

# KESHER

Our  
Seventy-Sixth  
Year!

## FROM RABBI SAM

### Reform Jewish Spirituality Part 9

The April essay (Part 8) examined the dynamics of the relational systems for *spouse* through *community*. This month continues to move through the spiral of others in relationship to the self into the realms beyond the *community*. As the numbers of others grow beyond the sense of communal connections, the next major defined area is termed *society*. As before, this is a spiritual definition more than a sociological or political one. There are parallels and analogies, but the main thrust is based in the sense of spiritual influence or involvement. A spiritual *society* may be experienced sporadically or regularly. While *spouse* and *family* are generally consistent and frequent and *community* is perceived in some regular sense of involvement and connection, *society* as a spiritual process is often infrequent. Given the large number of individuals, however, the total sense of a spiritual presence can be quite powerful for a *society* event.

Since the *spousal* relationship is with one other at a time, the sense of spiritual power depends completely on the power of each at the time of the connection. For a *family* spiritual event, the level of individual investment has less of an overall influence on the total spiritual power. An example of a *family* event with spiritual connotations can be celebratory party. The individual being feted receives a sense of spiritual support and connection even if some of the others are less invested or attentive. This is even more true by the time the numbers swell to be defined as a *commu-*

*nity*. The *community* might be of a religious nature or not. The spiritual process is the same.

An example of a sporadic but highly spiritually charged *social* event (for those in the Boston area) might be the Boston Marathon or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert and fireworks at the Hatch Shell. The lack of personal connection or any sense of relationship to the many others around the self (whether as a runner, a performer, or as a participant) is irrelevant to the sense of spiritual connection and energizing that may occur. Even in a *social* process, however, the spiritual relationship for the individual is two-way or not at all. If the individual is not invested and providing some spiritual connection to all the others, there will be no sense of receiving spiritual support. Once the individual invests and is open to being in a spiritual relationship, the others become the system of spiritual connection.

The endpoint of the spiral is termed *totality* for want of better term. It is meant to include not simply the global population of human others, but to include all that is other to the self. In this area of relationship the power of the spiritual relationship is virtually independent of the capacity or desire of any individual other to be in a spiritual relationship. Examples of this realm include communing with nature, star-gazing, scientific inquiry, and much more.

Next month: Where is God in this model? Does spirituality require a God concept or awareness? What is the relationship between religion and spirituality in this model?

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### KESHER

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email to:

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## Shabbat @ Temple Israel

Friday evening services 7:00

Saturday mornings 10:30

*Please note special programs*

**Fri May 6 7:00 First Friday Shabbat Service**

**Sat May 7 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study**

**11:30 Adult Hebrew II**

**Fri May 13 7:00 Shabbat Service**

**Sat May 14 10:30 Bat Mitzvah - Rachel Saltman**

**Fri May 20 6:30 Understanding Judaism**

**7:30 Music & Meditation**

**Sat May 21 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service**

**11:15 Tots in Torah Parade**

**Fri May 27 7:00 Shabbat Service**

**Sat May 28 10:30 Bat Mitzvah - Helen Lieberman**

**Fri June 3 7:00 First Friday Shabbat Service**

**Led by preK—3rd grade students**

**Sat June 4 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study**

**11:30 Adult Hebrew II**

# 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, 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.

**THANK YOU ONEG HOSTS**

**May**

- 6 Sharon & Steve Brody  
Carol & Francis Birch
- 13 Saltman Family in honor of Rachel
- 20 Lauren & Jonathan Harris  
Kristin & Zach Nobel
- 27 Lieberman Family in honor of Helen

**June**

- 3 PreK-3 Families
  - 10 Pre-Shavuot Dairy/Veg. dinner
  - 17 Annual BBQ & Barechu
- 24 - September 9 Summer Schedule

**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  
May 6 at 7:00 PM  
as we offer our wishes for  
your special day.**

**Birthdays**

- Naomi Kaplan (1), Noah Kahn (2), Harrison Flagg (3),  
Ari Hiller (3), Sage Hiller (3), Steve Giguere (3),  
Lessa Brill (6), Ethlyne Golub (7), Jeff Raven (7),  
Karen Mott (16), Robert Costa (19),  
Naomi Kornhauser (25), Noah Raven (26),  
Lauren Saltman (28), Lois Costa (31)

**Anniversaries**

- Jeffrey & Marjorie Raven (27)
- Andrew & Patty Diengott (29)

**Remember to  
Check the  
Website  
Regularly**



## 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

#### May

- 1** No Religious School Classes — End of Spring Break
- 8** No Religious School Classes — Mother's Day
- 15** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 22** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 29** No Religious School Classes — Memorial Day

