



Temple Israel Doorpost

June 2020

Sivan / Tammuz 5780

From the Rabbi's Study...

Dear Chaverim,

Words alone cannot describe my feelings as we begin the month of June and I begin to wind down my two years as interim rabbi of Temple Israel. I remember quite clearly during the spring of 2018 when I was helping the congregation with some Shabbat morning services, including ones during which there was a bar or bat mitzvah, and thinking, "How will I ever be able to learn everyone's name?"

By the time I began as your interim rabbi in June 2018, I still had learned very few names. However, as I spent more and more time in my study at the synagogue during the summer of 2018, I slowly

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... and the Rebbetzin's

Dear Temple Israel Members,

Please accept my thanks for making my first (and perhaps only) gig as a "rebbetzin" so easy and so enjoyable! It has been a great pleasure knowing you, davening with you, studying with you, and celebrating with you.

Ira and I fully intend to take advantage of our life-time membership at TIP. When it is safe for us to socialize again, we look forward to returning to Portsmouth to visit our TIP community.

I wish all of you a safe, healthy, and happy summer!

Warmly,

Sally

Upcoming Events

TIP Book Club

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, virtual meeting
All This Could Be Yours by Jami Attenberg

ELC Last Day of School

Friday, June 5, 2020

Ritual Committee Meetings

7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, June 6 & 23, virtual meetings

Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 10

Appreciation of Rabbi Ira Korinow

2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 14

** please contact Pam Battin-Sacks for details,
pkbs23@comcast.net*

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 16

Education Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m., Sunday, June 28

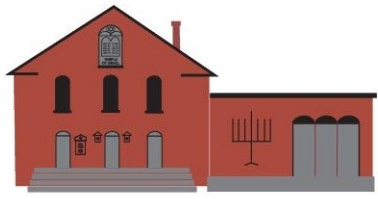
"Zoom Open House" with Rabbi Ira Korinow

2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 28

Zoom link will be in the weekly bulletin

Photos from the congregation's Israel trip included in this issue of the *Doorpost* are courtesy Mel Prostkoff. At right: Sally and Rabbi Ira, Shabbat at the Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem





Rabbi's Message

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learned the names of the leaders and many members who dropped in to “check out” the interim rabbi. By the time the High Holy Days came, I had adjusted to my new, though temporary, community. When I walked onto the bimah on Rosh Hashanah, I was greeted by hundreds of welcoming faces, simultaneously yearning to remember and also to move on from the two losses that the Jewish seacoast community had experienced in the previous year: the loss of Rabbi David Senter, whose rabbinic leadership meant so much to this community, and the closing of Temple Israel in Dover.



In the two years that I have served in this community, I have been privileged to work closely with our Administrator, Heather Tomlinson, who helped keep me focused on the needs of our community and was there to answer every question I had. I am grateful for the hard work of Elian Tackeff and the faculty of the Hebrew School for their dedication in teaching the next generation of Jews in our community. I am greatly appreciative to Jeannie and Dan Hastie, who keep our building in tip-top shape and whose commitment to the life of Temple Israel through their hard labor enables all of us to function in our capacities.

I have been fortunate to work with many outstanding committee chairs and committee members who help shape the essence of Temple Israel. I have been blessed to work with an exceptional Board of Directors under the distinguished leadership of two presidents: David Bachrach and Amy Hyett. I am quite confident that

Temple Israel will continue to grow and thrive under the superb lay leadership of the board led by Amy Hyett this coming year and President-elect Bob Zimman after her, and under the spiritual leadership of Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman as she takes on the sacred role of your new rabbi.

The circumstances beyond our control of the past few months are not what any of us would have wanted. I certainly would have preferred to officiate at this spring's bnei mitzvah in our beautiful and historic sanctuary. I would have preferred to greet everyone with an in-person smile or hug on Shabbat or Yom Tov. The smiles and virtual hugs each week as we have gathered for Zoom services, meetings, and classes have had to suffice in conveying our strong feelings of closeness as a community. I look forward to the time when it will be possible for all to gather once again face-to-face and I look forward to being there with you at some point in the future to celebrate together the richness of our Jewish identity.

Sally and I are so grateful for these two years during which Temple Israel has become part of our family and for the opportunity to live, albeit part-time, in such a beautiful city as Portsmouth. Last month the Board of Directors informed me that Temple Israel has made us life members of the congregation and we definitely look forward to returning, to seeing everyone and to participating in life of the congregation.

May Temple Israel continue to go “mei chayil el chayil - from strength to strength!”

