

The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

September 2020, Elul 5780 - Tishrei 5781



One Thing I Ask

Throughout the month of Elul and including the High Holidays we recite Psalm 27 including the verse: *Ahat sha-alti me-eit Adonai otah avakesh, shivti b'veit Adonai kol y'mei hayai*, One thing I ask of You G-d, I beseech You, is to dwell in the house of G-d all the days of my life. This year, as we have been living through this pandemic, we have been forced to dwell at much greater length within our own houses. For many this has been an isolating experience.

The psalmist, however, is asking for just the opposite. The words of the psalm ask for an experience of G-d's presence every day. As we recite this psalm, we are asking that our awareness be opened to a sense of being accompanied. To dwell in the house of G-d every day, means to feel a

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We are so pleased to welcome back Cantorial Soloist **Kochava Munro** (above, left). **Eliana Light** (right) will lead the High Holiday Family Services.

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Upcoming Events

See p. 14 for detailed High Holiday schedule

Ritual Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 3

TIP Cemetery Memorial Service

11:30 a.m., Sunday, September 6, Banfield Rd

Anthony Russell in Conversation with Rabba Kaya

7:30 p.m., Sunday, September 6, via Zoom

Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 9

Book Talk and Q&A with author Sandell Morse

4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 10

S'lichot Interfaith Outdoor Solidarity Event

6:30 p.m., Saturday, September 12, African Burying Ground Memorial Park, Portsmouth

9:00 p.m. S'lichot Service via Zoom

Creating Cards for Justice

11:00 a.m., Sunday, September 13, Parking Lot

Cemetery Memorial Services

1:00 p.m., Sunday, September 6, Pine Hill (Dover)

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

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15

Education Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m., Sunday, September 27

TIP Book Club

11:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 29, TIP courtyard

The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant

From Rabba Kaya's desk

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sense of connection and connectedness, no matter where we find ourselves. This is the prayer that our Rabbis chose to accompany us through Elul and the High Holiday season.



**Rabba Kaya
Stern-Kaufman**

In these days of separation and distancing, how might we accompany each other through the upcoming Jewish holidays? I have given much thought to this and would like to share a few of our High Holiday plans.

Temple Israel volunteers will be creating Shanah Tovah gift bags for every family in the community (within driving/dropoff distance). In addition to some surprises and items for the Rosh Hashanah seder, the bag will contain this year's Yizkor book for use during the Yizkor service. (Yizkor books will be mailed to congregants living out of state.) The bags will be available for pick up from the temple parking lot from September 15-18; see the schedule on our website for details.

Although we cannot sing together on Zoom, we can create music together by pre-recording and producing a choir-like video to be aired during our High Holiday services. I invite everyone to participate in creating this *Avinu Malkeinu* choir. There will also be an opportunity for our children and youth to create a virtual choir piece. Details are on the website.

If you feel shy about singing, you can speak! We are also creating a video montage of our members, each answering the question: What is the one thing

you are asking for this year? If you were the psalmist and could ask for one thing, what would it be? Below are directions for recording a brief (less than 15 seconds) video of yourself answering this question. Each video clip should be sent to Alan Nasberg (see directions) who will stitch them all together in several segments that will be aired throughout our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

These days call for open-heartedness, creativity and willingness to try new things. Let us bless this new year with these qualities, that we might thrive through our challenges and discover new ways to celebrate within this holy community.

With blessings,

Rabba Kaya

Directions for Recording Your Video Segment:

1. Begin by stating your name and then state this prompt: **The one thing I ask for this year is _____.**
2. Be careful not to speak too quickly or softly. Moderate speeds and medium volume are best.
3. Have someone else hold the camera (phone or tablet) still or place it on a stand. A camera that moves is disorienting to viewers. PLEASE USE "LANDSCAPE" ATTITUDE. (Hold the phone sideways.)
4. Frame your head and shoulders with a little extra space. Don't overwhelm the frame, or be way off in the distance
5. If you have a choice, use the mp4 format. If you're not sure about formats, any is OK.

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President's Message

Thanks to Richard LeSavoy for sharing his photo of the rainbow that appeared at the end of Kabbalat Shabbat services outside the Shapiro House at Strawberry Banke on August 21, 2020.

