



Temple Israel Doorpost

March 2020

Adar / Nisan 5780

From the Rabbi's Study...

Dear Chaverim,

I have two *Doorpost* messages this month, one equally as important as the other.

First, Purim falls on Monday evening, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10. While growing up, I always thought Purim was a “children’s holiday” and the synagogue in which I grew up seemed to confirm that belief since only children came in costume and only children shouted, stomped their feet, and twirled their graggers when the name “Haman” was read from the Megillah, the Book of Esther. During my years studying in rabbinical school, however, my opinion changed.

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Upcoming Events

TIP Book Club

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, Shmoozatorium
The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman

Ritual Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, Board Room

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class, Rabbi Korinow

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, Board Room
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, Board Room

Sisterhood Meeting

6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 5, Shmoozatorium

Kiddush celebrating Helen Hanan’s 70th Birthday

Following Shabbat services, Saturday, March 7

Events, continued

Havdalah & Movie Night

5:45 p.m., Saturday, March 7, Social Hall
The Mad Adventures of “Rabbi” Jacob

Black Heritage Trail NH Tea Talk

2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 8, Social Hall

Education Committee Meeting

2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 8, Board Room

Purim Megillah Reading & Celebration

6:15 p.m. Monday, March 9, Sanctuary

Davenology 101 Class, Rabbi Korinow

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, Board Room
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Board Room

Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12, Virtual Meeting

Purim Carnival

10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 15, Social Hall

Schmooze with the Board / Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, Shmoozatorium
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, Board Room

Early Learning Center Open House

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19

Tot Shabbat Services

11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 21, Social Hall

Hebrew School Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner & Service

5:45 p.m. dinner; **6:45 p.m. services**
Friday, March 27, Social Hall & Sanctuary
Dedication of *Lev Shalem* prayerbooks

Ritual Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, Board Room



Rabbi's Message

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My rabbinical training taught me that Judaism is a “religion of reality.” That is most, if not all, Jewish laws and customs are there to help us deal with the realities of life and help bring us in touch with our human emotional feelings and needs. The reality is that anti-Semitism has existed throughout Jewish history and the reality is that anti-Semitism continues to exist even today. On Purim, we come together, young and old alike, to express how we feel about all the enemies of the Jewish people over the centuries—indeed, the millennia. Expressing anger over the fact that anti-Semitism exists even today is a Purim mitzvah that children and adults are called upon to express during the reading of the Megillah.



Come, then, on Monday evening, March 9 at 6:15 p.m. in costume if you like (you will not be turned away if you're not in costume), and exercise your Jewish right to express anger and disgust at all the Hamans in Jewish history!

Second, we look forward to the simcha, the joy of dedicating and using our new *siddurim*, *Lev Shalem*, the newest prayerbook of Conservative Judaism. We will dedicate the new prayerbooks at the Kabbalat Shabbat service led by our Hebrew School students on March 27. The dinner begins at 5:45 p.m., followed by Shabbat services at 6:45 p.m.

To help us appreciate using our new siddur, I am offering a course that I'm calling “Davenology 101.” In the course, we will explore what it means to pray in Judaism, the order and differences between the daily, Shabbat and *Yom Tov* (holiday) services, the proper choreography (when, why and

how we bow during services), the differences between Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist liturgy, and also the differences between our current Conservative prayerbook, *Siddur Sim Shalom* and our new *Siddur Lev Shalem*.

Davenology 101 will be a series of four classes held on Wednesday evenings, March 11, 25, April 1 and 22 at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Temple Office to RSVP so I know how many people to expect and in which Temple Israel room the class should meet. As with all the classes that I have offered here, there is no fee to participate.

Let us make the month of March a month of increased commitment to Jewish learning and participation in Jewish life!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Ira Korinow

