



Temple Israel Doorpost

October 2019

Tishrei / Cheshvan 5780

From the Rabbi's Study...

Dear Chaverim,

It has always fascinated me that as we conclude the serious-minded High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we are already put into gear to celebrate one of our three major pilgrimage festivals, Sukkot. In fact, it is customary among some to put the first nail into building the sukkah even before one has broken the Yom Kippur fast. Sukkot, which begins only five days after Yom Kippur, celebrates the last harvest of the season and it reminds us of the frail booths that our ancestors dwelled in during their forty years in the wilderness after escaping from Egyptian slavery.

Imagine... just five days after we have expressed our desire to atone for our wrongdoings and, of course, not knowing into which book our lots are

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More Events

Simchat Torah Celebration

6:00 p.m. Sunday, October 20, Sanctuary

Sh'mini Atzeret Service

9:30 a.m. Monday, October 21, Sanctuary

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Kochava Munro

6:15 p.m. Friday, October 25, Sanctuary

**High Holidays - detailed
schedule on page 12**

Upcoming Events

The Temple Office, Preschool, and Hebrew School will be Closed

Tuesday, October 1 (Rosh Hashanah)

Wednesday, October 9 (Yom Kippur)

Monday, October 14 (Sukkot)

Monday, October 21 (Sh'mini Atzeret)

Rosh Hashanah (Day 2) Service

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, Sanctuary

Brotherhood Builds the Sukkah

8:30 a.m. Sunday, October 6, Playground

9:45 a.m. (approx.) Brotherhood meeting

Widow / Widowers Social Group Meeting

1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 6, Board Room

Kol Nidre Service

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 8, Sanctuary

Yom Kippur Services

8:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 9, Sanctuary

Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 10, Virtual Mtg.

Sisterhood Brunch

1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 13, Shmoozatorium

Sukkot Service

9:30 a.m. Monday, October 14, Sanctuary

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, Board Room

Prayerbook Hebrew Class

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 16, Library

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Rabbi's Message

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written for the coming year, we are commanded to celebrate Sukkot. Sukkot has several names, among them *Chag Ha-asif*, the Festival of Gathering the Harvest and *Z'man Simchateinu*, the Season of our Joy. In rabbinic literature going back 2,000 years, the rabbis simply referred to Sukkot as *Heh-chag*, The Holiday, as if to say it is THE holiday, par excellence.



In the minds of the rabbis, Sukkot expresses the essence of what it means to be a Jew. It is a time of giving thanks for the “harvest” that we enjoy... i.e. the blessings that we have in our lives. After all, the word for “Jew” derives from the name Judah, or *Yehudah* in Hebrew. *Yehudah* comes from the same root as the Hebrew word *l'hodot*, which means “to give thanks,” or as we were taught in Hebrew School to always say *todah*, “thank you” when someone has given you something nice or done something nice for you. Being “Jewish” means being tuned in to “expressing gratitude” for the blessings we have. Sukkot reminds us of what being Jewish literally means!

For this reason, many observant Jews make sure



they recite at least 100 blessings each day! This is one way to express one’s identity each and every hour of the day.

Of course, one should not have the opportunity to express thanks only on Sukkot. Attending the Shabbat evening service, the Shabbat morning service and the weekly Tuesday afternoon *minyán* gives us the opportunity to express thanks as a community. Being together to pray, to study, or just to socialize infuses us with the sense of community and gratitude which ignites good feelings about being Jewish.

May we continue our Jewish commitment to “live up to our name” throughout the year and may we share our sense of gratitude for who we are by living up to the ideals of our faith.

L’shalom,

Rabbi Ira Korinow

Shabbat Service Leaders

Friday, October 4, 7:15 p.m. **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
Saturday, October 5 **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
Followed by “Lunch & Learn” Torah Study

Bar Mitzvah of Noah Raven

Friday, October 11, 6:15 p.m. **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
Saturday, October 12 **Rabbi Ira Korinow**

Friday, October 18, 7:15 p.m. **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
Saturday, October 19 **Rabbi Ira Korinow**
Followed by “Lunch & Learn” Torah Study

Friday, October 25, 6:15 p.m. **Kochava Munro**
leads a musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, October 26 **Cantor Shira Nafshi**

President's Message

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Sukkot Traditions and Open House at the Hyetts' Sukkah

I didn't anticipate that Sukkot would become one of my family's favorite holidays, complete with traditions, annual parties, and boxes of decorations. In May 2012, at the temple's spring event comedy night, Brian and I bid impulsively on the "Judaica" auction item, which included a variety of items such as gift cards, a stained glass Star of David, and an IOU for Russ Bernstein to help us acquire the materials for a sukkah of our own.