I can't think of a better symbol of hope and promise, that next year will be better.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, my family, and myself, **Shanah Tovah to all!**

Amy Hyett, President



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6. Your recording should be less than 15 seconds in length, with a tiny space at the beginning and end.
7. When you have a recording that has captured your thoughts, EMAIL IT TO: koze@comcast.net
8. The SUBJECT LINE should read: Temple Israel Portsmouth
9. Please include the speaker's first and last name.

Re-Imagining Committee Update

The committee's plan for reopening the building in stages, tied to NH state COVID-19 metrics published on the Covid Act Now website, has been posted on the temple website and is available for community review. The committee meets regularly to update this guidance

- Outdoor services and programs have been well-attended and also made available via live-stream to those who feel safer at home.
- Thanks to all for respecting the reservation process and complying with mask-wearing and other safety measures.
- An event planning form can be downloaded from the website. It includes a review of expectations for event planners and attendees, plus a checklist of safety protocols and supplies.

**A note from digital artist
Baruch Sienna, creator of the
shiviti at right which will be
shared with all congregants in
High Holiday gift bags:**

Historically, many synagogues (and even some homes) had a decorative, calligraphic work on the wall called a *shiviti*, taken from the first Hebrew word of the verse, "I always set ADONAI before me" (Ps. 16:8). This verse was typically written out in large letters and embellished with other devotional verses that formed decorative shapes, written in micrography (tiny letters). We have taken inspiration from this *shiviti* tradition to craft a small poster that can be hung behind Zoom participants as a background.



Ritual Committee

As we prepare to begin a new Jewish year, we are focused on High Holiday preparations. Rabba Kaya has enlisted many volunteers and is working along with them, the Ritual Committee, and Cantorial Soloist, Kochava Munro, to create meaningful, beautiful, and uplifting services and rituals to enable us to journey through and celebrate our precious holiday season.

When the month of holidays, many of which fall on Shabbat this year, concludes we will return, renewed and restored, to our weekly rhythm of Shabbat services and Tuesday minyans.

Rabba Kaya is seeking candid feedback about the services you have regularly attended this summer and may attend up to the High Holidays. She and we would welcome your answers to the following questions. For each question, please indicate whether you attended the service in-person, on Zoom, or by watching the livestream on Facebook. If you attended multiple service formats, please distinguish which of your comments refer to which kind of service.

Please email your response to ritual@templeisraelnh.org. The comments will be compiled and relayed to Rabba Kaya anonymously. Please share your thoughts with her and us so that we can make the worship experience at Temple Israel as appealing and welcoming to as many people as possible. Thank you!

Service Feedback Questions

- What have you found particularly meaningful or enjoyable about the services you have attended?
- What, if anything has been uncomfortable or a

negative experience for you. How so?

- What would you like to see more of?
- What would you like to see less of?

Please feel free to include narrative and general comments.

May 5781 be a *shanah yoter tovah*, a better year, for us, our community, and our world. Wishing you a *Shanah Tovah U-metukah*, a good, sweet year!

Deborah Hirsch Mayer
Vice President, Ritual

HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

In previous years, congregants brought many, many bags of groceries and toiletries to the temple for donation to Seacoast Family Promise, an organization which supports local families experiencing homelessness.

This year, our High Holiday Food Drive is going virtual! The Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee will be purchasing supermarket gift cards to donate to area food pantries and homeless shelters.

To support this effort, please see the temple website "Donate" page or send a check payable to Temple Israel in the amount of \$18, \$36, \$54, or your choice, marked "Tikkun Olam Food Drive."

Deadline: Wednesday, September 30.

Marc Hiller, Chair, Tikkun Olam Committee



Bulletin Board

Candle Lighting

September	4	6:54 p.m.
September	11	6:42 p.m.
September	18	6:29 p.m.
September	25	6:17 p.m.

Service Times

Tuesday	5:30 p.m.
Friday night	6:15 p.m.
Saturday morning	10:00 a.m.

