

KESHER

Our Seventy-Sixth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

Why Part-Time

Recently I have been asked why it is that Temple Israel is only functioning on a part-time basis. The basic concern of the people asking this question was the fact that the Rabbi is not in the Dover area on a full-time basis. The people asking the question have been non-members who seem to expect that a Rabbi should be available to them when they need one. I tried to reassure them that I and the Temple community would do the best we could to meet their needs but that my presence in New Hampshire could only be assured for Friday to Sunday on any given week.

The answer I did not offer to them is as follows and, naturally, begins with a story.

My mother-in-law was especially proud that she had always belonged to a Temple or Synagogue wherever she and her family lived. She was just as proud that she did this even when there was no need for her or her family to participate themselves. She and my father-in-law did send all of their children to Religious School through Bar or Bat Mitzvah and did support their being in Youth Group. For themselves, however, they did not enjoy services, adult study, or other forms of Temple connections.

My mother-in-law's father impressed upon all his children that they must always support the Jewish community and Temple. He was a believer in what I choose to call "habitual affiliation". Thus, his children

joined congregations even if, as with my wife's parents, they had "no personal use for them" in the ordinary course of their lives.

My mother-in-law even asked the Rabbi who had inspired me into becoming a Rabbi, "Wouldn't you love to have a whole congregation of people like me? We pay our dues in full and never bother you by showing up at services or anything or asking you to do anything for us except when we need a family life-cycle event." My version of his answer to her can be gleaned from my articles of April and May 2013 (available on line at http://www.dovertemple.org/rabbis_study/index.htm).

She believed that a every Jewish member of the community has a personal obligation to keep the Rabbi on retainer (as Reb Moshe Waldoks of Brookline, MA likes to say). Most Jews in America today are, however, "habitually unaffiliated". They expect, perhaps, others to keep the Rabbi available. They, personally, seem to feel that only when they have a specific need (Religious School for the sake of Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a wedding in the Temple, or a funeral, etc.) must the Rabbi and the Temple be at their beck and call.

To the "habitually affiliated" of the Temple — **THANK YOU.**

To the "habitually unaffiliated" you may know or talk with — please encourage them of the advantages of HABITUAL AFFILIATION.

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

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 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
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Shabbat

@ Temple Israel

Friday nights 7:00

Saturday mornings 10:30

Friday July 3	7:00 First Friday Shabbat Service at Wagon Hill, Durham
Saturday July 4	No Torah Study
Friday July 10	7:00 Shabbat Service
Saturday July 11	10:30 Shabbat Torah Study
Friday July 17	7:00 Music and Meditation - Pond
Saturday July 18	10:30 Shabbat full morning service 11:15 Tots and Torah Time
Friday July 24	7:00 Shabbat Service
Saturday July 25	10:30 Shabbat Torah Study
Friday July 31	7:00 Shabbat Service



HACKMATAACK PLAYHOUSE

Berwick, Maine



DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

Directed by David Kaye

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

The show begins at 8:00

Stop by between 7:00 & 7:45

for summer refreshments and mingling under the Temple Israel Tent

Ticket prices: Adult \$25, Student \$15

To purchase tickets for this

Mid-Summer Sisterhood Sponsored Evening

Contact:

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

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

or ask a Sisterhood Member

In the meantime, visit the “Hack” website www.hackmataack.org

THANK YOU TO OUR
ONEG HOSTS

June — August Pot-luck Onegs

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

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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, 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 special days in June

Join us at Friday evening service on

July 3, 7:00 PM at Wagon Hill

as we offer our wishes for your special day.

Birthdays

Michael Behrendt (4), Holly Grossman (14),

Sara Anderson (16), Macy Harris (16),

Benjamin Segil (17), Jeffrey Segil (21), Stacey Segil (22),

Scott Saltman (22), Mel Liston (23), 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)

Invite a friend

Join us for the annual

4th of July weekend

Shabbat Spectacular

Friday July 3 7:00 PM

Wagon Hill, Durham

An appeal from your Ritual Committee:

OUR HIGH HOLIDAY MUSIC 5775 FUNDRAISER HAS BEGUN!