That quick decision on the auction floor has given our family the holiday of Sukkot. That first fall, Brian and Russ took a trip to Home Depot and came home with a vast pile of wood and hardware, and they constructed our sukkah together. Around that time, my nephew Zach was born, and after visiting him and my sister at Beth Israel in Boston we took a quick detour on our way home and double-parked outside the Israel Book Shop. I ran inside to pick up as many sukkah decorations as I could hold. Some of them only lasted one season, but every year, we use most of our plastic fruit garlands from that initial trip.

There are so many things that I love about our observance of Sukkot. First of all, it is one of the only occasions I can think of where our family works together to build something out of wood and screws. My girls have learned how to use a drill and they play an active role in the job. It is incredibly rewarding to build an actual structure. (It is less rewarding to have to take it down after the holiday and put it away for a year, but it's worth it!) We all enjoy the moment when we bring up our burgeoning box of sukkah decorations from the basement and decorate our sukkah together. My kids get a taste of what it must be like for the rest of the world to

decorate a Christmas tree. Each year our sukkah looks a little different, but we always love it. Most of all, we love having a reason to be outside and to eat outside. The air has that perfect fall crispness and the trees are still hanging onto their leaves. We make a point to eat in the sukkah as much as we can.

We love hosting friends and family in our sukkah, and it is fun to have holiday traditions that we share with others.

In that spirit, this year I'd like to invite our temple community to an open house at the Hyett sukkah, weather permitting. Please come by between 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 20, for some snacks and to visit with others in our backyard.



If you can make it, RSVP to me or to Heather in the office, and also be on the lookout for an email invitation. I hope to see you there!

L'shalom,

Amy Hyett



Committees

Ritual Committee

Temple Israel is many things to many people. For myself, whatever else our synagogue might be, I would like it to be a community. A community which provides fellowship. A community in which to celebrate joys and accomplishments. A community to turn to for support when facing challenges, hardships, or sorrow. A community that provides companionship for the experiences that make up our daily lives. A community in which to learn, a community with which to pray. A community in which we can join with others to do *tikkun olam* – to repair the world. A community in which to remember, reflect, and grow.

As the new year of 5780 begins, we are invited to reflect – to think about our individual lives and the life of our community. We ask ourselves what we have been doing that is worth continuing and what might be changed for the better? Where have we missed the mark? Where do we most want to aim our precious time and energy? How can we make these *Yamim Noraim*, these Days of Awe, truly meaningful? Will the sound of the shofar stir us to action? Will the taste of apples and honey inspire us to find sweetness in our lives and be grateful for our blessings? To bring blessings to others?

John F. Kennedy said, “Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.” As one of the vice presidents of our congregation, I challenge you to ask what you can do for our synagogue community, but also to think about what our synagogue community could do for you. What would inspire you to be more engaged in synagogue life? How might our community enrich and support you?

Let’s not wait for a new rabbi to inspire change. Let’s work together now to become a more vibrant,

stronger community that many a rabbi would want to join and guide to even greater strengths.

Wishing you a meaningful and joyous holiday season and a *shanah tovah*, a year of good health, growth, and the focus and energy to do good deeds.

B’shalom,

Deborah Hirsch Mayer

Social Action Committee

Temple Israel’s team at the Seacoast “Walk to end Alzheimer’s” on September 22, was small but mighty! We raised almost \$300.00 thanks in large part to a generous gift from Temple Israel’s Sisterhood.



Joanne Samuels joined me on the walk and we also met Claudia LeBlanc along the way. Fun was had by all as it was a beautiful day to stroll around the city. We hope to increase our numbers next year, so please consider supporting this important event!

