



Temple Israel Doorpost

July 2020

Tammuz / Av 5780

Welcome, Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman!

We look forward to presenting her inaugural column in August. Meanwhile, here's a little more about her background.

The Temple Israel Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman as the congregation's new rabbi, spiritual leader, and head of the Religious School, effective July 1, 2020. "Rabba" is a Hebrew title that many women rabbis chose to use. Rabba Kaya is dedicated to the development of meaningful Jewish community rooted in Jewish wisdom traditions and inspired by the contemporary call for *tikkun olam* — repairing the world.

Rabba Kaya expressed her enthusiasm about joining Temple Israel, stating, "I have searched many years for a community dedicated to traditional Jewish values while embracing a progressive and inclusive

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Rabba Kaya's "Open Office" Hours

Beginning July 14, on Tuesdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Rabba Kaya will be available to meet with community members in person outside in the temple courtyard. You can make an appointment through the temple office or simply drop in. Regular office hours will also be posted in the weekly bulletin.

ShmoozZoom with Rabba Kaya

Beginning Thursday, July 16, from noon to 1:00 p.m., join Rabba Kaya for a weekly online community schmooze. Bring your lunch and let's chat. Zoom link will appear in the week's bulletin.

Upcoming Events

TIP Book Club

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1

Henna House by Nomi Eve

Casual Outdoor Schmooze

10:00 a.m., Sunday, July 5

Bring a beverage— and your mask—to a casual gathering in the temple garden courtyard. We ask all attendees to practice physical distancing.

Membership Committee Meeting

4:30 p.m., Monday, July 13

Re-imagining Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 14

Ritual Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 14

Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 15

Sisterhood Meeting

6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 16

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21

Education Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m., Sunday, July 26

Photo / video / audio help wanted!

The Ritual Committee seeks help from members with photography / videography/ or A/V skills or interest to help make our outdoor programs and services accessible to those sheltering at home.

Please contact the office if you might be available to help with this effort!



Welcome, Rabba Kaya!

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approach to synagogue life. I am so delighted to have found Temple Israel Portsmouth, a community with a warm and diverse membership, interested in the Jewish journey of learning and creating a more whole, just and peaceful world. I could not be happier to serve as its spiritual leader.”

Prior to moving to Portsmouth, Rabba Kaya served as the interim rabbi at the Rutland (Vermont) Jewish Center (RJC) from October 2017 through June 2019. Before her position at the RJC, Rabba Kaya was the spiritual leader of Congregation Agudat Achim in Leominster, Mass., where she also served as interim rabbi.

Rabba Kaya is the founder and former executive director/spiritual leader of Rimon: Resource Center for Jewish Spirituality, an outreach organization that attracted unaffiliated Jews of all backgrounds as well as non-Jewish participants. In 2015 she was recognized by *The Forward* as one of America’s Most Inspiring Rabbis.

An experienced and sought-after educator, Rabba Kaya has taught all ages at synagogues throughout the Northeast, including Simon’s Rock College of Bard, the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, and Limmud Boston. Her central focus is the reclaiming of ancient Jewish spiritual wisdom and its transmission for contemporary sensibilities and practical application.

Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman was ordained at the Academy for Jewish Religion, a pluralistic seminary in Yonkers, N.Y., in 2011. She holds a BA in Psychology and a Masters in Social Work from



New York University. She is a Fellow of Rabbis Without Borders and a graduate of the Clergy Leadership Program of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. Her professional affiliations include the Association of Rabbis and Cantors, and Ohalah: The Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal.

Editor’s note: unexpectedly, this congregation is called to support its new rabbi before relying on her for comfort and care. As Rabba Kaya wrote in a June 24 email message to the community, excerpted below, her happiness at coming to Temple Israel is leavened with personal sadness. Her beloved father, Lawrence (Larry) Kenneth Stern passed away on Saturday, June 28, 2020.

