

The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

September 2021, Elul 5781 - Tishrei 5782



Gifts and Gratitude



**Rabba Kaya
Stern-Kaufman**

Dear Friends,

Looking back to the High Holidays of last year, it is encouraging to see how far we have come. In 2020, before the vaccine, we presented all our High Holiday services online.

Since then, much has changed, albeit slower than we had hoped, and it is truly

a blessing to be able to share many aspects of our holiday experience in person this year. Of course, we will continue to provide online services for those who require them. Recent upgrades to our sound system will enable those at home to hear the sounds of our community singing along in the sanctuary.

Slowly but surely, the situation is improving. It is

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**We're so pleased to
welcome back
Cantorial Soloist
Kochava Munro for
High Holiday
services at
Temple Israel.**



Upcoming Events

Ice Cream with Tzippy, Annabelle's in Portsmouth

4:00 pm, Wednesday, 9/1

Bar Mitzvah of David Wizwer

10:00 am, Saturday, 9/4

High Holidays & Fall Festivals

Please see detailed schedule on p. 3

ELC—First Day of School!

8:30 am, Thursday, 9/9

Brotherhood Builds the TIP Sukkah

Sunday, 9/19, 9:00 am

Sukkot Potluck at Strawberry Banke

6:00 pm, Monday, 9/20

Candy Sukkah Building (grades K-7), see p. 7

5:00 pm, Wednesday, September 22

TIP joins the Seacoast Walk to End Alzheimer's

9:00 am, Sunday, 9/26, Little Harbour School

Lulav Parade with Picnic at Spiller Farm, York

11:00 am, Sunday, 9/26

Simchat Torah Celebration

5:30 pm, Tuesday, 9/28

REGULAR MEETINGS

Basic Judaism Class for Conversion, see p. 2

6:00 pm, Wednesdays, next meeting 10/6

Senior Discussion Group

10:00 am, Wednesdays via Zoom, see you in October!

Yiddish Class for Beginners, see p. 15

11:00 am, Thursdays, 9/2 & 9/23, in the garden courtyard (social hall if raining)

Complete COMMITTEE MEETING schedule continues on page 9. [Reminder: please log into your ShulCloud account to confirm meeting dates on the website calendar, as they are subject to change!](#)

From Rabba Kaya's Desk

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always tempting to focus on what we are still lacking. Yet, one of the spiritual challenges of our times is to recognize the blessings within each situation, within every experience and especially within each trial. For me, there have been many blessings, but most important has been the support I have received in countless ways, that has enabled me to be of service to you.

I am especially grateful to all of you who contributed last year to the Annual Fund. Those revenues enabled us to make the needed upgrades to our sound system that will greatly enhance the experience of our services, whether in person or virtually. These additions will also allow us to offer more musical programming, accessible to all.

There are so many people who have stepped up to bring a variety of holiday experiences to our community. Without these intrepid and committed volunteers, none of our wonderful ideas would come to fruition. Special thanks to the many members of the High Holiday Steering Committee, headed by Bridget Jameson and Cathi Cherry-Liston for the countless hours of planning, organizing, coordinating and reaching out. Behind the scenes, Sam Berg has been fine-tuning the audio, and Rachel Dennis managing the prayerbooks. Kudos and thanks to Deborah Levine for organizing our very special Elul program, A Day of Movement and Music.

This year's holiday services presented us with so many new challenges and obstacles to overcome. I want to highlight the tremendous problem-solving acumen, hours of dedicated service, and generosity

offered by Dinah Berch in conjunction with Heather Tomlinson to create a system for High Holiday registration and seating. Beth Salzman designed our unified High Holiday communications.

As a community you get to see the results of endless hours of labor, but you don't necessarily see what a gift of love it is. Thank you to these volunteers and to so many other congregants who contribute their time all year long, including all of our board members, committee leaders and volunteers, and all who stepped up in recent months to fill needed positions. You hold up our community and we are all strengthened by your offerings. Together we can accomplish great things.

I am looking forward to sharing many new, beautiful programs, classes, events, and celebrations with you in 5782. May it be a year of healing and awakening to our highest dreams for one another and for our world.

With warmest wishes from Steve and myself for good health and a *Shanah Tovah U'metukah*,
Rabba Kaya

Basic Judaism Class for Conversion with Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

The next class meets on Wednesday, October 6, at 6:00 pm. Open to everyone interested in learning the basics about Judaism and living a Jewish life. Sessions are scheduled on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, via Zoom, on the following dates: **No classes in September. Next meetings are October 6, 20. November 3, 17.** Register on the website calendar to receive the Zoom link and reading list.