Alzheimer’s afflicts an increasing percentage of the United States’ aging population. Whether you participate by walking or by making a donation, your efforts will go towards research and education to eliminate this horrible disease.

Marc Hiller

Bulletin Board

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Candle Lighting

October	4	6:00 p.m.
October	11	5:48 p.m.
October	18	5:37 p.m.
October	25	5:26 p.m.



2019 JFNH Shem Tov Award Recipient

On September 15, Joanne Samuels was honored at the JFNH Annual Meeting for her devotion in taking care of our temple home. A longtime member of our House Committee, she just started her second two-year term as VP of House.



Congratulations, Joanne, on this well-deserved recognition!

Service Times

Tuesday afternoon 5:30 p.m.
Friday night 6:15 p.m.
* Friday, October 4, 7:15 p.m.
* Friday, October 18, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday morning 9:30 a.m.
followed by kiddush and lunch

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Hebrew School

Shalom Everyone!

Happy October! Happy Tishrei & Happy 5780!

May we all have a year filled with peace, health, mitzvot, learning, and happiness.

Hebrew School started on Sunday, September 8, and it has been a joy to see and hear the voices of children learning, laughing, and enjoying the company of their Jewish peers once again.

Here are some of the highlights of our first month back to school:

On Sunday, September 15, we welcomed the parents at our Hebrew School Open House. As the students went on a fun and educational temple-wide scavenger hunt with their classroom *madrichim* (teen assistants), the teachers and parents of each class (*kitah*) spent a half hour getting to know each other and discussing their curriculums. In between services and sessions, parents got to schmooze and enjoy coffee and cookies in the Shmoozatorium. Thank you to all the parents, students, madrichim, and teachers who made the open house a success!

Sunday, September 22, was even busier:

- Our wonderful and dedicated team of *madrichim* switched out all the *siddurim* and *chumashim* in the sanctuary pews for the *machzorim* (High Holiday siddurim). Thank you, Team Madrichim!!
- The 6th grade (Kitah Vav) enjoyed *Breakfast with the Rabbi*.
- Grades K, 1, 2 and 4 (Kitah Gan, Aleph, Bet and Dalet) baked round *challot* with Laura Sher. Kitah Dalet made the dough from scratch. They all learned about kashrut (kosher laws) as they looked for the *hechsher* symbols on the

ingredients (did you know that there are over a hundred of them?!), discarded eggs that had blood stains in them, and learned why the handles on the dairy side of the kitchen are blue, and the ones on the meat side are red!



Thank you to all the parents who have joined us at our learning services at 9:10 a.m. on Sundays, and 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. You make our praying experience much more meaningful! Thank you, also, to Deborah Hirsch Mayer for blowing the shofar in services and in the classrooms during Elul.

Coming up in October: More challah baking, learning about teshuvah, sukkah decorating, lulav and etrog shaking, Simchat Torah celebration with the congregation, and our first visit with our new Israeli shlichah, Avia. It will be a fun month!

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or feedback at 603-969-2984 or egt9@aol.com.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Elian Tackeff, Head of School

Early Learning Center

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Shanah Tovah to all!

The Early Learning Center came back for the 5779 - 5780 (2019 – 2020) school year on September 4, 2019. Welcome back and shalom to our returning and new families. The children have

Tammy Labonté
Director, ELC

settled well into the class and are making new and renewing old friendships with their peers. The new children are adjusting nicely to the Montessori environment and are eager to investigate all the materials.



Students love the new science shelf! Here they observe the effects of bases & acids on apple slices.

The children have been spending time learning about the upcoming High Holiday of Rosh Hashanah. We have learned that Rosh Hashanah means “the head of the year.” We have also learned about the mitzvot for Rosh Hashanah, such as eating apples and honey for a sweet new year, why the challah is round and that this is the time to celebrate the creation of the world and be thankful! The children have created Happy New Year/ Shanah Tovah cards for our families and community.

The ELC has our Rosh Hashanah box out and some children have been setting up the materials and blowing the shofar to bring in the New Year.

We went to our first Grand Pals visit at the Wentworth Home and were read a book about Johnny Appleseed. After the story we sat with our Grand Pal friends and made our own apples using paper plates. We always have so much fun and bring smiles and laughter to our Grand Pal friends!