* [Links to virtual services are in the weekly bulletin](#)



- Condolences to **Andrea Gray, Barry Brown, Jeff Brown, Kevin Brown, and their families**, on the passing of their father, **Martin (Marty) Brown**.
- Condolences to **Marsha Herman** on the passing of her dear friend, **Evelyn Karu**.
- Condolences to **David and Marianne Forman** on the passing of their son, **Michael Forman**.

Tzedakah Committee Response to COVID-19 in our Community

The Tzedakah Committee of TIP recognizes the financial needs of congregants, local businesses, and their employees at this challenging time. We have funds to help take some pressure off of those in need. We can provide help in many forms including gift cards for food and gas as well as paying bills.

Please contact Rabba Kaya and she will pass the request on to our Committee. All requests will be held in strict confidentiality.

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!

Rabba Kaya's "Open Office" Hours

On Tuesdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Rabba Kaya is available to meet with community members outside in the temple courtyard. Make an appointment through the temple office or simply drop in.

Hebrew School



Elian Tackff
Head of School

Shalom Everyone! Happy September (Elul / Tishrei)!

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful late summer weather, even as the leaves are starting to turn red on a few trees. Fall is in the air, and that means Hebrew School is around the corner!

After a summer of planning for various reopening scenarios, we decided to start the school year mostly online, with a monthly in-person gathering for each class. The decision was not easy, as teachers were desperately hoping to welcome their students in their classrooms. We had to consider the safety of our students, teachers, and their families, as well as the logistical impossibility of a hybrid program for families with multiple children.

As we approach **our first day of school**, Wednesday, **September 9**, I am filled with a sense of **excitement, hope, and understanding**.

I feel excitement for two brand new curricula that we will be starting this year:

1. **Shalom Learning**, a values-based curriculum that covers Torah, Jewish history, ethics, Israel, and holidays. It is designed with age-appropriate lessons to be used over the course of many grades. The curriculum can be taught both online and in-person and allows us to switch from one to the other seamlessly. What, no more snow days?!
2. **PrayerTech Hebrew and Prayer**, a program that allows our students to download a free app on their preferred device, and use it to learn and practice assigned Hebrew letters and / or prayers, at their own pace, with fun activities, outside of the

classroom. The teachers, and parents too, will be able to follow their children's progress, and even hear them read the prayers!

Our dedicated teachers have been attending webinars and familiarizing themselves with the programs and are looking forward to sharing the fun lessons with their students.

I feel hope that our families will find the **strength and the sense of humor needed** to balance the demands of home schooling and work obligations, while giving their children—our future—the gift of connection to their Jewish studies, roots, and peers.

I also hope that we will continue to see the **kindness** that I observed in the spring, when students helped their teachers with the new Zoom technology, families helped other families with tips about where to find masks, food, and sanitizing supplies, and lately, **my favorite**, when some of our tech-savvy seventh graders volunteered to be the IT gurus for one another's Zoom bnei mitzvah celebrations. ***Yasher koach to Jordan Caracoglia, Seth Berg, Miles Borne, and Noah Raven!***

Lastly, ***I feel understanding*** for those families who have decided to take some time off, to recharge and try to make sense of our crazy world. Come back when you are ready. Your Temple Israel Hebrew School family will be waiting for you!

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

Wishing you a sweet New Year 5781.

Shanah Tovah U-metukah,

Elian Tackeff, Head of School

Early Learning Center



Tammy Labonté
Director, ELC

Shalom,

ELC Summer Camp welcomed children from August 17 to 21. We implemented our new student drop-off and pick-up procedures and cleaning and disinfecting protocols for before, during, and after school. It all went well, and the parents gave

Temple Israel and the ELC high praise for making them feel so comfortable in bringing their children back into school.