Prayer

Special Shabbat Services

- Saturday, September 4, Bar Mitzvah of David Wizwer

L'Shana Happy
Tova! New Year!



High Holiday Schedule

Mon. Sept. 6: 6:00 - 7:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Seder (Zoom only)

Tues. Sept. 7: Rosh Hashanah Day 1 morning service from 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

9:00 am Family Service, outdoors at 170 State St.

1:15 pm Tashlikh and Shofar at Prescott Park

3:30 pm Tashlikh and Shofar at boat launch beside Swasey Park, Exeter

3:30 pm Tashlikh and Shofar at Henry Law Park, Dover

Wed. Sept. 8: Rosh Hashanah Day 2 morning service from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm

Wed. Sept. 15: 6:15 - 8:00 pm Kol Nidre Service

Thurs., Sept. 16 Yom Kippur morning service from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

9:00 - 10:00 am Family Service, outdoors at 170 State St.

6:00 - 6:40 pm Mincha Service (*haftarah* Jonah)

6:45 - 7:33 pm Neilah Service and Havdalah; final shofar blast at 7:33pm

Candle Lighting

September 3, 6:58 pm

September 10, 6:45 pm

September 17, 6:33 pm

September 24, 6:20 pm

Service Times

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Friday 6:30 pm

Saturday morning 10:00 am

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

Fall Festivals

Sukkot

Mon., Sept. 20: 6:00 pm Erev Sukkot potluck at Strawberry Banke sukkah

Tues, Sept. 21: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Sukkot Service, Sanctuary and Zoom

Fri., Sept. 24, 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service & potluck at Strawberry Banke sukkah

Sun., Sept. 25, 11:00 am Lulav parade & picnic lunch, Spiller Farm, 85 Spiller Farm Lane, Wells, ME

Simchat Torah: Tues, Sept. 28

10:00 am Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah service

5:30 pm Pizza dinner

6:30 pm Simchat Torah celebration with Klezwoods klezmer band, followed by ice cream buffet

President's Message



Dear Fellow Congregants,
The Torah (Exodus 25:1 - 3)
teaches us:

*The Lord spoke to Moses,
saying: Tell the Israelite
people to bring Me gifts;
you shall accept gifts for
Me; from every person
whose heart so moves him.*

*And these are the gifts that you shall accept from
them: gold, silver, and copper.*

Since the time of the building of the original Tabernacle in the desert over 3500 years ago we have been commanded by God to contribute to the building and maintenance of our houses of worship. For centuries Jewish congregations around the world have made special appeals to their congregants during High Holiday services. Whether it was because it was for the New Year or because it was when the greatest number of congregants were present at services has been much debated, but we at Temple Israel have decided to minimize our appeal during services. This means that we must appeal to you through other means, such as this.

You may remember that a few months ago I wrote about our responsibility to support the temple community in any way we can. Your financial support of your temple is critical to our continuing to thrive as a Jewish community on the Seacoast. Whatever your interest may be, with over twenty funds devoted to different aspects of temple life, we almost certainly have a fund to which you may enthusiastically contribute. We have operating

funds that in the words of the *Prayer for Those Who Serve the Community*, "... provide for their maintenance, wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, food for guests, bread for the hungry, *tzedakah* for the poor, and shelter for the homeless." We also have Endowment Funds that focus on providing income to support our activities for the long-term. Finally, once again this year we are having an Annual Appeal to help support our operating expenses as well as special projects.

Thanks to the generous support of about one-third of our members during the past two years we have been able to raise over \$85,000 each year. This has enabled our Annual Appeal to support a number of projects including the following: the retiling of the Court Street entrance; new audio-video systems in the Social Hall and Board Room to enhance programming; structural hardscape along Court Street below the playground for beauty and security; temple needs related to Covid-19; Pesach gifts to the community; and the Family Engagement Coordinator position.

This year we hope that our past donors will continue their generous support and hope that other members will also choose to participate. I would love to see every member make a contribution of at least \$18, which is equivalent to less than a nickel a day. I hope that each of you will be able to join together with the other members of our congregation to make this our most successful Annual Appeal ever.

L'shanah tovah tikatevu v'taihatemu,

May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year!

