

The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

May 2021, Iyar - Sivan 5781



Journey to Sinai



**Rabba Kaya
Stern-Kaufman**

Moving onward from Passover, our freedom journey has only just begun. This month we continue to take steps as we count the days from Egypt to Sinai, from liberation to responsibility. The *Omer* count demands that we pay attention to the present moment, naming each day,

each step along the way, with an eye toward achieving a higher level of consciousness. We honor the present while we simultaneously strive toward a more perfect world.

Our sacred practices and traditions stress that freedom is not an end in and of itself. Freedom is not a free-for-all. It demands awareness and the acceptance of responsibility toward our neighbors, toward God, and toward the earth itself. Our path to freedom culminates at the foot of Mount Sinai where we receive the Torah anew. Our sages teach that through study of Torah, we increase peace in the world, for Torah teaches the ways of peace.

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Upcoming Events

Shabbat Services led by Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munro

10:00 am, Saturday, May 1

Annual Meeting (p. 8)

6:30 pm, Monday, May 3

TIP Book Club discusses *The Lost Shetl* by Max Gross

11:30 am, Tuesday, May 4

Outdoor Yoga in the Courtyard (p. 10)

12:30 pm, Sunday, May 2 and May 16

Bar Mitzvah of Cameron Aviles

10:00 am, Saturday, May 15

SHAVUOT OBSERVANCES (p. 3)

Shavuot Decorating Party (Court Street entry)

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Sunday, May 16

NH Statewide *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*

8:00 pm - 10:30 pm, Sunday, May 16

Shavuot Services with Yizkor

11:00 am, Monday, May 17

Preschool & Temple Office Closed Monday, May 17

Hebrew School Convocation

9:00 am, Sunday, May 23,

Plein Air Painting Class (p. 9)

2:00 pm, Sunday, May 23

Preschool & Temple Office Closed Monday, May 31

REGULAR MEETINGS

Basic Judaism Class for Conversion (p. 2)

6:00 pm, Wednesday, May 5 and May 26

Senior Discussion Group

10:00 am, Wednesdays (see p. 12 for description)

Weekly Lunch 'N Learn with Rabba Kaya (p. 2)

12:30 - 1:30 pm, Thursdays

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From Rabba Kaya's Desk

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עץ חיים היא למחזיקים בה ותמכיה מאשר; דרכיה דרכי נעם וכל נתיבותיה שלום.

Eitz chayim hi lamachazikim bah v'tomkheha m'ushar; dr'rakhheha darkhei no'am v'khol n'tivoteha shalom.

It is a tree of life for those who cling to it, and those who uphold it are happy. Its ways are pleasant, and all of its paths are peace.

In preparation for receiving Torah anew on Shavuot morning, May 17, it is a custom to gather on erev Shavuot (the prior evening) so as to adorn the Torah of our hearts through learning and discovery (in Hebrew: a *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*).

I am delighted to invite you to an evening of learning, music and storytelling as **we welcome Shavuot with our first ever NH Statewide Tikkun Leil Shavuot.**

Rabbis and congregants from seven synagogues across the state will gather together via Zoom on Sunday May 16, at 8:00 pm for a brief *Maariv* service followed by varied presentations and music from our Jewish clergy group. Come learn!

With blessings,

Rabba Kaya



Lunch 'N Learn Sessions Resume May 6

New text: *Pirkei Avot, Ethics of Our Ancestors*

Please join Rabba Kaya on Thursdays, from 12:30 - 1:30 pm for a lively discussion! Use the Zoom link for regular services.

Basic Judaism Class for Conversion with Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

The next class meets on Wednesday, May 5, at 6:00 pm. Open to everyone interested in learning the basics about Judaism and living a Jewish life. Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, via Zoom, on the following dates: **May 5, May 26, June 16, and June 30.** Register on the website calendar to receive the Zoom link and reading list.

Rabba Kaya is available to meet with congregants by appointment. Please send her an email to schedule!

Rabba.Kaya@templeisraelnh.org

Prayer

Special Shabbat Services

- **Saturday, May 1, Shabbat Services** led by Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munro
- **Saturday, May 15, Bar Mitzvah of Cameron Aviles**
- **Friday, May 28, Shabbes Tisch, theme: Heroes (start time: 6:15 pm)**



Shavuot Celebrations

NH Statewide Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Come Learn With Us

Sunday May 16th 8:00 - 10:30pm

The evening begins with a short collaborative erev Shavuot service followed by learning, music, storytelling, and discussion with the rabbis of New Hampshire and their communities.