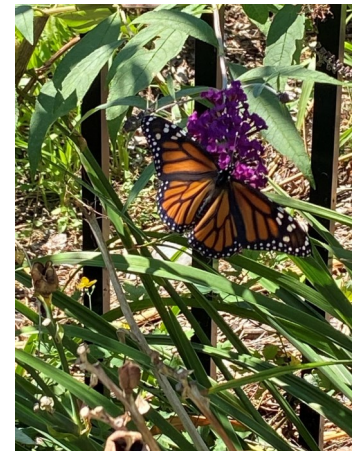
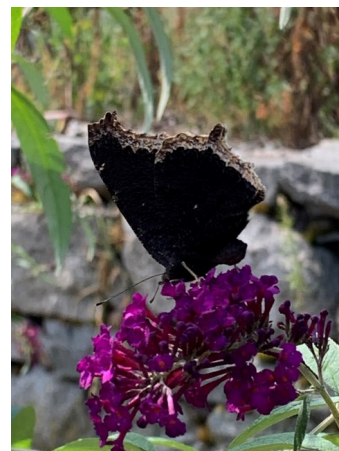
Summer weather for the summer camp week allowed us to spend extra time outside on the playground. We learned about the layers of the ocean and which fish could be found in which layer. We made pinwheels, created ocean-inspired artwork in different media, made ice cream, brought money for the tzedakah box, played with our Shabbat box materials, and enjoyed Shabbat together on Friday.

The ELC has closed registrations for the fall with a full class. Now the teachers are working on preparations for our first day of the new school year on September 8!

Tammy and Elan



We also watched some beautiful butterflies visiting our butterfly bush!



Membership Committee

"Membership" Work: It's Not Just for the Membership Committee

Like every group at Temple Israel during this time of pandemic, the Membership Committee is challenged to find new ways to fulfill our mission. In lieu of the Open House or Oneg Shabbat that we normally host in late summer for new and prospective members, we hosted a refreshment-free reception in the courtyard before outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat services on August 21. Seven new and three prospective members attended.

Despite the great efforts made by the Reimagining Committee and many others to keep our community active during the pandemic, there is no question that the great reduction in in-person activities makes the Membership Committee's job of welcoming and engaging people harder. At the same time, we are hearing that some people are reluctant to become members while in-person services, school and activities are so limited.

So we are asking every member of Temple Israel for your help in reaching out to prospective members, welcoming new members, and keeping current members engaged, with the goal of maintaining the level of membership that we need to thrive as a community, financially and in all ways.

Here are three ways you can help:

If you have school-age or younger children: Consider volunteering to contact new and prospective members who also have children to welcome them and answer questions. Contact Margie at Membership@TempleIsrael.org if you would help with this.

If you have local friends, family, or coworkers who are Jewish and not members, help them sign up to get *The Doorpost* and *This Week* (email the office, templeoffice@templeisraelNH.org) so they can find out what is going on. Encourage them to attend any religious services or programs. Also, ask them if they would like a call or email from a Membership Committee member.

If your committee or group is planning something that would be particularly good for new or prospective members to attend, let us know and we will try to include it in our outreach.

These are all ways that you can help strengthen the Jewish community here where you live. Thanks for your help!

Margie Wachtel

Chair, Membership Committee

Membership@templeisraelnh.org



A special Havdalah Reception on Zoom last month organized by the Development Committee honored the major donors to last year's Annual Fund, the "Rabbi's Circle."

Donations

BUILDING FUND

Lenny Baer in memory of Marty Brown.

CEMETERY FUND

Howard Kalet in memory of his mother, Hortense Kalet.

CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Elaine Dolph in memory of her mother, Gertrude Kaplan. Fran & Sig Westerman in memory of their daughter, Sally Westerman Jacobs.

DINNERMAN/ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Stan & Rita Robbins in memory of Stan's father, Sidney Robbins, and in memory of Stan's aunt, Lillian Rubin. Joyce & Ron Meenes in memory of Joyce's dear mother, Mary Rottenberg.

DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Julie Serrano in memory of mother-in-law, Peggy Handlin.

GENERAL FUND

Jennifer Katz-Borin in memory of Harold Katz.

HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Naomi Fishbein in memory of Marty Brown. Naomi Fishbein in memory of Melvin Bressler.

INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT

Elaine & Shel Krasker in memory of Fannie & Henry Gerber, Elaine's aunt and uncle. Roger Epstein in memory of his mother, Ann Epstein. David & Marianne Forman in memory of David's mother, Alice Forman.

