

KESHER

Our
Seventy-Eighth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

Ask What the Temple Can Do For You

For many Temples, summer is the time to reduce the activities, services, education, and programs. Smaller attendance is the norm; alternative and experimental events may be offered. Rabbis may be away anywhere from a few weeks to most of the time. This is the typical way full time Synagogues work and, indeed, the Rabbi needs a time for rest and renewal.

For us at Temple Israel, the Rabbi is happy to be a part of almost every weekend throughout the year, including the summer. A few weeks away with lay services to cover Friday evenings and, as needed, Religious School coverage is sufficient. The “norm” of lower attendance during the summer is not generally a factor for us here in Dover, as the year round attendance is not large.

The summer, however, does see a break in the Religious School schedule. It also provides the opportunity for alternative services and events. See the calendar and the “Save the Dates” flyer on the front page of the website for a few examples of this.

As we enter fully into the summer, we

also begin to anticipate the High Holy Days and the New Year. We are working on enhancing our High Holy Day services this year by engaging a Cantorial Music Specialist to share in all services. We heard two candidates in June and will hear one more in July. The woman we choose will also join us in August for some special services and choir rehearsal times. Watch the website for details.

This summer is also a good time to reflect on where we have been and work to move forward to where we could and want to be. The membership committee has been hard at work. I and the board would also be interested in other areas the Temple can expand its support of all members.

See page 4 for a Survey to help us assess what we are doing that meets the needs of all members and what we might do that can offer new and improved areas of support.

All comments will be treated in strict confidence and will be given their full due and response.

Please feel free to email comments to Rabbisam@dovertemple.org or to set up a time to meet to discuss in person.

Thank you in advance.

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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
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The deadline for submis-
 sion is the twentieth (20th)
 of the month for the fol-
 lowing month's issue of
Kesher.

email to:

Rabbi Sam Seicol
 rabbisam@dovertemple.org

Shabbat @ Temple Israel

Friday evening services 7:00

Dinners & Adult Ed 6:30

Saturday mornings 10:30

Please note special programs

Saturday July 1 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

Friday July 7 6:30 Annual 4th of July weekend
Service at Wagon Hill Park - Durham

Saturday June 17 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

Friday July 14 7:00 Shabbat Service
With Cantorial Music

Saturday July 15 10:30 Shabbat morning service

Friday July 21 6:30 Summer Pre-Shabbat BBQ

Saturday July 17 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

Friday July 28 7:00 Shabbat Service

Saturday July 29 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

From the Board

On May 30, 2014, I had my Bat Mitzvah with three other ladies. It was a very moving experience for me. A year before that, I was cleansed in a Mikvah, which was an experience I will never forget. It was then I could officially say, "I am a Jew!"

As Ruth told Naomi, "Your people will be my people and your God, my God!"

I embarked on this journey five and a half years ago because I was searching for something that was missing in my life, and deep in my heart I had always been drawn to Judaism because I believe I had a Jewish soul. I decided to learn more about it and contacted the nearest Rabbi. That Rabbi was Rabbi Sam and once we talked, I knew that I was moving in the right direction. After attending Shabbat services, meeting with the Rabbi weekly, and Torah study, I knew I had found what I was looking for.

Learning about the traditions and rituals made me hungry to learn more. Being part of this community, Sisterhood, the Ritual committee and teaching at Religious School has made me complete. I had been searching to create an image of God that was personal as well as authentic.

Every day I know that Adonai will keep watch over us and bless us. Knowing this makes me more determined to be thankful every day and make each day meaningful. We should all be positive about life and keep the traditions strong. We need to appreciate our heritage and create a spiritual state of being inside all of us. We all share a passion to make the world a better place. I learned that being Jewish is not just doing rituals and reciting words, but acting "Jewishly" and making Judaism a part of my daily life.

As a Jew, I have found a new sense of awe that I hope will let others see that Judaism is to be embraced with open arms and shared openly with community.



DO YOU SHOP FOR GROCERIES?

Shop at Hannaford and help the Temple.

Buy Gift Cards at the Temple.

Contact Carole Krassner for more info.

(603) 749-2751

**THANK YOU TO OUR
ONEG HOSTS**

**Pot Luck Onegs -
Summer Schedule**

**Sponsored Onegs
Will resume after the
High Holy Days**

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: the Temple office.**

**[templeoffice@
dovertemple.org](mailto:templeoffice@dovertemple.org)**



**Mazal
Tov**

to our members who are celebrating
special days in June

**Join us at the
Wagon Hill Park - Durham
July 7 at 6:30 PM**

In honor of your special day.