TEMPLE ISRAEL RECENTLY RECEIVED A GENEROUS DONATION TOWARD THIS YEAR'S HIGH HOLY DAY MUSIC. IT IS NOW OUR TURN TO STEP UP AND ADD TO THIS GIFT IN ORDER TO HAVE PROFESSIONAL MUSIC AT OUR ROSH HASHANNAH AND YOM KIPPUR SERVICES. TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS! THANK YOU!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR MUSIC FUND DONATION PAYABLE TO:
TEMPLE ISRAEL MUSIC FUND AND MAIL TO:
 TEMPLE ISRAEL, PO BOX 254 DOVER, NH 03821

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR CONGREGATIONAL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS WILL ALSO PROVIDE SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THIS. PLEASE CONTACT RABBI SAM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CATHI CHERRY-LISTON, CHAIR

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)**

In honor of our newest Americans July 4

Saul Epstein was taking an oral exam, applying for his citizenship papers. He was asked to spell "cultivate" and he answered it correctly. He was then asked to use it in a sentence, and with a big smile responded. "Last Vinter on a very cold day, I vas vaiting for a bus, but it vas too cul ti vate, so I took the subway home."

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

JUNE DONATIONS

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 our appreciation to:

General Fund

Ken & Bertha Litvack

Cantorial Fund

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Cathi Cherry Liston

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 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 July 4: Clara Saperstein (28), Rabbi Byron T. Rubenstein (29), Lillian Shapiro Horwitz (29), Rochelle Lifson (1), Judee Weiner LaFargue (1), Mary Babson (2), Annie Feinberg (2), Thelma Fishman (3), Goldie Saunders (3), Mae Lillian Evans Ryder (3)

Week of July 11: M. Eleanor Sava (5), Joyce Green (6), Charles Pastor (6), Le Seigson (7), Gladys G. Poucher (9), Dr Martin Leimer (9), Harold Segal (9), Fred Zuckerman (10), Sidney Lane (10)

Week of July 18: Harry Verner (12), Gussie Smokler (12), Seymour Hirsh (12), Pearl Robbins (12), Phyllis Cohen (13), Nancy Denenberg (13), Rose Greenblatt (14), Ruth HonigZeff (14), Jacob Eli Stein (15), Myra Fine (16)

Week of July 25: Loretta Moon (19), Augusta Verner (19), Beatrice Weiner (21), Saul Wiseman (21), Anthony Blum (23), Irving Fine (22), Pearl Goldberg (23), Frank Cohen (23), Allen H. Toby (23), Harry Goren (24), Philip H. Miller (24), Celia Levy Pines (25), Ruth Zeff (25)

Week of August 1: Sam Jacobs (26), Chester A. Kennon (26), Barnet Bordetsky (26), Michael Goodstein (27), Ruth Seligson (27), Benjamin Edelstein (27), Sadie Rockenmacher (28), Hilda Kleinhandl (29), Max Flescher (29), Sadie Medved (30), Berla Mae Grant (31), Rose Verner (1), Thomas Peters (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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July 2015