Shabbat Service Leaders

Friday, March 6, 7:15 p.m. **Cantor Shira Nafshi**

Saturday, March 7 **Rabbi Ira Korinow**

Followed by “Lunch & Learn” Torah Study

Friday, March 13, 6:15 p.m. **Rabbi Ira Korinow**

Saturday, March 14 **Rabbi Ira Korinow**

Followed by “Lunch & Learn” Torah Study

Friday, March 20, 7:15 p.m. **Rabbi Ira Korinow**

Saturday, March 21 **Rabbi Ira Korinow**

Followed by “Lunch & Learn” Torah study

Friday, March 27, 6:45 p.m. **Rabbi Ira Korinow**

Saturday, March 28 **Rabbi Ira Korinow**

Followed by “Lunch & Learn” Torah study

Trips to Israel, Past and Future

When this article is published, Rabbi Ira and Temple Israel congregants will be visiting Israel, so naturally, the topic has been on my mind. Meanwhile, I am beginning to plan a trip to Israel for my family next April. I have always had a deep and personal relationship to Israel. My grandmother Rose found safe haven there after surviving the Holocaust in hiding in Warsaw. After the war, she made her way to Israel, then known as Palestine, with her one surviving niece with the help of the Haganah. She met my grandfather Martin on a bus. He had moved to Palestine and joined the Jewish Brigade in 1942. My grandfather fought in the War of Independence, taking leave from the front to drive a couple of hours to Tel Aviv to visit my grandmother in the hospital after she had my uncle Zvi in 1948. My father was born in Tel Aviv in 1952, and four years later, the family immigrated to the United States and settled in Manhattan, where my grandparents lived until their deaths just over ten years ago.

When I was ten years old, my parents enrolled me in a Combined Jewish Philanthropies program called Passport to Israel, which provided scholarship support, in order to send me on a six-week USY Pilgrimage summer trip to Israel when I was sixteen. I feel so lucky to have had that experience. I didn't know a soul in my group of 60 kids, and I was nervous and excited to spend a summer abroad. I'll never forget the butterflies in my stomach as I flew by myself from Logan to JFK. After lugging my big suitcase to the international terminal, I found my group, which included many kids from New York, Massachusetts, and New Jersey, and also from all across the US and Canada. By the end of the long El Al flight, we were all fast friends.

There were so many remarkable and life-changing moments on that trip: beautiful hikes, a challenging

week living in an army barrack to simulate an Israeli teenager's military experience, and impactful lectures and tours that have stayed with me to this day. There is something unique about experiencing travel with one's peers during high school, when teens are thirsting for learning and new experiences, and USY does a wonderful job of planning programs that are both age-appropriate, educational, and fun. I cannot wait to return.

Photo:
Gadna,
Israel, 1993,
at a week-
long Israeli
Army
simulation
for
American teens. (I'm on the far right.)



Scholarship funds are available, both from Temple Israel and from the Jewish Federation of NH, to help mitigate the cost of sending our teens to Israel. A variety of different programs are offered through USY, NFTY, BBYO, Jewish summer camps like the Cohen Camps, Camp Yavneh, Camp Young Judea, and so many more. There are shorter trips and longer ones; some trips stop in Europe first, and most visit Israel only. There is a trip for everyone. And there is the amazing opportunity to take a free Birthright visit once in college. Thankfully, going to Israel in high school does not prohibit a return trip via Birthright in the future. I encourage each of you to try to find a path towards visiting our homeland and helping your kids to do so too. The more trips we take to Israel, the more connected we are to our past and our future.

L'shalom,

Amy Hyett



Ritual Committee

Distinction and Separation, Honor and Respect

Distinction and separation are two major aspects of Judaism. Keeping kosher involves distinguishing foods that are permitted from foods that are not and separating dairy from meat. During Pesach, we distinguish in an even more stringent manner which foods are permitted and which are not, and separate and sell our *hometz*. On Purim, we distinguish evil Haman from other characters in the Megillah by drowning out his name with noise. Distinctions serve to provide a higher degree of awareness.

On Shabbat and festivals (*hagim*), we refrain from some of our regular activities in order to distinguish those days from others and to make them special. Doing so gives us opportunities to pause and create still spaces in our often too-busy lives. By choosing not to do things as we usually do, we can heighten our awareness. That in turn may help us feel gratitude for people and conveniences we take for granted or, like vacations away from our usual surroundings, provide space for reflection. For some Jews, Shabbat observance means that from the time of candle-lighting on Friday until after Havdalah on Saturday, not using electricity, walking or biking instead of driving places, heating foods rather than cooking from scratch, and not shopping.

In most American Jewish communities, we are free to make our own choices about which *mitzvot* we keep and which we ignore. While most of us are not strict in our observance, some of our fellow Temple Israel congregants choose to alter their daily routines by avoiding some activities or making a point of doing other ones on Shabbat and holidays. Whether they unplug from their devices, refrain from using money (including credit cards), take time to read for pleasure, take a Shabbos *schluf* (nap), spend quality time with family or friends, or simply come to services to pray and be in community with

fellow Jews, they have probably discovered benefits from making distinctions in their lives.

