



Temple Israel Doorpost

September 2019

Elul 5779 / Tishrei 5780

From the Rabbi's Study...

Dear Chaverim,

It has been said that the High Holy Days either come early or late each year; they never come on time!

Because this past year was a leap year on the Hebrew calendar, the High Holy Days come on the late side this year. As we anticipate Rosh Hashanah at the very end of September, we are reminded of the double meaning of the root of the word *shanah*, as in Rosh HaSHANAH, which means "year." The Hebrew root of "*shanah*" actually means "to change" or it can mean "to repeat." Imagine, the same root can have completely opposite meanings!

Indeed, this is the essence of Rosh Hashanah. The Jewish New Year is a time to take inventory of our lives. The rabbis called it *cheshbon nefesh*, literally

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More Events

TIP Cemetery Memorial Service

Sunday, September 22, 12:30 p.m., Banfield Rd.

"Land, Sea & Sky" Exhibit Opening

1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 22, Social Hall
Meet the artists!

Calligraphy / Card Making Workshop

2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 22, Social Hall

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

Upcoming Events

The Temple Office will be Closed

Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)

Widow / Widowers Social Group Meeting

1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 8, Board Room

Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 11, Virtual Mtg.

Sisterhood Meeting

6:45 p.m. Thursday, September 12, Shmooze

Hebrew School Open House for Parents

9:00 a.m. Sunday, September 15, Classrooms

Cemetery Memorial Services

Sunday, September 15, 1:00 p.m. Pine Hill (Dover)

2:00 p.m. Forest Glade (Somersworth)

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 17, Board Room

Welcome Reception & Musical Shabbat Services

New & Prospective Members Invited!

6:15 p.m. Friday, September 20, Shmoozatorium

7:15 p.m. Dedication "Tree of Life," Chapel

Musical Shabbat Services, Sanctuary

Followed by Oneg, Shmoozatorium

Tot Shabbat Services

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

Selichot Service & Play, *The Man in the Moebius*

7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 21, Sanctuary

TIP team walks in "Walk to End Alzheimer's"

9:00 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, Little Harbor School

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Rabbi's Message

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“taking account of our souls.” It is a time when we resolve to change the ways in our lives which are wrong and need to change, and when we also commit ourselves to repeat those deeds in our lives of which we are proud. Ironic as it may seem, to change and at the same time to repeat, are the tasks in which we engage.



Families invited to Tot Shabbat Services 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 21

Tot Shabbat services are held on occasional Saturday mornings. These services offer families with young children an opportunity to celebrate Shabbat with song and become familiar with our prayers. Following the services the families enjoy a family-friendly kiddush.

Questions? Please contact coordinator Rebecca Seskind, rebecca.seskind@gmail.com, 818.436.9416



Although Rosh Hashanah falls “late” this year, the month of Elul, the month of preparation, begins on September 1st. The shofar is sounded each day after the morning service as a call to both change and repeat.

As we approach the year 5780, may we engage both sincerely and honestly in the process of change and repeating so that our lives this year will bring greater blessing to all.

Sally joins me in wishing the entire Temple Israel community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateyvu
v'Teychateymu,

(May you be written and sealed for a good year)

Rabbi Ira Korinow

Selichot Play: The Man in the Moebius 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 21

Our temple assemblage of non-professional actors will read the story of a Jewish man's encounter with tragedy. The hero of the story demands justice from the Highest Court as Selichot approaches. The angels who are Advocate and Accuser seek to balance compassion and judgment in the case of the man in the moebius. Followed by the annual candlelight Selichot service conducted by this year's b'nei mitzvah class.



September 17th is Election Day! (in Israel)



- Didn't Israel just have elections in April?
- Do you know how many political parties exist in Israel?
- How do Israelis vote for their next Prime Minister?
- How do Israeli elections differ from American ones?
- What are the issues being discussed in the Israeli campaigns?

“Everything You've Always Wanted To Know About Israeli Elections But Were Afraid To Ask!”

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Ira Korinow
Saturday, September 7, 2019 • 12:00 PM

To help us plan, please RSVP to Heather in the Temple Office (603-436-5301) so we can tell the caterer how many to expect!

President's Message

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Apples, Honey, and Torah Reading... bring on the High Holidays!

September brings the return of scheduled activity and obligation—back to school, back to work, back to to-do lists, back to the general business of non-summer life. With that, of course, comes the preparation for and celebration of the High Holidays.