Robert Zimman

Ritual Committee

Looking Forward to Seeing You

Shanah tovah!

As we transition into the fall months, the evening air turns chilly, the leaves begin to turn red and yellow, and we in the Jewish community prepare to greet the new year. This is a time to ask, “Have I been the person I want to be, the best version of myself, that may be hard to reach?” It is a time to own up to our shortcomings, to seek forgiveness from those we have wronged, to identify and commit to new paths that will lead us in a better direction.

My path this year has brought me back inside the sanctuary for services. I am deeply comforted by the sight of the light streaming through the antique windows, the familiar sounds of voices raised together in song, the peace of standing in silent prayer before the ark. I enjoy greeting familiar faces and meeting visitors and new members, even though I can see only the top half of their masked faces. Sometimes after services we linger in the parking lot, where we can safely remove our masks and visit. This sense of community is an essential part of the experience of Jewish prayer, where so many prayers require the presence of at least ten adults. Judaism is not meant to be practiced in isolation.

The last year has taught us that virtual events can have surprising power and reach. We will continue to offer online access to our services and events in the year ahead. This will be essential for anyone who is unable to travel, living at a distance, immunocompromised, or just not ready for in-person contact. The links for services are always included in the “This Week” Friday bulletin emails.

If you are comfortable with in-person events, please consider making the extra effort to attend a service or other event at Temple Israel. You will find that there is plenty of room to spread out, and your presence will help us build the community that we all crave. In September you have many holidays and events to choose from: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah will all be celebrated at Temple Israel in traditional and new ways. Please join us!

Judaism is a religion of community. Your participation – whether in person or over Zoom – can make that community real.

For more information about the upcoming holidays, check the Temple Israel website: <https://www.templeisraelnh.org/pray/high-holidays-2021>.

Wishing you and your family a sweet and healthy new year. — Fran Berman, VP, Ritual

A hearty welcome to members:

- **Michael Deutsch**, Stratham
- **Karen & Norton Newborn**, Stratham
- **Chagas Felipe**, Sanbornville

And welcome to the world,

- **Lianna June Alfeld!** Rabbi **Ira Korinow** and **Sally Bock** are proud to announce the birth of their 11th grandchild. Lianna is the daughter of **Karen Bock Alfeld** and **Zach Alfeld**, and is currently being doted upon by her older siblings, **Bella** and **Logan**.
- **Lessa Brill** and **John Wallace** are delighted to announce the birth of their granddaughter, **Eila McMahon**, daughter of **Penina** and **Sam McMahon**.

Hebrew School



Tzipporah Horowitz

Head of School

With the High Holidays and new school year fast approaching, it is a time for us to take stock of what's important to us, and to consider carefully what we can do better for the coming year.

Circumstances are still uncertain, but that's hardly

new. One of the key feelings that I've felt over the years, and especially each time Rosh Hashanah rolls around, is uncertainty. No matter how we live our lives, we don't know that things are going to be okay. And yet, as a community, and as a society, we've decided that one of the most important things we can do is educate our children. Judaism and the connections it brings us, are an essential part of our identity. Sharing the beauty of our knowledge and traditions with the next generation is a crucial part of making sure they know who they are, so they can feel that they are a part of any Jewish community they join in the future.

As we plan for this upcoming school year, safety continues to remain our first priority for our students. We've had a year to adapt our procedures to minimize the risks of gathering together. We will continue to monitor conditions and adapt as necessary. If the last year has taught us anything, it is the importance of being together. I cannot wait to learn with all of you this coming year as we finally return to the classroom.

The first day of Shabbat School for all grades is Saturday, October 2.

Meanwhile, please mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

Tuesday, 9/7 and Thursday, 9/16, Outdoor Family High Holiday celebrations. Come celebrate with us at fun, engaging family services. The Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be led by our teens, with both familiar and new tunes to enjoy! We will be located under a tent in the 170 State Street parking lot. Services go from 9:00 – 10:00 am, followed by holiday-themed activities. Experience shofar up close and play games until the end of services in the sanctuary at 12:15 pm.

The Family Service will focus on kids in fifth grade or younger, but families with children of all ages are encouraged to attend. We hope you can join us for apples, honey, community, dancing, and more!

Wednesday, 9/22, 5:00 pm: Join us in the temple sukkah for Candy Sukkah Building! Meet classmates and find out about the holiday of Sukkot.

