- 15 Pot-Luck Oneg - MLK weekend
- 22 Polly and Jonathan Flagg
Carolyn Anderson & Phil Ginsburg
- 29 Mary Alice Prenaveau
Holly and Ken Grossman

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 your family by purchasing a leaf, stone, or acorn on the Tree of Life.

Plaques in the Sanctuary honor the memory of a loved one.

For more information, contact: **Tammy Fascetta** in the Temple office.
templeoffice@dovertemple.org



Mazal Tov

to our members who are celebrating happy occasions in November!

**Join us at Friday Services
December 4 at 7:00 PM
as we offer our wishes for
your special day.**

Birthdays

- Michele Samuels (1), Rita Robbins (2),
DeeDee Goldstein (4), Burton Cohen (6),
Mort Cherim (7), Jerrold Pollak (8),
Brendon Kotlus (15), Arthur Saunders(21),
Marc Weinstein (23), Louisa Samuels (26),
David Goldstein (29), Michael Kaplan (30),
Abigail Kaye (31)

JOIN US

**A Jewish December 25
6:30 PM**

**Pot-Luck Chinese Dinner
(No Pork, No Shellfish)**

**And a Brief Shabbat Service
(or movie - your choice)**



B'not Mitzvah 5776 / 2016

May 14

Rachel Saltman

May 28

Helen Lieberman

Religious School Sponsored Events

Religious School Classes

All are **WELCOME** at all events

December

- 4** 7:00 PM First Friday Shabbat Service led by grades 3-7
- 6** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 13** 10:00 Latke/Sufganiyot Party ***See Below
- 20** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 27** No Religious School Classes - Winter Vacation



Annual Latke / Suganiyot Party



Sunday December 13

10:00 AM

Bring Your Friends - No Charge



**DO YOU LIKE TO SING?
PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?
JUST ENJOY SOME MUSIC?**

**Join the Temple Israel
Music Is Life Shabbat Jam**

Next Session: December 19 11:45



Please Join Us

**Special Pot-Luck Dinners
Friday Evenings 6:30**

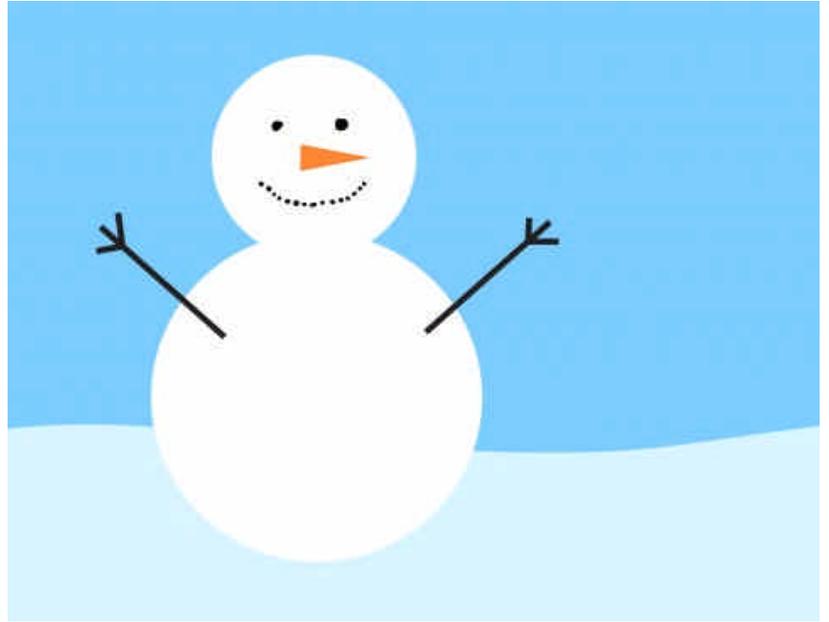
Farewell to 2015

December 25 Pot-Luck Chinese Dinner

Welcome in 2016

January 1 Pot-Luck Meat/Veg Dinner

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Give your Snow People a Hebrew name and color them in

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Shamash

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**Color the Shamash and the first candle Dec 6 night.
Color in one more candle for each night of Chanukah.**

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 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

abbwelch@yahoo.com or 534-4142

OCTOBER DONATIONS

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

All are encouraged to honor the memory of loved ones and/or to offer tributes to friends, relatives and members of the community through a donation Temple funds. We express appreciation to:

General Fund

Barbara Cherry –
In honor of
Cathi Cherry Liston and
Mel Liston's
Wedding Anniversary

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 Caring Committee of Temple Israel 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 December 5: Sarah Zirpolo (29), Morris Levy (30), Sidney Zeff (30), Stasia Nesin (30), Arnold M. Baer (1), Morris Isacoff (2), Davida Gelfman (3), Selma J. Nasberg (3), Deborah Most (4)

Week of December 12: Gert Sternberg (6), Rita Peters (6), Rose Cohen (7), James Green (7), Arnold J. Ashline (8), Robert Goren (8), Rabbi Aaron Ilson (9), Jean Lafargue (9), Milton Brody (10), Catherine Most (10), Jacob H Cohen (10)

Week of December 19: Eva Gordon Baer (13), Minnie Cooper (13), Bernard Fine (14), Ralph Noveletsky (14), Floretta Osman (16), Gloria Adler (17), Julius Nasberg (18), Sayde Harris (18)

Week of December 26: Charlotte Brody (20), Samuel N. Cook (20), Beatrice Book (21), Louis J. Magerer (21), Abraham Issokson (21), Adolph Baer (21), Benjamin Radner (22), Bernard Luloff (22), Herman Cherim (24), Roman A. Rubinstein (25), Daniel Fisher (25), Isadore Osman (25)

Week of January 2: Warren H. Overstreet Sr. (28), Gloria Adelman (29), Antoine Walker (29), Eugene Kleinhandl (29), Robert Liston Sr. (30), Suzan Irene Horn (1), Arnold S. Katz (1), Matthew Krassner (2)

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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December 2015

- 01** 3:45 Dover Friendly Kitchen volunteer time
- 04** 7:00 First Friday Shabbat Service led by 3rd – 7th grades
- 05** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
1:00 Adult Hebrew I - NJOP Hebrew Reading Course
- 06** 9:30 Religious School Classes

06 (evening) – 14 Chanukah

- 11** 5:00 Ritual committee meeting at Panera in Dover
7:00 6th Candle Chanukah lighting & Shabbat Service
- 12** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 13** **10:00 Latke / Sufganiyot Party**
- 18** 7:00 Third Friday Shabbat Study, Music, & Meditation
- 19** 10:30 Third Saturday Shabbat Service
11:15 Tots and families join for Torah parade & reading
11:45 Music is Life – Drop in Shabbat music time
- 20** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 25** 6:30 Pot-Luck Chinese Dinner & ???
- 26** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah study
- 27** No Religious School Classes – Winter Vacation