My memories of the holidays as a child begin in the babysitting rooms of Temple Emunah. We'd make necklaces out of fruit loops, which felt special since my mom never bought sugary cereal. Eating our necklaces was an indulgent treat. My sisters and I would wear new dresses and shiny patent leather shoes. Once we graduated from babysitting to the children's services, the wait after they finished felt impossibly long, though I am sure we only waited minutes for my parents to be ready to leave. As I grew older, outside of my time in the sanctuary, the High Holiday services were a chance to catch up with friends after the summer, gossip in the ladies bathroom, or steal away in the nice weather and stand in groups outside, talking. And once I was in middle school, I wondered which teenagers would be picked to read Torah on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Finally, in ninth or tenth grade, I was asked to read Torah on the afternoon of Yom Kippur. It was a tryout, and after I proved to be a competent Torah reader, I was tasked with a portion on Rosh Hashanah morning the following year.

After high school, I took close to twenty years off from Torah reading. Then in 2014, I volunteered to read Torah on Yom Kippur at TIP. It was a lot of work to learn the portion and that first year was quite a time commitment. Thankfully, the Yom Kippur Torah portion doesn't change from year to year. I do need to spend time each September refreshing and relearning the portion. But now, my pages of practice sheets left around the house and in

my car are part of my associations with the holiday, and my observance of Yom Kippur is much deeper because I participate in the service.

One week prior to Yom Kippur, on Rosh Hashanah, our family has a private Tashlich. This particular moment, quiet and simple, is one of our most meaningful ones of the season. Of course, we also celebrate with family and friends, eat our apples and honey, and enjoy the moments of reflection that come our way. Each year, staring down at the water from our bridge, I consider the past year and make goals I hope to fulfill.

Here at TIP High Holiday preparation is in full swing. This year, we are reimagining our family service and we are very excited to have teenagers participate in its planning and execution. We also hope to see several new participants in the upstairs service as well. I encourage you all to consider volunteering. It is an amazing feeling to look out from the *bimah* and see so many warm, familiar faces. The full pews show me that we are all seeking reflection and a renewed sense of self in the year to come. We are one community with so many different voices, and we value what each of you might contribute to TIP. Maybe you might plan a program with a friend, volunteer on a committee, or simply attend one of the many services and events we will be offering this year? Regardless, as you reflect in shul on the holidays, please consider how you might increase your involvement in TIP.

I look forward to reading Torah in a few weeks with my Jewish community by my side. I wish for each of you a wonderful year. As we plan ahead, hopefully hire a new rabbi, grow in numbers and in experiences, and make new friends, let us all take in the spirit of the season together.

L'shalom,

Amy Hyett



Rabbi Search

Dear Congregation,

The Rabbi Search Committee (RSC) hopes that all of you had a great summer! We've been hard at work, meeting regularly, planning, and preparing for the upcoming hiring season.

As you'll remember from past RSC updates, the typical hiring cycle for rabbis begins after the High Holidays, this year in mid-October. In preparation, the RSC has sharpened Temple Israel's Rabbinical Assembly Congregational Questionnaire, the comprehensive document used by the Rabbinical Assembly (RA) to introduce Temple Israel to potential rabbi candidates who are members of the RA. As before, we sought input from the Board of Directors and from our regional advisor at the USCJ.

You may also recall that the RSC petitioned the RA and was granted a waiver to seek qualified candidates outside of RA's pool. We applied for the waiver because of "supply and demand" constraints -- simply put, the total number of competitive RA candidates was lower than the number of hiring congregations. We are hopeful that the availability of candidates in the RA's pool will be higher this upcoming hiring cycle. Nonetheless...

With the flexibility created by the waiver, the RSC developed a strategy for raising awareness of our rabbi search beyond the RA. Working with the Board of Directors, the RSC developed a job description that we posted to two focused websites: RabbiCareers.com and JewishJobs.com. Also, we are working with the placement director at Hebrew College in Boston to reach its alumni. In addition, the RSC crafted a publishable piece for the *Jewish Reporter*. Finally, we continue to reach out to well-connected rabbis and community leaders about our

search, providing them with the job description for pass-through.

As part of the RSC's evolving strategy for finding the best candidates, we are asking the Temple Israel congregation for help in two ways.