LIBRARY FUND

Carl & Linda Gurtman in memory of their son, Benjamin Gurtman. Barbara Fein in memory of Evelyn Slome Karu.

PRAYERBOOK FUND

The Wizwer Family. Fran Berman In honor of Dara Klein and Richard Frank. The Rubin Family in memory of Marsha Cohen. The Burdin family. Jennifer Katz-Borin in memory of Harold Katz.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Richard Robbins in honor of the marriage of Michael Robbins to Bernadette Bouchard. Chava Kallberg. Amy Feitelson in memory of her father, Joseph Feitelson. Andrea Gray, "with gratitude for the compassion shown by Rabba Kaya to our family at the funeral for our beloved father and grandfather, Martin Brown."

TZEDAKAH FUND

Julie Whitehouse. Lisa & Jack Ohayon in memory of Lisa's father, Sheldon L. Goodman. Cynthia Freedman and Marcia Blacker in memory of their grandmother, Annie Freedman. Cynthia Freedman in memory of Rabba Kaya's father, Lawrence Stern. Renee Levy and family in memory of Marty Brown. Renee Levy and family in memory of Evelyn Karu.

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Yahrzeits

September Yahrzeits

1. Leah Green, Louis Mackles, Burton Sacks, Frances Spaen, John Talisman
2. Ephraim Green, Ernest Salloway, Clara Shamesman, Barbara Alperin
3. Rose Levine, Joseph Jalbert, Barbara O'Connor
4. Belle Silfen, Sophie Sados, Irene Morin, William Olney, Martin Erwin Cohen, Selma Odell, Ray Alterman, Margaret Thompson
5. Jacob Hooz Jr., William Krasker, Sadie Gouse, Lolly Silverman, Matthew Fleece, Hyman Krasker, Michael Youngfellow
6. Mildred James, Samuel Kramer, Hilda Rutstein
7. Sumner Savsovitz, Salle Roffman, Benton Dearborn
8. Louis Atkins, Mildred Lobel
9. Hyman Kovnit, Jacob Gerstein, Helen Samson
10. Samuel Tober, Maureen Sher, Aaron Ginsburg, Sadie Liebson
11. Fanny Slome, Hugo Dieterich
12. Helga Burby, Judith Olson, Joseph Karol, Sandra Proud
13. Pauline Alkon, Rose Paul, Ann Diamant, Alfred Heilbronner, William Lederman, Roberta Baer, James Troilo, Philip Verner
14. Kenneth Fox, Leo Shoer, Martin Elkin
15. May Levy, Jack Pearl, Charles Kram

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16. Molly Winebaum, Martin Karelitz, Isadore Kotlus
17. Dov Ben Shuster, Frances Winer, Herman Winick
18. Jacob Cohen, Benjamin Chertok, Bertha Gerstein, David Strauss, Jacob Hooz
19. Samuel Kirzner, Mildred Gorman Pollack, Sarah Shoer, Nancy S. Hernandez, William Baer
20. Ida Bradbard, Hyman Black, Dora Lightman, Meyer Simmons, Leon Steinberg, Bessie Fins, Arthur Lieberman, Samuel Roessler, Leib Borwick, Suzanne Rubenstein,
21. Baby Polimar, Saul Mark, Elias Leitman, Robert Morris, Sylvia Morris, Bernard Cooperman, Leonard Lane, Joseph M. Baer
22. Ella Blankenberg, Deborah Diamond
23. Samuel Goodman, Rita Rabinowitz, Michael Mittelman, Helen Holmes
24. Elsa Vero
25. Wilna Hufnagle, Lorraine Lasky, Elizabeth LeSavoy, Israel Wiseman
26. Werner Hufnagle, Gloria Blum, Taube Hornblas
27. Anne Lampert, Robert Reingold, Anna Oshry
28. Stella Goodman, Bernice Levingston, Harold Duprie, Sarah Edelstein, Mark Shor
29. Philip Fox, Gertrude Fine
30. Lillian Lessow, Esther Milechman, Louis Shapiro, Jacob Dinnerman

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.

