



Temple Israel Doorpost

November 2019

Cheshvan / Kislev 5780

From the Rabbi's Study...

Dear Chaverim,

After a full month of holidays in which we celebrated and engaged in serious self-introspection during Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, gave thanks for our blessings, decorated and dined in the sukkah, and finally danced and rejoiced with the Torah, we are suddenly confronted with a Hebrew month with no celebrations. It is no wonder then, that the rabbis called this month of Cheshvan "Mar Cheshvan," literally "bitter Cheshvan." However, if we take the spirit of the last half of our last month and carry that happiness into our lives, then Cheshvan can indeed be a month of joy.

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Siddur (Prayer Book) Update

After providing copies for congregant review, and having received that feedback, the Ritual Committee voted at our October 23 meeting to recommend to the board of directors that Temple Israel change from using its current siddur, *Sim Shalom*, to using *Siddur Lev Shalem* for weekday, Shabbat, and festival services. We will ask that the board authorize an initial purchase of 40 - 50 copies (including some large-print copies) to be put into use as soon as possible. A committee member has offered to make a substantial contribution that would cover most of the initial purchase. The board will be asked to work with the Ritual Committee to develop a funding plan that would include a second

Upcoming Events

The Temple Office will be Closed

Monday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)

Wednesday–Friday Nov. 27 - 29 (Thanksgiving)

Brunch for New & Prospective Members

9:30 a.m. Sunday, November 3, Social Hall

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Bashert and Rabbi Howard Mandell

6:15 p.m. Friday, November 8, Sanctuary

Tot Shabbat Services

11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 9, Social Hall

Israel Affairs Committee Presents "Israel—Mix of Cultures" with Shlichah Avia Sagron

2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 10, Social Hall

Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 13, Virtual Mtg.

Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting & Speaker

9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 17, Social Hall

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 19, Board Room

purchase in the spring so that we will have adequate copies on hand before the majority of the 5780 bnei mitzvah celebrations begin in April. Congregants will be encouraged to donate to the Prayer Book Fund and/or to purchase copies for use by the congregation. (Bookplates can be inscribed for donated copies.) Members may also buy copies for their personal use at the discounted rate afforded us as members of the USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism).



Rabbi's Message

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Judaism is a religion of reality. Almost every teaching and ritual provides us with the opportunity to face the realities of life and to confront our feelings. On Rosh Hashanah I read a passage about life which I believe provides us also with the opportunity to remember what is real and what we ought to remember each day. Many members of the congregation asked about that reading. I reprint it here so that it may serve as a guide to the New Year already begun. The author is unknown.



- Life is a challenge.... meet it.*
- Life is a gift.... accept it.*
- Life is an adventure.... dare it.*
- Life is a sorrow.... overcome it.*
- Life is a tragedy.... face it.*
- Life is a duty.... perform it.*
- Life is a game.... play it.*
- Life is a mystery.... unfold it.*
- Life is a song.... sing it.*
- Life is an opportunity.... take it.*
- Life is a journey.... complete it.*
- Life is a promise.... fulfill it.*
- Life is a beauty.... praise it.*
- Life is a struggle.... fight it.*
- Life is a goal.... achieve it.*
- Life is a puzzle.... solve it.*

One way to help make the month ahead (and indeed the year) a time of joy and celebration is to make that U-turn I spoke about on Rosh Hashanah. Make

a commitment to attend Shabbat services and/or our weekly Tuesday late afternoon *minyan* and I guarantee that by doing so, the year will be filled with joy and fulfillment. Temple Israel is more than a building that is filled on the High Holy Days. It is a community of people who share an identity and a love for the Jewish people. Be an active part of our *kehillah kedosha*, our sacred community.