Although we all make our own choices about what we do or don't do at home, in our communal synagogue home we are obliged to maintain the standards of the Conservative movement. Those standards govern that our temple kitchen is strictly kosher and dictate our observance of Shabbat and holidays. We honor and distinguish Shabbat and certain *hagim* by refraining from using cell phones*, taking photographs, or writing *anywhere* in the synagogue building. The Ritual Committee recently reviewed our policies regarding these activities and chose to affirm them. Please help us and your fellow congregants abide by them. You might discover that by making some distinctions and separations, you too will experience some of the magic of Shabbat and holidays!

**Rabbi Korinow and other designated individuals carry cell phones to use in case of emergencies. Medical professionals or caretakers on call may also need to have their phones on, but they should be set so as not to make noise and used only as necessary. Congregants are asked to step outside the building if they must check their phones or respond to a call.*

The restrictions described above apply on certain days of festivals, but not on all holidays. What days are considered *Yom Tov* (*Yontif*) and which are considered minor holidays when usual activities are allowed?

Here's a list. (Note: At TIP we follow the Israeli custom of celebrating the first and seventh days of festivals. Traditionally, Conservative synagogues observe days 1, 2, 7, and 8.)

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Bulletin Board

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Candle Lighting

March	6	5:21 p.m.
March	13	6:30 p.m.
March	20	6:38 p.m.
March	27	6:46 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	

March 7, 2020 Kiddush: Pray, Eat, & Celebrate with Friends!

You're invited to come celebrate Helen Hanan's 70th birthday after Shabbat services, from noonish to 2:00 p.m.



Please RSVP to the Temple Office by Tuesday, March 3, to help us plan refreshments.

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Distinctions / Restrictions apply

- Shabbat
- Rosh Hashanah
- Yom Kippur
- Sukkot – first day
- Shemini Atzeret
- Simchat Torah
- Pesach – first and seventh days
- Shavuot

Distinctions / Restrictions do not apply

- Hanukkah
- Tu BiShvat
- Purim
- Lag B'Omer
- Tisha b'Av
- Selichot

L'shalom,

Deborah Hirsch Mayer, VP Ritual



Hebrew School

Shalom everyone! Happy March and happy Adar!

Adar will be a joyous month, but first, here are the highlights from a short but busy February:

On **Sunday, February 2**, Grades **K and 1** enjoyed **Breakfast with Rabbi Ira**, and all the grades took turns learning more about **Israel with our shlicha Avia**. The teachers had an **ALICE training refresher with congregant Ryan Kaplan**, a Hebrew School parent and member of the Education Committee.

On **Wednesday, February 5**, Grades **3 to 7** celebrated **Tu BiShvat** early, with a **seder in the Social Hall**. Thank you to **Jodie Aviles** for helping out. It takes many extra hands to pour 60 cups of grape juice 4 times in an hour! (Please see photos on page 12.)

On **Sunday, February 9**, Grades **K, 1 and 2 and their parents** celebrated **Tu BiShvat** with a lovely **seder in the K/1 classroom**. Thank you to all the parents who brought in fruits and participated!

Shlicha Avia had a **special pizza and discussion group with our Madrichim** right after Hebrew School.

Sunday, February 16 was jam packed:

Grades K, 1 and 2 enjoyed **Sefer B'Sakeet (library program)**.

Grades 6 and 7, along with teachers and madrichim, attended the **"STOP THE BLEED"** program arranged by Dr. Marc Grossman, one of our seventh-grade parents. Now we have about 25 teens and adults in the Hebrew School who know how to save a life! Thank you to **Dr. Grossman** for not only taking part in the workshop but also for donating **STOP THE BLEED** kits to our temple!

And lastly, we had a successful **FIRE DRILL**,

evacuating the whole school and doing a sweep of the building in **3 minutes!** Thank you to **Ryan Kaplan** for helping set up the drill, and for the **ALICE training refresher** for the teachers. It's good to be prepared for emergencies!

