



Temple Israel Doorpost

January 2020

Tevet / Shevat 5780

From the Rabbi's Study...

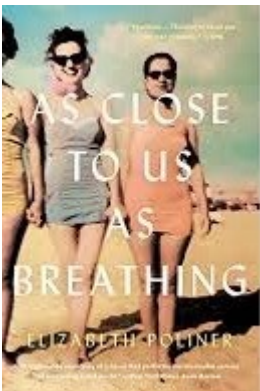
Dear Chaverim,

I write this message just hours after beginning the celebration of Hanukkah with our Interfaith Candle Lighting for Peace at which six members of the Greater Portsmouth clergy shared their personal hopes for peace in our world. Although it was the first night of Hanukkah and therefore we lit only one candle, its light fostered a sense of shared aspirations and optimism among the more than one hundred people who squeezed into our courtyard for candle lighting and singing a host of Hanukkah songs. The air outside might have been cold, but the warmth of unity was felt in everyone's heart.

Now with Hanukkah in the rearview mirror, we

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Temple Israel Book Club Debuts!



As Close to Us As Breathing
by Elizabeth Poliner

Please join us on Tuesday, January 28, at 1:00 p.m. for the inaugural meeting of a new book club. We will plan to meet in the Shmoozatorium on the last Tuesday of each month and discuss the

monthly selection. If you have any questions, please email Jill White at jillrobert1@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Education Committee Meeting

12:30 p.m., Sunday, January 5, Board Room

Art Reception: "The Work of Our Hands"

1:00 p.m. Sunday, January 1, Social Hall

Jewish Genealogy Workshop

2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 5, Social Hall

Israel Affairs Committee Meeting

4:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, Shmoozatorium

Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 15, Virtual Mtg.

Development Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 16, location TBA

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class, Rabbi Korinow

7:00 p.m., Thursdays January 16 & 30, Board Room

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, Board Room

Ritual Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, Board Room

Bnei Mitzvah Meeting

(for parents of students in grades 6 & 7)

10:30 a.m., Sunday, January 26, Chapel

Book Club Meeting

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, Shmoozatorium

As Close to Us As Breathing by Elizabeth Poliner

Note from the office: the Board recently voted to make the Administrative Director position full-time, effective January 6, 2020. Office hours will extend to 4:00 p.m. weekdays except Wednesdays.



Rabbi's Message

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enter January, which in our part of the world is usually the coldest month of the year. Our short days are followed by long nights (about 15 hours pass between sunset and sunrise the next day), which are believed to be the source of SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder. This disorder affects a large segment of the population, especially during the winter. Short days and cold weather cause many people to remain indoors longer than during the rest of the year. This can result in sleeping more than normal, having little to no energy, and even overeating. In short, serious depression can occur, resulting in one's inability to function fully and normally. It is an undeniable malady which afflicts many people each year.



Treatment for SAD usually includes medication, light therapy, and ionized-air administration in which charged particles are released into the sleep environment.

I would like to suggest another treatment for SAD. Why not make Temple Israel activities a regular part of your winter (and all year round, for that matter) routine? Being together as a community and sharing in the spiritual, educational, and social activities that Temple Israel offers can be a quick and easy remedy for the dark cold days of winter! While it may not fully cure any underlying clinical depression, it sure can make these cold, short days not only more tolerable, but even fulfilling and enjoyable!

See you around TIP!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Ira Korinow

Shabbat Service Leaders

Friday, Jan. 3, 7:15 p.m.	Cantor Shira Nafshi
Saturday, January 4	Cantor Shira Nafshi
Friday, Jan. 10, 6:15 p.m.	Lay Leaders
Saturday, January 11	Cantor Shira Nafshi
Friday, Jan. 17, 7:15 p.m.	Rabbi Ira Korinow
Saturday, January 18	Rabbi Ira Korinow
<i>Followed by "Lunch & Learn" Torah study</i>	
Friday, Jan. 24, 6:15 p.m.	Rabbi Ira Korinow
Saturday, January 25	Rabbi Ira Korinow
<i>Followed by "Lunch & Learn" Torah study</i>	
Friday, Jan. 31, 6:15 p.m.	Rabbi Ira Korinow
Saturday, February 1	Rabbi Ira Korinow
<i>Followed by "Lunch & Learn" Torah study</i>	

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connecting with others who attended the convention so we can figure out what new ideas we can bring to Temple Israel.