First, as we enter the peak of the hiring season, we want you to reach out to your network to let them know about our search. Share this email address with them (TIP.RSC.2019@gmail.com) so that highly qualified candidates can send a resume and cover letter.

Our second request: by September 9, please send us two questions that you want the rabbi candidate to answer. The RSC will review all questions that the congregation submits and distill to a set of three to five questions for each candidate to answer. Please send questions to TIP.RSC.2019@gmail.com.

Rationale: based on feedback that we received from the congregation, the RSC has developed a plan for giving everyone a view of the rabbi "beyond the *bimah*."

We realize that for many, the only exposure to the rabbi will be the service(s). And, while the rabbi's performance on the *bimah* is a critical consideration, the rabbi's personality and bearing are also important factors. However, those factors may be difficult for you to ascertain in the limited time that you have to engage with the candidate. Therefore, we will ask each applicant to submit a video of responses to pro forma questions that are a reflection of our congregation's thinking. The answers will help all of us contextually frame the way the rabbi leads our services. You will receive a link to the video at least 1 week before a candidate visits.

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Bulletin Board

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Candle Lighting

September	6	6:50 p.m.
September	13	6:38 p.m.
September	20	6:25 p.m.
September	27	6:12 p.m.



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The RSC is refining past search committees' strategies, adapting them to our present search and current conditions. Every search is different. Never hesitate to contact us about updates or to share information. As always, thank you for your kind words, sentiment, and support – you motivate us!

L'shalom,

Helaine Roberts and Jeffrey Friedman, Co-Chairs,
on behalf of the Rabbi Search Committee

Service Times

Tuesday afternoon	5:30 p.m.
Friday night	6:15 p.m.
* Friday, September 6,	7:15 p.m.
* Friday, September 20,	7:15 p.m.
Saturday morning	9:30 a.m.
followed by kiddush and lunch	

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Hebrew School

Shalom Everyone!

Happy September & Happy Elul!

This year the first day of September coincides with the first day of the Jewish month of Elul. And coincidentally, the last day of September will be the first day of the Jewish month of Tishrei, which is the first day of Rosh Hashanah 5780!

Our first day of Hebrew School is Sunday, September 8 for all grades, and we can't wait to see the gleaming classrooms and hallways (thank you Dan and Jeannie Hastie!) filled with children again.

On August 20, teachers Marge Gruzen (second grade), Rachel Dennis (third grade), and I had the pleasure of presenting to the Board of Directors a draft of a revamped curriculum that we as a staff have been working on over the summer. In addition to Torah, Israel, Jewish history, holidays, values, and ethics, our dedicated team of teachers is very excited to teach an expanded list of prayers that the children will eventually lead at our Sunday (9:10 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.) and Wednesday (4:00 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.) school services, as well as at our regular congregational Shabbat services.

We will focus on Friday evening prayers during our Sunday morning school services, and Saturday morning prayers during our Wednesday afternoon services. The children will lead prayers as they learn them and we hope that parents and congregants will join us to *kvell* and help us build community.

On Sunday, August 25, a group of *madrichim* (teen assistants) and our team of teachers gave up a beautiful late summer day to get ready for the new school year. After many hours of meetings, everyone went home excited to return a few days later for a four-hour CPR and First Aid training evening! We can't wait to meet our new students!

Wishing you all a happy new school year and a happy and sweet 5780.

L'shalom,

Eliau Tackeff, Head of School



Please join us anytime for a social event, Shabbat service or educational program.



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New! Temple Israel "Business Cards"

Are you one of those friendly people who meets other Jews wherever you go? Or maybe you are a businessperson with customers who ask you about Jewish life in the Seacoast? If so, you are one of the best ambassadors for Temple Israel. Thank you!

To make your "ambassador" job easier, the Membership Committee created the cards shown above, which you can keep in your wallet or at your place of business. Please pick some up the next time you are at TIP (find them on the table next to the coat closet in the lower lobby), or contact Heather in the office and ask her to send you some.

Early Learning Center

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Shalom,

On Wednesday, September 4, the Early Learning Center will welcome students to the 2019 - 2020 school year.

We are very excited about our new science shelf with a variety of S.T.E.M materials designed to encourage age-appropriate

exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math concepts. The ELC was able to purchase this beautiful fixture and materials thanks to contributions to the Preschool Fund made in memory of Temple Israel member Arnold Fishbein.