“I want to share with you that at this precious moment, when a new world of possibilities is opening for me as your new Rabbi, I am facing a personal challenge as well. My father is presently dying from cancer. He has been living with my husband and me as his sole caretakers for the past few years and it has been a profound blessing for us to have had this time together. My father accompanied us to our new home in New Castle in May and he was delighted by the beautiful new environment. Sadly, his condition has worsened dramatically over the past month and it is likely that I will be sitting shiva in the very near future. In these days leading up to my official start at TIP I am dividing my time between creating new paths forward for our community and caring for my Dad. For me, this has been a most powerful opportunity to practice being present to the unfolding moment.

While most of us have not yet met, I trust that our coming together is for a high purpose. Whether sitting with loss or celebrating joys, I am certain that our Jewish communal life will be meaningful, comforting, and transformative.”

President's Message

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Additional Survey Results

Hello friends,

It has been a busy month of temple business as we have been working diligently behind the scenes to reimagine our summer and future programming. I very much appreciate the time so many of you took to complete the survey. I would like to share some additional results with you:

When it comes to online offerings:

- 55% were interested in author talks with Q+A
- 50% were interested in films streamed online followed by discussion
- 64% were interested in adult education study groups
- 33% were interested in Hebrew language classes
- 36% were interested in cooking/baking classes

When it comes to activities led by Rabba Kaya:

- 54% were interested in a weekly shmooze
- 49% were interested in a Jewish mysticism class
- 41% in a Parashat Hashavua class
- 39% in a Talmud class
- 17% in Mussar

When we asked what other kinds of experiences we should offer, we were given a variety of ideas, with many people suggesting outdoor services and activities. Responses included:

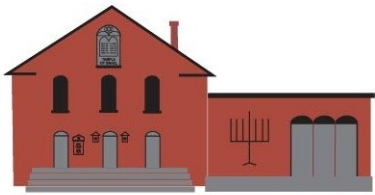
- Sukkot services outside in the sukkah at Strawberry Banke. The High Holidays can be held also outside as well. Set up an outdoor sanctuary please.

- Picnic in parking lot of temple or other space
- I would like something for teens, ideally with both a learning component and as a way for teens to connect with each other, even if it's online.
- I like the idea of doing things outside. Strawberry Banke? Prescott Park?
- Whatever will keep our community united & committed to serving TIP families.
- I'd love to see more social action in any capacity. I've been working a bit with Chabad delivering pizza and coffee to first responders and other aid programs. I'd love to see our synagogue doing the same if not more.
- More Tot Shabbat options

When we asked for additional thoughts about how TIP can be most helpful during the High Holidays, we got many responses. Here is a selection:

- Small-group programs or services, using various spaces in the building so that people don't need to be too close together.
- Hearing shofar.
- Be creative ... don't spend time maximizing Zoom. Spend time thinking about how people who want to have at least a partial experience at the temple can do so. We are blessed with a HUGE sanctuary. Not everyone can participate, and not everyone will want to; find a middle ground so those who wish to can do so, at least on some level.
- If we cannot gather physically, perhaps we can gather in smaller breakout groups for parts of the

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Ritual Committee

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services so there can be broader participation.

- Ideas for meaningful rituals to do at home to honor the holidays.
- Explore possible outdoor services on TI grounds, using microphones and canopy/tent and portable Torah set-up.
- I don't feel bound to tradition, especially given the unusual circumstances this year but I want the High Holidays to feel holy and special somehow. I also think it's important for us to feel connected to other Jews so I don't think that an entirely self-guided experience would be sufficient, even with materials provided by TIP.
- Hoping our TIP family keeps open the feeling of community
- Keep as many of the traditional melodies as possible.
- I like the thought of creativity, but I also think we can do things like rent a tent and have services outside. Or spread out in the building. Even if my family could be in the building for one of the service days, that would be very meaningful.

What I find most rewarding about the survey results is how many people care about our community and celebrating holidays together. We are working hard and drawing from "best practices" generated from within United Synagogue (USCJ) to create thoughtful and meaningful programming during these unusual times.

Hope to see you all in July for an outdoor event.

L'shalom, Amy Hyett

The Ritual Committee is pleased to announce

that Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman will be leading four outdoor Friday night services this summer. The services will have limited attendance to ensure safe distancing.

We have grappled with finding the fairest way possible to enable as many congregants to attend. We know this is not an ideal situation, but we hope that those of you who wish, will be able to attend at least one outside service. If you have not sent in a preference already, please contact the office.