Thank you, Elissa Kaplan Senter, for coming and teaching the ELC children about the different maracas you own and teaching us the Mr. Tov song!

L’shalom,

Tammy
Labonté



Enjoying the playground. Thanks to Joanne Samuels for organizing the new mulch delivery!



Blowing the shofar.



Bar Mitzvah

In our Community

- Welcome to new members**
- ◇ Andrea and David Zippin and their children Ben and Hannah of Stratham
 - ◇ Barbara Weismann of Portsmouth
 - ◇ Louis Klave of Dover
 - ◇ Mort and Nancy Cherim of Dover
 - ◇ Ellen and Alan Most of Peekskill, NY
 - ◇ Brianna Kling and her children Liam Murray and Logan Murray of Kittery
 - ◇ Cynthia Freedman of Manahawkin, NJ
 - ◇ Ellen Arnold and George Moor of Rye
 - ◇ Samara and Matthew Robertson and their children Adeline and Eloise of Newington



Noah Raven

Saturday, October 12, 2019

My name is Noah Raven. I attend the Oyster River Middle School in Durham. I enjoy learning math and science, playing tennis, piano, and chess, and spending time with friends.

Judaism is important to me because it's a link to our past and also teaches us to be kind.

A special thank you to:
September kiddush sponsors
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And for the High Holiday flowers
on the bimah
Gloria & Harold Moldoff
and outside the building
Joanne Samuels
Tobey & Don Harman

Donations

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CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Jewel Davis in memory of her brother, Michael Paul Davis.

DANIELLE HARMAN FUND

Deborah Hirsch Mayer in memory of her aunt, Ursula Joachim.

DINNERMAN/ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Joyce & Ron Meenes in memory of Mary Rottenberg, dear mother of Joyce Meenes.

HEBREW SCHOOL

Elissa Kaplan Senter, "with appreciation to Elian Tackeff for the amazing work she does on behalf of the Hebrew School." Amy Feitelson in memory of her father, Joseph Feitelson.

INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Shel & Elaine Krasker in memory of Elaine's mother, Sophie Sados, and Shel's father, William Krasker.

MUSICAL SHABBAT FUND

Deborah Hirsch Mayer in memory of her aunt, Grete Hirsch.

KIDDUSH FUND

Yaara & Lior Oren, "Thank you for a lovely Shabbat." Pauline Elkin in memory of her husband, Martin Elkin. Lenny Baer and family in memory of Roberta Baer.

PRAYERBOOK FUND

Deborah Hirsch Mayer in memory of her parents, Hans and Helen Hirsch.

PRESCHOOL FUND

Glen Mackles in memory of Louis Mackles. Phyllis Kravetz in memory of her parents, Charles & Sadie Gouse. Cynthia Freedman in memory of her grandmother, Marcia Blacker.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Tovy Kamine & Rebecca Barron, "with thanks to Rabbi Korinow for officiating at our son's B'rit Milah." Mr. & Mrs. Bernard S. Kamine, "with appreciation to Rabbi Korinow." Marilyn Gorman in memory of her sister, Mildred Pollack. Mike Steinberg in memory of his father, Leon Steinberg.

TZEDAKAH FUND

Seth Miller & Linnea Hartsuyker. Lisa & Jacky Ohayon in memory of Lisa's father, Sheldon L. Goodman.

The Cemetery Committee would like to express their appreciation to
Lenny Baer
for his work to beautify and maintain the cemetery, including setting out flowers for the High Holidays.