L'shalom,

Rabbi Ira Korinow

President's Message

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Thank you, Rabbi Ira

As June is upon us, I would like to reflect upon Rabbi Ira completing his role as our interim rabbi at the end of the month. I am not going to say that he is leaving, because the Board of Directors has conferred lifetime TIP membership on Rabbi Ira and his wife, Sally, in hopes that they will be back to visit often in the future. In his two plus years with us, Rabbi Ira and Sally have found their way into our community and into our hearts. Thinking back, my first reaction when I found out that Rabbi Ira would become our official interim rabbi was one of simple relief; I knew we were in good hands. At the time, I was grateful for Rabbi Ira's knowledge about our Seacoast community, which would help him serve as a bridge between former Dover members and longstanding TIP members, and that he had such extensive rabbinical experience. I had no idea how much I would learn from Rabbi Ira and rely on him in times to come.

Anyone who has spent any time with Rabbi Ira can attest to his knowledge and wisdom. These skills have been evident in his sermons and adult education offerings. Who would have guessed that we would rely almost as much on his technical skills? His ability to navigate Zoom, masterfully, has enabled our successful transition to online services and classes. And no one has better Zoom backgrounds. Rabbi Ira's gentle and witty sense of humor has lifted us up at many a meeting. His passion for Israel and hope for its future is uplifting, and after his patient explanation of this cycle's election season, I finally have an understanding of the major political parties in Israel. In addition to teaching us about a myriad of topics, Rabbi Ira has taught us so much about ourselves.

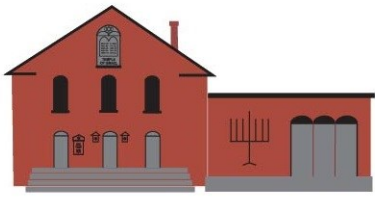
Rabbi Ira's classes have been popular and well attended, and for good reason. His breadth and depth

of knowledge about Judaism, the state of Israel, differences between American Jewish movements and a multitude of other topics give him a large amount of material to share. Most important, of course, is his love of teaching. I mentioned at the annual meeting how popular his Davenology class has been, but I didn't mention his clear enjoyment in teaching it. His fourth and final planned class stretched to a fifth, and then finally, a sixth class. What is the takeaway for us? We need to continue to offer adult education, and we need to fund it to attract teachers of Rabbi Ira's quality. At board meetings, I sometimes had to remind him (gently) that his opening lessons had to be shorter or we'd never finish the business of the meeting! His joy in teaching during services, and his willingness to have a post-kiddush discussion session demonstrated that he was always willing to go above and beyond to give us opportunities to learn.

Rabbi Ira has also encouraged our community to participate fully in spirited Jewish holidays like Purim and Simchat Torah. I have to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed Purim at Temple Israel with Rabbi Ira. If you didn't attend, I am sorry that you missed these celebrations. Rabbi Ira, in costume from head to toe, had the full Purim *ruach* and got everyone else into it. His costumes, silly jokes, fun music, and energy made Purim the entertaining event it should be. And then there was Simchat Torah. Despite my initial embarrassment, dressing up as bride and Brian as groom of the Torah made for a humorous experience for the crowd, or so it seemed. Rabbi Ira has reminded us how much fun Judaism can be. In a dark time in the world, these light-hearted holidays become even more important.

Most importantly, Rabbi Ira has taught us that the similarities in our diverse congregation are much

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Ritual Committee

As June begins, we have finished counting the *omer* and have celebrated Shavuot – receiving the Torah at Mt. Sinai. With summer extending before us, the Ritual Committee must now turn in earnest to planning for the High Holidays. That task, always formidable, is uniquely challenging this year as we grapple with how services can be reimagined in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will not grapple alone: The recently established Temple Israel Reimagining Committee will determine what it considers to be safe practices in terms of opening the temple building. The Conservative movement's Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards has recently issued a *teshuvah* (rabbinic response) regarding the use of livestreaming and/or Zoom on Shabbat and holidays, and Rabba Kaya will provide guidance and direction that will shape our plans. The one certainty is that our observances this year will be different from any before.

As other synagogues and other movements (Reform, Reconstructionist, Orthodox, Renewal, Havurah) consider the same issues facing us, there are numerous

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greater than our differences. He has a way of helping us to see that the connections between us were already built and just needed to be shown to one another. Rabbi Ira made everyone in our community feel welcome. I am thrilled that Rabbi Ira and Sally can (finally) enjoy retirement. I am only sorry that COVID-19 is delaying some of the celebration, vacationing, and relaxation that I know will happen down the road. I am so grateful that they have given so much of themselves to TIP over these last couple of years, and I know you will all join me in wishing them the very best in the future. We will miss them greatly.