The dates/locations are:

- Friday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Prescott Park in Portsmouth, NH
- Friday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wagon Hill Farm, 156 Piscataqua Rd, Durham, NH
- Friday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shapiro House in Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH
- Friday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.: at the Shapiro House in Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH

The details are as follows:

- Each service is limited to 40 people.
- Parking is available.
- You will need to bring your own chair or blanket to sit on.
- In case of inclement weather, the service will be cancelled and not rescheduled.
- There are bathrooms at Strawberry Banke, but not at Wagon Hill Farm.
- The service will be a maximum of 1 hour.
- Siddurim will be provided.
- Amplification will be used.
- A reservation is mandatory.
- Masks must be worn.
- Seating must be 6 feet apart except for members living in the same household.

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Bulletin Board

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Candle Lighting

July	3	8:07 p.m.
July	10	8:04 p.m.
July	17	8:00 p.m.
July	24	7:54 p.m.
July	31	7:46 p.m.



Service Times

Tuesday **virtual service** 5:30 p.m.
Friday night 6:15 & 7:00 p.m.
* **Virtual and outdoor services for duration of the building closure**
Saturday morning 9:30 a.m.
* **Virtual service**

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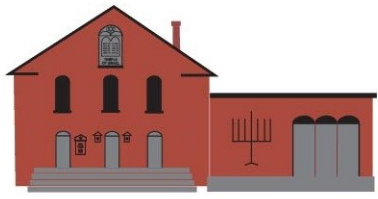
- The services will not be available on Zoom but we hope to livestream them.

We want to emphasize that we know this is not ideal, but after considering several options, we decided this is the fairest solution. Once the numbers are in and every attempt made to ensure everyone can attend at least one service, we will send you a confirmation email to let you know which service(s) you may attend. We will do our best to give you your top choice(s).

Reservations, the wearing of masks and the placement of chairs/blankets will all be carefully monitored. Over 100 people responded to the request for RSVPs! We are thrilled at the level of interest and will arrange more outdoor programs if possible.

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Hebrew School

Shalom Everyone and Happy July (Tammuz / Av)!

Over the centuries, many calamities befell our ancestors in the Jewish months of Tammuz and Av: the making of the Golden Calf and Moses breaking the first Tablets (1313 BCE), the destruction of the Holy Temples (423 BCE and 69 C.E.), the expulsion of Jews from France (1322), the massacre of the Seville Jews (1391), and the Jews of Switzerland (1401), the pogroms in Russia (1792), and the roundup of Vel'd'Hiv Jews and their deportation to Auschwitz (1942) are just some of them.

In spite of our modern-day plague of COVID-19, our dedicated teachers at Temple Israel are spending the summer preparing for another year of teaching our traditions, values, and prayers to the younger generation.

But first a look at June: After a lovely Zoom Convocation on May 31 and a few days away from the computer screen, the Hebrew School siren called:

- Thank you to Marjorie Raven (parent of three Hebrew Students!) for spending many hours with me revising the handbook, which will be on our new and improved TIP website in the near future.
- On Thursday, June 18th, Rabba Kaya met with a group of bnei mitzvah families and our wonderful tutors and conversed about how they might reimagine their celebrations using Zoom.
- On Wednesday, June 24th, the teachers met to start work on a new online curriculum that will complement classroom work if and when we are back in classrooms.

Coming up in July:

- I will be attending the USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) sponsored NDI (New/newish Director Institute) Conference, July 6 – 9, on Zoom. I am looking forward to exploring online teaching programs and techniques, honing my management skills, meeting colleagues from different temples and getting mentored by experienced professionals!
- The faculty and I will continue to meet in cyberspace, to plan a robust, fun, and meaningful curriculum for our students when we start school in September.
- We will be continuing to follow the developments with COVID-19 in order to make a decision about reopening, based on recommendations from the State of NH and the CDC, and, of course, considering *pikuach nefesh*, the Jewish value of saving a life, which dictates that “most of Jewish law can and should be set aside in order to avoid endangering a person’s health or safety. “

Finally, a warm welcome to Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman! I look forward to collaborating with her as we continue to make Temple Israel Portsmouth a welcoming place for our children and their families.