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Yahrzeits

October Yahrzeits

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1. Ida Bradbard, Hyman Black, Dora Lightman, Meyer Simmons, Leon Steinberg, Bessie Fins, Arthur Lieberman, Samuel Roessler, Suzanne Rubenstein, Leib Borwick
2. Baby Polimar, Saul Mark, Elias Leitman, Robert Morris, Sylvia Morris, Bernard Cooperman, Leonard Lane, Joseph M. Baer
3. Ella Blankenberg, Deborah Diamond
4. Samuel Goodman, Rita Rabinowitz, Michael Mittelman
5. Elsa Vero
6. Wilna Hufnagle, Lorraine Lasky, Elizabeth LeSavoy
7. Werner Hufnagle, Gloria Blum, Taube Hornblas
8. Anne Lampert, Robert Reingold, Anna Oshry
9. Stella Goodman, Bernice Levingston, Harold Duprie, Sarah Edelstein, Mark Shor
10. Philip Fox, Gertrude Fine
11. Lillian Lessow, Esther Milechman, Louis Shapiro, Jacob Dinnerman
12. Anna Handleman, David Goldberg, Rose Krasker, Leah Selzer, Carl Prietz, Gerald Landgarten, Michael Emmer, Julius Berenson, Doris Stocklan, Peter Solomon
13. Shirley Fleischman, Minnie Lederman, Louis Golub
14. Hortense Bernheimer
15. Irene Kline, Alec Cohen
16. Adele Goldberg Smith, Rachel Beaupre, Bess Grossman, Molly Leitman, Grete Hirsch
17. Abraham Shapiro, Bessie Greenfield, Debbie Ginsburg
18. Eva Slosberg, Simha Benshimol, Jack Briskin, Harry Kauffman
19. Murray Greenberg, Irene Torf, Dorothy Cohen, Lawrence H. Barrows
20. Nathan Thrope, Morris Cohen, Sarah Jackson, Michael Pines, Jack Gotz, Samuel K. King
21. Alfred Fluster, Debra Faye Jacobs, Forrest Krutter, Lena Bernstein
22. Alice Sussman, Oscar Chaikin, Ben Benjamin, Margaret Jacoby, Helen Winebaum, Michele Issokson Sbraga
23. Sarah Applebaum, Jack Berman, Louis Wein, Robert Turner
24. David Borne, Sylvia Seperson
25. Thelma Walden, Joyce Belostock, Bernard Shamesman, David Saczyk
26. Florence Salden, Sophie Cohen Anderson, Ethel Goldstein, Melvin Harrison, Samuel Osher, Alex Siegel, Martha Shuldman, Murray Wexler
27. Morris Schwartz, Sherry Parsons, Gussie Shutzer, Gregory Parsons, Henrietta Banner Abeles, Edward Black, Clara R. Fisher, Charles Schwartz, Harold Glaser
28. Gloria LoPatin, Arthur Promer, Diane Franklin, Louis Cohen, Boris Traven, Patrick Zirpolo, Evangelos Kontarinis
29. Bessie Salden, Charlotte Meenes, Jakki Wiese, Stanley Rosenfield, Norman Stein, Marc Goldsmith, Phillip Shapiro
30. Samuel Cohen, Irving Shultz, Ruth Rosengard, Inez Sherman, Sylvia Pedell, Leon Hirsch
31. Lillian Goldin, Debbie Natansohn, Anita Freedman, Janette Krasin, Thelma R. Hooz, Estelle Cooperman, Florence Pastor

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.

In Our Community

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Temple Israel Brotherhood

Community, tzedakah, and fellowship... The mission of Temple Israel's Brotherhood is to promote closer fellowship among its male members while engaging in social and educational activities in support of the temple and its congregation as a whole.

Please join us for the Brotherhood's annual Sukkah erecting on **Sunday, October 6, at 8:30 a.m. in the Temple courtyard**, which will be followed by an informational and planning meeting (approximately 9:45 a.m.) to set goals for the coming year. Breakfast will be provided during the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to bring gloves and tools (drill) if you have them.

We have a lot of fun social, educational, and charitable events planned for the upcoming year. Even if you do not have time to attend all events, your participation in our upcoming event and meeting is a great way to support our efforts to create an even greater sense of community at our Temple. Your involvement is welcomed at all levels.

For more information, please email Andrew Share – Ashare33@gmail.com

USCJ's "20/20 Judaism" convention

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 is Chair-elect of the Northeast District and has arranged for Temple Israel members to participate as volunteers. For more information, please contact Jeff at: jc.salloway@unh.edu.

Program details and speakers can be found online at: <https://www.2020judaism.org/>.