Keep your thoughts and ideas for new programs coming. We are a great community of caring, passionate, and interesting people and I am proud to be among you.

L'shalom,

Amy Hyett

One day at the USCJ Convention... So much learned!

Thanks to Jeff Salloway and his new position as Northeast District Chair, I had the opportunity to attend the United Synagogue convention on Monday, December 9th. This intense, meaningful, and somewhat overwhelming experience included hours of traffic, fascinating learning sessions, a delicious lunch, networking galore, and even a reunion with an old friend who is now a rabbi.

Hoping to attend an 8:45 am session, I left my house at 6:30 and battled the traffic to Boston that so many people negotiate on a daily basis. I made it, barely, to "Recruitment and Retention" at 8:45. I got a seat just in time, as this session was so well attended that it became standing room only and attendees spilled into the hallway outside of the conference room. Three rabbis shared their stories of attracting members to their congregations, and more importantly, keeping them engaged. For these three rabbis, recruitment and retention are one and the same. One rabbi uses a text messaging system to remind different affinity groups of programs. One rabbi has a system where three congregants are needed to make most programs happen, and he has cut red tape to streamline planning and executing programs of interest. One rabbi handed out a bound copy of all the programs his synagogue executed this year... over one hundred of them!

The biggest takeaway for me was that programming needs to happen both inside and outside the walls of the synagogue. My goal is to create some events that occur out in the community, whether at a museum, or a park, or a restaurant. How about a beer tour and tasting at a local brewery? Or what about a TIP running group with a 5K in the spring as an end goal? Are you interested in helping to plan some-

thing new and outside of the box? Let me know!

I attended a plenary session called "Managing Difficult Conversations." A Harvard Law School professor who studies negotiations gave an entertaining and interactive lecture about what happens during a challenging conversation and how both one's inner and outer voices are part of any conversation. I learned a great deal about what makes a conversation feel productive and caring.

Additional sessions included a lunch table discussion on Ritual Change, an interesting session on dues models in history and how they inform the present day, and a session about a new USCJ program designed for interfaith families that is currently being piloted. In between, I spent time browsing vendor tables, (piles of books for the taking at the PJ Library table was my obvious favorite), seeing people from my past, and meeting new colleagues. Mostly, I took in the legitimate excitement that arises from so much positive energy in one place.

My final afternoon lecture was one that included a roundtable discussion and debate about the Conservative movement's view on officiating interfaith marriages. This topic is clearly one the movement is wrestling with as we try to be as inclusive as possible while acting within the confines of Jewish law. Though two rabbis took opposing viewpoints, as happens in Judaism generation after generation, their caring and passion for their position was front and center. I drove home, tired but energized, and thankful that we are part of a movement filled with thoughtful, reflective, and innovative rabbis and lay leaders. I am still sifting through the information that I gleaned from the day, and I am looking forward to

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Ritual Committee

Ritual Committee

I'm writing as Hanukkah ends, at the beginning of a new month, Tevet on the Jewish calendar and the end of the year and the decade on the Gregorian one – times of change, times conducive to reflection.

It's been a very busy month. At the beginning of December, thanks to Jeffrey Salloway, TIP congregant and the new District Chair of the New England Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, I was able to attend the USCJ convention in Boston for three exhilarating days of learning and networking. The convention was inspiring, informative, and fun, and I look forward to brainstorming with Amy Hyett and others about how we can bring what we saw, heard, and learned to Temple Israel.

The Ritual Committee helped plan the visit of rabbinical candidate Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman the weekend after the convention. It was wonderful to see the sanctuary full of congregants for both Kabbalat Shabbat and Saturday morning services and to hear from many people throughout the weekend what they liked or didn't like about her davening, teaching, and positions on issues important to them.

I am most proud that the Ritual Committee planned and pulled off three well-attended, successful events during the week of Hanukkah. Thanks to everyone who made time during a school vacation week to participate!

On the first night of Hanukkah, over 100 people gathered to listen to prayers for peace, light the first candle, and sing and eat at our annual Interfaith Prayer for Peace Candle Lighting event. Rabbi Korinow coordinated the participation of a number of clergy from our neighboring houses and communities of worship. A huge thank you to

Margie Wachtel for rallying the Membership Committee to provide food and drink that night to supplement the munchkin *sufganiyot* that Ritual Committee member Ben Martindale brought from a kosher Dunkin Donuts in Brooklyn! ***Rav todot*** (many thanks) to all who helped, especially Laura Sher who was front and center, preparing and serving a generous array of treats.