May the month of Mar Cheshvan not be so bitter; may it be the beginning of renewed commitment to our synagogue and to the Jewish people!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Ira Korinow

Shabbat Service Leaders

Friday, Nov. 1, 7:15 p.m. **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
 Saturday, November 2 **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
Followed by Kiddush lunch and discussion about Israel

Friday, Nov. 8, 6:15 p.m. **Rabbi Howard Mandell**
and "Bashert" Musical Group
 Saturday, November 9 **Fred Feldman & Deborah Hirsch Mayer**

Friday, Nov. 15, 7:15 p.m. **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
 Saturday, November 16 **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
Followed by "Lunch & Learn" Torah Study

Friday, Nov. 22, 6:15 p.m. **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
 Saturday, November 23 **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
Followed by "Lunch & Learn" Torah Study

Friday, Nov. 29, 6:15 p.m. **Lay Leaders**
 Saturday, November 30 **Deborah Hirsch Mayer**

President's Message for 5780

Though many of you heard my address on Rosh Hashanah, I wanted to offer others the opportunity to read and reflect on it. I spoke about the state of our temple and the state of YOU at our temple.

The state of our temple:

One year ago, on Rosh Hashanah, we celebrated the reunification of Temple Israel Dover and Temple Israel Portsmouth, back together under one roof. It was special for everyone when all new members to our shul were called to the Torah in one large group for an aliyah. What a wonderful moment. A year ago, we were all invigorated by the energy that we felt, the exciting search for a new rabbi, making new friends in our Hebrew school, and seeing new leaders and programs emerge.

One year later, it might seem as though some of that wind is out of our sails because we are still looking for a rabbi and some of that exciting energy has dissipated. However, we as a community continue to move forward. It is outside of big moments like that aliyah that one can see the **real magic** of this place. Moving forward—progressing as a community—what does that look like? When and how does it happen?

Step by step: At our September board meeting, we met in executive session to discuss the next rabbi's benefits and salary package. I am proud to say that we voted to increase the future rabbi's salary package to include health benefits, and we also voted to include parental leave in the event that our next rabbi has a new child. We know that we are a progressive community, but offering leave and health benefits displays that to potential candidates.

Moving forward happens when you see an invigorated Sisterhood planning events and working

together to better our community.

It happens when we come together for a special meeting to discuss kashrut and seventy people appear on a Tuesday evening. Why doesn't that happen weekly for minyan? Seriously, what a moment of respect and caring for each other as fellow Jews. What a moment of listening as congregants shared personal feelings about their Jewish identities and the role food plays in evoking those feelings. What a moment of compromise as we agreed to continue our new potluck policy while maintaining the highest standards of kashrut in our kitchen and social hall. Of course, food is something that we all care so much about as Jews, as so many of our traditions are tied up with it.

Moving forward means leaders stepping up to create new events in which we can all participate; look for information about our very first community-wide Mitzvah Day to occur in the spring.

Moving forward happens when people work together to bring programming to our youth. For several months, our education committee has been seeking a USY advisor for our kids. Do you know anyone who might be a good fit for this position? If so, let us know. This advisor will provide programming for grades 4-12.

Moving forward happens when the new merges with the old. Six weeks ago many of you attended the dedication of the redesigned Tree of Life originally in Temple Israel Dover. If you have not yet seen it, make sure you stop by the chapel.

Moving forward happens when our Hebrew School teachers work during the summer to reimagine the religious school curriculum. They presented their work at our August board meeting. We were

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President's Message

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impressed by how deeply our teachers want our kids to be engaged and to learn our liturgy and culture in the most pedagogically thoughtful way.

Progress happens when, instead of sitting through my Rosh Hashanah speech, my children were downstairs helping to lead our newly invigorated family service, designed by members of our community with input and assistance from our teens, and using a new family service *machzor*.

Moving forward happens when you walk into the Shmoozatorium and see a fresh installation of absolutely beautiful artwork created by members of our community.

It happens when you find someone here who cares deeply about their Judaism, yet practices it differently than you do. Because, really, we are so lucky that we each have a different voice AND that we can come together as one community, respecting and embracing our diversity.

But now let's look at part two: the state of YOU at our temple.

There is a place here that only YOU can fill. You may come to synagogue weekly, you may come for some holidays, or you might attend only on the High Holidays. You might be here out of obligation or nostalgia. You might care about the social and cultural events. You might prioritize teaching your children about our traditions. You might care most about social action and performing mitzvot.

