

KESHER

Our
Seventy-Ninth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

As we move forward with the New Year (now well into the second month of 5778), we are also formally entering the 79th year of Temple Israel in Dover. The Jewish community of this area can trace its roots back over 100 years to Somersworth where the first Jewish cemetery of the area was established.

The Dover Jewish community has developed through several stages from Orthodox to Conservative to Reform. In that time there have been a variety of Rabbis and Temple Presidents (a full list can be found in the Menorah which will be published in its most recent iteration shortly). There has also been the transition in buildings and sites for the Temple. In recent years, the Temple has also formed a more formal bond with the UNH Hillel students, who have served as teachers in the Religious School and shared in High Holy Day and Passover services and programs.

This coming year, the Temple will be exploring new ways to reach out to the unaffiliated Jewish community of the inner Seacoast region and enhanced support to UNH Hillel. Watch the Keshet and the website for these opportunities and, as always, let your friends know that the Temple is an open and

supportive community for all Jews and all who seek to learn about or participate in Judaism and Jewish classes, services, programs, and events.

Below are two events already planned for November and December that bring these expanded opportunities to the inner Seacoast by holding them in Durham. In 2018 there will be other such services and events. Please join in as you are able.

Friday November 17 at 7:00, Sisterhood will lead a service of celebration for the new moon of Kislev that will occur that weekend.

Saturday November 18 at 10:30 there will be a special Torah Study where we will welcome the members of DCC, the Durham Community Church to join us. At 11:30 will be the continuation of the Adult Beginner Hebrew classes.

Friday December 15 at 6:30 will be a Chanukah/Shabbat meat/ vegetarian (no dairy) dinner.

Saturday December 16 at 10:30 will be a Chanukah/Shabbat Torah Study again with DCC.

All these services, classes, and events will be held at DCC 17 Main St Durham.

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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.

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of the month for the fol-
lowing month's issue of
Kesher.

email to:

Rabbi Sam Seicol
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Shabbat @ Temple Israel

Friday evening services 7:00

Dinners & Adult Ed 6:30

Saturday mornings 10:30

Please note special programs

Friday Nov 3

Saturday Nov 4

7:00 Guest Speaker Shabbat

10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

11:30 Adult Hebrew Class

Friday Nov 10

Saturday Nov 11

7:00 Shabbat Service

10:30 Bar Mitzvah celebrating
Jeremy Giguere

Friday Nov 17

Saturday Nov 18

7:00 Sisterhood Shabbat

Durham Community Church

10:30 Shabbat Service & Torah

11:30 Adult Hebrew Class

Durham Community Church

Friday Nov 24

Saturday Nov 25

7:00 Lay Shabbat Service

No Shabbat Torah Study

From the Board

Last month, my husband and I had the opportunity to travel to Israel for the first time. Leading up to the trip, we had no idea what to expect. Despite what I'd learned and heard from others' first-hand accounts, I was completely unprepared for the way I would feel once we landed in Tel Aviv.

To put it simply, our time in Israel was amazing. Everything we experienced, from the beauty of the beaches, to the eclectic cuisine, to the rich history of the land, exemplified the beauty and diversity that Israel represents. The opportunity to immerse ourselves in the culture for the short time we were there was something I'll never forget. Of the many aspects of the Israeli culture that I observed, one thing that struck me the most was the deeply embedded sense of Jewish identity that it seems many Jewish Israelis share simply through their citizenship. In Tel Aviv we struck up a conversation with a woman who explained to us that because life in Israel is so heavily influenced by Jewish religious traditions and cultural norms, she does not feel a need to belong to a temple to feel connected to her heritage or her community. When she celebrates high holidays, she does so casually with friends, family and neighbors. She stated that when she travels outside of Israel for long periods of time, she feels drawn toward temples in foreign countries as her longing for connection and community is more prominent when she is separated from her home. Hearing this caused me to feel envious of the fact that life in Israel allows people to feel connection to their identity (cultural, ethnic, religious, or otherwise) just by virtue of living in the community, surrounded by the linguistic and traditional commonalities that hold us together.

In New Hampshire, those of us who seek a connection to the Jewish community are left with few other avenues to do so other than through association with a temple. In reflecting on the sense of community that Temple Israel offers to its members, although I still envy the ease with which Jews can "feel Jewish" in Israel, I am grateful that the Temple provides me with a spiritual/cultural home, and that it can bring people together and provide an opportunity for connection to the history and traditions not otherwise easily experienced in our everyday lives.