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

03 7:00 First Friday Shabbat Service

JOIN US FOR OUR (NOW) ANNUAL

4TH OF JULY WEEKEND

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING & MUSIC

AT WAGON HILL PARK - DURHAM

04 No Shabbat Torah Study

07 3:45-6:15 Dover Friendly Kitchen Time

10 7:00 Shabbat Service

11 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

17 7:00 Third Friday Shabbat Study, Music, & Meditation

At the Pond

18 10:30 Third Saturday Shabbat Service

11:15 Tots and families join for Torah parade & reading

24 7:00 Shabbat Service

25 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

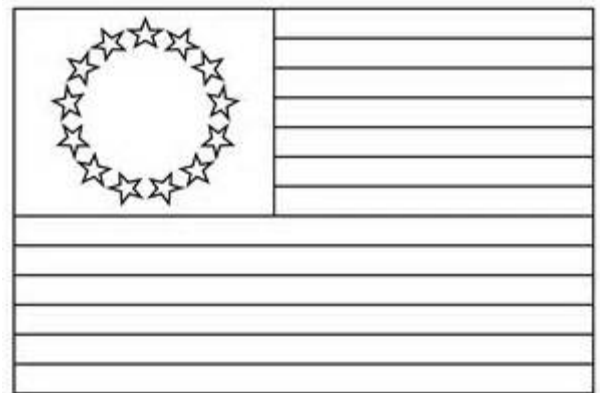
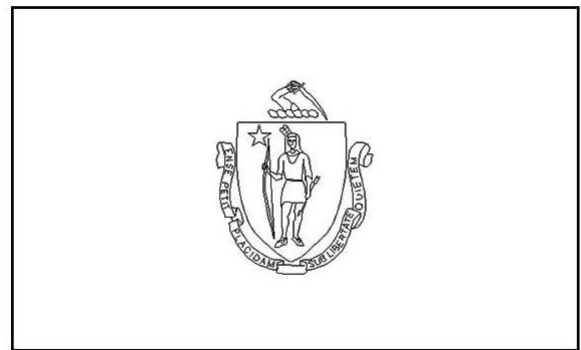
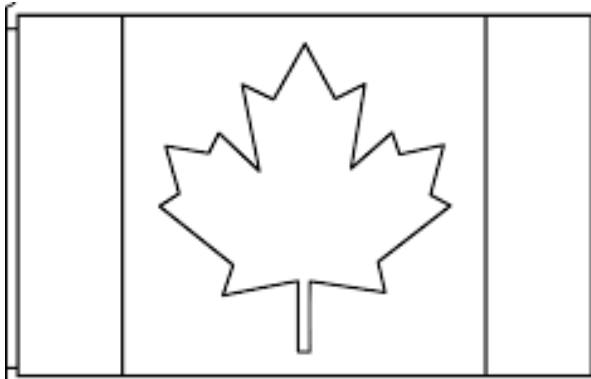
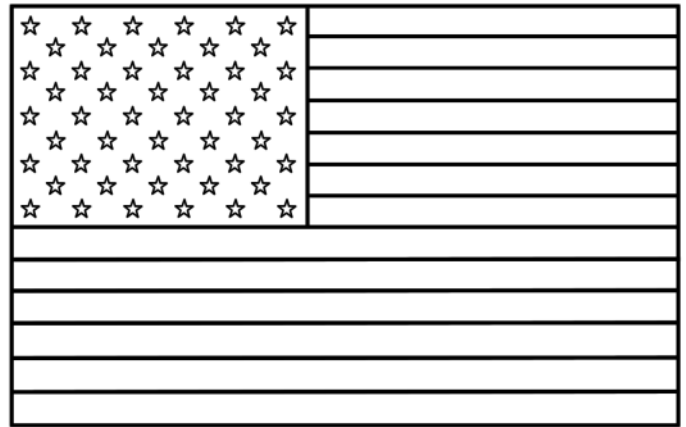
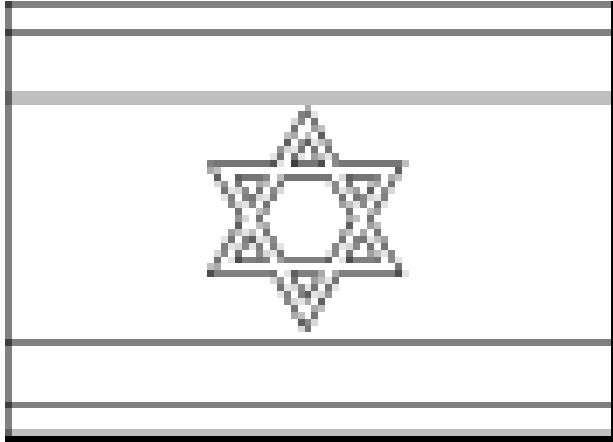
29 **Sisterhood sponsored outing to Hackmatack**

7:00 Temple booth for refreshments and socialization

8:00 Show time

31 7:00 Shabbat Service

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Color and label where each flag is from.