No matter why you are here, there is a way IN, a way for you to deepen your involvement with the community.

If you care about social action and social justice, join the Social Action committee. It is looking for

new members and fresh ideas of ways to help make our world a better place.

If you like the cultural and social connection, you are not alone. Join the spring event committee, or suggest an event you'd like to see and help make it happen.

If you care about holidays and traditions and passing them down, you are in luck. We celebrate them all. Join us for a snack in the sukkah on Sukkot, or to light Hanukkah candles, or to remember the Exodus at our Passover Seder, or to celebrate Israel with song and dance -- and bring your kids!

If you care about this place, and you are not sure how to articulate why you do, or if you don't know how to find your way IN, call me. I will help connect you to the right committee, event, or idea.

We are all here. We all give something to this place and we all take something from this place. We take the Judaism we need for ourselves and our families. We take the *yahrzeit* reminders and remember our loved ones. We take the spiritual moments when we find them. We take the moments of connection and community that make our lives meaningful. We take that special feeling of belonging that is sometimes hard to find in the New Hampshire seacoast.

And we give. We give our volunteer time and energy to committees, to meetings, to planning events, and to attending events. And we give funds— dues, tuition, and voluntary donations— without which we could not keep this synagogue going. Thank you for all that you give!

As 5780 continues to unfold, may it be filled with happiness, progress, and many visits to Temple Israel.

L'shalom, Amy Hyett

Bulletin Board

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Candle Lighting

November	1	5:16 p.m.
November	8	4:08 p.m.
November	15	4:00 p.m.
November	22	3:55 p.m.
November	29	3:51 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	

A photograph of the interior of Atlantic Grill restaurant. The table is set with white plates, glasses of wine, and a green napkin. A large floral centerpiece is on the table. The restaurant has a high ceiling with wooden beams and large windows.

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Hebrew School

Shalom Everyone and Happy November, which coincides this year with the Hebrew months of Cheshvan and Kislev!

Now that the High Holidays are behind us, the Hebrew School is looking forward to settling down to a month of learning, mitzvot, and gentle routine.



The month of Cheshvan is also known as Mar Cheshvan or Bitter Cheshvan, as it does not contain any joyous holidays (other than, of course, Rosh

Chodesh). I actually love this month because it gives us a chance to breathe and reflect on the promises we made to ourselves and others during the ten days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I like to look at it as a kind of month-long Shabbat: a month of rest!

Here are some highlights of what the Hebrew School did in October:

- On Wednesday, October 2, the fifth graders baked round challot with Laura Sher. Thank you, Laura, for making sure that teachers and madrichim got some, too!
- On Sunday, October 6, the students decorated the sukkah that the Brotherhood put up just in time for the start of class. Rabbi Ira returned from his trip to the Israel Bookshop in Brookline, MA, bearing etrogim and lulavim, so the Kindergarten, first, and second graders could shake the lulav and etrog.
- On Wednesday, October 16, Deborah Hirsch Mayer braved the cool weather again and helped

the third through seventh graders fulfill the mitzvot of sitting and eating in the sukkah and shaking the lulav and etrog. Thank you, Deborah, thank you madrichim, and also a big thank you to the Steber family for donating a giant bag of apples from their orchard, which served as the healthy snack to be eaten in the sukkah!

- On Sunday, October 20, we celebrated Simchat Torah in the evening. Though some of the younger children were not able to join us due to bedtime routines, it was wonderful to see the older children join the congregation for a truly joyous evening of dancing with the Torahs and eating from the delicious ice cream buffet. Thank you to Miles Borne for always making sure mint chocolate chip is on the menu!
- On Sunday, October 27, the Kindergarteners, first, and second graders had their first library (Sefer B'Sakeet) program of the year and the whole school welcomed our new Israeli *shlichah*, Avia Sagron, for a very special Israel Monopoly game in the Social Hall. More about that next month.