Sunday, 9/26, 11am, Family Sukkot celebration and Lulav & Etrog Parade, at Spiller Farm in York. We had so much fun last year at Wagon Hill in Durham. Please join us for an outdoor celebration, parade, and picnic at Spiller Farm in York, Maine.

If you haven't already registered your child, please log into your ShulCloud account ASAP and click on the Start School Enrollment tile to register your student for the 2021-2022 school year. Students have been assigned to their classes already. If you have never logged in to ShulCloud, please contact the office for your personal login link. If you spot an error or have any difficulties, please contact our webmaster, Dinah Berch, or review our ShulCloud How-To Guide.

B'simchah,

Tzippy Horowitz, Head of School

headofschool@templeisraelnh.org

Early Learning Center



Tammy Roberge
Director, ELC

The Early Learning Center held a week of summer camp July 19 – 23, 2021. On most days we had wonderful weather, leading to fun field trips and water play. With the help of Marjorie Gruzen and Steve Sacks, we explored Prescott Park. Our adventures included a nature hunt, flower

viewing, and observing all the bustle on the Piscataqua River, from tugboats to bridge raises, lobster boats, and gundalows. In a nice open field, we kicked balls, threw footballs, and played soccer. We ate watermelon at picnic tables and then continued our journey to Peirce Island and the play structure.

The children also enjoyed seeing the growth of their own ELC garden. They were surprised to discover how large our plants had grown during summer vacation. We have LOTS of tomatoes, some strawberries, sunflowers as tall as the children, and pumpkins growing near the playground.

Campers were very excited about water play, the bubble machine, and ice cream! Cacia from the Sonatina Center came for some music fun with the group too.



The Early Learning Center returns for the 2021 – 2022 school year on September 9, 2021, with apples and honey for a snack to bring in a sweet New Year! We are looking forward to hosting Richard David Grossman on September 10 to blow the shofar for us. THANK YOU!

The ELC wishes you all *SHANAH TOVAH*
U'METUKAH,

Tammy Roberge

Contact me through the preschool email – preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org or via phone at 603-436-5301 Ext. 23.



Treasurer's Report

Dear fellow congregants,

In May of this year, I was honored to be elected as your new treasurer after previously serving on the Financial Oversight Committee. My wife Jane and I were members of Temple Israel in Dover. We reside in Newmarket, NH. As your new treasurer, I would like to provide an update on your temple's finances, given the unusual times we have experienced over the last year and a half.

The overall financial health of our temple is good. We are fortunate to own our historic synagogue at 200 State Street, the adjoining property at 170 State Street, and our cemetery on Banfield Road, all with no mortgages. Temple operations have historically been self-financed through dues, school tuition, rental income, and the generous donations of our community. We have no existing loans.

Each year we create an operating budget that supports our Hebrew School, Preschool, our staff, building expenses, and many of our programs, events, and Jewish ritual observations and services. Each budget is presented to the membership at our annual meeting.

Donations to various specific funds support other activities like our library, musical programs, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and specific goals like the recent purchase of new prayerbooks. Each of these "purposeful" donation funds is separately reported each month. In the past two years, our Annual Fund campaign has supported beautification efforts on our property and, most recently, the significant expenses associated with the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. Designated fees support a building maintenance fund and, in recent times, a security fund to address the safety and security of our congregants.

In addition to fund-specific donations, the temple has a long-established series of endowment funds. With endowment contributions, the funds are preserved for perpetuity, and only the income generated from investing the principal is spent. A large portion of our



Rich LeSavoy

endowment funds is invested in Israeli Bonds. The interest income supports cultural events, education, and a small portion of our operating expenses.

Traditionally, our dues, school tuition, and rental income from 170 State Street have supported our operating budget. **This formula has not fully funded our operations beginning in the last fiscal year, and the same is expected in this fiscal year.** The primary reason has been the loss of our long-time tenant at 170 State Street and the impact of the COVID pandemic on our Hebrew School enrollment. I consider this a "structural deficit" as we now need to rely on other sources of income to balance our budget.

The pandemic has brought other challenges as our staff and committee volunteers have worked tirelessly to maintain our programming virtually and provide support to all our congregants. Through the diligent efforts of my predecessor, Amy Borne, Temple Israel applied for and received two Payroll Protection Program grants. In addition, thanks to the efforts of ELC Director Tammy Roberge, we received an Early Learning Challenge grant for our preschool. The Security Committee has also

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Bar Mitzvah

obtained two major grants from the Department of Homeland Security for building improvements.