#### June

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

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

Please join us

Friday June 10 6:30 PM

Shabbat / PreShavuot

pot-luck dairy/veg. dinner

Temple will provide the blintzes

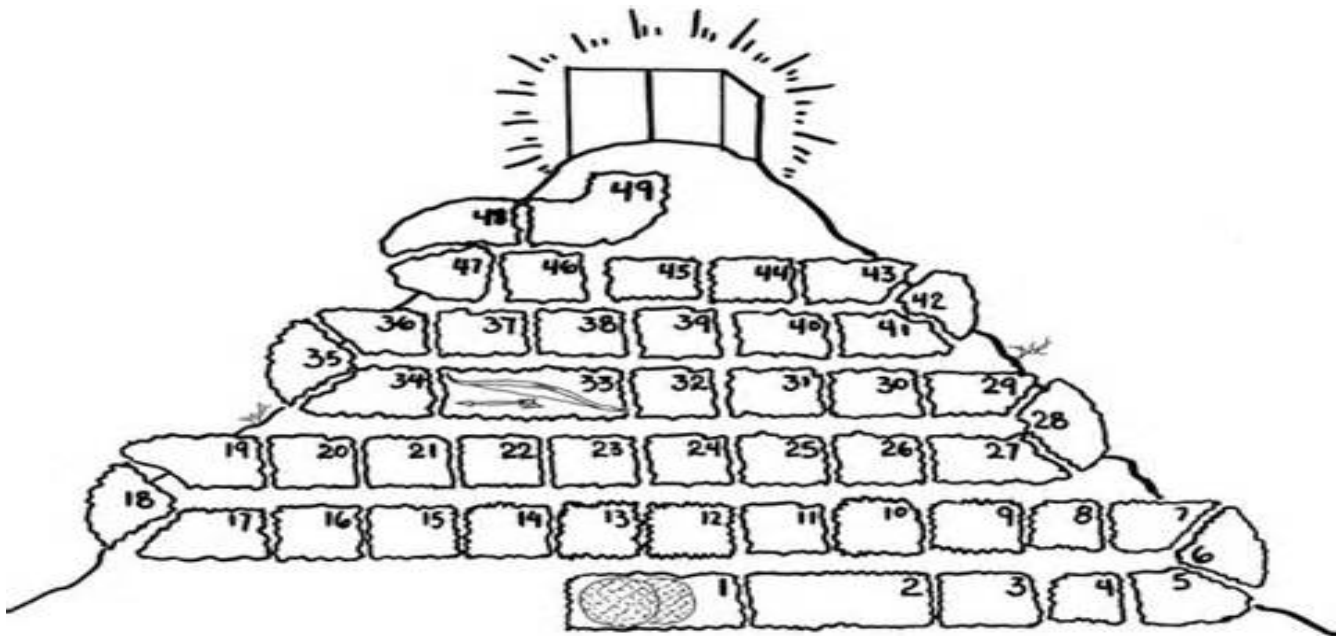
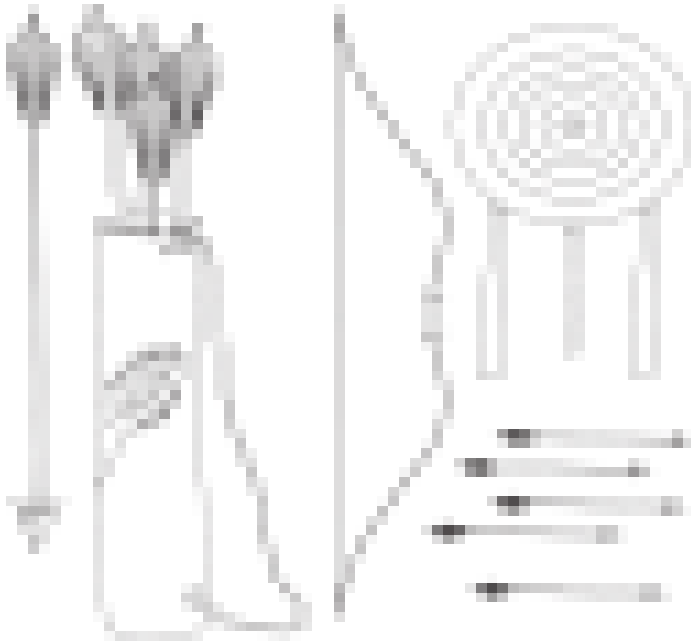
**HS Seniors**

**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 for Lag B'Omer May 26 (Day 33 above)  
May 1 is block number 8**

# 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*



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**APRIL 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.

**MAY 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 May 7:** Bess Issokson (2), Judith Kramer (2), Lillian Lane (2), Ruth L. Issokson (2), Samuel Abeles (3), Sylvia Allen (3), Frieda Osman (4), Morris Rotman (6), Dorothy Pearlman (7), George James White (7), Francis Brown (7), Leah Ossman (7), Morris S. Rosen (7)

**Week of May 14:** Rose Esther Weinsten (9), Louis Baumstein (11), Morris Siegel (11), Jules Philips (11), Ruth Kram (12), Bessie Kemler (12), Lee Gunst (12)

**Week of May 21:** James Dieterich (15), Grace Turner (15), Lloyd Amann Gage (15), Ursula Muller Gage (15), Douglas Hamilton (16), Jackson Pastor (16), Herbert Turner (17), Sarah Fisher (17), Louis Weinsten (17), Lillian Hirsch (17), Bernard A. Black (19), Nathan Balansky (19), Michael S. Shine (19), Evelyn M. Miller (19), Ida Fox (20)

**Week of May 28:** Rose Levy (22), Eva Weisner (23), Ruth Karol (23), Sadie Goldstein Byer (23), Sumner Berenson (25), Honey Shaines (26), Morris Isenstein (26), Brenda Gibbs (28)

**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), Elbert LaFargue (3), Molly Cook (3), Richard Nye, Jr. (4), Irving Landes (4)

## **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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# May 2016

- 01** No Religious School Classes – End of April Vacation
- 03** 3:45 Dover Friendly Kitchen volunteer time
- 06** 7:00 First Friday Shabbat Service
- 07** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 08** No Religious School Classes – Mother’s Day
- 13** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 14** 10:30 Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Saltman
- 15** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 20** 6:30 Adult Ed – Jewish history, customs, and practices  
7:30 Third Friday Shabbat Music & Meditation
- 21** 10:30 Third Saturday Shabbat Service
- 22** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 25** **Lag B’Omer**
- 27** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 28** 10:30 Bat Mitzvah of Helen Lieberman
- 29** No Religious School Classes – Memorial Day Weekend