Coming up this month: ***It is the teachers' turn to learn!*** On Monday and Tuesday, November 11 and 12, we will be attending ***The Hebrew College Conference for Jewish Educators***. This year's theme is "*Pricha*" or "Blossoming." We will learn how to help our children blossom as learners, as well as how to blossom as teachers ourselves. We are so grateful to the Endowment Funds for supporting our attendance at this very special conference, from which we always return refreshed, energized, and ready to share our learning with our students.

As usual, please feel free to call or email me with any questions, feedback or ideas at 603-969-2984 or egt9@aol.com

L'shalom, Elian Tackeff, Head of School

Early Learning Center

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Shalom,

The Early Learning Center helped to decorate the temple sukkah with strips of material that were either previously woven on our loom or woven directly into the lattice of the sukkah walls. Rabbi

Tammy Labonté
Director, ELC

Ira came to the sukkah with a lulav and etrog and taught the ELC students about why Sukkot

is a pilgrimage holiday. He said the blessing for dwelling in the sukkah and was happy to see that the children already knew why we shake the lulav and etrog – “to acknowledge that God exists all around us.”



Laura Sher came to the ELC to help us celebrate the harvest with our families. Laura taught us how to make zucchini bread. Then we heard the story Stone Soup, by Marcia Brown, and took turns adding vegetables to the pot to make our own

“stone” vegetable soup. The soup and bread went home to contribute to the children’s family Sukkot celebrations.

For Simchat Torah we made flags and went to the sanctuary to dance to the songs “On Simchat Torah” and “Torah, Torah, Torah,” by Paul Zim. The children learned that, on Simchat Torah, we finish reading the last chapter of the Torah and begin again with the first verses. In the same way that the

children delight in having their parents read a favorite book over and over, the congregation celebrates hearing the Torah read once again from the beginning.

The ELC also has been learning about and practicing fire safety. As a

culminating event, we walked to the Portsmouth Fire Station on Court Street. The children asked some great questions and got to see the inside of a fire truck and ambulance. Thank you Portsmouth Fire Department for talking about fire safety.



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.

L’shalom,

Tammy Labonté



Committees

Ritual Committee

The Ritual Committee is looking for some more members! If you are interested, please contact Deborah Hirsch Mayer or leave a message for her with the temple office.

The Ritual Committee reviewed our recent High Holiday observances and concluded that while there is (always) room for improvement, overall our services ran very smoothly and provided congregants with spiritually meaningful, engaging, joyous holiday celebrations. This would not have been possible without the participation and help of a myriad of people. First and foremost, a shout out of admiration and profound gratitude to Bridget Jameson who served as our High Holiday Coordinator (such a huge job that in the future it needs to be shared by more than one person). Bridget's organization and communication skills and dedication of time and energy were the primary force behind ensuring that all the tasks that needed to be done were done and that all participants and contributors knew what they needed to do and when and where they needed to be. When you see Bridget, tell her thank you.

At the risk of omitting people who should be included, the Ritual Committee would like to acknowledge the following people for making our High Holiday services possible—and wonderful.

Rabbi Ira Korinow for his experienced leadership on the bimah, his wisdom, warmth, and ability to make services accessible to a wide range of congregants. Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munro for her spirited, beautiful singing which inspired and invited us to join in. Deborah Hirsch Mayer for being available at all hours to provide guidance, knowledge, support, and oversight. David Olken for having coordinated High Holiday services for many years past and sharing helpful hints, records, and advice. Amy Hyett for her strong leadership and positive attitude.

Cathi Cherry-Liston and Jen Sebeny for help assigning honors. The Yizkor Book Committee: Sharen Eidelberg Spratt, Ellen Fineberg, Heather Tomlinson, and Deborah Hirsch Mayer. Usher Coordinator Extraordinaire: Dick Grossman. Cathi Cherry-Liston and Jenny Rosenson for serving as Bridget's deputies on the ground during each of the holiday services, ensuring that all was unfolding as it needed.