As always, 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

Early Learning Center

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Tammy Labonté
Director, ELC

Shalom,

The final day of preschool for the 2019 -2020 school year was Friday, June 5. Elan and I decorated our cars, adding balloons before we started our parade to our students' homes.

We gave them their graduation certificates, "summer fun"-themed gifts, and a Lago's ice

cream gift card to enjoy with their families. The children and teachers were so excited to see one other in person!

Three of our students will be attending kindergarten in the fall. We wish them a great summer and a happy start to the new school year. We will see the rest of the ELC students in August for camp or in September when they return for the 2020 – 2021 school year. We look forward to hearing all about their summer adventures.

Summer Camp for ages 2.9 – 6 years old will be held from August 17 – 21, 2020. Monday – Friday 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Summer fun will include our very lovely playground with lots of water play, games, science experiments, scavenger hunts and summertime adventures. Camp registration is open.

L'shalom, Tammy



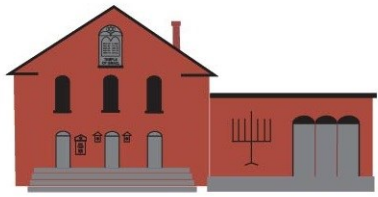
ELC students celebrated the last day of school with their teachers!



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



Bat Mitzvah

Re-Imagining Committee update

Committee members Amy Hyett, Amy Lester, Jeff Salloway, Rabbi Ira Korinow, Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman, Joanne Samuels, Ben Martindale, Ryan Kaplan, Bob Zimman, and Heather Tomlinson have been meeting regularly in the past two months.

They are working to develop and publish a comprehensive plan for reopening the building that will enable Temple Israel's clergy, staff, and committee members to prioritize the health and safety of members while providing a variety of accessible events.

- in the short term, preparing "event kits," volunteer training, and supplies for outdoor services and programs
- preparing the building with signage to help attendees maintain appropriate physical distancing at indoor services and programs
- developing protocols for school attendance
- a special focus on helping the Ritual Committee in planning for the High Holidays

The committee is grateful for the excellent resources offered by United Synagogue (USCJ) and its member synagogues, the Jewish Federation's Secure Community Network, the states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, and other NH synagogues. We are all in this together!



Caroline Powley

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Please join us via Zoom to celebrate Caroline's *simcha*! The link to Shabbat Morning Services will be included in the July 24 weekly bulletin and the entire congregation is most cordially invited.



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Memory eternal. Claire & Barry Siegel in memory
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Naomi Fishbein in memory of Jay Esterkes, beloved
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Hyett's bat mitzvah. Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt &
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mother, Lenore Fineberg. Roger & Susan Epstein.
Ron & Laura Sher in honor of the recent bnei
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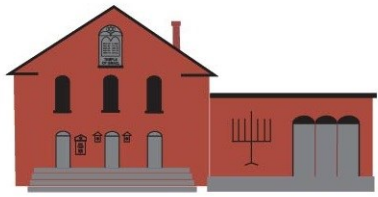
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Dominique Winebaum.

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- Two trees were planted in Israel thanks to funds raised by the *Kitah Vav*, the sixth grade class under the direction of teachers Michele Albion and Karen Mott.
- Many thanks to the Jewish Federation of NH for a generous donation in support of Temple Israel's Religious School.



Yahrzeits

July Yahrzeits

1. Rose Lang, Fay Briskin, Dora Vetstein,
Dorothy Davis Gordon
2. Lionel Levitt, Fannie Green, Isaac Shamash,
June Dinnerman, Leopold Kaplan
3. William Kline, Barney Levenson, Frieda Schertz,
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11. Julie Davidson, Morris Lampert, Louis Tober,
Ira Stone, Charles Pastor, Joyce Green
12. Theodore Herzl, Jeremiah Berman, Leo Seligson,
H. Goodman
13. Sam Rosenfeld, Sidney Koach
14. Tomy Levingston, Annie Pearlman, Henry Miller,
June Goodman, Dr. Martin Leimer, Harold Segal,