Tammy Labonté
Director, ELC



Although the school year has started, we do have open enrollment for students just reaching preschool age or moving into the area. Please contact me via email at preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org or leave a message at 603-436-5301 Ext. 23.

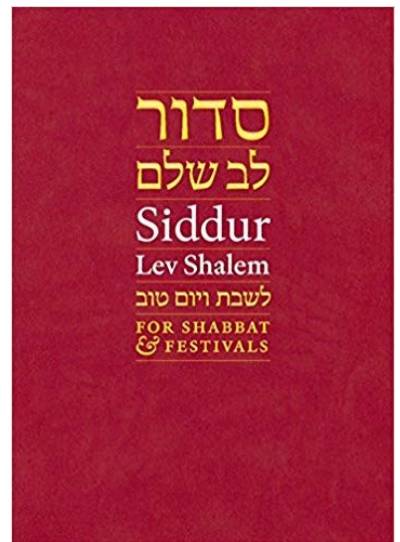
L'shalom,

Tammy Labonté

Ritual Committee

Ehul, the new month beginning September 1, is a time for increasing reflection as we begin the transition from one year to the next and prepare for the more complete spiritual reckoning of the High Holidays. As summer turns to fall, we hope that you will find the time, resources, and will to think about the year drawing to a close and what and how you might like to change in 5780, the new year soon to start.

In addition to your own spiritual reflection, we urge you to reflect on a choice for a new siddur for our congregation. Copies of *Siddur Lev Shalem* are available for review in the Shmoozatorium and for short-term loan or on-site review in the synagogue library.



We have received very little feedback so far and are eager to hear from everyone. Comments can be sent to us at newsiddurfeedback@gmail.com.

We hope to discuss feedback at our October meeting with an eye to making a recommendation to the board in November. Please take a look and let us know what you think!

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah – a good and sweet year to all!

Deborah Hirsch Mayer



Bar Mitzvah



Avry Share

Saturday, September 14, 2019

My name is Avry Share. I attend Cooperative Middle School in Stratham. My favorite activity is playing basketball, but I also enjoy hanging out with friends, being outdoors and playing lots of other sports.

Judaism is important to me because it teaches me about the traditions and customs that my family has been practicing for many generations. It also teaches me important lessons on how to be the best person that I can be.

Social Action Committee Invites You to Support the “Walk to End Alzheimer’s”

This year, the Social Action Committee’s first event is gathering a team to participate in the Portsmouth “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” on September 22. This family-friendly event is sponsored by the National Alzheimer’s Association and there’s no charge to participate, although team members are asked to invite friends and family to donate in support of the team and the cause. Each walker who raises at least \$150 will earn an Alzheimer’s Walk t-shirt.

Participants will gather at The Little Harbor School, 50 Clough Drive in Portsmouth. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a ceremony at 9:40 a.m. and walk at 10:00 a.m.

To register, please sign up at <http://tiny.cc/ysrvbz>.

For more information, please contact team captain Marc Hiller, marc.hiller@unh.edu.

In our Community

- ◇ **Condolences** to Laura Spelke and her family on the passing of her husband, Sherwood Spelke.
- ◇ **Welcome to** new members Jennifer Lewis & Matthew Delahanty of Hampton and their children Madelynn and Parker; Marc and Diana Grossman of Exeter and their children Matthew and Jordana; Doug Tilton of Portsmouth; Maggie Jalbert of Dover.
- ◇ **Condolences** to Steven and Amy Borne and their family on the passing of Steven’s father, Jerry Borne.

Donations

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CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Barbara Levenson in memory of her grandparents, Barney & Bertha Levenson.

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EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Peter & Jennie Dinnerman in memory of Peter's father, Maurice Dinnerman. Peter & Jennie Dinnerman in memory of Peter's cousin, Donna Levy Chaikin. David Bradbard in memory of his father, William Bradbard.

DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Rabbi Haskell Bernat in memory of his mother, Gertrude Bernat.

INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Elaine & Shel Krasker in memory of Elaine's father, Albert Sados, and Elaine's aunt, Fannie Gerber. David Forman in memory of his mother, Alice Forman.

KIDDUSH FUND

Lessa Brill in memory of her brother, Howard Wagner Brill.

LIBRARY FUND

Karl Singer in memory of his father, David Singer. Frances & Sigmund Westerman in memory of their

daughter, Sally Westerman Jacoby. The Ruben Family in memory of dear friend Anna Kushious.