These one-time grants have helped ensure that our finances remain solid, with adequate cash flow to fund our operations. However, the “structural deficit” remains a concern for future years. As we continue to adapt to life with COVID, we hope to create new rental income and expect our Hebrew School enrollment to increase. Once we are further into this fiscal year, I hope to provide additional updates. Meanwhile, I encourage those interested to review the monthly financial reports posted on ShulCloud. Log in and select the Board Meeting page, under “Member Resources.” I am always available to answer fellow congregants’ questions.

Richard LeSavoy, Treasurer

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Committee meeting schedule continued from page 1; all meetings take place via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Development Committee

7:00 pm, Wednesday, 9/1

Education Committee

6:30 pm, Thursday, 9/2

House Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 9/2

Executive Committee

7:30 pm, **Thursday (usually Wednesday)**, 9/9

Board of Directors

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 9/14

Israel Affairs Committee

4:00 pm, Thursday, 9/23 (in person + via Zoom)

Tikkun Olam Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 9/30

Ritual Committee

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 10/5



Bar Mitzvah of David Wizwer

Saturday, September 4

My name is David Wizwer. I attend Newmarket Jr./Sr. High School. I enjoy skiing, football, basketball, music and playing video games. Judaism is important to me because it keeps me closer to God.

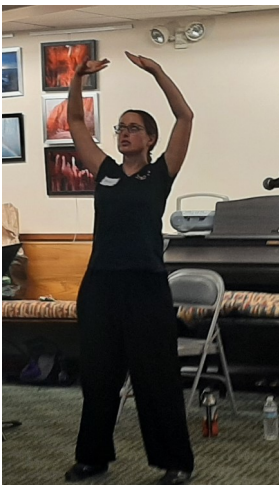
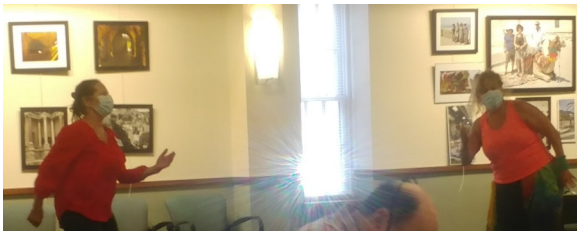
SISC SPECIAL EVENT. Please come to an outdoor celebration with SISC (the Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition) members including a talk by Temple Israel supported immigrant Claudine Bertou and a chance to view the outdoor banners honoring two immigrants.

Dover Friends Meeting (141 Central Ave); Sunday, September 12 ; 4:00 - 5:00 pm followed by refreshments and a chance to meet many SISC supporters. For more information, contact Ellen Fineberg at efineberg75@gmail.com or 603.828.1327.

Arts Review Team

By Deborah Levine, Arts Review Team Chair

What an honor! Over 32 congregants and friends participated in Temple Israel's first **"Community Day of Music & Movement - Awakening Spirit for the Jewish New Year"** on August 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. As one participant said, "There was something for everybody." We had bells solo, yoga, chi gong and music with Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman and Fran Berman in the morning. We enjoyed lunch together, while "schmoozing" outside in the courtyard. Then we gathered in the Social Hall once again for the more vigorous part of our program, including Zumba with contemporary Israeli music, Israeli dancing, an African Drum Circle and finishing with shofar blowing with Richard David Grossman. Many have asked to make this day an annual event, as well as to offer classes throughout the year. Special thanks to Karen Mott, Cathi Cherry-Liston, Shelley Brass, and Nathaniel Cowen for their considerable help.



August 25 at the Discover Portsmouth Center, we enjoyed **An Evening in the Gallery**, co-sponsored by the Portsmouth Historical Society and the Arts Review Team. William Brewster, husband of congregant Arlene Brewster, lectured about "The Twilight of American Impressionism." A companion exhibit, "Don Gorvett: Working Waterfronts" was also open for viewing. Light refreshments were provided. Many thanks to Robin Albert Lehman for helping to arrange this delightful event!



Sisterhood / Donations

Sisterhood had a wonderful Rosh Chodesh program in August at the home of Ellen Farber, led by Deborah Levine and Jewel Beth Davis. Ellen Farber blew the shofar. If anyone is interested in co-hosting the next Rosh Chodesh (October) with Jewel, please reach out to her.



