

# KESHER

Our  
Seventy-Eighth  
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

## Reform Jewish Spirituality Part 21

The final step in our journey is now to examine the specific form that Reform takes in the world of modern Judaism and the way this might inform an approach to spirituality.

The Jewish model is portrayed in the Rabbi Study articles 19, 20, and 21. In the previous discussions, general statements were made the spoke to modern Judaism across the denominations. According to the model the mediating influence between God and Torah was primarily in the *Lev*. While this is commonly translated as “heart”, the better translation might be “mind” or “thoughts”. This influence is found most in the *Mitzvot* or *Halacha* (the commandments or the way to follow appropriate practices). The mediating connection between God and Israel is *Nefesh* (soul or feelings) which is found primarily in the *Aggada* (stories of philosophy or morality on life practices). The *M’od* that functions between Israel and Torah is the everyday life of the mundane. This is not to say that there is no relationship among the other possibilities or connecting and pairing the six points. Rather, a majority of the influences are found in the above

processes.

The specific issue for Reform is in the question of what is the definition and practice of *Aggadah*, *Mitzvot*, and the *Halacha*. Fundamentally, this can best be understood in the vision of God’s role through Moses, the Prophets, the Rabbis, and the world of modern Judaism. The major denominations of Judaism arose out of the Enlightenment and European and American 19th century culture. This has further developed through the 20th century and continues now in the 21st.

While all the modern branches of Reform, Orthodox, Conservative, and Reconstructionist (in the order of their founding) continue to show change, the process and form varies widely. These next articles will focus specifically on the way Reform has evolved from the roots in 19th century Germany into 21st century America.

The basic innovation of Reform at the beginning remains a fundamental driving force to this day. The impetus arose out of the liberation of the *Haskala* (Enlightenment) and the opportunity for integration of the Jewish community into the modern society.

This will be the focus for June.

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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  
 rabbisam@dovertemple.org

## Shabbat @ Temple Israel

Friday evening services 7:00

Dinners & Adult Ed 6:30

Saturday mornings 10:30

*Please note special programs*

- Friday May 5                      7:00 1st Friday Led by Students
- Saturday May 6                10:30 Shabbat Torah Study
- 11:30 Adult Ed - Myths & Monsters
- Friday May 12                 7:00 Shabbat Evening Service
- Saturday May 13              10:30 Shabbat Torah Study
- Friday May 19                 6:30 Adult Ed - Ask the Rabbi
- 7:30 Shabbat Music & Meditation
- Saturday May 20              10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
- Friday May 26                 7:00 Shabbat Evening Service
- Saturday May 27              10:30 Shabbat Torah Study
- Friday June 2                 6:30 Post-Shavuot Dairy Dinner
- Friday June 9                 6:30 BBQ & Barechu
- Friday June 23                7:00 Sisterhood Shabbat

## From the Board

A little about me:

Growing up in the Boston area, at a very young age I became aware of how meaningful being Jewish would be to me. As a young child, one of our neighbors would take me and my friend Gail to the little Shul he belonged to for various holidays. Each time we returned home, I would beg my parents to let me go to Hebrew School. Unfortunately, it just didn't happen. In addition, the same neighbor introduced us to relatives who were visiting with them. They were survivors of the Holocaust. I can still clearly remember seeing the numbers tattooed on the inside of their wrists. I was wide eyed as they told their story. Being approximately six years old, most likely my parents did not think I would truly grasp all the information they gave us.

Fast forward:

We moved to Dover from the Boston area as a young family almost forty years ago. It was very important to us that we moved to a town that had a Synagogue. Needless to say, we joined Temple Israel of Dover and immediately became active in the Temple community. In fact, my husband was serving on the board when he passed away a little more than eighteen years ago. Our Temple family and Rabbi were there for me and my family in a big way. Since that time, each of my daughters separately have served on the board as well as my son-in-law, Steve, who served as treasurer for several years. We have always been a family that believes in acts of kindness and volunteering.

Three years ago, this month, I had the privilege – with three amazing women (Stefani Diamond, Karen Mott, and Julie Serrano) – to have a B'not Mitzvah. Thank you to Rabbi Sam for your encouragement. It was one of the most exciting and happiest days of my life.

I enjoy meeting and greeting people at services and on the High Holy Days.