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- Gladys G. Poucher
15. Moses Goodman, Harry Bierhans, Leo Jacobs,
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 16. Faina Shumskaya, Samuel Rosenfield,
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 17. Pearl Robbins, Seymour Hirsch, Gussie Smokler,
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 18. Saul Slater, Ernest George Smith, Phyllis Cohen,
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 23. Sarah Sack, Ann Epstein, Barbara Tober
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Loretta Moon, Augusta Verner
 25. Matthew Korn, Jay Harrison, Beatrice Collier,
Maurry Bernard Grossman, Albert Sados,
Rose Slome
 26. Dora Winer, David Singer, Morton Lampert,
Beatrice P. Weiner, Saul Wiseman
 27. Julia Kaplan, Gertrude Bernat, Jennie Smith,
Harold Silverman, Anna Kushious, Anthony
Blum, Benjamin Fleischman, Irving Fain

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.

28. Ethel Mark, Brian Moroze, Pearl Goldberg, Allen H. Toby, Frank Cohen
29. Lillian Benjamin, Maurice Dinnerman, Steve Selig, Harry Goren, Philip H. Miller
30. Sam Belinsky, David Fleischman, Ruth Zeff, Celia Levy Pines
31. Bella Jaffe, Barnet Bordetsky, Sam Jacobs, Chester A. Kennon

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 calendar. A prayer to say a personal Kaddish is also available; please contact the office to receive a copy via mail or email.

Celebrating Rabbi Ira Korinow’s Leadership at Temple Israel



Our community gathered on Sunday, June 14, to begin thanking Rabbi Ira for his wonderful service to our congregation. About 30 cars lined up at Strawberry Banke

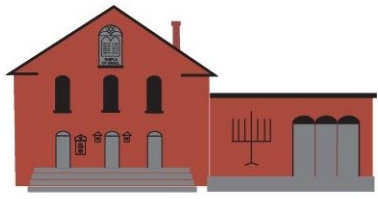
and gave Rabbi Ira and his lovely wife Sally a goodbye parade.

Cheers, honks, and streamers flew through the air with good wishes for a renewed retirement. Rabbi Ira was completely surprised and delighted. Thanks to contributions from generous (anonymous) benefactors, we will also dedicate a leaf on the Tree of Life in our sanctuary and have ordered Rabbi Ira and Sally a beautiful challah tray from Israel.

On Sunday, June 28, congregants and participants including Rabbi Ira’s family members gathered online via Zoom to enjoy a virtual open house, where memories, appreciation, and some jokes were shared!

The Transition Team thanks everyone for all the work and flexibility that went into creating these special celebrations. As the board has honored Rabbi Ira and Sally with a lifetime temple membership, we look forward to future visits and hearing how they are enjoying retirement!





Meet Your Board

Julie Serrano, Director

Dear Fellow Congregants,

I am most happy to be here among you and to serve on the board of TIP.



Since my arrival from Temple Israel Dover—two years ago—I have felt very included and welcomed.

In fact, I have always felt included and welcomed as a Jew. In my spiritual travels, I have

walked many paths of the Divine. I began in this world as a Catholic, studied and practiced Zen, and I am a practicing Sufi of the Inayatiyya Order as well as, in tandem, a Jew. My conversion to Judaism evolved as I hung out at temple for Shabbat most Friday nights because I felt the depth and authenticity of the Divine as I honored Elohim and prayed with you. I converted because this path felt to be the most authentic path for a person, myself, to be in this world.

I have tried to be my most authentic self in this world as a mother of four children and grandmother of seven mostly grown grandchildren. I practiced as a psychotherapist in Portsmouth for thirty-five years. I have always been an artist and a gardener as well! There have been many things to learn and to deeply experience in this world of variety. I am most appreciative of my life !

Prior to joining TIP's excellent board, I served on the board in Dover for nine years. I represent the Jews on the Seacoast and particularly in Strafford

County for DARLA, the Dover Area Religious Leaders Association. I currently serve on the Transition Team as co-leader with Loren Selig as we say goodbye to Rabbi Ira and welcome Rabba Kaya in our midst. I am also part of the Art Team ably headed up by Deborah Levine. I attend "Women Talking," a great group. I invite you to join us as well!