L'shalom, Amy Hyett

forums, articles, webinars and conversations that are raising questions and stimulating creative discussion throughout the Jewish world. One such article can be found here: <https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/lets-say-it-now-no-large-high-holy-day-services-this-year-now-what/>. I invite you to read the essay and to think about the question posed in the article. The Ritual Committee would be pleased to hear your thoughts about the ideas the author mentions as well as any other ideas you might have about how we, individually and communally, can celebrate the High Holidays. How might we make the sacred time of the holiday season meaningful even if we cannot gather as usual in our sacred place? Let us know your thoughts by emailing HighHolidayIdeas@templeisraelnh.org or by contacting one of the committee members. We look forward to hearing from you!

In this last issue before Rabbi Korinow finishes his term as our interim rabbi, I also want to express deep appreciation for the myriad ways in which Rabbi Korinow has enriched our committee work and our ritual experiences as a congregation over the past two years. He has provided guidance to the committee on halachic issues and more, teaching us and bringing in perspectives to widen our understanding of how we can “do Judaism” generally and particularly with an eye to bridging the differences in practice between those among us from more knowledgeable, traditional backgrounds and those who may be relative newcomers to our heritage, or coming from more liberal, Reform ways of practice.

He has involved our bnei mitzvah and post bnei mitzvah students, reaching out to them to participate in Tisha B'Av and Selichot services. In addition to guiding us in regular Torah study in our Lunch and Learn discussion on Shabbat, he often shares tidbits of his encyclopedic knowledge of Judaism from the bimah, teaching us in the course of leading us in prayer or during our weekly reading of the Torah. In recent months, he has devoted himself to mastering the technology necessary to provide online davening, uplifting bnei mitzvah services, and comforting shiva minyanim. It has been a pleasure to

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Bulletin Board

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Candle Lighting

June	5	8:01 p.m.
June	12	8:05 p.m.
June	19	8:07 p.m.
June	26	8:08 p.m.

Below: group at Beit She'an National Park,
photo courtesy Rabbi Ira Korinow



Service Times

Tuesday **virtual service** 5:30 p.m.
Friday night 6:15 p.m.
* **Virtual services at 6:15 p.m. for
duration of the building closure**
Saturday morning 9:30 a.m.
* **Virtual service**



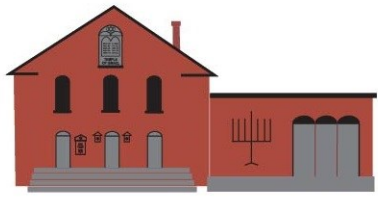
Above and below: Beit She'an National Park

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work with him; he is open to feedback and willing to make accommodations in response to it. For all this and more, I want to say, personally and on behalf of the Ritual Committee, *rav todot* (many thanks) and *yasher koach*! In deference to Rabbi Korinow's 1% Persian descent, I will add the Sephardic version of the latter, which is *chazak u'baruch* (strength and blessings)! We wish him a wonderful, well-earned retirement, during which we trust he will continue to share his love and knowledge of Yiddishkeit and his joy of teaching, in places other than from our pulpit, to the benefit of those who will learn from him.

Deborah Hirsch Mayer, VP Ritual





Hebrew School

Shalom Everyone and Happy June (Sivan / Tammuz)!

The 5779 / 5780 Hebrew School year has just ended, and what a year it turned out to be! It started like any other year, but it ended with a ZOOM!

The month of May went quickly and smoothly, as teachers, parents and students became quite adept at Zoom learning.

We continued to count the *omer*, talk about *Lag Ba-omer*, and finally learned about Shavuot, the holiday which commemorates the Torah being given to the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai on the 50th day after the 49 days of counting the *omer*. The Ten Commandments, and many of the other 603 commandments were reviewed and discussed!

One highlight was Zoom visits by Rabbi Ira with the various classes, so the children had a chance to say *todah rabah* (thank you) to him!

Another highlight was seeing *Kitah Zayin* (7th grade) coming together at our very first TIP Zoom bnei mitzvah celebrations.

It was a treat to see Kayla Hyett and Miles Borne as *halutzim* (pioneers), leading services and chanting their parshiot and haftarot! And it was wonderful to see their classmates supporting them, albeit from their individual living rooms!