On the third night of Hanukkah, over 25 people came together to light candles, sing, and dine, enjoying a delicious five-dish Chinese banquet prepared in our own TIP kitchen by chef Jeffrey Salloway and sous-chefs Jennifer Beard and Fred Feldman. Everyone pitched in, either helping with food prep or clean up after the meal. Jeffrey and Jen planned, shopped, and masterminded the event, which we hope will become an annual tradition. ***Kol Hakavod*** to Jeffrey and his many cheerful and capable assistants!

Last, but not least, we celebrated the seventh day and eighth night of Hanukkah with a screening of the movie ***The Frisco Kid***, complete with movie-style popcorn made in our new popcorn machine! Fred Feldman took the lead in providing and running the movie as well as inspiring the purchase of the popcorn machine. When the movie ended, about 30 of us joined together to light candles, sing, and feast on kosher doughnuts imported by Ben Martindale from Shlomy's Bakery in Brooklyn. We paused to mention the horrendous stabbing attack in Monsey, NY and decided to daven *ma'ariv* as an expression of our commitment to Jewish practice and resilience. Special thanks to Julie Serrano, Ken Kowalchek, Rachel Kurshan, and Amy Hyett for help with refreshments and to Ken, Helen Hanan, Mel Proskoff, and Jennifer Beard for clean-up help.

In addition to these three special events, Rabbi

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Candle Lighting

January	3	4:02 p.m.
January	10	4:09 p.m.
January	17	4:18 p.m.
January	24	4:26 p.m.
January	31	4:36 p.m.



Service Times

Tuesday afternoon	5:30 p.m.
Friday night	6:15 p.m.
* First & Third Fridays	7:15 p.m.
Saturday morning	9:30 a.m.
followed by kiddush luncheon	

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Korinow and Sally Bock, Amy Hyett and her three daughters, and I took turns “hosting” candle lighting on the other nights of Hanukkah so that anyone could come to the synagogue and light candles in community each night of the holiday.

I am thrilled and proud that our community came together to create such festive Hanukkah celebrations. It was a full, fun, and moving week. May we go from strength to strength and continue to gather, celebrate, and build community in the months to come!

L’shalom,

Deborah Hirsch Mayer, VP Ritual



Hebrew School

Shalom Everyone and Happy 2020, which coincides with the Jewish year of 5780. And Happy January, which coincides with the Jewish months of Tevet and Shevat!

The Hebrew School finished 2019 with a very busy three weeks of December! Here are the highlights:

- A visit by **Camp Pembroke**, a Jewish camp for girls in New Hampshire, much to the delight of happy campers Kayla, Emily and Stephanie Hyett!
- **Our Israeli shlichah, Avia**, had the children competing to show their knowledge of Hebrew, Israel, and Judaism with a giant game of Hebrew letter Chutes and Ladders.



- **USY, Kadima Youth Group** held an informational meeting.
- **Rabbi candidate, Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman**, led the Hebrew School service on Sunday, December 15. She was very impressed with our students! **Yasher Koach (from strength to strength) to the seventh graders** who helped lead parts of the service.



- Grades K, one, and two successfully transformed themselves into two human hanukkiot, as Rabba Kaya demonstrated how Rabbis Hillel and Shammai thought the Hanukkah candles should be lit, during the **Community Pre - Hanukkah Party**. Dreidels, chocolate gelt, Hanukkah word searches and, of course, the delicious latkes made by the TIP Brotherhood, were enjoyed by everyone there.
- **Laura Sher** made the last day of Hebrew School before vacation really sweet by making delicious sufganiot with **grades three, four, five, six, and seven. Todah Rabah Laura!**

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, mitzvah-filled 2020. Here is your second chance to renew those possibly forgotten Rosh Hashana 5780 resolutions!

L'shalom,

Elian Tackeff, Head of School

Early Learning Center

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Tammy Labonté
Director, ELC

Shalom,

The Early Learning Center had a busy December. Early in the month we were invited to a Kittery, Maine business - Mainely Fun. There I got to spend some time with children and families interested in learning about Hanukkah. The children enjoyed playing with

Hanukkah materials including a menorah, pan with latkes, dreidel, and gelt. Thank you, ELC mom Amy Bedrick for attending with me, to share Hanukkah traditions from your family and the Early Learning Center.