Birthdays

Michael Behrendt (4), Macy Harris (16),
Benjamin Segil (17), Jeffrey Segil (21),
Stacey Segil (22), Mel Liston (23),
Stephen Kaplan (28), Amanda Raven (29),
Elle Harris (30), Ethel Baker (30)

Anniversaries

Stephen & Maschia Kaplan (6),
Sid & Heidi Kotlus (23),
Mortin & Nancy Cherim (24),

**Thank You
Peter Pastor
For helping us
Stay Cool**



2017

Bar Mitzvah celebration

November 11 Jeremy Giguere

Survey - Please Respond to **rabbisam@dovertemple.org**

1. **How frequently do you attend services?**
Often or regularly?
 - A. **What do you like about services?**
 - B. **What would you like to change?****Rarely or infrequently?**
 - A. **What keeps you from attending?**
 - B. **What would interest you for services?**
2. **How frequently do you attend Adult Education?**
Often or regularly?
 - A. **What do you like about the subjects of offerings?**
 - B. **What would you like to change or see added?****Rarely or infrequently?**
 - A. **What keeps you from attending?**
 - B. **What topics or issues would interest you?**
3. **What other programs, activities, or events do you attend?**
4. **What other ways can the Temple provide support or communal activities you would attend?**

Save these Summer Dates

*Please join us
any weekend July/August
Especially:*

Friday July 7 6:30 (Wagon Hill, Durham)

Annual **4th** of **July** weekend Shabbat

Thursday July 20 7:00/8:00

Annual outing to Hackmatack

Friday August 4 7:00

Guest Speaker from Israel

**Check the Temple Calendar at www.dovertemple.org
for the latest on all services and events**

All are **WELCOME** always

at Temple Israel Dover

for more information email: rabbisam@dovertemple.org

MONTHLY MEDITATION



**Shimmering, suspended high overhead,
Gracefully encircling a partially clouded sun,
A spectral spectrum is revealed.
A sign - sealed but for a moment –
Imprints strongly in the mind;
A portent of serenity and well-being.
The sheltered sun, veiled briefly, brings a coolness,
A fleeting moment of respite from the heat.
A rainbow ring fills the eye and spirit with awe.
Below, pausing from earth bound pursuits,
All stand, silent, sharing in the heavenly halo.**

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 appreciation to:

GENERAL FUND

Karen Mott
in memory of
Lloyd and Ursula Gage

RABBI'S FUND

Carol and Francis Birch
for Yahrzeit of
Bernard and Sarah Black

SISTERHOOD and HACKMATAK

Mort & Nancy Cherim
Cathi Cherry-Liston & Mel Liston
Phil Ginsburg & Carolyn Anderson
Steve Goren
Carole Krassner
Stan & Rita Robbins

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 if you desire.

rabbisam@dovertemple.org

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 1: Joel Cooperman(25), Selma C. Nasberg(27), Gretchen Hughes (29), Max Winer (29), Leonard M. Marcus (29), Barbara Frank O'Leary (29), Marilyn Smith (29), Anja Legerstee (29), Helen Meyrowitz (29), Gertrude Kaplan (30), Laurel Silverman (30), Elizabeth Pinn (1), Frances Greene (1), Michael Lechner (1)

Week of July 8: Fay Brisken(3), Dorothy Davis Gordon(3), Clara Saperstein (5), Rabbi Byron T. Rubenstein (6), Lillian Shapiro Horwitz (6), Rochelle Lifson (8), Judee Weiner LaFargue (8)

Week of July 15: Mary Babson (9), Annie Feinberg (9), Thelma Fishman (10), Goldie Saunders (10), Mae Lillian Evans Ryder (10), M. Eleanor Sava (12), Joyce Green (13), Charles Pastor (13), Leo Seigson (14)

Week of July 22: Gladys G. Poucher (16), Dr Martin Leimer (16), Harold Segal (12), Fred Zuckerman (17), Sidney Lane (17), Harry Verner (19), Gussie Smokler (19), Seymour Hirsh (19), Pearl Robbins (19), Nancy Denenberg (20), Phyllis Cohen (20), Rose Greenblatt (20) Ruth Honig Zeff (21), Jacob Eli Stein (22)

Week of July 29: Myra Fine (23), Loretta Moon (26), Augusta Verner(26), Beatrice Weiner(28), Saul Wiseman(28), Anthony Blum (29), Irving Fain (29)

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 2017

01	10:30	Shabbat Morning Torah Study
04	3:45	Dover Friendly Kitchen
07	6:30	Annual “4 th of July” Shabbat Wagon Hill Park - Durham
08		No Shabbat Morning Torah Study
14	7:00	Shabbat Evening Service With guest Cantorial Music
15	10:30	Third Saturday Shabbat Service
20	7:00 8:00	Annual Hackmatack Temple tent “The Buddy Holly Story”
21	6:30	Pre-Shabbat Monthly BBQ
22	10:30	Shabbat Morning Torah Study
28	7:00	Shabbat Service
29	10:30	Shabbat Morning Torah Study