On Sunday, May 31, we came together one more time for Convocation 5780, a celebration of the learners, the teachers, and everyone that made it all possible! It was so nice to see everyone together on our screens. Next year, hopefully, we will be back together in our beautiful sanctuary!

Congratulations to the 5780 Danielle Harman Award winner: Kayla Hyett.

And now, a BIG THANK YOU to our great classroom teachers Jodie Aviles, Lori Leonard, Marge Gruzen, Rachel Dennis, Lisa Fieseher, Karen Mott, Michele Albion, Jen Beard, and Seth Wizwer, resource teacher Deborah Hirsch Mayer, Jewish cooking teacher Laura Sher, and wonderful madrichim Marcus Anderson, Maddie Bachrach, Ginger Friedman, Jonah Friedman, Baylee Jacobs, Hannah Leonard, Anna Lieberman, Hannah Rubin, Isabell Satenstein, Zoe Selig, Gabriel Weinrieb, Mica Wishengrad, Natalee Wizwer and Josh White.

Many thanks to our amazing bnei mitzvah tutors Fran Berman, Deborah Hirsch Mayer, Jennifer Beard and Ellen McQueeney, as well as volunteers Ron Sher (bnei mitzvah portraits), Margie Fisher (K, 1, 2 library program), Ryan Kaplan (for organizing our fire drill and holding a safety workshop for our faculty), Beth Salzman (for the Convocation slide show), Jeannie and Dan Hastie, for keeping our school beautiful and in good repair, Heather Tomlinson, for ALL your help in oh so many ways, Tammy Labonté, for sharing resources, being a wonderful colleague and always offering moral support, the Education Committee, Endowment Committee and the Board of Directors for guiding and supporting our Hebrew School programs, and lastly, Rabbi Ira Korinow for postponing his retirement and offering his guidance, with kindness and caring, these past two years. **TODAH RABAH!**

Please feel free to call or email me at 603-969-2984 or Egt9@aol.com with any questions or ideas.

L'shalom,

Elian Tackeff, Head of School



Tammy Labonté
Director, ELC

Virtual Preschool has been focusing on Shavuot – the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan. Using materials from PJ library we read books including:

Cheesecake for Shavuot — shows how school children in Israel plant wheat and harvest it for the crust of the cheesecake, used for the tradition of eating dairy on Shavuot.

The Ten Golden Rules — reviews the Ten Commandments, adapted for children.

Sadie and the Big Mountain — discusses how, when we may be uncomfortable facing a difficult goal, our families, teachers, and rabbis are here to help and guide us. What a sense of accomplishment we feel, once a perceived obstacle is overcome and a goal reached!

The Littlest Mountain — tells a story in which various mountains try to outdo each other to be chosen by God as the place for the Torah to be given to the Israelite people. Mt. Sinai never tries to make itself more than it is. Confidence is a good thing, but so is humility. Adapted from “The Contest of the Mountains,” a legend in the Midrash (Bereshit Rabbah 99:1)

We have also learned about some bugs we may see in our backyard: caterpillars, ladybugs, bees, dragonflies, and fireflies.

The Early Learning Center’s last day of school is Friday, June 5.

We will miss our students over the summer and are looking forward to seeing what next year brings.

L’shalom, Tammy Labonté



ELC students are proud to share the insects they created at home!

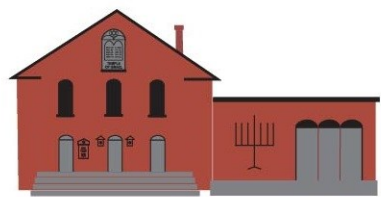


Registration now open for the fall 2020 - 2021 preschool program

Information about the Early Learning Center can also be found on the Temple website: www.templeisraelnh.org, or by calling Tammy Labonté at 603-380-5589 or emailing me at preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org.

The ELC is a unique preschool in the seacoast area, the only place Jewish values, traditions, and celebrations are integrated into everyday activities and learning. Jewish holidays are woven into the curriculum along with language arts, science, math, art, music, and movement. We provide numerous enrichment activities within the classroom and community.

Due to COVID-19 mitigation requirements, the ELC expects to limit class size next school year.



Committee Reports

Social Action Committee

by Marc Hiller, Chair

Save the Date: September 27, 9:00 a.m. - Please join the TIP team on the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Temple Israel's Social Action Committee invites you to join or sponsor the team participating in the annual "Walk to End Alzheimer's" The walk will begin at 9:00 a.m. on September 27 at Little Harbor School in Portsmouth. We hope to field a strong and vibrant team of walkers this year. (Last year the effort was late in starting and we had only three participants). Yom Kippur begins at sundown on September 27, but the Walk should pose no conflict as it will end by mid- to late- morning.