Coming up in March:

- **Breakfast with Rabbi Ira** for **Grade 7, on Sunday, March 8** and **Grade 2, on Sunday, March 22**. They will be looking forward to hearing all about the rabbi's trip to Israel!
- **Megillat Esther: Erev Purim, Monday, March 9**. Hope to see you in the Sanctuary!
- **PURIM CARNIVAL** for young and old: **Sunday, March 15, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. SAVE THE DATE! Hamantaschen and games for all! Don't forget your costumes!!**

A special *thank you* to **Bert Freedman** for donating two boxes of Kosher candy and some prizes for the carnival!

- **Sefer B'Sakeet (Library Program)** for Grades **K, 1, 2** on **Sunday, March 22**
- **Whole School Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner and Service** on **Friday, March 27**

NEEDED: BAKERS and COOKS for Purim hamantaschen and our Kabbalat Shabbat dinner. Let me know ASAP if you are willing to organize and / or help with the baking and/or the cooking. **Thank you!**

Wishing you all a *Purim sameach*, and soon, Happy Spring! As always, please feel free to call me at 603-969-2984 or email me at egt9@aol.com with any questions or feedback.

L'shalom,

Eliau Tackeff, Head of School

Early Learning Center

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Tammy Labonté
Director, ELC

We spent the first part of January learning about Tu BiShvat, lovingly known as the “Birthday of the Trees.” The mitzvah of *Shomrei Adamah*, partnering with God to be guardians of the planet (and all physical surroundings), is easy for preschoolers to understand, especially when we have composting worms to take care

and plants to water in the classroom. Since we can’t plant an actual tree at this time of year, we planted an amaryllis bulb and parsley and zinnia seeds.

We learned what plants and trees need to grow: soil, water, and sunlight. We examined a tree cutting to count the rings and determine the tree’s age. We used our creative side to add leaves and flowers to a tree, like the almond trees seen in Israel.



Getting ready for the Tu BiShvat Seder

We also put together a seder plate and said the Tu BiShvat blessings. We tried examples of different foods, some of which grow in Israel. Our seder plate included oranges, bananas, dates, olives, almonds, grapes, and raisins, categorized as two items that we eat the inside of, but not the outside, two items that we don’t eat the pit on the inside, and two items that we can eat both the inside and outside.



Open House The Early Learning Center’s open house is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. If you have friends, children, grandchildren, family members, or neighbors with children ages 2.9 - 5 years old, please invite them to come and see our modern, Montessori-inspired classroom. We welcome all children with joy!

Summer Camp will be held during the week of August 17 – 21 (Monday – Friday), from 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration is open and the cost is \$200.00 for the five-day program. For more information or a registration form, please contact me at preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org or via phone, 603-436-5301 Ext.23

L’shalom, Tammy Labonté

Registration now open for the fall 2020 - 2021 preschool program

The ELC is a unique preschool in the seacoast area, the only place Jewish values, traditions, and celebrations are integrated into everyday activities and learning. Jewish holidays are woven into the curriculum along with language arts, science, math, art, music, and movement. We provide numerous enrichment activities within the classroom and community. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining us for summer camp (August 17 – 21, 2020) or for preschool in the fall, please have them contact me at 603-436-5301, ext. 23, or via email, preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org.



In Our Community

“Women Talking” Group Welcomes New Members

by Rachel Kurshan

True to our name, we are a group of women meeting to discuss topics that interest us as Jewish women. We meet approximately every four to six weeks (except in the summer) to get to know one another and share our thoughts on topics that pertain to Judaism and our identity as Jewish women living in NH and Maine. Examples of past topics include: questions our non-Jewish friends ask us that we’re not sure how to answer, stories from our grandmothers, and Jewish books that have influenced us.

We welcome new members. If you’re not already on the Women Talking email list and are interested in attending any of the following meetings, please send an email to Rachel Kurshan at rachelkurshan@gmail.com. Of course I’m also happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Upcoming Meeting Topics:

- Saturday, March 21st, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Topic: **Passover and freedom.** What are the freedoms we think about during Passover? In what ways do we feel we are free and in what ways do we still feel enslaved? If the timing works out, we’ll also have a brief Havdalah service following the discussion.
- Sunday, May 3rd, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Topic: **God?** Do we believe in God? What is our concept of God? Has it changed from our younger days?
- Saturday, June 6th, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Topic: **What do we love about being Jewish?**

Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates for 2020 Election to Board of Directors

The election of board members will take place at the annual meeting on May 11, 2020.