Art Review Team

We are so excited about the variety of events at Temple Israel prior to and throughout the High Holiday season. Some of these activities are sponsored or co-sponsored by the Art Review Team. We helped to develop Rabba Kaya's Elul Series, hoping to encourage spiritual preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, beginning with a program of Outdoor Yoga on August 23.

Ten of us gathered in the courtyard to do yoga - surrounded by trees and greenery, under the open sky, feeling the warmth of the sun. Even with masks and appropriate physical distancing, we shared an experience of yoga as a form of meditation-in-motion, a prayer of the body, which the group energy serves to enhance. We became attuned to a deeper part of ourselves through breathwork, heart opening movements, and chanting Jewish melodies on the theme of *t'shuvah* - Return to breath, return to Spirit, return to our highest selves, beginning the process of *heshbon ha-nefesh*- an accounting of the soul. It was an honor to facilitate this class and a treat to have Rabbi Kaya lead the music and blow the shofar at the end.

The Art Review Team invites you to the last event in the Elul Series on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the temple parking lot. It is a way of

taking action in line with our Jewish beliefs, called "Creating Cards for Justice" - a multi-generational activity to reach out to members of our own temple community who are sheltering at home or are in the hospital or assisted living facilities, as well as to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one during the past year. We will also be sending New Year cards from Temple Israel to local places of worship and social service agencies - reaching out with a message of hope and good will. This opportunity is open to anyone who has an hour or so to write messages (suggested messages will be provided) on pre-printed or hand-designed cards. Completed cards with addressed envelopes and stamps will be mailed or delivered by September 16. If you are unable to attend in person, you can make arrangements to drop off cards at the office.

Finally, mark your calendars for Thursday, September 10, 2020, the outdoor book talk by Sandell Morse, author of *The Spiral Shell*. It is in the parking lot of Temple Israel. (Please pre-register soon, as only 20 people may attend in person.) Individually packaged light meals will be provided at 4:30 p.m., with book presentation at 5:00 p.m. A Zoom link will be available for those who prefer to participate from home. The exhibit "Jewish Weddings," archival photos from Beit Hatfutsot Museum in Tel Aviv, will be on view in the Shmooze.

Thank to Dan Hastie, our talented maintenance man and carpenter who is creating a new storage area for storing art and supplies, and to all those who have already volunteered to help with our events. Please remember to register in advance.

Deborah Levine, Exhibit Coordinator

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.

Development / Adult Ed.

Annual Fund Campaign Will Focus on Covering Expenses for Covid-19 in 2020

The Temple Israel 2020 Annual Fund drive is underway! This once-a-year campaign funds special, high-priority projects that are beyond the reach of our regular budget.

Last year's campaign funded beautiful new tiles in the Court Street entrance and improved landscaping that you will soon see come to life alongside the preschool playground. It also paid for upgraded audio/video systems including state-of-the-art live streaming capabilities in the sanctuary and Levenson Social Hall, which are being used to bring temple services and programs to all of us remotely.

The challenges created by Covid-19 are evident to all of us, both in our personal lives and in our communal experience. Our community is deeply in need of connection and outreach. **We have therefore set an Annual Fund goal of raising \$50,000 to support enhanced synagogue programming and technology to engage and support our Temple Israel community during these unusual times.**

Become a leader! Join the Rabbi's Circle with a gift of \$1,000 or more, or donate \$180+ to be listed as a Friend.

Look for our mailing in early October with an Annual Fund donation envelope enclosed or go to templeisrealnh.org/donate to make your gift now. Every gift moves us closer to our goal!

Fran Berman, Chair, Development Committee

Adult Hebrew Classes Fall 2020

Intro to Reading Hebrew Alef Bet - Are you new or returning to Hebrew? Studying alef bet is an excellent project for those sheltering at home! Whether you want to brush up your skills or begin learning the language, with just a little instruction your experience of using the siddur will be much richer. Classes begin **Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** on Zoom and end December 10. You will need to purchase a \$15.00 textbook ahead of time, so please register as early as you can to get more information. Our instructor is Kathryn Mulhearn, who has been teaching alef bet and biblical and prayerbook classes for 14 years at TIP.