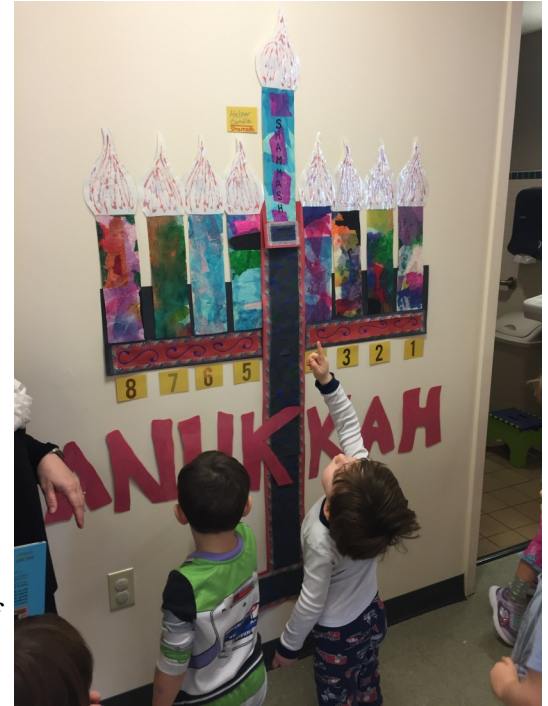


Celebrating in the classroom.

Many thanks to Laura Sher for cooking with the ELC students! This time we made yummy sufganiyot – donuts that traditionally have jelly inside. Ours did not, but were coated in powdered sugar. We ate them with our homemade applesauce, latkes, and sour cream at the ELC Hanukkah family celebration. During the celebration we said the blessing for lighting the menorah, told the story of the Maccabees for parents, and marched like the

Maccabees to the Paul Zim song “Maccabee March.” Thank you, Rabbi Ira, for joining us during the family celebration.

The ELC also “lit” our hallway menorah each morning, and ended the week with a pajama party and winter activities in honor of the winter solstice



that started the first day of vacation on Saturday, December 21. The ELC students will return on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

We wish everyone a happy Hanukkah and a safe and happy New Year!

L’shalom,

Tammy Labonté

Note to educators: The Early Learning Center is looking for substitute teachers. If you have an Early Childhood or Elementary Education background and would be interested in substituting in the ELC, please contact Tammy Labonté via email at preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org or call 603-380-5589.



Rabbi Search

Additional Ritual Committee Announcements

The *Lev Shalem* siddurim have been ordered. Stay tuned for information about our changing over to this prayer book, possibly with a special dedication service and celebration. We are deeply grateful for three generous donations that have covered the cost of the initial order. Congregants are encouraged to donate additional copies with opportunities to inscribe bookplates in honor, memory, or celebration of loved ones or friends. Please contact the office for details.

The Ritual Committee is looking for new members, especially someone with good organizational and administrative skills who could help run the committee. Please contact Deborah Hirsch Mayer at hirschmayer2@gmail.com if you can help.

Dear Congregants,

All of us on the RSC are deeply appreciative of all of you who attended the events that we planned for Rabba Kaya’s visit. We were happy to see many of you engaging with Rabba Kaya to learn more about her and learn from her. We were also very proud of our Hebrew School students who left Rabba Kaya with a “delicious” (her word) impression of their commitment to learning. Thank you, students! And, thank you, Hebrew School teachers, for your dedication to teaching them!

The RSC also appreciates the time you took to complete the post-visit survey and to provide thorough comments and feedback to us in the survey. The RSC reviews and analyzes the responses in order to provide a summary of results and recommendations based on the results to the board of directors. Your survey responses guide the board of directors in its decision-making process.

Finally, several of you approached RSC members to thank us for the time and effort that we put into planning, organizing, and executing the events of the weekend. You are welcome. You deserve no less.

Please don’t hesitate to continue to chat with us about your experiences with Rabba Kaya or to ask us questions about the search process.

Jeffrey Friedman and Helaine Roberts, Co-Chairs, Rabbi Search Committee



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- Welcome to new members
- ♦ **Sara and Arnold Frank** of Newmarket.
- ♦ **Eric Gilston** of Portsmouth.
- Condolences to **Amy Schmidt** and her family on the passing of her mother, **Anne Simonoff**.
- Condolences to **Mark and Susan Goodman** on the passing of Mark’s mother, **Roselyn Goodman**.
- Wishing a smooth and hassle-free move to **Marlene and Alan Rubin**, as they travel to make a new home in Peabody, MA.