Our next Sisterhood planning meeting is August 26 at 7pm on Zoom. We will continue to discuss officer positions and terms as well as preparations for the High Holidays. We would love to see you join us!

Kerry Hansen, Sisterhood Secretary

Call for Art

Submissions on the theme of "Stillness & Motion" are requested from congregants and friends for an October exhibit. Please contact the office or dlevine12@yahoo.com.



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BUILDING FUND

Joanne Samuels in memory of her mother, June Goodman, father, Bernard Goodman, and grandmother, Doris Chase.

CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Ellen Farber-Libowitz in memory of her mother, Hatalie Filler. Robert Zimman in memory of his mother, Ruth Epstein. Bernard Goodman in memory of his brother, Sheldon Goodman. Ellen Farber in celebration of the High Holidays.

DINNERMAN-ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Dennis Roffman in memory of his mother, Salle Rothman. Joyce Meenes in memory of her beloved mother, Mary Rottenberg. Stan & Rita Robbins in memory of Stan's father, Sidney Robbins.

DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Steve Sacks in memory of his father, Burton Sacks.

HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Gail Spaen in memory of her parents, Al Spaen & Frances Spaen.

INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Joan and Paul Stowe in memory of Mel Alexander. Elaine Krasker in memory of her parents, Sophie and Albert Sados. Michael & Molly Blackman in memory of Michael's parents, Herman & Anne Blackman. Sandy & Helaine Roberts in memory of Helaine's parents, Elias & Molly Leitman. Jeffrey & Kellisue Freeman.

LIBRARY FUND

Glen Mackles in memory of his father, Louis Mackles.

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Donations, continued

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MUSIC FUND

Anonymous contributor “to support ongoing cantorial soloists at Friday night services.”

PRAYERBOOK FUND

Sam & Jennie Siegel in honor of Deborah Hirsch Mayer.

PRESCHOOL FUND

Phyllis Kravetz in memory of her parents, Charles & Sadie Gouse. Laura, Ron, Alana & Dana Sher in memory of Maureen Sher, beloved mother and grandmother.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Amy Feitelson in memory of her father, Joseph Feitelson. Sam and Jennie Siegel with appreciation to Rabba Kaya. Linda Cote in memory of her father, Louis Mackles. Phyllis Heilbronner in celebration of Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman and Stephen Kaufman's 15th wedding anniversary. Liz Kolodney & Barbara Sutton. Ted Molnar writes: “I'm a former congregant of Rabba Kaya from Rutland VT. During this pandemic *meshigas* I received so much *nachas* and spiritual enrichment from attending services held by her. I want to thank your congregation for allowing me to be with you even though it was a virtual experience. *L'Shana Tova ve Metuka*.”

TIKKUN OLAM FUND

Fran Berman in honor of Elyse White's Bat Mitzvah. Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman in memory of her parents, Judy & Larry Stern. Phyllis Heilbronner in memory of Allen Linden. Claudia Leblanc.

TZEDAKAH FUND

Cynthia Freedman and Marcia Blacker in memory of their grandmother, Annie Freedman. Lisa & Jack

Ohayon in memory of Lisa's father, Sheldon L. Goodman. Michael & Molly Blackman in memory of Michael's parents, Herman & Anne Blackman. Eric Gilston.

High Holiday contributions gratefully acknowledged from: Robert & Cindy Chaikin. Ruth Kletnick. Tammie Burns. Judith Rubenstein. Laura & Ron Sher. Lila Rosenbloom. Steve Finberg. Peter Schultz & Mary Watt. Much appreciation to Gloria & Harold Moldoff for the lovely bimah floral arrangements for High Holiday services.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Shelley Hartz & Rick Sugam. Steven Goldberg. James & Rachel Burdin. Jerrold Pollak & Marilyn McGair. Barry & Minerva Feinberg.

Also, many thanks to Edward Dworkin, Arthur Freedman, A. Richard Golub, Esq., Robert Kirsch, Ms. Judith Robbins, Richard Seder, and Barry Solomon, whose generous donation is “Dedicated to the memory of Ronnie Meenes, our devoted friend for over 65 years, during our adolescent years and beyond. He was a kind, considerate and rare man who never failed in extending his generosity or compassion towards his family, friends, and those who were his acquaintances. May he rest in peace, from the Crazy Eight.”



Families enjoying a summer afternoon *Tot Shabbat* in the garden courtyard with Rabba Kaya.