MUSICAL SHABBAT FUND

Elyse & David Bachrach with appreciation to Deborah Hirsch Mayer. Sharen Eidelberg Spratt & Randy Spratt. Lessa Brill in memory of her mother, Phyllis Wagner Brill.

PRAYER BOOK FUND

Lessa Brill in memory of her father, Leon Brill.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Peter Saulson. Elyse & David Bachrach with appreciation to Rabbi Korinow. Elissa Kaplan Senter with appreciation to Rabbi Korinow for officiating at the dedication of Rabbi David Senter's memorial stone. Dr. Richard Lewis.

TZEDAKAH FUND

Stan & Rita Robbins in memory of Stan's aunt, Lillian Rubin. Goldie Fink in memory of her sister-in-law, Libby Bratter. Deborah & Steven Paul in memory of Steven's father, Irving Paul. Lessa Brill in memory of her father, Leon Brill. Kathryn Mulhearn.

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Sharen Eidelberg Spratt in memory of Alan Katz, brother of Gary Katz.

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A special "Thank You" from the office to:
Paul Schneiderman and **Joel Goldstein** for
faithfully appearing to offer Temple Tours
this summer, and to **Robin Albert Lehman**
for organizing the docent program!
and also to
Lorrie Grossman and **Sharon Roberts** for
all their help with mailing projects



Yahrzeits

September Yahrzeits

1. Beatrice Gelman, Eva Pastor
2. Ida Belostock, Estelle Ross, Cecilia Finkelstein, Esther Weinstein
3. Ada Rammer, Moses Silfen, Charles Gouse, Max Fluster, Marvin Poster
4. Baby Alkon, Annie Freedman, Samuel Gerstein, Frank Moroze, Judah Wise, Samuel Sibulkin
5. Celia Goodman, Milton Klaiman, Michael Davis, William Kleinhandle
6. Celia Halprin, Helen Miller, Betty Doris Kates, Robert Dick
7. Eleanor Goodman Sorrell, Krissy Yanofsky
8. Ruth Kovnit, Abraham Isaac Feldman, Bette Weissman, Mary Nicole, George Nielsen, Arthur Yaffee, Dyna Dykerman
9. Joseph Feitelson, Bertha Levenson, Fannie Salloway, Herbert Kahan, Fanya Mason, Myer Saunders, Charles Zinck, Nathan Issokson, Samuel Goldstein
10. Philip Levine, Esther Intriligator, Harry Stein, Frederick Lewis Diengott
11. Pauline Berlin, Bernard Winebaum, Mary Rottenberg, Sheldon Goodman
12. Leah Green, Louis Mackles, Burton Sacks, Frances Spaien, John Talisman
13. Ephraim Green, Ernest Salloway, Clara Shamesman, Barbara Alperin
14. Rose Levine, Joseph Jalbert, Barbara O'Connor

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15. Belle Silfen, Sophie Sados, Irene Morin, William Olney, Martin Erwin Cohen, Selma Odell, Ray Alterman
16. Jacob Hooz Jr., William Krasker, Sadie Gouse, Lolly Silverman, Matthew Fleece, Michael Youngfellow
17. Mildred James, Samuel Kramer, Hilda Rutstein
18. Sumner Savsovitz, Salle Roffman, Benton Dearborn
19. Louis Atkins, Mildred Lobel
20. Hyman Kovnit, Jacob Gerstein, Helen Samson
21. Samuel Tober, Maureen Sher, Aaron Ginsburg, Sadie Liebson
22. Fanny Slome, Hugo Dieterich
23. Helga Burby, Judith Olson, Joseph Karol, Sandra Proud
24. Pauline Alkon, Rose Paul, Ann Diament, Alfred Heilbronner, William Lederman, Roberta Baer, James Troilo, Philip Verner
25. Kenneth Fox, Leo Shoer, Martin Elkin
26. May Levy, Jack Pearl, Charles Kram
27. Molly Winebaum, Martin Karelitz, Isadore Kotlus
28. Dov Ben Shuster, Frances Winer, Herman Winick
29. Jacob Cohen, Benjamin Chertok, Bertha Gerstein, David Strauss
30. Samuel Kirzner, Mildred Gorman Pollack, Sarah Shoer, Nancy S. Hernandez, William Baer

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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Calligraphy & Card-Making Workshop

with Susan West, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Sunday, 9/22

Would you like to make a New Year's card in Hebrew?

