

# KESHER

Our  
Seventy-Eighth  
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

## Reform Jewish Spirituality Part 22

From the standpoint of Reform Jewish Spirituality (as a subset of the umbrella of general Jewish Spirituality), the main issue is one of priorities and direction. Judaism in the broader context, as has been discussed previously, deals more with the practices and rituals than with belief and faith. Thus, the pathways for spiritual connection and self actualization relate more to what is done than what is believed. This is not to say that there are not both aspects; rather the primary emphasis begins with the practice.

Rituals are rehearsed and personal and/or communal processes intended to bring an enhanced or renewed sense of the connection to a prior spiritual experience. These can include holiday observances, times of family gathering, personal practice, and worship/prayer systems - among others.

Judaism in general, since the Rabbinic codification and development out of Torah and Biblical roots, has advocated for ritual and meaning as a combined the process. The advocacy of Reform was to switch the order from adherence to a fixed practice with the expectation that the meaning and spiritual

connection would follow; to autonomous informed examination of meaning and spiritual value with ritual and practice to follow.

The traditional terms are *Keva* (fixed words or rites developed out of Torah and Rabbinic authority) and *Kavana* (personal intentionality and the insertion of the self into the tradition). For Reform, the role of the personally chosen pathway to meaning is used as the starting point. The community, the Rabbi, Religious Education (both child and adult) serve as guides and challenges to each person to find the best and most appropriate way of living Judaism.

All of the points of the Star of the Spirit (as found on page two of the Rabbi Article for this month) are operative and fully connected to Liberal branches of Judaism (e.g., Reform) as they are to the Traditional denominations of Judaism (e.g., Orthodox).

Personal practices, observances, holiday celebrations, and participation in communal events can all serve as paths to Spiritual support and enhancement. In Reform Jewish Spirituality, the challenge is for the individual to create and use the pathways available meaningfully.



## From the Board

Dear Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this month's article as this month marks the end of my time as your president.

As I look back over the last 6 years I am sorry to say that we did not accomplish all I had hoped for. We did not have any major fund raising activities, nor did we have any major fun raising activities. Membership did not grow and declined somewhat.

We existed.

What we did do was lease out a major portion of our building and maintain our home, for now. However when we worked out the lease on the building we made the mistake of setting the financial arrangement such that we covered our bills – but we did not increase the income sufficiently to allow us to build a cushion.

As we did with the land sale, we dealt with the immediate need and did not look to and prepare for the future.

We existed.

So now there is new leadership taking the reins with some new and innovative ideas. However, the ingredient that is still needed is: you, your family, your ideas, your participation. You have heard me say this at Annual Meetings, from the bimah, in emails, and in person. While the Temple exists to help you achieve religious satisfaction in your life, for life cycle events, to further your knowledge of Judaism, to help raise your children in Jewish traditions, it is not like going to Amazon or Walmart or Market Basket or Hannafords. You don't come in, choose what you want, take it home, use it, and be done with it.

Rather it needs to be participatory – come in choose what you want, use it, and then help to make it better. Become an active part of the Temple community and help it grow. Come to services, stay for oneg, schmooze with those who also attend, renew old or make new friends, become part of the Temple community.

Then you can say:

Before,	we existed:
Now,	we are living our Judaism.
Now,	we are growing our community.
Now,	we are an extended Jewish family.

Help make the new Board successful by being an active member of our Temple.  
Wishing the new Board and the Temple Community the best going forward,

L'Shalom *Steve Brody*

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
ONEG HOSTS**

**June**

- 2 Post-Shavuot Pot Luck Dairy Dinner
- 9 BBQ and Barechu
- 16 Board Installation Shabbat
- 23 Sisterhood Shabbat

**June 30 - Sept 1  
Pot Luck Onegs -  
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](mailto: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  
Shabbat post-Shavuot Dinner  
June 2 at 6:30 PM  
In honor of 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)

**Please welcome our  
New Members**

- Eric and Rebecca Eisenberg
- Alana and Aaron



**2017**

**Bar Mitzvah celebration**

**November 11 Jeremy Giguere**

**Religious School Sponsored Events**

**Religious School Classes**

**All are **WELCOME** at all events**

**Continue to practice reading for fluency -  
tutoring support available by appointment**

**June**

**Join us for special Friday evenings:**

**June 2 Post-Shavuot Dairy Dinner**

**June 9 BBQ & Barechu**

**June 16 Board Installation Shabbat**

**June 23 Sisterhood Shabbat**

**June 30 Friday Evening Service and Music**

# *Save these Summer Dates*

*In addition to the  
full June Schedule*

*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](http://www.dovertemple.org)  
for the latest on all services and events**

All are **WELCOME** always

**at Temple Israel Dover**

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# MONTHLY MEDITATION



**Spring grows into Summer.  
Life flows and cascades across the land;  
Filling pools with sustenance.  
The fullness and grandeur of the world,  
Revealed for glory and splendor;  
Warmth and coolness join forces,  
Strengthening body and spirit.**

# 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

For Passover Seder

**Mark Manganiello & Melissa Brahm**

In Memory of Jerry Slutzky

**Muriel Slutzky**

In Memory of Ursula Cherry

**Carole Krassner**

In Memory of Robert (Bobby) Fisher

**Cathi Cherry-Liston & Mel Liston**

**Stan & Rita Robins**

Music Fund

**Cathi Cherry-Liston & Mel Liston**

**Stan & Rita Robins**

Oneg for Installation Shabbat

**Ken & Bertha Litvak**

Music for Installation Shabbat

**Anonymous**

## RABBI'S FUND

With Gratitude

**David & Nicole Silverman**

## 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

## 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 loved one. To make a donation, please contact the Temple Office.

**Week of June 3:** Bernard Kornhauser(28), Anne Stack(28), Laurel Silverman (30), George Sibulkin (31), Susan Fine (31), Stuart Boughton(1), Beatrice Wehrwein(2), Samuel Fishman(2), Phillip Willensky (3), Louis Smith(3)

**Week of June 10:** Edgar Pass(5), Sumner Cohen(5), Hyman E. Novak(6), Robert Davis(6), Bette Yaffee Kemp(8), Anne Golub(9), Dr. Samuel Cohen(9), Irwin Behrendt(9), Arthur Gershman(9), Sadie Wolfson(10)

**Week of June 17:** Rose Rosenberg(11), Laura Garr(11), Joseph Peters(11), Isadora Greenblatt (14), Max Cooper (15), Daniel Cohen (16), Nathan Schwartz (16), Jerry Smith (16), Simon Bernstein (17), Mariano Rechy (17)

**Week of June 24:** Joseph Ambinder (18), Mark Lichtenstein (18), Barney Saperstein (23), Robert William Ryder (24), Ida Hooz (24), Rose Lechner (24)

**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)

## 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 2017

**02** 6:30 Post Shavuot Dairy Dinner

**03** No Shabbat Morning Torah Study

**09** 6:30 Annual BBQ and Barechu

**10** No Shabbat Morning Torah Study

**11** 10:00 Annual Meeting

**16** 7:00 Board Installation Shabbat Service  
With Sue Horowitz

**17** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service

**23** 7:00 Sisterhood Shabbat Service  
With Sue Horowitz

**24** 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

**30** 2:00 Chevra Kaddisha training – at Purdy  
7:00 Friday Evening Service  
With guest Cantorial music