Temple Seacoast Family Promise Team Needs Your Help

Since 2003, Temple Israel has been a key part of Seacoast Family Promise, a program for families experiencing homelessness which relies on faith communities to provide a place to stay, meals, and overnight support. Families in the program move each week to a different faith community, one of which is a team of First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth (where the families stay), and Temple Israel (which provides volunteers to cook dinner and/or serve dinner and/or stay overnight with the families).

We need more volunteers! The time commitment is only one night every two months or so, and it's a very rewarding way to volunteer because you get to know the parents and children you are helping. Children are always welcome, so this can be a great family volunteer opportunity – or sign up to do it with friends.

To find out more, please contact Rachel Dennis at rajode@comcast.net or 207-439-3225. Our next host week is October 13-19. More info about Seacoast Family Promise at www.seacoastfamilypromise.org.



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High Holiday Schedule

Selichot

Saturday, September 21

Havdalah service 7:30 p.m.
 Pre-Selichot play "The Man in the Moebius,"
 Candlelight Selichot service

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 29

Candle lighting 6:09 p.m.
 Evening service 7:00 p.m.

First Day—Monday, September 30

Morning service 8:30 a.m.
 Children's service 9:15 a.m.
 Torah service (approximately) 9:45 a.m.
 Family service 10:15 a.m.
 Shofar service (approximately) 10:30 a.m.
 Sermon (approximately) 10:45 a.m.
 Musaf (approximately) 11:15 a.m.
 Conclusion of services (approx.) 12:30 p.m.
 Tashlich - Prescott Park Following Services

Second Day—Tuesday, October 1

Morning service 8:30 a.m.
 Torah service (approximately) 9:45 a.m.
 Shofar service (approximately) 10:30 a.m.
 Sermon (approximately) 10:45 a.m.
 Musaf (approximately) 11:15 a.m.
 Conclusion of services (approx.) 12:30 p.m.

Cemetery Memorial Services

Sunday, September 15

Pine Hill Cemetery (Dover) 1:00 p.m.
 Somersworth Cemetery 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 22

Temple Israel Cemetery (Portsmouth) 12:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 8

Candle lighting - fast begins 5:53 p.m.
 Kol Nidre 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9

Morning service 8:30 a.m.
 Children's service 9:30 a.m.
 Torah service (approximately) 10:00 a.m.
 Family service 10:30 a.m.
 Yizkor (approximately) 11:00 a.m.
 Sermon (approximately) 11:15 a.m.
 Musaf (approximately) 11:45 a.m.

Mincha 5:00 p.m.
 Neilah (approximately) 6:00 p.m.
 Sounding of the shofar and end of fast 7:00 p.m.
 (approximately)

Break the Fast meal follows blowing of the shofar

Sukkot

First Day—Monday, October 14

Service 9:30 a.m.

Sh'mini Atzeret / Simchat Torah

Erev Simchat Torah Service 6:00 p.m.

& Celebration - Sunday, October 20

Sh'mini Atzeret Service - Monday, 9:30 a.m.

October 21

Yizkor (approximately) 11:00 a.m.

Services Led By

Rabbi Ira Korinow

Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munro

Marla Gordon & Temple Israel teens
 (Children & Family Services)

Art Exhibit Reception and Cardmaking Workshop

On Sunday, September 22, more than thirty-five congregants and friends viewed the “Land, Sea and Sky” Exhibit in the Schmooze and Social Hall. Many enjoyed the Middle Eastern buffet lunch at 1:00 p.m., spoke with our talented artists and photographers, and lingered for the workshop with Susan West that began at 2:30 p.m. on “Hebrew Calligraphy & Cardmaking.”

Workshop participants chose to illustrate words with spiritual meaning for them, such as *shalom* (peace), *ometz* (courage), *shmirat ha'teva* (protecting nature) and *L'shana Tovah*.

Also on view for the High Holidays is an exhibit of greeting cards from Poland, 1920-1940 opposite the gift shop. We appreciate the Beit Hatfutsot Museum in Tel Aviv for providing this “capsule exhibit” from their collection.

Thanks also to the Cultural Endowment Fund for sponsoring our exhibits and related events.

Enjoy!