Would you like to make a plaque of your name in Hebrew, including a decorative image?

No previous experience required! You will leave this workshop with cards and a set of drawings: of the Hebrew Alef Bet and your name, both in simple form and in outline for additional decoration.

Please RSVP to the temple office by September 15 so we can gather materials for this FREE workshop.

Tree of Life Rededication

7:15 p.m. September 20, 2019

Please join us as we rededicate the Tree of Life recently installed in the chapel, with a new setting created by local artist Jeffrey Cooper.

The original inspiration and catalyst for its design came from Lorraine Goren, a longtime beloved Temple Israel Dover member. She loved our community and served on many committees including ritual, membership, fundraising, and sisterhood. Today many of us still quote Lorraine's wisdom. A plaque in her memory is appropriately inscribed: "Her strength gave us strength."



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USCJ's "20/20 Judaism" convention

The congregation is specially invited to attend USCJ's upcoming convention, which meets 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.



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)

Meet. Pray. Learn.

Temple Israel of Portsmouth welcomes you.

Shabbat Services & New Year Open House

Friday, September 20, 2019

6:15-7 Refreshments

Temple and school tours

7:15-8:15 Kabbalat Shabbat
services with music

Followed by Oneg Shabbat

High Holiday & Festival Services

Rosh Hashanah

September 29 & 30; October 1*

Yom Kippur October 8 & 9*

Sukkot October 14

Simchat Torah October 20

Shemini Atzeret October 21

**Tickets needed for these holidays.*

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The Membership Committee placed the above ad in the *NH Jewish Reporter*, as a way to reach out to people in our area who may be looking for a Jewish connection at this time of year.

Please help spread the word about the open house on September 20th, and plan to attend that evening yourself!

There will be schmooze time and refreshments both before services (beginning at 6:15, with musical guest Cantor Shira Nafshi at 7:15 p.m.) and afterward, as well as the opportunity for tours.

If you have Jewish friends, neighbors, or coworkers who aren't connected to a congregation, please invite them or forward their contact information to Margie Wachtel, Membership Committee Chair, at wachtelm@grinnell.edu so she can send them a personal invitation to the evening.



Development

Coming This Fall: Temple Israel's First Annual Fund Campaign

Fran Berman, Development Committee Chair

Temple Israel runs a tight ship fiscally. We maintain a balanced budget to fund staffing, religious and educational programming, and routine building and property maintenance. Did you know that our revenues are generated primarily by dues and fees, supplemented by rental income and payouts from interest generated by Endowment Funds? The board is committed to keeping our dues and fees as low as possible so that membership is affordable to everyone who wants to be part of our community. But each year, we consider additional projects that could make our synagogue more beautiful, more functional, and more welcoming.

With those projects in mind, and with the realization that some members of our community can afford to **help out above and beyond our relatively low dues and fees**, the board has established a **Temple Israel Annual Fund Campaign**. No gift is too small, or too large. Donations to the Annual Fund will be applied directly to particular projects that have been identified as priorities by the Board of Directors.

This year, we have three projects to fund:

Court Street Entry Tile Project

As you walk into the Court Street foyer, your eyes are drawn upward to the authentic Jerusalem stone wall, the gorgeous and colorful quilt, the two antique lions protecting the Ten Commandments, and the woven Tree of Life. This is a central meeting place, where parents linger to greet their children after preschool or religious school, which we pass through on our way to social events, religious services, committee meetings, and so much more. This summer, under the supervision of the House Committee, the old, worn

out tiles were replaced with a new, durable floor to truly enhance this gateway to our temple. Project cost: \$17,000.

Audio/Video System Updates

New audio/video systems are needed in two key areas of our building: the Levenson Social Hall and the Board Room on the upper level. When the building was last renovated 15 years ago, a state-of-the-art audio/video system was installed in the Social Hall. The board room was not equipped with any audio or video capability, an oversight that has hampered our use of that space for smaller meetings, board presentations, and class sessions. We use the Social Hall A/V system to screen movies for temple movie nights, display PowerPoints and slide shows during educational presentations, Bar and Bat Mitzvah luncheons, the annual Passover Seder, and the annual meeting, among other gatherings. That system is now out of date. It is time for a reboot. Project cost: \$8,000.