The open positions are:

- ◊ **President-elect (officer position)**
- ◊ **At-large director (4 positions open; 3 incumbents are seeking reelection)**

Officers serve two-year terms (2020 - 2022) and directors serve three-year terms (2020 - 2023). The duties of each position are set forth in the TIP bylaws. (To obtain a copy, please contact the temple office.) The bylaws require that candidates for officer positions must have been a member in good standing of TIP for at least one year prior to assuming office.

Names can be submitted either by interested candidates themselves or by members wanting to nominate someone. The names of eligible candidates will be submitted to the membership at the annual meeting.

Names of all nominees, as well as any questions, should be sent to either Steve Sacks (stevensacks@gmail.com) or Marc Hiller (marc.hiller@unh.edu) of the Nominating Committee.

Help Make Temple Israel Green!

A group is forming to improve environmental sustainability practices at Temple Israel. To join or learn more, please contact congregant Christine Caputo at christine.a.caputo@gmail.com.

All ages welcome!

Donations

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CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Jewel Davis in memory of her mother, Frances Lowe Davis. James & Myra Fishbein in beloved memory of Arnold Fishbein. Anonymous donor.

DINNERMAN/ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Barbara Fox in memory of her grandfather, Jacob Segal. Joyce and Ron Meenes in memory of Joyce's beloved father, Sam Rottenberg.

DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Dennis Roffman in memory of his father, Nathan Roffman. Dr. Michael Glick in memory of Judith Glick.

HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Naomi Fishbein in memory of her husband, Arnold Fishbein, and her father-in-law, David Fishbein.

INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Sue & Steve Tober in memory of Rosalyn Schwartz, Daniel Schwartz, and Benjamin Tober. Melvin Alexander in memory of his mother, Marcia Alexander.

LIBRARY FUND

Veta Stone in memory of her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Stone.

MUSIC FUND

Paula, Judy, Matthew, Lauren, and Ron Pressler in loving memory of Estelle Israel, beloved mother, grandmother, and mother-in-law.

PRESCHOOL FUND

Adina Linden in memory of her sister, Nordia Kay.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Karl Singer in memory of his mother, Anne Singer. Naomi Fishbein with appreciation to Rabbi Korinow. Howard Steinberg in memory of his father, Joseph Steinberg.

SECURITY FUND

Roberta Issokson in loving memory of her daughter, Michele Issokson Sbrega, and her devoted long-term partner, Mel Phippin.

TZEDAKAH FUND

Barry & Claire Siegel wishing Dick Grossman a speedy recovery. Goldie Fink in memory of her brother, Izzy Bratter.

PRAYERBOOK FUND DONATIONS

Many thanks to the following donors for their generous response to the request for prayerbook contributions. The new books will be dedicated on Friday, March 27 at the Kabbalat Shabbat service led by Hebrew School students.

Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt "Wishing complete healing to Sandy Roberts and his family." Jennifer Beard. Barbara Levenson in memory of Russell & Shura Levenson. Maggie Jalbert in memory of those who are not here. Naomi Fishbein and family in memory of Arnold Fishbein. Carole Berg in honor of Dr. Howard and Nancy Berg. Myrna Weisner Promer and family, in memory of Eva and Max Weisner, parents loved and missed. Ellen Cohn and Robert Schwell in memory of Rosalea Cohn and in memory of Newton Cohn. Fran Berman in honor of her granddaughter, Shira Hannah Frank, and in honor of her grandson, Jacob Javier Klein. Jennie & Peter Dinnerman. Richard LeSavoy in memory of Elizabeth R. LeSavoy. Rachel & James Burdin. Helen Hanan in memory of Ann Hanan and in memory of Julian Meltzer. Ellen Fineberg. Cathi Cherry-Liston. MJ Shoer in loving memory of Sylvia & Paul Shoer. Steven Goldberg and family in memory of Richard H. Goldberg. Dick & Lorrie Grossman in memory of Carl Wallman.



