

# KESHER

Our  
Seventy-Sixth  
Year!

## FROM RABBI SAM

### Reform Jewish Spirituality Part 10

Many “definitions” of Spirituality, especially 20-30 years ago in the early days of the current attempts to define and measure spirituality, included a God relationship as a fundamental part of the work. As can be seen in the one-line definition that has been the basis for this model, God is appended to the end of the line introduced by “and/or”. In this model, a God concept or relationship is not an intrinsic part of the process but may be crucial for any given individual. In the expanded definition of this model, God may be a part of the internal or personal basis for creating and utilizing a sense of Meaning and Purpose and for validating the Value of every individual. In the relational or external realm, God has been replaced by the term “transcendent divinity” and is, again, connected to the definition by “and/or”.

The graphic expansion of the model loses any direct reference to God or a sense of the divine. For a given individual, the personal or imminent “God” may be within the self or may be perceived as being larger than and includes the self. The external relationship is then defined in terms of a “transcendent divinity” and is most frequently defined and located in the context of a shared faith community. Rituals, beliefs, and other forms of interaction with this aspect of a God concept may occur in the spousal and family system but are generally still determined by an institutional or denomi-

national “religion”.

It is important to reiterate at this time that the relational language of spirituality uses terms that have social or legal groundings. For the purposes of a spiritual awareness, however, the terms refer to the “others” in a spiritual relationship and may not directly correlate with the social or legal entity or entities. The questions raised at the end of the May article on God and religion in this model are answered depending on the viewpoint of the “self”. Ultimately, God and religion may be pathways to and part of the spiritual process but are not requisite to nor an intrinsic part of the spiritual process and formation.

Spirituality is, by its nature, undefinable and individually perceived. The previous articles offered one vantage point for finding analogies and viewpoints upon which to develop some definitional awareness. Next month will explore a different way of viewing the internal/external dimensions of spirituality.

See Page 2 of the June Rabbi Article for a foretaste of the ways in which different perspectives on a given object, while distortions in one sense, when taken together can enhance the understanding of the object. To begin this, see the ways in which a 3 dimensional object (there a simple cube) can be represented from different 2 dimensional vantage points. When taken together the object (a cube) is most accurately portrayed and understood.

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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*.

email to:

Rabbi Sam Seicol  
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# Shabbat @ Temple Israel

Friday evening services 7:00

Saturday mornings 10:30

*Please note special programs*

**Fri June 3 7:00 PreK-3 led Shabbat Service**

**Sat June 4 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study  
11:30 Adult Hebrew II**

**Fri June 10 6:30 Pre-Shavuot Dairy Dinner**

**Sat June 11 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study  
11:30 Adult Hebrew II**

**Fri June 17 6:30 Annual BBQ & Barechu**

**Burial and Blessing of Holy books prior to dinner**

**Sat June 18 No Shabbat morning service or Study**

**Fri June 24 7:00 PreK-3 led Shabbat Service**

**Sat June 25 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study  
11:30 Adult Hebrew II**

**7:00 Movie Program (see page 3)**

**Fri July 1 6:30 Service at Wagon Hill Park**

**Sat July 2 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study**

# PLEASE JOIN US

You are invited to a private viewing of  
Jerusalem U's acclaimed film



From the producers of the acclaimed film *Israel Inside*

## BENEATH THE HELMET


From High School to the Home Front

An inspiring coming-of-age story about five Israeli soldiers

SATURDAY JUNE 25TH  
7:00 PM

At the home of Bertha and Ken Litvack  
30 Doe Run Lane, Stratham NH  
Cocktails and appetizers will be served.

RSVP by June 15 to Ken Litvack: [ken@traly.com](mailto:ken@traly.com)  
The event is sponsored by Temple Israel of Dover.

 A Jerusalem U Production

That same weekend  
June 26 9:00 AM Annual Meeting  
8:30 Breakfast

**THANK YOU ONEG HOSTS**

**June**

- 3 PreK-3 Families
- 10 Pre-Shavuot Dairy/Veg. dinner
- 17 Annual BBQ & Barechu  
Sisterhood sponsored Oneg

Summer Schedule through September 9  
Pot Luck Onegs for all regular services

**July**

- 1 Shabbat at Wagon Hill, Durham
- 15 Shabbat at the Pond

**August**

- 19 Shabbat at the Pond

**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@](mailto:templeoffice@)



**Mazal Tov**

to our members who are celebrating happy occasions in May!