Participating Communities: Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, Congregation Ahavas Achim, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Temple Beth Abraham, Temple Beth Jacob, Temple B'nai Israel, Temple Israel Portsmouth

Shavuot Decorating Party

Sunday, May 16, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

You are invited to bring flowering branches,

Candle Lighting

May 7, 7:34 pm

May 14, 7:41 pm

May 21, 7:49 pm

May 28, 7:55 pm

Service Times

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Friday 7:00 pm

(Shabbes Tisch 6:15 pm)

Saturday morning 10:00 am

** Zoom links to virtual services are in the weekly bulletin, with exceptions to regular times as noted.*

greenery, flowers, and plants to help decorate the outdoor bimah (Court Street entry) for Shavuot. Please register on the website calendar; inclement weather will affect this event.

Shavuot Services with Yizkor

Monday, May 17, 11:00 am

Join Temple Israel to celebrate Shavuot at an outdoor service on our synagogue property. Includes Torah reading and Yizkor, followed by a cheesecake and dairy kugel buffet. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy some cake and kugel with friends.



President's Message

Dear fellow congregants,

As I wrote in my Annual Report article, this past year was full of challenges and opportunities. The challenges were obvious, and the opportunities kept revealing themselves. Through phone calls and Zoom capabilities, we have been able to reach our membership in new and exciting ways. We have learned a lot. I am so grateful to our leadership team of the Board of Directors, Rabba Kaya, Heather, and so many tireless volunteers who have worked harder than ever to keep this community connected and inspired.

While space in this, my final "President's Message" column doesn't permit me to thank everyone in the measure they surely deserve, please know how much I appreciate all your efforts to sustain our vibrant community.

The members of your Board of Directors (pictured below in 2019) have been great colleagues, each

one striving to serve the congregation in ways large and small.

I would also like to thank my husband Brian and my daughters Kayla, Emily and Stephanie, for supporting me during my turbulent term. I know they will be thankful when I have fewer phone calls and meetings, and when they are featured a bit less often in the *Doorpost*.

I feel so hopeful when I think about the weeks, months and years to come. There are so many excellent ideas percolating among the temple leadership, and it is so exciting to think of where we are headed. I know that the community will be in excellent hands with Bob Zimman taking the helm alongside Rabba Kaya, with a fantastic team behind them. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this community, which means so much to me.

L'shalom,
Amy Hyett



**Temple Israel Board of Directors
(July 2019) from left to right.**

**Top row: Mel Prostkoff, Bob
Bradbard, Seth Wizwer**

**2nd row: Joanne Samuels, Amy
Lester, Marc Hiller, Amy Borne**

**3rd row: Beth Salzman, Steve
Sacks, Tobey Harman, Deborah
Hirsch Mayer**

**Lowest row: Julie Serrano, Amy
Hyett, David Bachrach, Ira
Schwartz**

Ritual Committee

What an interesting, challenging, remarkable two years my term as VP Ritual has been! I have learned so much about the inner workings of our shul and the myriad ways in which people contribute to ensure that our sacred community provides worship and celebration, education, camaraderie, *hesed*, and diligent care of our treasured physical building.

I've had the good fortune to serve with devoted, passionate, intelligent board members under Amy Hyett's indefatigable leadership, as we hired our talented new rabbi and navigated the challenges posed by a global pandemic. My job was eased by Heather Tomlinson's administrative wizardry and support. Her perennial cheerfulness is inspiring. I've had the pleasure of working with both Rabbi Ira Korinow and Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman. I have learned much from each of them and am grateful for our collegial working relationships.

I was able to accept the position of VP Ritual in 2019 because Bridget Jameson took on many administrative tasks and served as High Holiday Coordinator, a huge, time-consuming job. Her efficiency and enthusiasm contributed greatly to my ability to transition into board service. When professional opportunities led Bridget to step down, I was greatly relieved that several months later, Rachel Dennis agreed to become vice chair. Rachel's and my differing styles have helped create a more effectively functioning committee. Rachel did the lion's share of work organizing our outdoor services last summer and singlehandedly switched the siddurim in our sanctuary so that when we reopen, our new *Lev Shalem* siddurim will be in the pews. She has been an invaluable source of support to me in the VP role for the past year and a half.