There is NO cost to participate in the Walk, which is open to all ages, but our team goal is to raise \$2,000, so contributions in support of our team would be most appreciated. More information will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, please feel free to contact me with any questions: marc.hiller@unh.edu.

Contributions should be made to the Alzheimer's Association in support of our team and may be made electronically. Checks made payable to the Alzheimer's Association may also be sent to the Temple Office. Please feel free to copy and post the link below to share via social media:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2020/General?team_id=621809&pg=team&fr_id=13493

Help Make Temple Israel Green!

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

All ages welcome!

Tzedakah Committee

The Tzedakah Committee is available to provide you with limited short-term support during difficult times.

Please notify Rabbi Korinow if you need assistance for food, medicine, or help with a bill. He will forward your request in confidence to the Tzedakah Committee.

Art Review Team: Call for Artwork

The restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic have been challenging for the entire Temple Israel community. We have all had to adjust to our new circumstances in order to remain strong, positive, and connected to each other.

Many may believe that creativity only relates to painting, poetry, photography, fabric arts, etc. Creativity also comes into play in finding new ways to work, play, worship, and be together. Our congregation has embraced digital technology such as Zoom meetings and live streaming to keep us all safe. Preschool, Hebrew School, and adult classes have continued online, while and holidays and life cycle events have been celebrated "virtually." Many thanks to the creative and talented people who have been hosting these activities.

If, during this unusual time, you have been inspired to capture a few images of family life, taken long walks on the beach or in the woods, or simply gained a new appreciation of what is in your own backyard or neighborhood, perhaps you have taken photos, painted, or written about what you noticed. Stay tuned for opportunities to share your creative expressions in future exhibits and activities in the Shmooze or Social Hall, whether in-person or by Zoom. In the meantime, stay safe and well!

Deborah Levine, Exhibit Coordinator

Donations

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CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Ira Schwartz in memory of his father, Arthur Schwartz.

DINNERMAN/ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Gloria Turner in memory of her father, Julius Applebaum.

HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Denise Levin in memory of her mother, Shirley Vaughn. David Baer in honor of his mother, Johanna Baer.

INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Elaine & Shel Krasker in memory of Elaine's grandfather, Samuel Shapiro. Deb & Bert Freedman in memory of Bert's brother, Mark Freedman. Deb & Bert Freedman in memory of Al Linden. Gloria Moldoff in memory of her grandmother, Mollie Fisher, and in memory of her mother, Cecilia Woolfson. Phyllis Heilbronner, in memory of her loving husband, Hans Heilbronner. Ellen & Bill McQueeney in memory of Bill's father, John "Mac" McQueeney.

KIDDUSH FUND

Anonymous donor.

LANDSCAPING FUND

Joanne Samuels in honor of Bob Bradbard's contributions to Temple Israel.

PRAYERBOOK FUND

Selma Freedman, Bert & Deb Freedman, Alan & Debbie Freedman in loving memory of Mark F. Freedman. Bridget Jameson & Michael Davidson in honor of Kayla Hyett becoming bat mitzvah. Fran Berman in honor of Kayla Hyett's bat mitzvah. Lorrie & Dick Grossman in honor of Kayla Hyett's bat mitzvah. Amy & Brian Hyett with gratitude to Rabbi Ira Korinow for his help with Kayla Hyett's bat mitzvah. Amy & Brian Hyett with gratitude to Deborah Hirsch Mayer for her help with Kayla Hyett's bat mitzvah. Amy & Brian Hyett with gratitude to Ben Martindale for his help with Kayla Hyett's bat mitzvah.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Howard Steinberg in memory of his mother, Rose Steinberg. Marilyn Gorman in memory of her father, Charles Gorman.

SECURITY FUND

Joanne Samuels in memory of Naomi Cowen.

TZEDAKAH FUND

Bob & Marilyn Zimman in honor of Cheryl Berman, recognizing her mask-making and distribution efforts in these difficult times. Deborah Oshman. Joanne Samuels in memory of Mona Sacks. Cathi Cherry-Liston "In honor of Kayla Hyett and family's pioneering her Zoom bat mitzvah. Mazel Tov!" Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt & Randy Spratt with gratitude to Rabbi Korinow for his leadership and fellowship. Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt and Randy Spratt in memory of Howard Moss, beloved brother of David and Jane Moss, husband and father to Adrea, Eliot, and Carina Moss. Julie Whitehouse.