Fred Feldman and Jennifer Beard led *P'seukei D'zimrah* (preliminary services). Our gabbaim: Fred Feldman, Jim Bailey, Jennifer Beard, Lessa Brill, Ben Martindale, Jenny Rosenson, and Jeffrey Salloway. Our Torah readers: Sara Arnold Warner, Carol Birch, Rachel Steindel Burdin, Jewel Beth Davis, Ginger Friedman, Jonah Friedman, and Kochava Munro. Our haftarah chanters: Jennifer Beard, Amy and Sam Borne, Nathaniel Cowen, and Jenny Rosenson. Our shofar blowers: Richard David Grossman and Rachel Steindel Burdin.

Thank you to Karen Mott and Walter Rous for their beautiful music.

Thanks also to our wonderful crew of ushers: Dick Grossman, David Bachrach, Bob Bradbard, Sam Berg, David Cline, Bert Freeman, Alissa Holmes, Ken Kowalchek, Cathi Cherry-Liston, Ron Sher, and MJ Shoer.

Generous home hospitality provided by Elissa Kaplan Senter, Mel Prostkoff and Helen Hanan, and Joshua and Dinah Berch ensured that our cantorial soloist and her husband, Kochava and Jacob Munro, were well-fed and welcomed into our community. Alissa Gold and Rebekah Jacobs provided a delicious Break the Fast meal.

Jennie Dinnerman gave sage advice and support. Many thanks to Jim Bailey, who singlehandedly dressed the Torahs and tables in white before the holidays and promptly after Simchat Torah returned

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them to maroon. Heather Tomlinson, our temple administrator, worked her usual magic and maintained her good cheer while attending to tasks too varied to catalog here. Joanne Samuels and Don and Tobey Harman arranged flowers outside, while Gloria and Harold Moldoff contributed the indoor arrangements.

While many of us *davened* (prayed) in community in the sanctuary, a smaller but no less important community celebrated at services in the Social Hall. Thanks to the vision, time, and energy of Ian Kaner, we were able to offer services for young children and for families. Ian organized, rehearsed, and saw to it that *shaliach tzibur* (prayer leader) Marla Gordon and a cadre of our current and post-bnei mitzvah students developed and presented services for families with children too young to participate upstairs. Kayla Hyett and Rachel Bachrach read Torah, Jennifer Beard and the Bornes reprised their haftarah chanting from the adult services, Zoe Selig blew shofar, and others led readings and helped Marla lead prayers.

To all the above people and to anyone we erroneously omitted, our heartfelt thanks and *yasher koach*. *Kol hakavod* to all who made our services so successful and rewarding. May we continue from strength to strength, blessed with participation by and contributions from all, such that 5780 will be a vibrant and fulfilling year for our community.

B'Shalom,

Deborah Hirsch Mayer

**Special Thank You to October 12
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Please join us

on Friday, November 8, 2019, at 6:15 p.m.

**For Musical Kabbalat Shabbat services
led by Rabbi Howard Mandell
and featuring the musical group**

Bashert



Bashert is a group of seven singers and musicians who are members of Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley (Lawrence, MA). They draw on a variety of sources for Friday night melodies, striving for a soulful, joyous, and uplifting selection, singable by all!

Art Review Team Update

We encourage everyone to enjoy the “Land, Sea, and Air” exhibit in the Schmooze and Social Hall by November 24. (Artists, please email dlevine12@yahoo.com to make an appointment to remove your work after that). The next exhibit, “The Work of our Hands,” will feature fabric arts, tile, and wood-carving. The deadline for submissions is December 5. Later in the year, Fred Feldman will lead a Jewish Genealogy workshop (details to follow).

Deborah Levine, Exhibit Coordinator



Yahrzeits

November Yahrzeits

1. Mindel Winebaum, Rose Hirshberg, Ruth Morris, William Gross
2. Rose Riback, Rachel Wener, Bernie Davis, Alice Weismann
3. Baby Spousta, Fred Linden, Maurice Lifson, Irving Gutin
4. Abraham Cutler, Leonard D. Kaplan,
5. Eva Kramer
6. Evelyn Robbins, Jacob (Jack) Zeidman, Samuel Smokler, Evelyn Robbins, Sidney Kates
7. Ruben Novak, Samuel Koiles, Esther Bradbard, Marion Schwartz
8. Hyman Stromer, Helen Wyle, Abraham Kaplan
9. Robert Tober, Abraham Siegel, Abraham Richman, Chaim Weizman
10. Rivka Meyerson, Philip Borwick, George Zitomer, Keven Miller, Yitzchak Rabin, Mabel Philips, Harold Jacob Edelstein, Lorraine Goren
11. Samuel Taube, Paul Pollack, George Hooz, Lt. Albert N. Edelstein
12. Anna Borwick, Fred Kaplan, Evelyn Trotsky, Adrienne Saltz, Albert Gordon
13. Ida Levine, Harry Bratter, June Feldman, Donald Martin
14. Harry Cutler, Lydia Wills
15. Nellie Willar