Sisterhood

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Winter Holiday Bazaar Extravaganza

by Jewel Davis

On Sunday, December 1, 2019, the recently reinvigorated Temple Israel Sisterhood held its very first Holiday Bazaar Extravaganza, which was open to the entire Seacoast public. The event was coordinated by Sisterhood Vice-President Jewel Davis.

The social hall was filled to capacity with vendors selling their local handmade wares including hand-woven scarves and tablecloths, jewelry of all kinds and designs, oil and watercolor paintings, mixed-media artwork, handmade soap, essential oils, crocheted hats and scarves, felted clothing, amber jewelry from Poland, and more.

The bazaar was a wonderful event, filling the Temple with the happy vibrations of vendors, temple members, and non-members alike, while classical musical played in the background. Sisterhood Treasurer Cathi Cherry-Liston worked non-stop to assure the bazaar's success, and committee members Jane LeSavoy and Deborah Levine's contributions were invaluable. Joanne Samuels, VP, House, offered the Bazaar Committee unending support. The Sisterhood Bazaar



The Sisterhood took on many events this year. Some were new, some old, but the most unique was the birth of Zaharina Irene Conolly.

From Veronica's announcement of her pregnancy, and through her Facebook updates, she and Nick included us all. On Friday, December 20, Zara was officially given her Hebrew name. Zara has already attended Friday night services and looks forward to joining the congregation in many more activities. Mazel Tov to Veronica and Nick, and welcome, Zara!

Committee would also like to thank those volunteers who came in to assist at the bazaar that day: Julie Serrano, Roberta Issokson, Janet Insolia, Rich LeSavoy, and Linda Cohen. Vendors and customers alike reported having a wonderful time.





Yahrzeits

January Yahrzeits

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1. Otto Morgenstern, Katrina Bradbury, Floretta Osman, Zelig Applebaum
2. Solomon Gerstein, Gertrude Kaplan, Bessie Cohn, George Brown, Jay Wein, Louis Rome, Janice Glaser, Myrna Siegel, Gloria Rosegarten Adler
3. Rose Coles, Carl Schwartz, Herb Heller, Sayde Harris, Julius Nasberg, Irvin Gorski
4. Esther Ruth London, Maurice Ruben, Hyman Sherman, H. Berzow
5. Samuel N. Cook, Charlotte Brody
6. Marcia Alexander, Leah Kolikof, Beatrice Book, Benjamin Slome, Edith Prostkoff, Adolph Jacob Baer, Abraham Issokson, Louis J. Magerer
7. Alan Schenk, Ethel Fleisher, Mildred Thrope, Benjamin Radner, Bernard Luloff
8. Abraham Zeidman, Eve Cetlin, Yury Klarov, Mary Saklad, Jacob Stone, Lena Mines
9. Annie Freaman, Lena Fishbein, Saul Sussman, Herman Cherim
10. Rebecca Lepoff, Ethel Halprin, Phillip Singer, Isadore Osman, Roman A. Rubinstein, Daniel Fisher
11. D.H. Silverman, Sarah Alpers, Jerome Sorkin
12. Sarah Rottenberg
13. Edith Brown, Joseph Kitrosser, Arther Poster, Beverly Schneider, Warren H. Overstreet Sr., Arthur Leblanc, Eleanor Goldstein, Mildred Cragin
14. Jennie Levine, Melvin Heflich, Kathy Ramras, Eugene Kleinhandl, Antoine Walker, Gloria Adelman
15. Samuel Lepoff, Gerald Bernheimer, Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Henrietta Banner Gershman, Robert Liston Sr.
16. Jacob Landsman, Morris Rubin, Hyman Schwartz, Florence Levingston
17. Abraham Lampert, Arnold Katz, Alan Kaner, Bess Koach, Arnold S. Katz, Suzan Irene Horn, Lillian Cohen
18. Louis Zeidman, Allen Levenson, Arthur Reinhart, George Sherman, Harold Lampert, Howard Siegel, Matthew Krassner
19. Anna Levitt, Harry Levin, Melvin Pedell, Harold Dinaburg, Sheila M. Kaplan, Hyman Katz, David Edelstein, Allen Sibley
20. Arthur Housman, Philip Singer
21. Fannie Woolfson, Libby Ginsberg, Leon Brill, Pauline Cohen, Louis Stocklan
22. Mary Halprin Levey, Ida Shapiro, Ruth Sussman, Garrett Aviles, Beatrice Saltman Dulberg, Ruth Talisman
23. George Hooz, Betty Prietz, Jack Lasky, BettyRose Leader, Rose Silverman Cohen, Rabbi Sidney Rothstein
24. Burton Kreisworth, Rachel Promer, Frieda Beubis, John McGowan, Jeannette Marks
25. Jacob Cohen, Benjamin Abramson,