Yahrzeits

March Yahrzeits

1. Clarice Yoken, Bessie Abrams, Pauline Applebaum, Daniel Schwartz, Albert Woolfson, Herbert Greene, Victor Ohayon, Phyllis Klaye, Gerald Goldstein, F. Mark Reinhart, Norman Brill, Louis H. Silverman, Katie Grossman, Sheila Kaplan, Debbie N. Most, Idel Mackles
2. Philip Hornblas, Robert Berman, Rabbi Seymour Siegel, Sima Gagh, Bruce Krassner, Micki Pastor, Joseph Nicole
3. Bernard Frim, Edward Goldman, Sarah Simmons, Ron Sussman, Frances Kniaz, Katie Levy, Rachel Leah Tayyabkhan, Peter L. Hooz
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8. Benjamin Cohn, Rose Osher, Jack Shulman, Frances Goodman, Jonathan Brann, David Davidson, Edward Baer, Margaret Levor Gutman, Bessie Stromer, Katie Robbins
9. Henry Greenberg, Louis Forman, Philip Cohen,

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- Ari Legerstee, Fivesh Grossman
10. Minnie Brown, Solomon Levine, Robert Leavitt, Alexander Vero, Richard H. Goldberg, Joseph Fritz
 11. Lena Gorman, Hester Schwartz, Shirley Ginsberg, Bertram Marks, Michael Stocklan
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 19. Gus Cronheim, Megan DuPrie, Arthur Shaver, Reb Aaron Rosenbaum, Sarah Atkins, Ethel Trubowitz, Celia Pindrus, Ida Isacoff

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.

20. Lucille Abelson, Isaac Rottenberg, Peter Dricker, Helen Eskin, Lorraine Kotlus
21. Morris (Mike) Levy, Ruth Heller, Irving Katz, Loretta (Lucky) Levy, David Rosengard, Ida Rubin, Libbye Halperin, Katherine Goldberg, Louis Poyourow, George J. Feinberg, Duy Davis
22. Nathan Levine, Norman Freedman, William B. Hirshberg, Carol Schultz, Celia Weinberg, Irving Tober, Howard Promer, Ruth Dinerman, Joel Perlman, Mary Low, Samuel Rosenberg
23. Bernard Levy, Louis Schopick, Abraham Prostkoff, Eli Oil, Frances Dricker, Patrick Jackson, Ida Barr
24. Abraham Grossman, Charles Johnston, Jack Naparsteck, Alvin Efron, Stephen Bauer, Gertrude Isenstein, Myer Siegel, Arline Lieber, Mary Paisner
25. Sarah Moldoff, Benjamin Tober, Sidney Cohen, George Freedman, Harvey Ludwig, Stanley M. Epstein, John McQueeney, Rena Levi, Alan Cohen, Alan G. Rudolph
26. Lore Kauffman, Irene Trott, Harry Klein, Sam Leiderman, Rae Landgarten, Haskell Kram, Mary Mackles, Ruth Pindrus
27. Eunice Cohen, Jeffrey Gutin, Helen Hirsch, Jennie Goodman, Eve Jendrock, Ruth H. Toby
28. Nettie Taube, Morris Saitz, Sara Cohen
29. Leah Fleischman, June Singer, Sidney Trubowitz
30. Ida Grossman, Lee Rosen, Frieda Schramm, Anna Bezar, Dora Dorf
31. Meyer Sharansky, Anne Baisuck, Herman Slass, Maurice Friedman

Minyan On Call

During the past few weeks, requests have been made for a *minyan* to enable a Temple Israel member to say Kaddish on the yahrzeit of their loved one. As a *kehilah kedosha*, a sacred and caring community, we have a responsibility to be there to support one another at such a time of need.

If you have a yahrzeit and would like to recite Kaddish, please call the Temple Office **at least one week before the yahrzeit** and a notice will be sent out to the community announcing that a special *minyan* will be held on the yahrzeit.

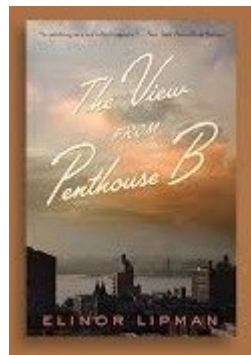
To maintain consistency with our regularly scheduled Tuesday *minyan*, we will strive to hold any Minyan On Call at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. If necessary, we will try to accommodate the need for an alternate time.

"Kol Yisrael arevim zeh ba-zeh"

"All of Israel is responsible for one another"

(Talmud: Shevuot 39A)

Temple Israel Book Club - April



The View from Penthouse B
by Elinor Lipman

Please join us on **Monday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m.** for the next meeting of a new book club. We usually meet in the Shmoozatorium on the **first Tuesday (Monday in April to**

allow for Passover preparations) of each month and discuss the monthly selection.