The membership of the Ritual Committee has changed over the course of my term. Some stalwarts have served before, during, and will continue after my term; others made significant contributions before turning their attention elsewhere or relocating. Fortunately, we have had new people join and continue to have a robust

group of dedicated individuals. They have put in untold hours of work, serving as *gabbaim* and lay service leaders prior to and during the pandemic shutdown, planning and bringing to fruition holiday observances, and with the guidance of our rabbis, developing standards for our communal ritual practice. Current committee members are Jennifer Beard, Lessa Brill, Cathi Cherry-Liston, Rachel Dennis, Ellen Farber, Richard David Grossman, Deborah Levine, Ben Martindale, and Karen Mott. We benefitted previously from the participation of Jim Bailey, Fred Feldman, Bridget Jameson, and Jeff Salloway. It has been a privilege to lead a committee of such highly invested, hardworking people.

Our shul is a buzzing hive of activity which relies on the cooperative collaboration of many people who perform interweaving tasks. I especially appreciate the working relationships that I've had with Head of School, Elian Tackeff, and VP Education Seth Wizwer. The Ritual Committee often relies on the House Committee, members of which were instrumental in enabling us to have outdoor services. I am grateful to VP House, Joanne Samuels for her loving attention to all things "House" and especially for managing the security arrangements that have sadly become increasingly necessary. I am grateful to Treasurer Amy Borne and Ira Schwartz, Chair of the Endowment Fund Committee, who responded to my request to arrange funding in advance for Ritual Committee activities for next year. I feel very fortunate that Fran Berman will be succeeding me and know that the Ritual Committee will continue to thrive under her capable leadership.

It has been a privilege to serve the community as VP Ritual. To all those mentioned above and to countless others that I could not mention, thank you so very much for your support.

L'shalom,

Deborah Hirsch Mayer

Hebrew School



Elia Tackeff
Head of School

Shalom, everyone!

Happy May, which coincides with the Jewish months of Iyyar and Sivan!

We are entering the last few weeks of Hebrew School which will conclude with Convocation, Sunday, May 23.

In April, the Hebrew School students explored the Jewish value of *Koach HaDibbur*, the power of words. We learned about the importance of words and the prohibition of *Lashon Hara* (gossip).

A couple of highlights from the month:

- On Sunday, April 11, we held a b'nei mitzvah informational meeting for parents of sixth graders.
- On Sunday, April 18, we had a Hebrew School Town Hall to discuss the possibility of going to a Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning model for next year. The feedback, both pro and con, was valuable, and we are looking forward to talking with and hearing from all our school families (current and future) before making a final decision for the fall.

Coming up this month:

- One last Sunday, May 16, for all the grades, and three more Wednesdays for Grades 3-7!
- The value of the month will be Shalom / Peace. Peace in the home and peace in our world.

Finally, some personal news and thanks:

Some of you might be aware that I shall be stepping down as head of school and probably returning to the classroom next fall. I am hoping that by the

time Hebrew School ends this year we will be able to announce that that we have hired a new head of school and family programming coordinator.

After teaching in the Hebrew School for 25 years, I was grateful to have the opportunity to be head of school for the past three and a half years.

I am incredibly thankful for my TEAM of teachers: Jodie Aviles, Rachel Dennis, Lisa Fieseher, Marjorie Raven, Karen Mott, Jen Beard, Seth Wizwer, Deborah Hirsch Mayer. Also, Lori Leonard and Marjorie Gruzen, who taught through last May.

I also want to thank Rabbi David Senter, z"l, who initially encouraged me to become head of school and who supported me as I transitioned into the new role. I was lucky to have good working relationships first with Rabbi Korinow and now with Rabba Kaya. I also want to thank Elissa Senter, Sam Berg, Heather Tomlinson, Tammy Roberge, Jeannie and Dan Hastie, the Education Committee, the Endowment Fund Committee, the Board, and many congregants, for providing moral and technical support, a safe and pleasant working environment, funding for programs and materials and ever so much more.

L'shalom, Elia Tackeff, Head of School

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT FALL: We are starting Hebrew School registration for the 2021-2022 academic year. If

you took a COVID break from Hebrew School, please call me at 603-969-2984 or email me at egt9@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you!