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When you are observing a family member's *yahrzeit*, you are welcome to say kaddish at Shabbat services Friday night or Saturday morning, at Tuesday minyan (5:30 p.m.), and when Hebrew School is in session, on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., or Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

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- Samuel Greenfield, Dora Segal, Rose Chaikin
26. Lena Fluster, Rosalea Elowitz Cohn,
Harold J. Potter
27. Albert Levy, Arthur Black, Harold Fisher,
Melvin Gordon, Arthur Obermayer
28. Alex Paul, Mollie Krasker, Lillian Rosenwald,
Morris Kram, Nathan Allen
29. Samuel Hooz, Julian Meltzer, William Chernin,
Mary C. Feltes
30. Rose Fisher
31. Leon S. Fein, Samuel Vetstein,
Sarah Kornhauser

Below: Shoppers and vendors enjoying the Sisterhood's Holiday Bazaar Extravaganza (see article on page 9)



Hanukkah Candle Lighting and Prayer for Peace

by Helen Hanan

Every year, the interfaith community looks forward to joining Temple Israel members to light Hanukkah candles. This year's event was led by Rabbi Ira Korinow. Over 100 people filled the garden courtyard to light the first candle on the "Hands of Hope" menorah sculpted by the late Sumner Winebaum.



Rabbi Ira Korinow and the "Hands of Hope" menorah.

Singing, prayers offered by the Portsmouth Ministerium leaders who joined us, and a great many smiles helped lift our spirits as we celebrated the miracle of the Hanukkah light. Of course, the ceremony was followed by sweets and treats for all. Many thanks to the Membership Committee for organizing the refreshments!



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INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

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and happy New Year!"

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David Cline in memory of Debbie Cline. Sue & Steve Tober in memory of Lee Fruman.

TZEDAKAH FUND

Arline Koiles in memory of her husband, Allen Koiles. Marjorie L. Cypres in memory of her mother, Lillian Lorde.



Singing Hanukkah songs in the Shmoozatorium.

Annual Appeal Progress Report

The Annual Fund is wrapping up in fine style, with additional gifts coming in at all levels.

Please visit templeisraelnh.org/donate for more information.

Rabbi's Circle

Gold: Eric & Marla Katz

Silver: Cindy & Robert Chaikin

Bronze: Mark Harrison in memory of Al Spaien, Sandy & Helaine Roberts, Stuart Fox in memory of Earl and Miriam Fox, Bruce Fox, Kenneth Fox, and Elaine Fox. Sharen Eidelberg Spratt and Randy Spratt, with healing prayers to Sharen's mother Phyllis Eidelberg. Rachel Kurshan, Alan & Elizabeth Moses, Liz & Matt Jacobs in loving memory of Bruce Fox. The Jacobs' donation was generously matched by Matt's employer, Synopsys.

Friends: Bertha & Ken Litvack, Marjorie Beck in memory of Helen & Samuel Levy, Tammie Burns, Paul Schneiderman & Karin Caruso, Barbara Levenson, Tina Silber & Peter Sharfman with the message, "We have a summer home in Wolfeboro, come when we can, and greatly appreciate your warm welcome whenever we do come." Bob & Marilyn Zimman, Amy & Steven Borne, Laura & Ron Sher in memory of Maureen & Jerry Sher, Deborah Hirsch Mayer, the Steber family

Thanks also to contributors: Rita & Leonard Benjamin, Shelley Brass, Veta Stone in memory of her husband, Ira Stone, Phil Ginsburg & Carolyn Anderson, Patty & Andrew Diengott, Elissa Kaplan Senter, Claudia Leblanc, Auggie & Richard Collier, David Cline, Seth & Rachel Wizwer, Kenneth Ernstoff & Katharine Moody, Tobey & Don Harman

Thanks to chef Jeff Salloway and the able kitchen crew for fixing a delicious Chinese meal on December 24!