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



Tu BiShvat



Hebrew School students enjoy the Tu BiShvat Seder on February 5.





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Stop the Bleed Emergency Training

Thank you to congregant Dr. Marc Grossman and instructor Seth Kenneway for providing the February 16 workshop on emergency first aid. Dr. Grossman also donated a kit containing tourniquets and other emergency supplies. Look for the kit in the second floor hallway, between the chapel and the sanctuary. Our older Hebrew School students, madrichim, parents, staff, and congregants all benefited from the opportunity to learn critical lifesaving skills!



Photos, clockwise from top right: (l-r) Jared Nabel, chair of the Security Committee, Dr. Marc Grossman, Lt. Seth Kenneway, Portsmouth Fire Department, Board President Amy Hyett. Emergency supplies kit donated by Dr. Grossman. Workshop attendees learn about providing emergency frontline aid until first responders are able to take over the care of an injured person.



Tickets are on sale now for the NH Jewish Film Festival, March 19 - 29, 2020

Buy your tickets soon! Don't miss out! Tickets are selling fast!

See the complete listing of films, times, locations, etc. online at www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org.

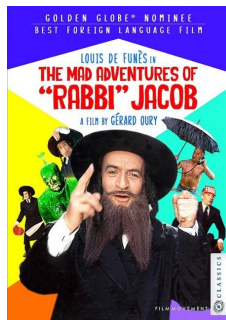
Screenings in Concord, Manchester, Merrimack, Peterborough, and Portsmouth. Presented by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire.

PURIM IS COMING!

March 7, Movie Night

The Mad Adventures of "Rabbi" Jacob

Get in the mood for Purim by watching this hilarious cult classic. Louis de Funès, France's all-time favorite actor, known for his high-energy performances and wide range of facial expressions, stars in a story of disguises and concealed identities, attempted murder and mayhem.



We'll conclude Shabbat by making Havdalah at 5:45 p.m., then show the film at 6:00 p.m. We'll supply the popcorn; you supply the laughs.

Purim Megillah Reading & Celebration

Monday, March 9, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary



Come with your children and your inner child!

Merriment & food; costumes encouraged!

Please Save the Date!

Events are always being added to the temple calendar. Here are a few to note; details to follow:

- Saturday, April 18, **special kiddush in memory of Al Spaen**
- Sunday, April 19, **Yom Hashoah observance**
- Saturday, May 2, **annual spring social event**
- Sunday, May 31, **Hebrew School Convocation and community-wide Mitzvah Day**
- Sunday, June 14, **Family BBQ / Appreciation of Rabbi Korinow**
- Sunday morning, September 27, 2020 (erev Yom Kippur), the Social Action Committee will again field a team for the **Walk To End Alzheimer's**.

Community Passover Seder

6:15 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2020 (15 Nisan, 5780)



Please join your community in this relaxed evening of food, wine, friends, and remembrance of our release from bondage. Seats may be reserved beginning in early March by downloading and returning the form that will be linked on the website home page, or by paying for tickets online on the website's "Donate" page.

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 generally holds this class on alternate Thursday evenings. This month, due to the congregation’s Israel trip, the class meets on [Wednesday, March 4](#) and [Wednesday, March 18](#), at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room on the second floor.

The goal of this class is 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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Weds: 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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You can participate in services on Shabbat mornings even if you don't know Hebrew!

We are seeking *darshanim*! What is that, you ask? A darshan is someone who offers a *dvar Torah* – a word of Torah, also known as a *drash*. The plural of *darshan* is *darshanim*. We are looking for people who would like to speak (ten minutes or less!) to offer their thoughts about the weekly Torah portion (*parasha*) or *haftarah* (selection from the writings of the prophets). Your comments might involve an interesting interpretation of a word, phrase, or paragraph in the text or thoughts on how the themes of the weekly readings pertain to our contemporary lives. Themes concerning social justice are welcome, but we ask that *darshanim* avoid politics. There are multiple sources to help you delve more deeply into our sacred texts – online and in our temple library.

If you are interested, but unsure, there are several members of the ritual committee who can provide coaching to help you write and/or perfect your work. To sign up for a particular Shabbat or to learn more, contact: Rabbi Ira Korinow at RabbiK@templeisraelnh.org, Jeffrey Salloway at jc.salloway@unh.edu or Deborah Hirsch Mayer at hirschmayer2@gmail.com.