Tikkun Olam



My name is Shelley Hartz and I would like to introduce myself as a new member of Temple Israel and as the new chair of the Tikkun Olam committee.

You may be thinking, who are you? And what do you bring to the table?

I am currently the Director

Shelley Hartz of Community and Civic

Engagement at an independent school in New Jersey with responsibility for over 1,000 students and faculty. I have over twenty years of experience engaging in partnerships that bring together students, faculty, and non-profit organizations. In addition to building relationships within the larger community, I also am involved in educating students and faculty on issues of social injustices that create community needs.

Partnering with the larger community in a just and equitable way is how I approach my work and passion with community engagement. Building unbiased and empathetic relationships through action and education is what I hope to bring to Temple Israel and the Tikkun Olam Committee.

Judaism respects human integrity and dignity, and our Rabbinic tradition emphasizes that the highest form of *tzedakah* is to help someone become self-sufficient. Working towards the goal of becoming self-sufficient is the foundation for strong and resilient partnerships between Temple Israel and the larger community.

For me, the essence of life is telling a story. I love listening and sharing stories. It is stories that bind

us together. But our stories are just the beginning. If we have enough to eat, a place to sleep, and clothes to wear, we already have more than many people in the world. Becoming aware of how much we have, we naturally begin to think about what it means to give back to this world because we have been blessed with so much. When you think about your story, connect with gratitude and find reasons for joy, the next step is to find those who need help and share your bounty.

As citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the United States and the world, we have the power to make a difference. In my role as the chair of the Tikkun Olam Committee, I am looking forward to working together with all members of the temple to create meaningful opportunities to partner and build relationships in the larger community. Please reach out to me if you would like to be a part of the Tikkun Olam Committee. All of our meetings will be on Zoom, at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month, with the exception of our next meeting, Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 pm. I look forward to meeting you!

ANNUAL HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

On erev Yom Kippur, we will dedicate our annual food collection to Seacoast Family Promise. SFP is a neighbor-helping-neighbor organization for families with children experiencing homelessness. Please consider filling a bag (or two!) to help. Non-perishable items only may be left in the SANCTUARY LOBBY (State Street) between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Due to Covid 19, congregants can choose instead to send a check to: SFP, 27 Hampton Rd, Exeter, NH 03833. Please include "Temple Israel member" on the check memo line.

Yahrzeits

September Yahrzeits

1. Pauline Alkon, Rose Paul, Ann Diamant, Alfred Heilbronner, William Lederman, Roberta Baer
2. Kenneth Fox, Leo Shoer, Martin Elkin, Philip Verner
3. May Levy, Jack Pearl, Charles Kram
4. Molly Winebaum, Isadore Kotlus, Alex Siegel, Edwina Scharff, Milton Lincoln
5. Dov Ben Shuster, Frances Winer, Herman Winick, Annie Hooz
6. Jacob Cohen, Benjamin Chertok, Bertha Gerstein, David Strauss, Jacob Hooz, Abraham Glaser, Abigail Michelson, Donald Spund
7. Samuel Kirzner, Mildred Gorman Pollack, Sarah Shoer, Nancy S. Hernandez
8. Ida Bradbard, Hyman Black, Dora Lightman, Meyer Simmons, Leon Steinberg, Bessie Fins, Arthur Lieberman, Samuel Roessler, Leib Borwick, Suzanne Rubenstein
9. Baby Polimar, Saul Mark, Elias Leitman, Robert Morris, Sylvia Morris, Leonard Lane, Bernard Cooperman, Mary Singer, Samuel Golden, Morris Moses
10. Ella Blankenberg
11. Samuel Goodman, Rita Rabinowitz, Samuel Cohen, Michael Mittelman, Helen Holmes
12. Elsa Vero
13. Wilna Hufnagle, Lorraine Lasky, Israel Wiseman, Elizabeth LeSavoy