**Join us at Friday Services  
 June 3 at 7:00 PM  
 as we offer our wishes for  
 your special day.**

**Birthdays**

- Zachary Raven (1), David Kaye (2),
- Lauren Harris (11), Esther Cohen (18),
- Jane Liemer (19), Emily Kaye (23),
- Mary Alice Prenaveau (26),
- Elizabeth Mott(29)

**Anniversaries**

- Stacey & Jeff Segil (14)

**Burial of  
 Books with  
 God's name**

**June 17-19**

**Dedication Blessing  
 June 17 6:30 PM**



**Bat Mitzvah 5776 / 2016**

**August 13 Elle Harris**

# Religious School End of the Year News

All are **WELCOME**  
at all Temple events

## June

- |           |             |                                                     |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>5</b>  | <b>9:30</b> | <b>Religious School Classes — Last Day</b>          |
| <b>10</b> | <b>6:30</b> | <b>Pre-Shavuot Pot Luck Dairy/Vegetarian Dinner</b> |
| <b>17</b> | <b>6:30</b> | <b>Annual BBQ &amp; Barechu (no dairy)</b>          |

The Temple will provide the meat and vegetarian hot dogs  
Please bring a non-dairy picnic style side

**We will begin again in September, 2016**



Please join us

Friday June 10 6:30 PM

Shabbat / PreShavuot

pot-luck dairy/veg. dinner

Temple will provide the blintzes

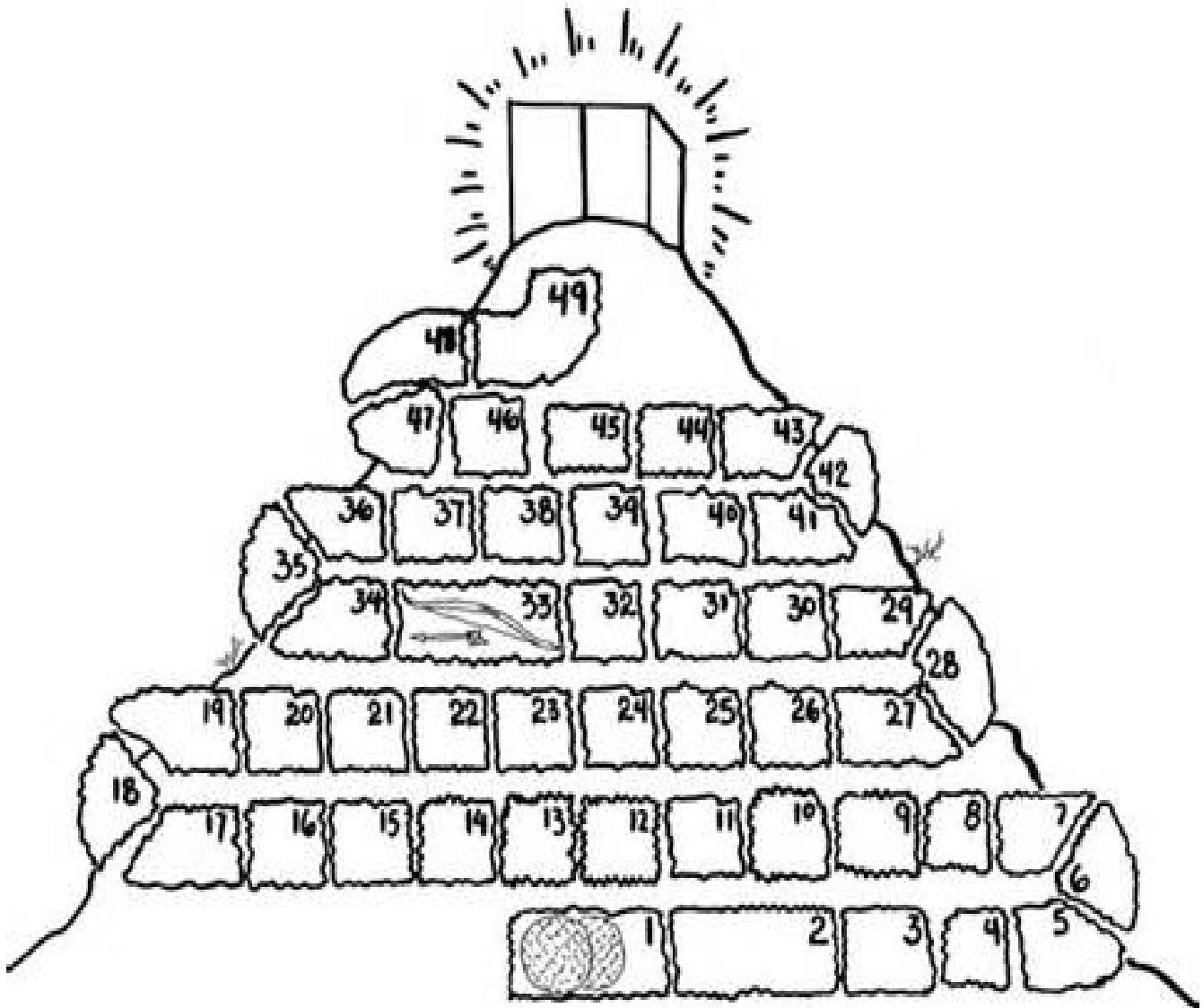
**HS Seniors**

**RSVP** to [rabbisam@dovertemple.org](mailto:rabbisam@dovertemple.org)

**by May 25**

**to receive a free gift bag  
from the Temple**

# ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



**Color in the steps for the rest of the Omer**

**The evening of June 1 is Step 40**

**Friday evening June 10 is step 49**

**Join us for the Temple Dairy/Vegetarian Dinner**

# 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*

*[abbwelch@yahoo.com](mailto:abbwelch@yahoo.com) or 534-4142*



## MAY 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 appreciation to:*

## General Fund

### Passover donations

Anne Schneider  
Cathi Cherry-Liston  
Ethlyne Golub

### Donation of 4 folding tables

Anonymous

**Thank you to all who donate  
Time and Money  
To keep our Temple Community  
Vibrant and Strong**

## 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.

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