Annual Fund Update

Thanks to all our generous donors, the Annual Fund Campaign has met its goal!

by Fran Berman, Development Chair

Todah rabah to the many, many people who donated to our first ever Temple Israel Annual Fund Campaign! With your help, we have met our 2019 goal of \$65,000! Now we will be able to complete three major projects to make our synagogue more functional, more beautiful, and safer:

- installation of beautiful new tiles in the Court Street lobby (a special thank you to the Friedman family for their leadership gifts for this project).
- state-of-the-art audio-video systems in the Levenson Social Hall and the Board Room.
- new landscaping along the southeastern corner of our property to beautify and enhance safety and security, featuring a granite wall, widened path, and stairs to the playground.

Gifts came in at all levels, from \$5 on up. Thank you to all of our donors! We especially want to thank the Friends of Temple Israel for their generosity, and the members of the Rabbi's Circle, who offered our top leadership gifts. By coming together as a community of giving, we have been successful!

In addition to appearing in the monthly *Doorpost*, the names of all donors will be listed in this year's Annual Report (distributed at the temple Annual Meeting in May), and on a Wall of Honor in the Court Street lobby. A special Rabbi's Circle reception will be held in the spring to honor those who gave at the leadership level. We will also host a special oneg in the spring to honor all of our generous donors.

This campaign would not have been possible without the tireless work of my fellow committee members: Ira Schwartz, Beth Salzman, Matt Allen, Marjorie Levy Beck, and Robert Chaikin.

Thank you!



FINDING YOUR FAMILY: FROM BEGINNING TO ADVANCED JEWISH GENEALOGY

A presentation on Jewish Genealogy will be given by Dr. Fred Feldman at Temple Israel on Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 2 to 4 pm. Dr. Feldman and his family immigrated to the United States as Holocaust survivors and arrived in N.Y. in 1949. He has been documenting his family history and genealogy for over 50 years.

The presentation will cover getting started recording your personal genealogy / family history, how to construct your family tree, the choices available on recording and storing it, as well as choices on using computer software packages. Options and benefits will be discussed for using internet resources such as Ancestry.com, Geni.com, or the Mormon (LDS) Family History Library. Examples of data and family trees obtained, both from the U.S. and Europe will be shown and, given time, integration of packages with digital and photographic media.



After the question and answer session, Dr. Feldman is also offering to digitally scan photographs of historical family value for attendees who bring them. Preferred photo size is 4 x 6 inches or smaller.

After scanning, the photographs will be returned to the owners immediately. The computer file of the scans can be copied onto a USB thumb drive, which participants should bring. (Staples is a good source; thumb drives can be purchased for \$14 or less.)

The scans on the thumb drives can then be used for

loading to personal computers, printing in various sizes and formats, and/or emailing.

To sign up for the workshop, please contact the office. Those interested in having photos scanned are requested to email fredfeldman@comcast.net.

Many thanks to the Cultural Endowment Fund which graciously supports this workshop and other events developed by the Art Review Team for 2019 - 2020.



Art Review Team Update

Our next exhibit, with reception on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., is called "The Work of our Hands." It emphasizes how artists use their craft to bring awareness to protecting the environment, including re-purposing materials in creative ways. Contributors include Suzanne Petty, artist and tapestry maker, Berri Kaplan, with collage and Japanese fabric tapestry, and quilter Heather Tomlinson.

In addition, we are anticipating capsule exhibits from Israel's Beit Hatfutsot Museum, "Hanukkah" and "Jewish Weddings," to coincide with the Jewish Genealogy Workshop on January 5, 2020.

Deborah Levine, Exhibit Coordinator

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class

- Have you ever wanted to learn the skill of “Leyning” (reading from the Torah) and chanting the Haftarah?
- Did you never have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at the age of 12 or 13?
- Would you like to acquire a respected skill of Jewish literacy?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then join the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class.

Schedule: Rabbi Korinow holds this class on alternate Thursday evenings, January 16 and January 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room on the second floor.

The goal of this class will be to have a shared Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Temple Israel (date to be determined).

Ability to mechanically read (but not necessarily understand) Hebrew is required.

Please RSVP to the office at 603-436-5301, ext. 10, or via email, templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org to enroll.

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