I think we are all waiting to relax in some warm weather!

Early Learning Center



Tammy Roberge
Director, ELC

We have been learning about Lag Ba-omer and Yom Ha'atzmaut, and enjoying the spring days!

The preschoolers walked to Prescott Park, where we saw the water, whale sculpture, geese, boats, and an anchor. Play-ground days have been so nice, whether in winter parkas or

jacket-less.

PJ Library came to Temple Israel and we enjoyed activities related to the book *Shalom Everybodeee! Grover's Adventures in Israel*. The best part was milking the PJ library cow while we visited the kibbutz.

We have been counting the 49 days to Shavuot, with a stop at Lag Ba-omer which we celebrated a bit early because it fell during school vacation, April 26 – April 30. Mrs. Slavaticki came in to present a slide show about Rabbi Akiva and how he learned to read Torah with children when he was already an adult...showing we can always choose to learn at any age. The children had fun finding and counting the mitzvot in the story.

Of course, we cannot miss mentioning our Friday Shabbat visits with Rabba Kaya. Even those children who do not typically attend school on Fridays have been asking to share in our singing, dancing, Shabbat blessings, and eating delicious challah.

If you are thinking about summer camp, we have a weeklong camp currently scheduled for July 19 – 23, 2021, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm for children 2.9 months – 6 years old. There is no obligation for enrollment beyond the week of summer camp, which is open to temple members and Seacoast area residents. The cost is \$200.00 for the week; attendance is limited.

If you have a Facebook account, please like us at Early Learning Center Temple Israel.

If you have an Instagram account, follow us at [earlylearningcenternh](https://www.instagram.com/earlylearningcenternh).

Information about the Early Learning Center can also be found on the Temple website:

www.templeisraelnh.org, or by calling Tammy Roberge @ 603-436-5301 Ext.23 or 603-380-5589 or via preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org.

L'shalom, Tammy Roberge



Annual Meeting

Please join us for the Annual Meeting

Monday, May 3, 2021

(enjoy hot dogs at home!)

Review the year and plans for reopening with outgoing board President Amy Hyett

Vote for your new Board of Directors

Vote on proposed changes to the bylaws

Vote on 2% dues & 2% tuition increases

Board of Directors Candidates	Term
President: Robert Zimman	2021-2023
Past President: Amy Hyett	2021-2023
President-Elect: Remaining Unfilled	Until 2022
VP Education: Ian Kaner	2021-2023
VP House: Courtney Kapral	2021-2023
VP Ritual: Fran Berman	2021-2023
Treasurer: Rich LeSavoy	2021-2023
Financial Secretary: Amy Borne	2021-2023
Secretary (Recording): Loren Selig	2021-2023
Director: Marc Hiller	2021-2024
Director: Mel Proskoff	2021-2022
Director: Ben Martindale	2021-2024

Continuing Board Members

Director: Tobey Harman	2019-2022
Director: Rachel Kurshan	2020-2023
Director: Amy Lester	2020-2023
Director: Julie Serrano	2020-2023

All materials including the Annual Report, 2021 - 2022 budget, and proposed changes to the bylaws, may be found in the ShulCloud member portal under "Member Resources." Please contact the office if you need help logging in, or to receive documents via email.

Our congregation celebrates with families welcoming new arrivals.

Congratulations to **Rabbi Ira Korinow** and **Sally Bock** on the birth of their granddaughter **Gili Tzipora Korinow**, to parents **Raanan Korinow** and his wife, **Shira Novack**. Gili's name means "my joy" in Hebrew. Rabbi Ira and Sally now have 10 grandchildren; as Rabbi Ira says, "a minyan of grandchildren, or if you prefer, two basketball teams!"

Membership Committee: Calling our Twenty-somethings!

Alex, a 22-year-old transplant from Dallas, TX, is looking to help Temple Israel start a group for young Jewish adults to connect with each other and the local Jewish community. If you or a family member might be interested, feel free to shoot him an email (haskelalex@gmail.com). Step one is to plan some activities, so let Alex know what you'd like to see offered. *Today rabah!*

Special thanks from the office,

for major annual meeting preparations behind the scenes, to: **Beth Salzman, Joanne Samuels, Amy Hyett, Amy Borne**, and to all the board members and committee chairs for sending in their articles! Please do check out the informative 2020 - 2021 Annual Report on the Shulcloud Member Resources page.