Deborah Levine,

Exhibit Coordinator



From the “Land, Sea, and Sky” exhibit. Left: “Elemental” by fabric artist Michele O’Neil Kincaid. Right: “Five Trees” by Julie Serrano. For more pictures of the art and the Hebrew Calligraphy and Card-Making Workshop, please see page 14.

Trip to Israel



Several people have expressed an interest in a Temple Israel trip to Israel. I suggest that such a trip be February 18-March 1, 2020. This includes the week of New Hampshire public school vacation. If families join this trip, I will include activities that children (and adults who are young at heart) will enjoy.

I have led about 8 trips to Israel for my former congregation in Haverhill as well as for NFTY, the national youth movement of Reform Judaism. Since my last congregational trip, I have been to Israel several times and each trip I make I find more interesting places to which to bring a group.

February is a good time to visit Israel. It is low season keeping the price of both the air travel and the land arrangements reasonable. It is not very hot and while it is the “rainy season,” past experience in Israel at this time is that there is a chance that it may rain a few of the days and it may not rain at all. Daytime temperatures in Tel Aviv may vary anywhere between 55-80 degrees and in Jerusalem between 45-75 degrees. In any case, it will be much warmer than in Portsmouth!

If you are interested in participating on such a trip, please call Heather in the Temple Office at 603-436-5301. If there is enough interest, I will announce a meeting to discuss details at the end of October.

- Rabbi Ira Korinow



In Our Community

Sisterhood Winter Holiday Bazaar Extravaganza

Sunday, December 1, 2019,
10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.
Temple Israel Social Hall



Please save the date for this special free event featuring

- One-of-a-kind gifts
- Local artisan vendors displaying their work at tables in the social hall
- A portion of the proceeds will benefit Temple Israel Sisterhood

Artists & craftspeople interested in participating: please visit the temple website or office for a table reservation form. Vendor signups are first come, first served.

If you are interested in reserving a table to sell your own work, know of someone else to recommend, would like to help, or have questions about the event, please contact Jewel Davis via email: Bugjewel@yahoo.com.



Photos below and lower left from the September 22 Hebrew Calligraphy and Card Making Workshop. (Article on page 13.)



SEEKING USY CHAPTER ADVISOR

Temple Israel, Portsmouth (TIP) is a Conservative synagogue serving the seacoast area of New Hampshire and southern Maine. We have 310 membership households and a Hebrew school enrollment of 80 students. Our traditional, egalitarian congregation is deeply committed to fostering joyful Jewish living and learning in an atmosphere of mutual respect and tolerance.

The ideal candidate for this position will have experience in Jewish formal or informal educational settings, will have the training and/or experience working with youth in middle and high school, and will bring enthusiasm, creativity, strong organizational and leadership skills to the position. The ability to work as a member of a team is also essential. The position will run September 1, 2019, through June 1, 2020. **This is a part-time position with stipend based on the candidate's experience and vision for the chapter.**

Advisor Job Description:

- Plan and implement teen programs and events in conjunction with TIP USY Chapter to include Sr. USY grades 9-12, Jr. USY grades 7-8, and Kadima grades 4-6. Events could include educational, religious, social, and cultural activities.
- Conduct at least 1 event monthly per group as well as regular meetings with the TIP USY & Kadima Chapter.
- Oversee the creation and distribution of promotional materials.
- Attend TIP USY, Kadima, and NERUSY Regional programs including Shabbaton weekends, coordinating with the NERUSY regional director of youth activities.
- Generate enthusiasm about USY and Kadima participation through community outreach, mentoring teen leadership, and serving as a Jewish role model to USY participants.
- Distribute and collect parent consent and permission forms and maintain attendance data for all programs.
- Maintain contact with all group members by phone, e-mail, social networks, etc. and be accessible (within reason for a part-time position) to members and their parents.
- Oversee program budget including tracking income and expenses for each group for the fiscal year.
- Report to the TIP Education Committee designee. Liaise with the NERUSY Regional Director of Youth Activities for all regional matters.

Please send a cover letter and resume to TIP, Educational Committee, Attn: Ryan Kaplan via mail or email, templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org.



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**Hebrew School students
are very engaged in
learning to make challah
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wonderful!**



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