Prayerbook Hebrew Grammar meets via Zoom on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., using the textbook *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way*. Instructor Jennifer Beard has a strong background in Hebrew education for children, adults and bar/bat mitzvah students. Jennifer is a member of our Hebrew School faculty and serves on the Ritual Committee.

Intermediate and Advanced Biblical Hebrew Grammar & Reading meets via Zoom on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. This fall we will be tackling the passive and intensive verb stems (i.e., *nifal*, *hifal*) which drive the beauty and complexity of the biblical narratives and poetry. Our textbook is *The First Hebrew Primer, Third Edition Revised with New Explanatory Notes* (EKS, 2005). Our instructor is Kathryn Mulhearn.

The above classes will be conducted entirely on Zoom. If you are not familiar with Zoom, register early, so that you can get instruction on how to use the Zoom platform. To register or ask questions, please contact the temple office.

Endowment Committee

If you read *The Doorpost* on a regular basis, you are already aware that members can donate to many different temple funds. Such contributions are immediately available for the funds' purposes. Examples include the Tzedakah/Charity, Prayer-book, Kiddush, and Rabbi's Discretionary Funds.

Beginning thirty-three years ago, Temple Israel also began establishing endowment funds, where money contributed would NOT be immediately spent, but would be invested. Only the interest generated by the invested principal would be available to spend. This interest ensures an ongoing flow of money as the funds grow over the years.

We now have five endowment funds that support overlapping needs of our temple:

- **Cultural Endowment Fund:** our oldest fund, established in 1987. Interest generated by this fund supports cultural and educational activities at the temple. Individuals or groups are encouraged to apply to the Endowment Fund Committee for grants to underwrite events such as the klezmer band at Simchat Torah, the Passover Community Seder, honoraria for outside speakers, Hanukkah candle-lighting event, Hebrew School field trips to the mikveh, film events, Yom Hashoah observances, art exhibits, etc. **These events keep the community interested and involved.**
- **CJE Endowment Fund** (Continuing Jewish Education) supports programming similar to the Cultural Endowment Fund, but also specific programs which foster knowledge of Jewish history, strengthen positive perceptions of the Jewish community, deepen knowledge about

Israel, and encourage participation in Birthright trips and religious services.

The remaining three endowments are constructed to provide ongoing financial support as follows:

- Interest from the **Institutional Operating Endowment** supports operating expenses.
- Interest from the **Dinnerman-Rottenberg Educational Endowment** goes to pay expenses associated with our Religious School.
- Interest from the **Legacy Endowment** goes to support the expenses associated with our rabbi.

The more money we have in these last three endowments, the more financially secure the temple will be. Recently, the endowment fund established a new program where, with a donation of \$25,000 or more, a personal family-named fund will be created to support particular projects or activities. These family funds are housed under the umbrella of the CJE Endowment.

- The **Deborah Natansohn Endowment** supports youth trips to Israel and has already helped several students travel there.
- The **Winebaum Family Fund**, named for Sumner and Helen Winebaum, supports adult education, enrichment programs for the religious school, and community programming.

Our endowment funds have been invested mainly in Israeli bonds, supporting our community and the State of Israel. If you have additional questions, please feel free to call me or Endowment Committee members: Wayne Lehman, Helaine Roberts, Laura Rubin, Michael Singer.

Ira Schwartz, Chair, Endowment Committee

High Holiday Schedule

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- All High Holiday services will be led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman and Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munro.
- The Family Services will be led by Eliana Light, with a separate Zoom link.
- To register for all TIP Zoom High Holiday services, go to the High Holiday section of the temple website. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a Zoom link that will be used for all High Holiday services. The weekly bulletins will also have this link.
- To register for in-person events, click the event on our website calendar or contact the office.
- **MAHZOR: please see the temple website to download a mahzor PDF at no charge before the services.**