Library / Sisterhood

By Sara Lesley Arnold

You know that feeling you get when your body is telling you to close your eyes and go to sleep but your brain is entirely rapt by the book in your hands? This one's like that.



TODAY TONIGHT TOMORROW, by Rachel Lynn Solomon, is a teen romance about Rowan and Neil, two high school rivals whose taunts began with an incident their freshman year and have escalated year after year. Now at a moment of recognition, who will be named valedictorian and how will the loser cope over the next few days until graduation?

Throughout the novel, whose cover design echoes the theme and feel of its contents, Rowan explores her identity as a student, a young woman, and a Jew, as she deals with anti-semitism amongst classmates, explores consent and sexuality in a normalized and healthy way, and tries to establish what her academic goals actually are after realizing she didn't accomplish anything she set out to do as a freshman.

Adults will like *TODAY TONIGHT TOMORROW* too; to be honest, I did. Its story of falling in love for the first time is reminiscent of Rainbow Rowell's *ELEANOR & PARK* and *LANDLINE*. This book will be available in the Temple Israel library for members.

Read more of Sara's Jewish book reviews at her website, <https://saralesleyarnold.com/saranit/>.

By Kerry Hansen

The Sisterhood has been busy, recently!

- On March 21, we had a lovely Passover Bake-off via Zoom with Ashley Barajas, making a Kosher for Passover Chocolate Mousse Cake. It was delicious!
- On Thursday, April 1, NH *Shlichah* Avia Sagron presented a program on Bob Marley and the history of Ethiopian Jews. This program was very well attended and extremely interesting.

Please join us on Sunday, May 23, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the temple courtyard for a **Plein Aire Painting** session co-sponsored by the Sisterhood and the Arts Review Team.

Artist Julie Serrano will host and help people with art projects, consult on your masterwork, and answer your questions. She is versed in all mediums, including

drawing: graphite, colored pencils, charcoal and **painting:** watercolor, acrylic, and oils.

Come and feed your muse! Kindly bring your own supplies and an easel if you like. (Rain date: June 27, same time and location.) Please register on the website calendar.



Arts Review Team

By Deborah Levine, Arts Review Team Chair

Part Two of the “COVID Exhibit” on April 25, 2021, was not unlike a digital time capsule. It captured the varied moods, new perspectives, and interests generated by living through the pandemic.

Featured photographers Paula Singer, Fran Berman, and Walter Rous shared photos taken all over the world as well as locally. Family photos were also included. Writers Cathi Cherry-Liston, Jewel Davis, Carol Lincoln, and Sandell Morse offered micro-memoir, poetry, and stories created during COVID.

Each segment was followed by Q&A and a lively, appreciative, and rich exchange between presenters and viewers. Special thanks to Heather Tomlinson for assisting with the slide show, and to Jennifer Beard for administering Zoom and sharing the Torah animation. A recording will be available soon. Make an appointment with the office to see the exhibit in the Shmooze and social hall.



NH Shlichah Avia Sagron visited Temple Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, and we enjoyed a tour of the social hall where photographs of Israel taken by

congregants were on display.

Over lunch, Avia and I discussed starting a mitzvah program to benefit women artists/artisans from rural parts of Israel, often populated by minority groups with few resources. Avia is an artist herself, and has many important contacts in Israel.

12:30 pm, Sunday, May 2 & May 16, Outdoor Yoga

This class will include guided meditation, gentle movement, relaxation techniques (and a Shavuot theme on May 16). Please bring your own mat and props, including a small pillow/towel. Preregistration through the website calendar is encouraged. Beginners and experienced students are welcome!

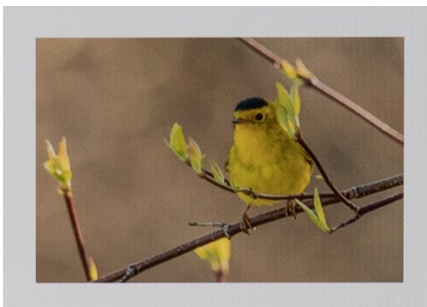
2:00 pm, Sunday, May 23, Plein Air Painting

Art materials and a few easels have been purchased by the Arts Review team for use by participants. Please email dlevine12@yahoo.com with any requests. Julie Serrano will help you explore oils, pastels, watercolors, gouache, charcoal, even if you've never tried painting before. Preregistration is encouraged, as attendance will be limited.