Melissa



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**

- Nov 3** Bertha and Ken Litvak
- Nov 10** Giguere Family
Carole Krassner
- Nov 17** Sisterhood
- Nov 24** Pot-Luck Oneg

- Dec 1** Religious School families
- Dec 8** Alan Nasberg
- Dec 15** Melissa Brahms & Mark
Manganiello
- Dec 22** Cathi Cherry Liston & Mel
Liston
- Dec 29** Karen Mott

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



**Mazal
Tov**

to our members who are celebrating special days in November

**Join us at the
November 3 at 7:00 PM
In honor of your special day.**

Birthdays

Erin Sandler 5, Helen Segil 7,
Jenny Kaplan 15, Lisa Weinstein 19,
Frederick Diengott 20, Jessica Costa 22,
Jeff Pillet-Shore 30

Anniversary

James & Elizabeth Lieberman 1
Mark & Karen Hiller 5
Michael & Glicka Kaplan 11
Cathi & Mel Liston 26

**Please Welcome
New Member**

Stephen Friedman



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Bar Mitzvah celebration
November 11 Jeremy Giguere
April 28 Marcus Anderson

GENERAL FUND/HHD APPEAL DONATIONS

Anonymous donation to cover cost of guest speaker November 3

Carol Birch for Aliyah

Cathi Cherry-Liston & Mel Liston

Joy Dai & Josh Keller

Giguere Family

Morey Goodman

Barbara Lenocky & Samuel Marwit

Kathy & Mark Hall

Beth & Jim Lieberman in honor of Cathi Cherry-Liston, Mike Kahn, Ken Litvack & Karen Mott

Edward Lieberman

Carole Krassner

Dorothy Micolazzo

Eric Miller

Peter Pastor for Rosh Hashanna Aliyah

Mary Prenaveau

Rita & Stan Robbins

Stacey & Jeff Segil

Susan Silver

Temple Israel Sisterhood in honor of Cathi Cherry-Liston's Shem Tov Award "From your loving sisters"

Jane Winsor

Religious School

Welcome to the New Year

All are **WELCOME**

November

- 4** **2:00 AM** **DST ends - "Fall Back" 1 hour**
- 5** **9:30** **Religious School classes**
- 12** **9:30** **Religious School classes**
- 19** **9:30** **Religious School classes**
- 6:30** **Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**
- 26** **No Religious School classes - Thanksgiving Weekend**

December

- 3** **9:30** **Religious School classes**
- 10** **9:30** **Religious School classes**
- 11:00** **Annual Latke/Sufganiyot Party**
- 17** **9:30** **Religious School classes**
- 24** **No Religious School classes - Winter Vacation**
- 31** **No Religious School classes - Winter Vacation**

MONTHLY MEDITATION



**Delicately poised – prepared and ready for flight –
A fleeting moment of rest and respite.
Wings seemingly fragile and almost insubstantial;
Ever unfurled for the journey yet to unfold.
Unaware of the inspiration and awe to behold;
Created for a purpose unseen and unknown.
Beauteous splendor; a wonder of subtle intricacies.**

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

OCTOBER DONATIONS

NOVEMBER 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 HHD APPEAL

See page 5 for a full list

RABBI'S FUND

Joy Dai & Josh Keller
Margery & David Kashman
Carole Taut

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 November 4: Marion Schwartz (29), Abraham Kaplan (30), Mabel Phillips (1), Lorraine Goren (1), Harold Jacob Edelstein(1), Lt. Albert N. Edelstein(2), Albert Gordon(3), Adrienne Saltz (3), Anne Borwick (3), Donald Martin (4)

Week of November 11: Lydia Wills(5), Katherine Edelstein(7), Hyman L. Pindrus (9), Burton Golub (9), Bessie Lichten (10), Herbert Cohen (10), Barbara Kates Comenitz (11), Ethylene Golub (11)

Week of November 18: James Bockman (13), Alexander Willens (13), Herman Seperson (13), Morris Fine (13), Barney Grossman (13), Seymour Osman (16), Martha Magerer (18)

Week of November 25: Sadie Cook (20), Katherine H. Edelstein (20), Gerald Fine (20), Abraham Fisher (21), Frances Anderson (21), Bessie W. Young (22), Eileen Platania (22), Gussie Flescher (23), Julius Weiner (23), Richard Rowe (25), BaurcardNesin (25), Fannie Krasnow (25)

Week of December 2: Barnett H. Book (26), Phyllis Wagner Brill (27), Pierette Zinck (27), Edward Wheeler (28), Faye Shear (28), Lawrence Felsenberg (29), Edward Seperson (29), Lillian Smith (30), Ruth E. Fain (1), Mildred Lane (1), Newton B. Cohn (2)

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 (templeoffice@dovertemple.org) 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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November 2017

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11:30 Beginning Adult Hebrew Class
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