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16. Harold Kellner, Bruce Fox, Martha Wein, Katherine Edelstein
17. Florence Seidner, Rosilyn Steinberg
18. Solomon Bernat, Burton Golub, Hyman L. Pindrus
19. Samuel Weisner, Abraham Baisuck, Frieda Boxer, Bessie Lichten, Ethylene Golub, Herbert Cohen
20. Ida Feldman, Tania Moroze, Barbara Kates Comenitz
21. Bessie Porter, Clement Wyle
22. Minnie Kline, Alexander Willens, James Bockman, Herman Seperson, Morris Fine, Abraham Landsman
23. Julia Lesser, Martin Singer, Sarah Emmer
24. Aaron Salden, Rebecca Freedman, Barney Grossman
25. Ida Black, Solomon Israel, Seymour Osman
26. Harry Abrams, Morris Osher
27. Nana Vero, Dorothy Pollack, Martha Magerer
28. (no observances)
29. Mollie Ebb, Leib Haritonov, Alice Berit, Sadie Cook, Gerald Fine, Maurice Dinerman
30. Rabbi Moshe Poleyeff, Robert Freedman, Eugenia Klarova

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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Yizkor Book Report

The Yizkor Book Committee would like to thank Rabbi Korinow for his guidance and everyone contributing listings this year.

Southport Printing did a wonderful job on the production. We regret that there weren't quite enough copies printed for all attendees and will be sure to order more copies next year!

The Yizkor Book is a major annual fundraiser for Temple Israel. Thanks to eighty-five generous participants, over \$9,000 was raised this year, a 10% increase over last year's effort. For any contributors who didn't have a chance to take one home, please stop by the temple office or request that a copy be mailed to you.

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Deborah Hirsch Mayer, in honor of and with thanks to Bridget Jameson, High Holiday Coordinator.

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Amy & Brian Hyett in honor of Fran Berman’s new granddaughter Shira. Amy & Brian Hyett in honor of Ian Kaner’s work on the High Holidays family service.

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Rita & Len Benjamin in memory of Rita’s brother, Michael Emmer, and Len’s father, Ben Benjamin. Richard LeSavoy in memory of Elizabeth LeSavoy. Roberta Issokson with appreciation to Rabbi Korinow for his “Introduction to Judaism” class. Jeffrey & Susan Smith with appreciation to Rabbi Korinow. Peter Schultz in memory of his father, Irving Schultz. Naomi Fishbein with thanks to Rabbi Korinow. Myrna Promer with appreciation to Rabbi Korinow.

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Agnes Cabot in memory of her mother, Elsa Vero. Michael Landgarten in memory of his grandmother, Bessie Fins, and father, Gerald Landgarten.

Congratulations, Richard David Grossman

Richard retired from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on September 30, 2019, after 33 years of proud and dedicated service.

A captain in the US Air Force and member of the NH Air National Guard, Richard has been awarded many honors and accolades. Richard has been a Temple Israel member since 1982, although members of his

Annual Appeal Progress Report

The Annual Fund is off to a great start, but it's not too late to make your gift. We welcome donations at all levels. Please visit templeisraelnh.org/donate for more information.

Rabbi’s Circle

Gold: Jeffrey & Kellisue Friedman. Harman & Paula Friedman. Amy & Brian Hyett. Ira & Jennifer Schwartz. Marc & Agnes Cabot “in memory of all our loved ones.”