Save the date: Sunday, June 13 and 27, craft activity and continuing art class. Details will follow.

We are looking forward to a summer exhibit, focusing on “emerging” from the pandemic and moving from art to activism, doing our part to raise awareness of social issues through the visual arts and writing.

COVID 2 Exhibit: Photos from left, by Paula Singer, Fran Berman, Walter Rous



Sustainability Snippet

By Richard David Grossman

Plastic manufacturing in the US has grown from less than one million metric tons (MMT) in 1950 to nearly 36 MMT in 2018. Worldwide plastic production in 2019 was 368 MMT. It's estimated that half of all plastics ever produced (8,300 MMT) have been manufactured in the last 15 years, and that production is expected to double by 2050.

Plastic makes up about 13% of the waste stream, of which only 8% is recycled. Low national plastic recycling rates have been due to the complexity of sorting and processing the plastic. When different types of plastics are melted together, they tend to phase-separate. The phase boundaries cause structural weakness in the resulting material, limiting its usability. The two most widely manufactured plastics, polypropylene and polyethylene, behave this way. Each time plastic is recycled, additional new materials must be added to help improve its integrity. Moreover, the same piece of plastic can only be recycled 2 or 3 times. So even when plastics are collected for recycling, only a small portion of that material can be recycled.

Plastic production is not carbon neutral. In addition to electricity and transportation inputs (let's say 2%), about 4 percent of the world's annual oil production of some 84.5 million barrels per day is used as plastic feedstock and another 4% or so provides the energy to transform that feedstock into useable plastic material. That means by 2050, twenty percent of our carbon footprint would be devoted to plastic production if the world's carbon footprint remains the same. If the carbon footprint is reduced, the proportion for plastic production would only increase.



Shades of Raiders of the Lost Ark...

While most other components of the waste stream are biodegradable, plastic is persistent and accumulates. Because plastics degrade slowly (often over thousands of years), microplastics have a high probability of ingestion by, incorporation into, and accumulation in the bodies and tissues of many organisms. The toxic chemicals bio-magnify up the food chain on land and at sea. The cycle and movement of microplastics in the environment are not fully known, but the research currently underway to investigate the phenomenon does not look promising for our health. The problem is world-wide. The Ocean Conservancy reported that China, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam dump more plastic into the sea than all other countries combined. Ten South Asian rivers transport 88% to 95% of the global plastics load into the sea.

Plastic has many important uses, but our over-reliance on it has had disastrous consequences for our health and the health of our planet. In particular, single-use plastics offer us brief convenience at a devastating cost, contributing to climate change, polluting our lands and waters, and harming wildlife. Reducing plastic use is a moral responsibility as well as a practical necessity. For these reasons, the Sustainability Committee of Temple Israel is committed to reducing our single-use plastic footprint.

Community



Bar Mitzvah of Cameron Aviles

Saturday, May 15, 2021

My name is Cameron Aviles. I attend the Cooperative Middle School in Stratham. I enjoy skiing, playing basketball and baseball, drawing and spending time with my friends and family. Judaism is important to me because I love celebrating the holidays, and I have learned so much about my own family's history. I love being Jewish, and all it adds to my life.

Job opening: Head of School/Family Programming Coordinator

As Amy Hyett mentioned in a recent column, Temple Israel is seeking a dynamic, creative educator who is passionate about Jewish learning to direct our Hebrew School (K-7) and to implement family programming to foster ongoing engagement of families with children and teens. Our ideal candidate is a warm and approachable person committed to working collaboratively. We envision this as a 30-hour per week position.

For a complete job description, please see the website or contact the office.

Senior Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 10:00 am, via Zoom

The Joyful Blessing of Time. This discussion group, led by experienced facilitator Laura Durant, will be a safe, supportive place to share experiences, concerns, thoughts, and feelings about this time in our lives. To connect with the group, use the Zoom link for services, found in Friday bulletins.



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Richard David Grossman in honor of Jordan Caracoglia, with thanks for his computer support.

CEMETERY FUND

Leonard Baer in memory of his father-in-law, Sam Kline, and in memory of his mother-in-law, Gertrude Borden Kline.

CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Paul Rothman & Emily McEntee. Anonymous donor. Susan Amchan. Phyllis Heilbrunner. Elaine & Jim Dolph in memory of Elaine's grandmother, Bessie Kimmeler. Henri & Marilyn Quintal. Jeffrey Salloway & Jennifer Beard. Shelley Brass in memory of Ronald Brass. Ellen Farber in honor of her four children and seven grandchildren. Robert & Marjorie Goldberg. Cathi Cherry-Liston.

DINNERMAN-ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Paul Rothman & Emily McEntee. Shelley Brass in memory of Ronald Brass. Ellen Farber in honor of her four children and seven grandchildren. Margie Levy Beck in loving memory of her sister, Eleanor Levy Packer. Carol Levy in loving memory of her sister, Eleanor Levy Packer. Vita Stone in memory of her husband, Ira M. Stone. Jim & Myra Fishbein in memory of Arnold Fishbein. Barbara Fox in memory of her mother, Sarah Borwick. Ira Schwartz in memory of Arthur Schwartz. Sara Anderson.

DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Steve Sacks in memory of his mother, Mona Sacks. Cathi Cherry-Liston in memory of her much-loved stepmother, Ursula Cherry. Bertha Robbins & Paul Drager in memory of Bertha's parents, Estelle & Louis Gottlieb, and Paul's parents, Albert & Stella Drager.

HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Gail Bradbard in memory of Norris Bendetson. Gail Spaen in memory of her father, Al Spaen. The Rubin family in memory of Lillie Sorkin, Michael's grandmother and Hannah, Ally, and Lily's great-grandmother.

INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Richard & Jane LeSavoy. Walter & Emma Rous. Paul Rothman & Emily McEntee. Rachel & James Burdin. Don & Tobey Harman in loving memory of Danielle Harman. Carmen & Gregg Pollack. Shelley Brass in memory of Ronald Brass. Jeffrey & Kellie Friedman in honor of the Temple Israel Board of Directors. Ellen Farber in honor of her four children and seven grandchildren. Cathi Cherry-Liston. Liz Kolodney & Barbara Sutton.

KIDDUSH FUND

Mark Ginsberg.

LIBRARY FUND

Barbara Fein in memory of her mother, Tillie Fein. Marsha Brann, Heidi, Didier, Anastasia, and Arianna in memory of Robert Brann.

MUSIC FUND

Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt in honor of beloved grandchildren Ayalah, Jonah, Kaleb, and Ori.

PRESCHOOL FUND

Selma Freedman in memory of her son, Mark Freedman.

*Endowment Fund Committee Chair Ira Schwartz would like to express his appreciation to everyone who responded so generously to support the temple endowment funds. One page isn't big enough to thank all contributors this month! [*Donation acknowledgments continue on page 15.*](#)*

Yahrzeits

May Yahrzeits

1. Arthur Schwartz
2. Abraham Seltzer, Sam Linden, Leo Levy, Michelle Offenberger, Brenda Gibbs, Molly Cook
3. Ida Gersh, Manashe Polimar, Lilian White, Sydney Cantor, Walter Bailey, Shirley Cooper
4. Max Greenberg, Shirley Vaughn, Irvin Lavine, Harry Winebaum, Melba Meister, Robert Fisher, Leonard Berenson
5. Walter Mayer Sr., Benjamin Babson, Alexander Talis, Francis Horovitz
6. Samuel Klaye, David Tober, Donald Albion
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Ritual Committee

7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 4 & Tuesday, May 25

Education Committee

10:00 am, Sunday, May 9

Membership Committee

7:00 pm, Monday, May 10

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7:30 pm, Wednesday, May 12

Tikkun Olam Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, May 13

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7:00 pm, Monday, May 17

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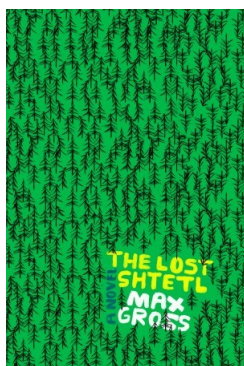
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TIP Book Club - May 4

The Lost Shtetl, by Max Gross



Please join us on Tuesday, May 4, at 11:30 am, outside in the courtyard, weather & COVID status permitting, for a lively discussion!

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