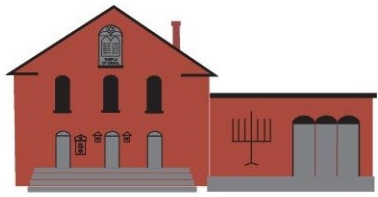
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Yahrzeits

June Yahrzeits

1. Allen Blum, Sarah Kurtz, Louis Smith, Phillip Willensky
2. (No congregational observance)
3. Edgar Pass, Sumner Cohen
4. Jennie Sandler, James Katz, Irwin Broverman, Frieda Feldman, Bernice Salzman, Rosiland Rosenbaum, Howard Brill, Robert Davis, Hyman E. Novak
5. (No congregational observance)
6. Arthur Taube, Nancy Mae Shaines, Sophie Levin, Bette Yaffee Kemp
7. Judith Norin, Nathan Lorde, Max Bradbard, Arthur Gershman, Dr. Samuel Cohen, Anne Golub, Irwin Behrendt
8. Milton Rosen, Goldie Freedman, Sadie Wolfson, Mark Lichtenstein
9. Harry (Aaron) Olken, Joseph Peters, Laura Garr, Rose Rosenberg
10. May Tetenman, Shirley Katz
11. Maurice Yoffee, Rabbi Goldin
12. Hilda Dearborn, Isadora Greenblatt
13. Ruth Levin, Irving Shoer, Harold Fluster, Stanley Allen, Max Cooper, Arthur Dinerman
14. Miriam Rosenberg, Shelley DelGaudio, Muriel Leavitt, Nathan Hanan, Jerry Smith, Daniel Cohen, Nathan Schwartz

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15. Herman Wilson, Simon Bernstein, Mariano Rechy
16. Philip Halprin, Milton Gersh, Joseph Ambinder, Theodore Lang, Esther Liberson
17. Henry D. Freeman, Jeff Cowen, Irwin Benjamin, Anne Blackman
18. Charles Slome, Susan Goldin
19. Dorothy Berlin
20. Harry Teitelbaum, Frances Lampert
21. Meyer Liberson, Barney Saperstein, Robin Gorsky Ackman
22. Robert Levy, Mary Goodman, Allan Morris, Robert William Ryder, Rose Lechner, Ida Hooz
23. Joel Cooperman
24. Eli Levine, Ethel Shapiro, Mandel Shoer, Nathan Feldman
25. Lizzie Weiner, Raymond Katz, Philip Weinberg, Selma C. Nasberg, Benjamin Gegal
26. Minnie Gelman, Phillip Moldoff, Evelyn Paul, Anna Poyourow, Gretchen Hughes, Michael Anthony Smith
27. Beatrice Lisagor, Sam Fisher, Herman Windt, Ann Bradbard, Helen Meyrowitz, Max Winer, Leonard M. Marcus, Barbara Frank O'Leary, Anja Legerstee, Marilyn Smith
28. Laurel Silverman, Gertrude Kaplan

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.

Yahrzeits, continued

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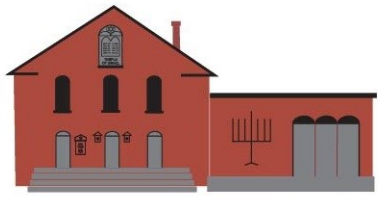
29. Elizabeth Pinn, Evelyn Poster, Edward Shaines,
Molly Singer, Susie Seidner, Philip Atkins,
Michael Lechner, Frances Greene,
Sadie Abramson
30. Adele Goodman Hoefflich, Ethel Gold

Saying Kaddish during a time of physical isolation: If you would like to join a “virtual” minyan to say Kaddish, you can find the schedule for live-streamed services on the temple website. Click the “Live Stream Options” button on the home page. A prayer to say a personal Kaddish is also available, listed in the “Additional Resources” section.



Photos, above from left: group at Western Wall Tunnels, Jerusalem. Donation box, Old City of Safed. Rabbi Ira and guide Shira Victor at Yad La-Shiryon, Armored Corps Memorial site and museum at Latrun. Below: May 31 Hebrew School Convocation via Zoom!





Meet Your Board

Bob Zimman, President-Elect



Robert "Bob" Zimman and his wife Marilyn moved to Portsmouth in 2015 and joined Temple Israel. Bob served on our Rabbi Search Committee and is now serving on the Rabbi Transition Committee. Bob

and Marilyn were also part of the recent group tour to Israel led by Rabbi Korinow.

