

# KESHER

FROM RABBI SAM

## Reform Jewish Spirituality Part 7

In exploring the aspects of relational (external) spirituality it is helpful to focus on the spiral arm around the “bagel” model of the human spirit (on page two of the February Rabbi Article found on the Temple website). The spiral around the “person” reflects a mean distance of all the “others” who are themselves personal spiritual entities. The spiral is connected most closely to the individual in the relationship called “spouse”.

As the number of “others” involved in a specific spiritual connection increases, the mean distance between each individual will increase. This is best understood by way, as usual when dealing with spiritual processes, by way of an analogy or specific case study.

Take, for example, a birthday party. The person being celebrated is, ideally, able to experience this as a spiritual support event. Thus, in the model of spiritual connection, the birthday person is at the center of the picture and all others are a part of the spiral arm (as a part of family, extended family, or community depending on the actual make-up of the party).

The level of spiritual connection (with any one person present at the event) for the birthday celebrant is clearly less than a one to one birthday dinner or private celebration would be. At this point it is useful to ignore any of the spiritual connections between those attending with each other. For the person at the center of the focus, individual relations are

decreased, but the overall cumulative sense of spiritual support may be quite high (perhaps even greater than any one connection might have been).

Communal and social events that have spiritual components (whether made explicit and intentional or implicit and as a side effect) follow this inverse relationship between number and power. That is to say that as the number of people increases the amount of spiritual strength between any two will decrease. The total, however, is a product of the number of individuals times the level of spiritual connection for each person. Thus, there still may be a rather large amount of spiritual energy for any one person present.

This is all a basic part of the model whether the event is religious or secular. No one event is more intrinsically able to provide spiritual connection than any other. Relational spirituality is also, by its very nature, two way. This means that the amount of actual spiritual connection is also related to the level of commitment and investment by the individual seeking to experience a spiritual connection.

The dynamics are complex for the understanding of relational spirituality. This is apparent in the writings of Martin Buber in his book “I and Thou”. For those who wish to explore this further, that book is quite insightful. For the purposes of this exploration, let us leave all this and the further implications and applications for the April Keshet and Rabbi Article.

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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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## Shabbat @ Temple Israel

**Friday evening services 7:00**

**Saturday mornings 10:30**

*Please note special programs*

**Friday Mar 4 7:00 1st Friday - Led by students**

**Saturday Mar 5 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study**

**Friday Mar 11 7:00 Shabbat Service**

**Saturday Mar 12 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study**

**Friday Mar 18 7:00 Shabbat Service**

**Saturday Mar 19 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service**

**11:15 Tots in Torah Parade**

**Friday Mar 25 6:30 Purim Shpiel in Costumes**

**Saturday Mar 26 10:30 Purim Megilla Study**

# From the Board

## 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, Statham 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.

**THANK YOU ONEG HOSTS**

**March**

- 4 Religious School Families
- 11 Eve Edelstein Williams and Colin Williams  
Naomi Kournhauser and Michael Behrendt
- 18 Beth and James Krzanowski  
Julie Low and Jim Weiner
- 25 Pot-Luck Oneg - Purim Shpiel

**April**

- 1 Shabbat in Brookline
- 8 Cathi Cherry-Liston  
Carole Krassner
- 15 Manuela Ann & Robert Cooperman  
Karen Mott
- 22 No Services — Passover 1st Night
- 29 Pot-Luck Oneg - Spring Vacation

**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 November!

**Join us at Friday Services**

**March 4 at 7:00 PM**

**as we offer our wishes for your special day.**

**Birthdays**

- Eric Miller (1), Ken Grossman (8),  
Lisa Wolff (9), Evan Saltman (14),  
Elizabeth Lieberman (20),  
Alan Nasberg (25), Patricia Diengott (28),  
John Wallace (29), Jonathon Venne (30)

**Anniversaries**

- Michael Behrendt & Naomi Kornhauser (8),  
Jonathan & Lauren Harris (24)

**Please Welcome**

**Our New Members**

**Amy & Gabriel Goldberg  
and Sadie**



## B'not Mitzvah 5776 / 2016

May 14	Rachel Saltman
May 28	Helen Lieberman
August 13	Elle Harris

### Religious School Classes / No Classes

Religious School Sponsored Events

All are **WELCOME** at all events

### March

6	9:30	Religious School Classes
13	9:30	Religious School Classes
20	9:30	Religious School Classes
25	6:30	Purim Shpiel and Costume Parade
27	10:00	Hamentaschen making P <sup>3</sup> (Post-Purim Party)

### April

3		Temple Weekend exploring Jewish Boston
10	9:30	Religious School Classes
17	9:30	Religious School Classes
23	5:30	Temple Community Seder
24		No Religious School Classes — Spring Vacation

# PURIM

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**Temple Israel Dover**

**All are WELCOME**

**Friday March 25**

**6:30 Kabbalat Shabbat/Purim Shpiel**

**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.**

**Sunday March 27**

**10:00 Hamentaschen Making/Eating**

**Bring your favorite filling for your own hamentaschen. Prizes awarded for “best of show”.**

# ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



What celebration or Holiday is connected with each?

# 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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## FEBRUARY 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

Abraham Burtman Trust

# Save the Date

## Saturday

### April 23 5:30

Temple Seder  
Information to follow

### 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

## MARCH 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 March 5:** Rabbi Norman Geller (28), Sophie Feldman (29), Sondra Rechy (29), Bette Aschkenasy (1), Sumner Levy (1), Frank Anker (2), Duy Davis (5)

**Week of March 12:** Eil Oil (7), Isa Barr (7), Mary Paisner (8), Arline Lieber (8), Norman Torf (11), Moe Rosenblum (11), Nancey Medoff (5), Sheila Kaplan (7)

**Week of March 19:** Nancey Medoff (13), Sheila Kaplan (15), Debbie N Most (15) Jerry Slutsky (18)

**Week of March 26:** Helen Krassner (20), Max David Mendelovtitz (20), Herbert Cohen (21), Ida Wenig (21), Corinne Wiseman (21), Katie Robbins (22),

**Week of April 2:** Marie Blanding (29), Rose Baumstein (30), Deeda Wharton (31)

## 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.*

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# March 2016

- 01** 3:45 Dover Friendly Kitchen volunteer time
- 04** 7:00 SAA/NJOP Learners' Service led by Religious School
- 05** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study  
11:30 Adult Hebrew II – Reading Genesis 1
- 06** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 11** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 12** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study  
11:30 Adult Hebrew II – Reading Genesis 1
- 13** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 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  
11:30 Adult Hebrew II – Reading Genesis 1
- 20** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 23/4** **Purim**
- 25** 6:30 Purim Shpiel and Costume Parade
- 26** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Purim Megillah Study  
11:30 Adult Hebrew II – Reading Genesis 1
- 27** 10:00 P<sup>3</sup> (Post Purim Party) Hamentaschen making