Granite Wall and Landscaping

This project will dramatically improve and beautify our Court Street presence while making temple grounds more safe and secure. Wide stairs and a ramp will improve playground access, and thick hedges will shield temple activities (and children) from public view. A defined area will be created for trash storage, and the sidewalk along the building's southern side will be widened for safer passage to and from the courtyard. Project cost: \$35,000 - \$50,000

How You Can Help

Later this month you will receive a letter from Temple President Amy Hyett seeking your support for the first-ever Temple Israel Annual Fund Drive. Please, before you decide how much to give, think about the foyer, which creates a first impression for

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most people entering our synagogue. Think about the Social Hall, where we gather for cultural, religious, and educational programs. And think of the inadequate paving and crumbling stonework on the southern end of our grounds, which can be improved to reflect our pride in our historic property in the City of Portsmouth.

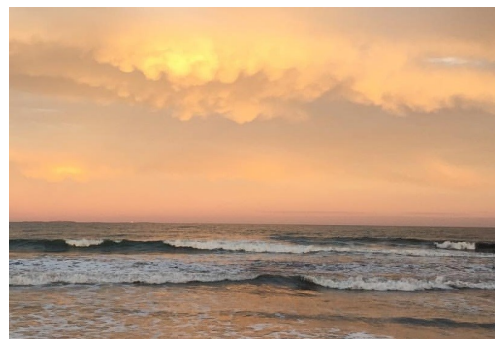
Consider making a generous gift to Temple Israel's Annual Fund. Your gift will enhance our beautiful, historic building and its functionality as it continues to serve as your Jewish home on the Seacoast.

If you have any questions about the projects, or if you wish to make your gift early, I would be happy to speak with you. You can reach me at f.berman@comcast.net or 603-502-9503.

Art Review Team Update

An opening reception for our newest exhibit, "Land, Sea, and Sky" will be held in the Shmoozatorium on Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. A light luncheon will be served with opportunity to view the exhibit and to talk with the participants whose creative work is on display. Most are Temple Israel members, some with years of professional experience, as well as some who are sharing their work for the first time with the Temple Israel community.

Paintings have been submitted by Julie Serrano, Susan West, Charlie West, Karen West, and art quilt designer Michele O'Neil Kincaid. Photographers include Paula Singer, Fred Feldman, Courtney Kapral, Dr. Tovy Kamine and Elian Tackeff. We also have a poem by Mary Anker. You will be amazed to see the varied interpretations of the



Above: Detail from a photo by Elian Tackeff exhibited in "Land, Sea, and Sky"

theme, both dramatic and serene, in a celebration of nature and the splendor of God's creations.

Also on September 22, from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., we are offering a workshop with Susan West called "Hebrew Calligraphy & Card Making" - just in time to create your own design for High Holiday cards or simple plaques with a name or word that has spiritual meaning. Friends and older children may participate with permission by instructor. Please RSVP to the Temple Office by September 15.

We will also have a new capsule exhibit from the Beit Hatfutzot Museum in Tel Aviv with panels of historic European New Year's greeting cards for ideas and inspiration.

The Art Review Team is planning other events for the fall and winter, such as another capsule exhibit called "Simchas" (happy occasions) and a genealogy workshop with Fred Feldman, who is an expert on this topic. He will include on-the-spot scanning of your treasured family photos for yourself or for a group collage/exhibit.

Our thanks to the Cultural Endowment Committee for sponsoring exhibits and activities for enrichment and beauty. If you have an idea you would like to be considered for 2019/2020, please let me know!

Deborah Levine, Exhibit Coordinator

Meet Kochava Munro, High Holidays Cantorial Soloist



Kochava Munro is excited to begin Hebrew College's cantorial program in the fall. She graduated from the University of Hartford in 2017 with a degree in mathematics and secondary education, however, she realized that her true calling was cantorial work. For the past two years, Kochava worked full-time as the Cantorial Intern at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington, Vermont. She led weekly Shabbat services and High Holiday services, tutored b'nei mitzvah students, served as the music teacher for the preschool and Hebrew school, taught adult education courses, and officiated life-cycle events. Being the daughter of a cantor, Kochava considers synagogue to

be her second home. When she is not singing or playing guitar, Kochava loves bird watching, hiking, reading, and watching the latest action movie. She recently celebrated her one-year anniversary with her husband, Jacob Munro.



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8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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