L'Shalom

Carole

**THANK YOU TO OUR**

**May**

- 5 Religious School families
- 12 Ruth & Larry Gray
- 19 Lauren & Jonathan Harris
- 26 Pot-Luck - Memorial Day Weekend

**June**

- 2 Post-Shavuot Pot Luck Dairy Dinner
- 9 BBQ and Barechu
- 16 Board Installation Shabbat
- 23 Sisterhood Shabbat
  
- 30 - Sept 1 Pot Luck - Summer Services

**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 birthdays in March

**Join us at  
 1st Friday Shabbat Services  
 May 5 at 7:00 PM  
 In honor of your special day.**

**Birthdays**

- Naomi Kaplan (1), Noah Kahn (2),
- Steve Giguere (3), Lessa Brill (6),
- Jeff Raven (7), Karen Mott (16),
- Robert Costa (19),
- Naomi Kornhauser (25),
- Noah Raven (26),
- Lois Costa (31)

**Anniversaries**

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

**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**

**May**

- 07**            9:30        Religious School classes
- 14**            **No Religious School Classes - Mothers Day**
- 21**            9:30        Final Religious School classes for 5777  
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**

## ***ADULT EDUCATION SERIES***

**Saturdays 11:30-12:30AM**

**Adult Jewish Studies**

**Final Session May 6**

**Myths & Monsters in Genesis**

**From the Torah and Midrash**

**Check the Temple Calendar at [www.dovertemple.org](http://www.dovertemple.org) for all services and events**

**All are **WELCOME** at no charge**

**to all Adult Education Classes at Temple Israel Dover  
for more information email: [rabbisam@dovertemple.org](mailto:rabbisam@dovertemple.org)**

## **Join us in May & June for Special Theme Friday Services**

**May 5 Services Led by Religious School-**

**June 2 Post-Shavuot Dairy Dinner**

**June 9 BBQ & Barechu**

**June 16 Board Installation Shabbat**

**June 23 Sisterhood Shabbat**



# MONTHLY MEDITATION



## Reflection for the End of the Day

**Evening out the colors of the day; a time of transition:  
A softening vision fills the eye and the spirit with gentleness.**

**Earth and heavens merge and blend;**

**The setting sun leaves traces of the day.**

**Anticipation of night and new sights offers a shelter of darkness.**

**A night sky, dark yet overflowing with sparkling grandeur,**

**Moves us through the glory of creation**

**That sings of hope and beauty in all.**

# 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***



## MARCH DONATIONS

## APRIL YAHRZEITS

*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 Seder

Mel Liston & Cathi Cherry-Liston  
Melissa Brahm &  
Mark Manganiello  
Karen Mott  
Bev & Mike Kahn

### In Memory of Ursula Cherry

Mel Liston & Cathi Cherry-Liston  
Jerry Cherry  
Ken and Bertha Litvack  
Stan and 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

**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 6:** Ruth Kram (30), Bessie Kemler (30), Lee Gunst (30), James Dieterisch (3), Grace Turner (3) Lloyd Amann Gage(3), Ursula Muller Gage(3), Douglas Hamilton(4), Jackson Pastor (4), Herbert Turner (5), Sara Fisher (5), Louis Weinstein (5), Lillian Hirsch (5)

**Week of May 13:** Bernard A. Black (7), Nathan Balansky (7), Michael S. Shine (7), Evelyn M. Miller (7), Ida Fox (8), Rose Levy (10), Eva Weisner (11), Ruth Karol (11), Sadie Goldstein Byer (11), Sumner Berenson (13)

**Week of May 20:** Honey Shaines (14), Morris Isenstein (14), Brenda Gibbs (16), Beryle Grant (18), Leonard Berenson (18), Irvin Lavine (18), Benjamin Babson (18), Donald Albion (20), Samuel Klaye (20)

**Week of May 27:** Anna Kessler Krasnoff (21), Elbert LaFargue (22), Molly Cook (22), Richard Nye, Jr. (23), Irving Landes (23), Marshall Derby(24), Benjamin A. Weiner(25), Rose Goren(27)

**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)

## 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 2017

**05** 5:00 Ritual Committee at Panera  
7:00 First Friday – Led by Religious School

**06** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study  
11:30 Adult Education – Myths & Monsters

**07** 9:30 Religious School Classes

**12** 7:00 Shabbat Service

**13** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study

**14** **No Religious School – Mothers Day**

**19** 6:30 Adult Education - Ask the Rabbi  
7:30 Shabbat Music and Meditation

**20** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service

**21** 9:30 Religious School Classes - last day

**26** 7:00 Shabbat Service

**27** 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

**June 2 6:30 Post-Shavuot Dairy Dinner**