**Week of June 4:** Beryle Grant(30), Leonard Berenson(30), Irvin Lavine(30), Benjamin Babson(30), Donald Albion(1), Samuel Klave(1), Anna Kessler Krasnoff(2), Molly Cook(3), Elbert LaFargue(3), Richard Nye, Jr.(4), Irving Landes(4)

**Week of June 11:** Marshall Derby(5), Benjamin A.Weiner(6), Rose Goren(8), Bernard Kornhauser(9), Anne Stack(9), Laurel Silverman (11)

**Week of June 18:** George Sibulkin(12), Susan Fine(12), Stuart Boughton(13), Samuel Fishman(14), Beatrice Wehrwein(14), Phillip Willensky (15), Louis Smith(15), Edgar Pass(17), Sumner Cohen(17), Hyman E. Novak(18), Robert Davis(18)

**Week of June 25:** Bette Yaffee Kemp(20), Anne Golub(21), Dr. Samuel Cohen(21), Irwin Behrendt(21), Arthur Gershman(21), Sadie Wolfson(22), Rose Rosenberg(23), Laura Garr(23), Joseph Peters(23)

**Week of July 2:** Isadora Greenblatt (26), Max Cooper (27), Daniel Cohen (28), Nathan Schwartz (28), Jerry Smith (28), Simon Bernstein (29), Mariano Rechy (29), Joseph Ambinder (30), Mark Lichtenstein (30)

## 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 2016

- 03** 7:00 First Friday Shabbat Service led by preK – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades
- 04** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study  
11:30 Adult Hebrew II – Reading and understanding Genesis 1
- 05** 9:30 Religious School Classes – last day

## Summer Schedule begins Pot-Luck Onegs start

- 07** 3:45 Dover Friendly Kitchen volunteer time
- 10** 6:30 Shabbat/Pre-Shavuot –Dairy Dinner \*\*\*No Services
- 11** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study  
11:30 Adult Hebrew II – Reading and understanding Genesis 1

## Shavuot

- 12**
- 17** 6:30 Blessing of “Shemos” Burial (books with God’s name)  
6:35 BBQ and Barechu (no dairy) Dinner and Music Service
- 18** No Shabbat Morning Services or Torah Study
- 24** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 25** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study  
11:30 Adult Hebrew II – Reading and understanding Genesis 1  
7:00 Movie Program (see website for RSVP details and flyer)
- 26** 8:30 Pre-annual meeting Breakfast  
9:00 Temple Annual Meeting