Bronze: Ellen Farber “in memory of Jack Farber.” Michael & Susan Golden “in memory of Samuel & Mildred Golden and Herbert Greene.” Richard David Grossman.

Friends: Cathi Cherry-Liston. The Davidson Family. Marge & Bob Goldberg. David & Betty Effron. Sally Cohen & Richard Robbins “in memory of Etta Auerbach.”

Thanks also to: Bonnie & Richard Silver “from the Portman and Silver families.” Rachel Dennis. Polly Slavet “in memory of Rabbi Senter.” Norma & Marvin Lesser. Sharon Bottner & Rich Naimark. Jennifer Katz-Borrin. Mark Berman. Joanne Samuels.

large extended family first settled in Portsmouth in 1908 and were deeply involved with the purchase and renovation of the historic synagogue building.

We look forward to seeing what you will do next!



Kol Nidre Food Drive

We collected seventy-three bags of food and other requested items for Seacoast Family Promise. As always, Pati Frew-Waters, Director, was overwhelmed by the congregation's generosity.

In addition to stocking the cupboards at the Seacoast Family Promise's Day Center in Exeter, the abundance of donations enabled Pati to share some items with several families in the area who had called her to ask for help.

Thank you to Trader Joe's for donating the bags, Rachel Dennis for prepping them, Ken Kowalchek for ferrying the donations, and to all who contributed!



RESTAURANT WEEK
November 7th - 16th, 2019



Visit the SeaCoast and Temple Israel Portsmouth to explore Israel with Avia Sagron, the new JFNH "Shlichah". There will be Q&A... as well as time to take in the beautiful SeaCoast and savor a meal at one of its many quality restaurants during the semi-annual "Restaurant Week". See →

Avia's presentation is designed with adults and older teens in mind. There is no fee *and* light refreshments will be served!

Sunday November 10th at 2:00 PM -
Temple Israel, 200 State Street
Portsmouth, NH.

Where more than 40 restaurants offer special three course prix fixe menus: \$19.95 for lunch or \$34.95 for dinner, per person. Some restaurants extend the \$19.95 value price to dinner as well!

Pore over the menus ahead of time or choose to be surprised! This special culinary affair will not disappoint. Just be sure to make a reservation when you can, as space fills up quickly during the Seacoast's 10-day culinary event of the season.

<https://www.goportsmouthnh.com/where-to-eat/restaurant-week/>

USCJ's "20/20 Judaism" convention—save the date!

The congregation is specially invited to attend the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's upcoming convention, which will meet in Boston, December 6 -10. TIP member Jeff Salloway, Chair-elect of the Northeast District, has arranged for Temple Israel members to participate as volunteers.

For more information, please contact Jeff at: jc.salloway@unh.edu.



Rabbi Search

This is going to be a great year.

As you know, we are at the very beginning of the hiring season for rabbis, which starts right after the High Holidays. In preparation for this peak of hiring activity, your Rabbi Search Committee has been using these past several months to prepare ourselves and the congregation to begin receiving applications from rabbi candidates.

Recently, I spoke with a temple member who's been part of our congregation for over 50 years. He gave me a lesson on the history of our rabbis and described finding several of them by sheer luck. Well, I believe in luck, but I believe even more that lucky odds can be shifted in our favor by being prepared. We're prepared. The Rabbi Search Committee has been tireless in its work and commitment to this congregation. The effort has put the congregation and the Board of Directors in a position to act when the right candidate is delivered.

As we continue our search over the next months, we ask that you, the congregation, be ready, present, and engaged as you meet each candidate. Be available to attend gatherings sponsored by the Search Committee. Understand that a candidate will not know our ways on the first day; this is a back-and-forth learning process. On Kol Nidre, Rabbi Korinow spoke about the various types of listening. When you meet a candidate, please listen with your eyes, your ears, and your hearts.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Rabbi Korinow for his invaluable guidance to our committee and for his long-term commitment to Temple Israel. In addition, I want to thank the board of directors for their support and their actions to place Temple Israel in a competitive position.

Finally, I want to thank the entire congregation for its continued input and support.

We are ready to accept, vet, and present candidates to you. We look forward to installing our next rabbi.