Previously, Bob and Marilyn lived for 36 years in Reston, Virginia, near Washington, DC. While in Reston they raised their four children and were active in Congregation Beth Emeth, a Conservative synagogue, which they helped found. Bob served two years as president including during the period when the congregation built its first building. He also served a term as Chair of the Seaboard Region Council of Synagogue Presidents, and as a Seaboard Region representative on the United Synagogue Board of Directors.

Professionally, Bob spent the first 11 years of his career as a U.S. Navy submarine officer and subsequently worked for a variety of companies in the Washington, D.C. area supporting various U.S. Navy projects while remaining in the U.S. Naval Reserve as an intelligence officer.

Bob looks forward to working with the entire Temple Israel community to continue moving our congregation forward.

Rachel Kurshan, Director

I have been a member of Temple Israel since moving to Portsmouth from Massachusetts in 2005. I have a daughter, Sara, who has just completed her freshman year of college. The Hebrew school has meant a lot to us. I met other Jewish parents and my daughter got to know Jewish children from the greater Seacoast area, while learning about Jewish history, Israel, prayer, and Jewish holidays. She celebrated becoming a bat mitzvah at TIP in 2013.

I have enjoyed coordinating the Women Talking group (it will soon be returning from its pandemic-initiated hiatus). In this group we have shared experiences and have fostered a sense of community that we do not always feel as a minority in a largely Christian country. Additionally, I am a member of the Israel Affairs committee and have appreciated the speakers we have been able to bring to TIP over the past several years.

A special passion of mine is the NH Jewish Film Festival. I serve on the film screening committee and love that we are able to bring in films that would



not otherwise be screened in our local venues. I am currently completing a two-year term as a board member of the Jewish Federation of NH. Serving on this board has enabled me to work with people

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Introducing "Dues Plus": A New Way to Help Sustain Your Temple Israel Community

The membership renewal packet you receive in July will include a new opportunity to contribute to the health and well-being of the Temple Israel community: Dues Plus, a voluntary pledge to pay a higher level of dues.

The basic dues structure — which is based primarily on the number of children and adults in a household — will not change. Another thing that will not change is that members who cannot pay their dues in full may make a confidential request for a dues adjustment. Many dues adjustments are granted each year, with few questions asked. That's because the cost of dues should never be a barrier to an individual or family becoming or remaining a Temple Israel member. (We anticipate that in the coming year, adjustment requests may increase as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on people's incomes.)

The Dues Plus model — based on a practice that was successful at Rabbi Korinow's previous shul in

Haverhill and elsewhere — acknowledges that *just as paying the full dues amount is challenging for some people, paying the full amount or more is no hardship for others*. The Dues Plus model provides a way for those who are financially able to offset the adjustments requested by other members. In this way, the synagogue can hope to raise the full amount budgeted for income from member dues without introducing an income-based sliding scale and the loss of privacy that would come with that.

In all cases, whether a member pays the set dues amount, requests an adjustment, or chooses to participate in Dues Plus and pay more, amounts paid are confidential. This reflects the fact that every member of Temple Israel is needed, important, and equally valued. We are one community, and we are stronger together!

Please look for more information about Dues Plus in your renewal paperwork and consider participating if you can. Meanwhile, if you have questions or comments about this new program, please write to Membership@TempleIsraelNH.org.

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from throughout the state and to support the programs and resources that I so appreciate including the shlichah, PJ library, *Jewish Reporter*, and efforts to combat anti-Semitism, to name just a few.

I look forward to serving on the TIP board and to continuing my efforts to develop a temple policy and procedures manual.

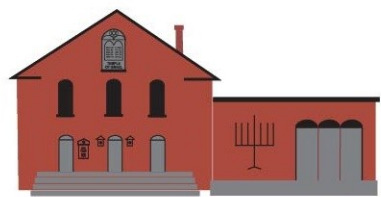
Rachel Kurshan

Mitigating Coronavirus Spread

A committee has been formed to plan our gradual re-opening as circumstances permit. Meanwhile,

- The building is closed to non-essential business; door fob access is disabled. To make an appointment for entry, please contact the office.
- Committee meetings, adult education, and regular services will be held virtually. Please check the weekly bulletin header for Zoom links.
- Temple office business continues through telework while in-person hours are reduced.

Voice messages and emails are checked regularly. Thank you for your patience.



In Our Community

Temple Honey Fundraiser

Send the sweetest of all Rosh Hashanah greetings to your family, friends, and business associates.