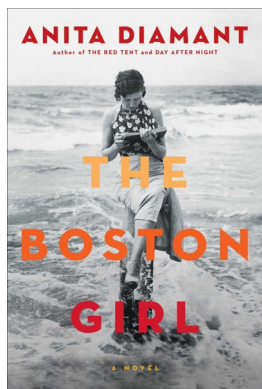
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, Sept. 6	11:30 am	TI Cemetery Memorial service	Banfield Road, Portsmouth
Saturday, Sept. 12	7:30 pm	S'lichot - An Interfaith Outdoor Solidarity Event, concluding with Havdalah and Shofar	African Burying Ground Memorial Park, Portsmouth
Saturday, Sept. 12	9:00 pm	S'lichot Services, concluding again with Shofar.	Zoom
Sunday, Sept. 13	1:00 pm	Cemetery Memorial service	Pine Hill (Dover)
Sunday, Sept. 13	2:00 pm	Cemetery Memorial service	Forest Glade (Somersworth)
Wednesday, Sept. 16	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Pick up your gift bag	TIP Parking lot
Thursday, Sept. 17	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Pick up your gift bag	TIP Parking lot
Friday, Sept. 18	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Pick up your gift bag	TIP Parking lot
ROSH HASHANAH 1			
Friday, Sept. 18	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Seder	Zoom
Saturday, Sept. 19	9:00 am - 9:15 am	Guided Meditation	Zoom
	9:15 am - 10:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Morning Service	Zoom
	10:30 am - 10:40 am	Break	
	10:40 am - 11:20 am	Torah Service and Sermon	Zoom
	11:20 am - 11:30 am	Break	
	11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Abbreviated Musaf	Zoom
	3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Musical Family Service	Unique Zoom link; register separately

High Holiday Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
ROSH HASHANAH 2			
Sunday, Sept.20	9:00 am - 10:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Morning Service	Zoom
	10:30 am - 10:40 am	Break	
	10:40 am - 11:30 am	Torah teachings and concluding service	Zoom
	12:00 am - 12:45 pm	Drive-through Shofar Service	TIP Parking Lot
	1:30 pm	Tashlikh Services	4 outdoor locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescott Park • Short Sands Beach, York • Boat launch beside Swasey Park, Exeter • Gold Star Park, 551 Foundry St., Rollinsford
Available from Monday, Sept. 21 to Friday, Sept. 25	Times vary; sign up for a slot online	Personal time at the Ark	TIP Sanctuary
ongoing	ongoing	Food Drive	Contact Marc Hiller, marc.hiller@unh.edu Tikkun Olam Committee
YOM KIPPUR			
Sunday, Sept. 27	6:15 pm - 7:30 pm	Kol Nidre service	Zoom
Monday, Sept. 28	9:00 am - 10:30 am	Yom Kippur Morning service	Zoom
	10:30 am - 10:40 am	Break	
	10:40 am - 11:10 am	Torah Service and Sermon	Zoom
	11:10 am - 11:15 am	Break	
	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	Yizkor and Abbreviated Musaf	Zoom
	3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Musical Family Service	Unique Zoom link; register separately
	5:30 pm - 6:15 pm	Afternoon Service (Jonah)	Zoom
	6:30 pm - 7:20 pm	Neilah Service and Havdalah	Zoom
	7:11 pm	Final Shofar blast	Zoom

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- Thank you to Ben Hershenson for his generous High Holiday contribution.
- Thank you to Dr. Melvin Prostkoff for his support of the Holocaust Torah Fund.



TIP Book Club - September

The Boston Girl, by Anita Diamant



This month, the book club will be reading *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. Please join us for a lively discussion!

The Boston Girl is told through the eyes of a Jewish woman growing up in Boston in the early twentieth century. It is a coming-of-age story about family ties and values, about immigration and generational change, about friendship and feminism.

In August, we held our first post-pandemic in-person meeting outside in the courtyard. Discussions will continue in person, outside as long as the weather permits and later, inside the temple if protocols allow.

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TIP "Classified"

Religious school graduate & former madricha seeks position as au pair / babysitter

Sarah Albion is taking a gap year after graduating from high school, and would love to work within the Jewish community. She has extensive childcare experience, is certified in first aid and CPR, and is a certified Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard. She knows a bit of Hebrew, French and German. Sarah is patient, kind, and loves working with children. Typically, she works with kids ages four through ten, but she also has experience with ages two through fifteen in individual or group settings.

If you have any leads for Sarah, please contact her directly via email at sarahaalbion@gmail.com.