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

Brotherhood Meeting / Breakfast Speaker

Sunday, November 17

9:00 a.m. meeting * 10:00 a.m. speaker

Jewish Life in the Arab World Before the Establishment of Israel



Please join Temple Israel's Brotherhood for a breakfast speaker event featuring Sara Wolper, Associate Professor of History at UNH. Professor Wolper will speak on the topic of Jewish life in the Arab world before the establishment of the State of Israel. Although no longer in Iraq, the Jewish

communities of Mosul and Ahmadiyya built synagogues and schools that are still in evidence today. These synagogues, such as the Sassoon synagogue and the Kedouri school, can tell us about how these communities interacted with non-Jewish groups and with the Jewish communities of Baghdad. Images and historical descriptions of the prophet Daniel and of rituals at the synagogue of Nahum Al-Qosh will also be shared and discussed.

This event is open to all within the Temple Israel community. Light breakfast refreshments will be served.

Want to be more conversant with the Hebrew words you use at services? Or understand the text read during your aliyah or your child's haftarah portion? Come and learn easy grammar and vocabulary for a deeper appreciation of songs and prayers including the She'ma, the Amidah, Ein Keloheinu, Adon Olam, and more.

Prayerbook Hebrew Class. Using the book, *Prayerbook Hebrew - The Easy Way* (EKS), students are introduced to basic Hebrew vocabulary and grammatical rules for translating portions of liturgical Hebrew. The class is currently on Chapter 5. Basic knowledge of the *Alef Bet* is required, but it doesn't have to be perfect. Class meets on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Jennifer Beard and Kathryn Mulhearn co-lead this course. Tuition: \$18.00. Text: \$30.00.

Advanced Biblical Hebrew Grammar & Reading meets on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and uses the book *The First Hebrew Primer* (EKS) to study sophisticated grammar and vocabulary. We practice navigating the structure of the Tanakh and follow the Book of Ruth. There are also entertaining digressions, including Hebrew in the Wild. Currently in Chapter 19 of the text. Instructor: Kathryn. Tuition: \$18.00. Text: \$40.00.

Classes meet in the Nancy Shaines Library

Please preregister through the office, templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org. For details, please contact instructors – Jennifer Beard via phone, 607-237-5398, or Kathryn Mulhearn via phone, 207-351-5654, or email: isogloss@outlook.com. Please also contact Jennifer or Kathryn to let them know if you would be interested in a beginner's class.

In memory of Sam

Our class is mourning the loss of Sam Galzerano, a longtime student, not a member of the tribe, but one who found enormous strength in his journey of learn-

ing to read ancient Hebrew and refining a “Judeo-Christian” vision. In memory of Sam, the class is making a donation to the Temple Israel library of Robert Alter's magnificent new three-volume translation of the Hebrew Bible. If you would like to contribute, please contact Kathryn.

Simchat Torah Celebration

By Helen Hanan

On Simchat Torah, temple members young and old attended a lively, joyous service led by Rabbi Ira Korinow. For each of the seven *hakafot*, the rabbi called up different groups of people. We were invited to carry the Torahs around the synagogue. Boston-based klezmer band **Klezwoods** accompanied us as we marched and danced around the synagogue and then outside the State Street doors and around the block to the Court Street entrance. I was fortunate enough to carry the Holocaust Torah through the street. I felt a sense of pride and joy, and also a deep responsibility. This Torah, which had made its way from the Czech Republic to a new home in Portsmouth N.H., was being carried openly through the street as part of our worship and celebration. It's incredible to think about what tales this Torah could tell, if it could only speak.

Inside the Social Hall, we continued celebrating with our traditional ice cream sundae bar, courtesy of Sisterhood. The band played as we ate, schmoozed, and danced. The final part of the evening was a total surprise. Our own Deborah Hirsch Mayer is not only an excellent Hebrew teacher, but an accomplished dancer. To the amazement of her students, and us all, she proceeded to dance while balancing a can of whipped cream on her head!

I heartily suggest that whenever a holiday rolls around, you make sure and join in the celebration.