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14. Werner Hufnagle, Gloria Blum, Taube Hornblas, Samuel Winer
15. Anne Lampert, Robert Reingold, Anna Oshry, Etta Auerbach
16. Stella Goodman, Bernice Levingston, Harold Duprie, Sarah Edelstein, Mark Shor, Sheldon Herman
17. Philip Fox, Gertrude Fine, William Baer
18. Lillian Lessow, Esther Milechman, Louis Shapiro, Jacob Dinnerman, Annie Cohen, Jack Kalish, Jacob Auerbach
19. Anna Handleman, David Goldberg, Rose Krasker, Leah Selzer, Carl Prietz, Gerald Landgarten, Michael Emmer, Julius Berenson, Doris Stocklan, Pearl Zack, Michael Cowen
20. Shirley Fleischman, Minnie Lederman, Louis Golub
21. Hortense Bernheimer, Peter Solomon
22. Irene Kline, Alec Cohen, Maurice Stone, George M. Robbins
23. Adele Goldberg Smith, Rachel Beaupre, Grete Hirsch, Bess Grossman, Molly Leitman, Morris Lisagor, Bud Lieberman
24. Abraham Shapiro, Bessie Greenfield, Debbie Ginsburg
25. Eva Slosberg, Simha Benshimol, Jack Briskin, Harry Kauffman, Ida Tober, Alex Salden
26. Murray Goldberg, Irene Torf, Dorothy Cohen,

Need to recite Mourner's Kaddish? Please join our minyan online or in person on Tuesday, Fridays, and Saturdays. See schedule on page 3. A prayer to say a personal Kaddish without a minyan is also available on our website, or contact the office to receive it by mail or email.

Yahrzeits / Israel Affairs

Lawrence H. Barrows, Simon Cohen,
Morris Greenberg

27. Nathan Thrope, Morris Cohen, Sarah Jackson,
Michael Pines, Jack Gotz, Samuel K. King
28. Alfred Fluster, Debra Faye Jacobs,
Forrest Krutter, Lena Bernstein
29. Alice Sussman, Oscar Chaikin, Ben Benjamin,
Margaret Jacoby, Michele Issokson Sbrega,
Helen Winebaum, Ruth Currier McCarty
30. Sarah Applebaum, Jack Berman, Louis Wein,
Robert Turner

*Our congregation grieves with families suffering
the loss of dear family members.*

Condolences to **Sandell Morse** on the passing of
her cousin, **Harriet Hirsch**, on July 31.

Condolences to **Margie Wachtel** on the passing
of her father, **Jim Wachtel** on August 1.

Condolences to **Lisa Fieseher** on the passing of
her mother, **Sylvia Rae Kandel**, on August 23.

Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings

By Emma Rous, Israel Affairs Committee Chair

Looking ahead to fall: The Israel Affairs Committee, with the support of the Cultural Endowment Fund, will offer an important 8-part series prepared by the highly respected Shalom Hartman Institute on pivotal events in Israeli history: 1917, 1947, and 1967. The series includes video, text study, and discussion led by Rabba Kaya.

"As we look to Israel's future, we need to engage anew with our past and explore its meanings and consequences. This iEngage series grapples with the different ideas and values that shape the meaning of modern Israel, Zionism, and Jewish Identity today." (Hartman Institute)

The classes will include video lectures from leading Israeli scholars, text study and discussion. We hope to meet in person and via Zoom. The class will meet on Sunday mornings, 10:30 - noon on: 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/23, 2/6 . Please register on the temple website calendar.

Class topics are as follows:

Unit 1: 1917 – The Balfour Declaration: The Idea of a Homeland for the Jewish People

Unit 2: 1947 – The United Nations Partition Plan: The Jews in the World

Unit 3: 1967 – The Six Day War: Power, Land, and God

Unit 4: Judea and Samaria: Occupation or Liberation

Unit 5: One State, Two States: Moral Red Lines

Unit 6: Jerusalem of God, Prayer, and Peoplehood

Unit 7: Jerusalem of Responsibility, Loss, and Hope

Unit 8: The Jubilee Year and Beyond

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TIP Book Club is on hiatus for September.

A big “thank you” to Carol Lincoln for coordinating this summer’s discussions.

Please join us in October!

Upcoming titles will be announced in the weekly bulletin.

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Looking for ways to spread random acts of kindness?

The Chesed Squad is seeking volunteers!

Our group is available to assist members with needs that come up unexpectedly, such as providing food and /or visits to members who may be ill, suffer a death in the family, or have a new baby. Need a ride or help with an errand at short notice? The Chesed Squad can help!

Volunteers may write cards of encouragement, sympathy, or congratulation. We also check in on a regular basis with the senior members of our congregation. Additional services could be defined and offered as needs arise and our group’s membership strengthens.

Please contact Pamela Battin-Sacks for more information or to sign up, at pkbs23@comcast.net

Be a part of helping repair the world, one kind deed at a time!