Thank you for listening. I am so looking forward to being with you in person and continuing this conversation when that is possible again.

Julie Serrano

JFNH FREE Virtual Summer Film Series

Register for the FREE Summer Film Series in advance online at www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org. All films premiere on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m., and are available for streaming for 72 hours.

ZOOM discussion sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings, July 26, August 9, and August 30 at the end of the streaming window. Please find the link for each film and accompanying Zoom event in your email by 4:00 p.m. on each new streaming day. Advance registration is required to participate in the summer film series.

Schedule (all films premiere at 6:00 p.m.)

- July 9, *Love in Suspenders*
- July 23, *My Name is Sara*
- August 6, *Futures Past*
- August 20, *Shooting Life*
- August 27, *Paris Song*



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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.



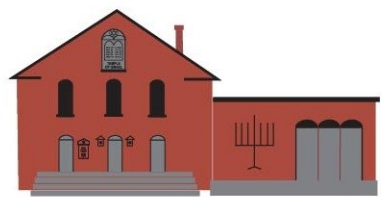
The Jewish Federation of NH seeks an Executive Director

JFNH seeks an experienced Jewish Professional to serve as its leader. Reporting to the Chair of the Board of Directors, this person is responsible for the successful achievement of JFNH's vision and mission.

Our leader must eagerly become involved in communities statewide while supporting the JFNH mission with analytical, fundraising, and team-building skills that take our programs to the next level. This leader will be a visible, involved member of the Jewish community throughout the state of NH.

The successful candidate is expected to live within commuting distance of the FJNH office in Bedford.

Please visit www.jewishnh.org for more information. To apply, please send your resume to resumes@jewishnh.org.



In Our Community

Temple Honey Fundraiser

While we might be physically apart this New Year, we can still send the sweetest of all Rosh Hashanah greetings to our family, friends, and business associates.



ORT 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 \$5.50 per jar. Visit www.templeisraelnh.org/donate to order.

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.*

Mazel Tov to proud grandparents **Sue and Steve Tober**, and parents **Jamie and Josh Shaer**, on the birth of son **Robert (Robbie) Jacob Schaer** on May 30.

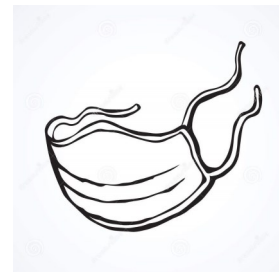
Condolences to **Amy Maily** and her family on the passing of her mother, congregant **Gloria Turner**. Gloria frequently came to the temple office on Monday mornings to volunteer her time, and her kindness and "spark" will be sadly missed.

Condolences to **Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman** on the passing of her father, **Lawrence (Larry) Kenneth Stern**.

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 cberman1953@gmail.com to request. Porch pickup in Rye-- no delivery or mail service available.



Thank you, Cheryl!

Committee Reports

Temple
Israel

Social Action / Tikkun Olam 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 / Tikkun Olam 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

Tzedakah Committee

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

Please notify Rabba Kayaif you need assistance for food, medicine, or help with a bill. She will forward your request in confidence to the Tzedakah Committee.

Help Make Temple Israel Green!

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

All ages welcome!

Art Review Team

We are planning a presentation with local author, Sandell Morris, scheduled for Thursday, September 10, at 4:30 p.m. on the theme of "Unsung Heroes during the Holocaust Era." Hopefully, the event will be held outdoors at Temple Israel, with safety precautions in place. Otherwise, it will be by Zoom.

In addition, there will be an exhibit opening on October 8, 2020 of work done by congregants and friends during and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. More details will follow in coming weeks. In the meantime, enjoy the warm weather! L'hitraot!

Deborah Levine, Exhibit Coordinator



TIP Book Club—August



Next month, the book club will be reading *And After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer. Please join us for a lively discussion!

The National Jewish Book Award Winner and *New York Times* - bestselling author of *A Fierce Radiance* and *City of Light*, Lauren Belfer, returns with a new powerful and passionate novel—inspired by historical events—about two women, one European and one American, and the mysterious choral masterpiece by Johann Sebastian Bach that changes both their lives.

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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.