We will ship a personalized package, including a festive 8-ounce jar of kosher clover honey, a gift card, and the blessing for the New Year, anywhere in the United States.



The package will arrive in time for Rosh Hashanah.

Ordering is quick and easy online. Your cost is \$12 per jar and a portion of your purchase benefits Temple Israel.*

Order online by July 22, 2020 to avoid extra shipping fees of \$5 per jar. Visit www.templeisraelnh.org to order. (Website link coming soon!)

If you have any questions or prefer to write a check, please contact the temple office.

Thank you for your support!

** For tax deduction purposes of determining value of goods provided, you should use \$6 per jar. Up to \$4.50 per jar goes directly to support Temple Israel's Operating Fund.*

Condolences to **Nathaniel Cowen** on the passing of his mother, **Naomi Cowen**.

Condolences to **Rebecca Barron** on the passing of her father, **Dr. Alan Barron**.

Condolences to **Ellen Fineberg** on the passing of her mother, **Lenore Fineberg**.

Tech Help Offered! **Jordan Caracoglia's Bar Mitzvah** project involves helping the tech-challenged among us get up to speed. Need a Zoom tutorial or other tech help? Please contact the temple office for details.

Fabric Face Masks:

Congregant **Cheryl Berman** is kindly offering to make masks for community members. Please email cbberman1953@gmail.com to request.

Porch pickup in Rye-- no delivery or mail service available.

Thank you, Cheryl!



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Annual Meeting

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Enjoying the traditional hot dog supper at home! Pictured, clockwise from top left: Dick and Lorrie Grossman, Rabbi Ira Korinow, Amy Hyett and her daughters, Fran Berman, Tobey Harman, Don Harman

On Monday, May 11, Temple Israel held its annual meeting virtually (like so many events these days), via Zoom. Many of the eventual eighty-plus attendees gathered early to check their computer/device settings and chat with one another before Board President Amy Hyett convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Rabbi Ira Korinow offered opening remarks and a blessing, followed by a moment of silence observed in remembrance of beloved community members who had passed away during the year.

Regardless of the online venue, the regular business occurred: Members accepted the 2019 meeting minutes, voted to accept the slate of candidates for the 2020 - 2021 board of directors, and voted to approve a 2% increase in membership dues and Hebrew School tuition.

Joanne Samuels, Seth Wizwer, Deborah Hirsch Mayer, and Fran Berman summarized the “year in review,” covering major challenges and initiatives of their respective House/Security, Education, Ritual, and Development Committees. Administrator Heather Tomlinson spoke on progress implementing ShulCloud and the temple website redesign. Amy Hyett talked about the Reimagining Committee and Treasurer Amy Borne reviewed how the Financial Oversight Committee worked to balance the 2020 - 2021 budget (later approved by the board). In closing, Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman led attendees in counting the *omer* with song and the traditional blessing.

Thanks are owed to all the speakers for devoting many hours of preparation and practice to make the meeting run smoothly. Beth Salzman composed the engaging Powerpoint slides; David Bachrach and congregant Ben Martindale provided expert Zoom moderating and technical support behind the scenes.

Next year, in Portsmouth!



Congregational trip to Israel - February 2020

Sprinkled throughout this issue are photos from the trip, led by Rabbi Ira Korinow. Thanks to Mel Prostkoff for sharing them!



Clockwise from upper left: Marc Hiller, Rabbi Ira, Mel Prostkoff in Carmel Market, Tel Aviv. Group at the Western Wall, Jerusalem. Group at the Ayalon Institute, Rehovot.

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to make an appointment for
building access.**



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Registration now open for fall 2020 - 2021 Preschool

ELC Director Tammy Labonté is asking *Doorpost* readers for help promoting our preschool program when the usual means aren't possible.

Could you consider reaching out to friends, colleagues, and neighbors with preschool-age children (2.9 months to 6 years old) to see if they attend a preschool program?

While keeping your physical distance, perhaps you could make a phone call, send an email, or post about our school on your social network. If you use Facebook, please "like" the Early Learning Center's page and share it with your friends. If you have an Instagram account, follow us at the earlylearningcenternh (yes, all one word).

Information about the Early Learning Center can also be found on the Temple website: www.templeisraelnh.org, or by calling Tammy Labonté at 603-380-5589 or emailing preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org.

The ELC is a unique preschool in the seacoast area, the only place Jewish values, traditions, and celebrations are integrated into everyday activities and learning. Jewish holidays are woven into the curriculum along with language arts, science, math, art, music, and movement. We provide numerous enrichment activities within the classroom and community.