The Doorpost

Temple Israel Monthly Newsletter October 2021, Tishrei - Cheshvan 5782



Geniza Burial Ceremony



Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

In Jewish tradition, any item that contains any of God's seven names in Hebrew must not be destroyed, thrown away, or recycled. Once such a book, document, or ritual item is deemed unusable, we store these items in a special place in the synagogue until we have an opportunity to

give them a proper and honorable burial. This collection of unusable books and ritual items is called *geniza*, which comes from the Hebrew word meaning "hidden." Synagogues throughout the ages have stored old documents in attics or basements. In some cases the *geniza* collections remained for centuries and never received burial.

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Please save the date for a very special weekend

Friday, February 4 — Sunday, February 6, 2022

Noted Singer/Songwriter Elana Arian will attend as Artist-in- Residence.

Detailed program information to follow!



Upcoming Events

First day of Shabbat School 9:00 am, Saturday, 10/2, sanctuary & classrooms Isra AID Presentation hosted by Israel Affairs Comm. 6:00 pm, Sunday, 10/3, via Zoom **Escape Room with Tzippy** 6:00 pm, Tuesday, 10/5 Hand Drumming Class begins, see p. 10 3:30 pm, Thursday, 10/7, social hall **Temple Office is closed** Thursday, 10/7 through Monday, 10/11 **ELC is closed** Monday, 10/11 Bar Mitzvah of Leo Beresin 10:00 am, Saturday, 10/16, sanctuary Israel's Milestones & Their Meanings class begins, p. 8 10:30 am, Sunday, 10/17, social hall & Zoom **TIP Book Club Meeting in the garden courtyard** 12:00 pm, Tuesday, 10/19, The Paris Library **Cemetery & Geniza Teaching (Banfield Rd Cemetery)** 4:00 pm, Wednesday, 10/27 **Bat Mitzvah of Allyson Rubin** 10:00 am, Saturday, 10/30, sanctuary

REGULAR MEETINGS

Basic Judaism Class for Conversion, see p. 2 6:00 pm, Wednesdays, 10/6 & 10/20, via Zoom

> Senior Discussion Group 10:00 am, Wednesdays, via Zoom

Yiddish Class for Beginners

11:00 am, Thursdays, except 10/21, in the Shmooze

Complete COMMITTEE MEETING schedule continues on page 15. 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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These *geniza* collections have become a great source of historical records and provide us with a fascinating glimpse of Jewish life over the ages.

At Temple Israel, we have a growing *geniza* collection of unusable books, documents and ritual items that contain God's name. With love and respect, we will give them a proper and honorable burial at the Temple Israel cemetery on Banfield Road in Portsmouth on Wednesday, October 27th at 3:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend this unique ceremony along with the students from our Youth Education Program.

Rabbi Ilana Garber wrote these lovely words about the book burial ceremony at her synagogue which certainly pertain to our collection as well: *The books that we shall bury have been handled and studied by children and adults. If the pages of these books could talk, what tales could they tell of the people who once held them and studied from them, of the rooms, buildings, and countries in which they have been.*

Some of the books in our *geniza* collection were printed in Europe, some in the United States, some perhaps in other lands. Through our tender handling of these items, returning them to the earth, we honor our past and our future as old volumes make way for new. Please join me as we connect with the chain of tradition and renew our commitment to Jewish learning and practice. With blessings,

Rabba Kaya

Congregants enjoy the sukkah at Strawbery Banke with Chavurah Piscataqua.





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: **October 6, 20. November 3, 17**. Register on the website calendar to receive the Zoom link and reading list.

Prayer

Upcoming B'Nei Mitzvah Celebrations

Saturday, October 16, Bar Mitzvah of Leo Beresin Saturday, October 30, Bat Mitzvah of Allyson Rubin

Welcome Back: a Guide to What to

Expect at Services

By Fran Berman, VP, Ritual

Now that High Holidays are past and our new youth education program, Yachad Shabbat (Shabbat Together) is beginning, we would love to welcome you at Shabbat services. What a joy it will be to see our children participating and leading parts of the service!

All services are available in person and over Zoom (use the link provided in each Friday's "This Week" bulletin).

If you can, we would love for you to join us in the Sanctuary. We need a minyan (ten Jewish adults) in person to read from the Torah, so your presence really makes a difference! Friday night services are 6:30 - 7:40 pm; Saturday morning services are 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Starting in November, Friday night services will begin at 6:00 pm.

If you are coming to an in-person Shabbat service and haven't attended in a while, here is a quick guide:

 Put on a *kippah* as you enter the Sanctuary as a sign of respect for God. This request applies to both Jews and people of other faiths. We have a basket of *kippot* near each door, as well as hair clips to help them stay on.

Candle Lighting

October 1, 6:08 pm October 8, 5:55 pm October 15, 5:44 pm October 22, 5:33 pm October 29, 5:22 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.

(morning services on Shabbat and holidays and afternoon or evening services 2 - 3 times a year) we encourage ALL Jewish adults to wear a *tallit*. The fringes found on the four corners of a tallit represent the 613 commandments God gave to the Israelites in the Torah. Using gematria (a Jewish numerological system in which letters of the Hebrew alphabet are given numerical values), the value assigned to the word tzitzit and the combination of thread strands and knots add up to 613. God instructed Moses regarding tzitzit in text found in Numbers 15:37 - 41, which we chant each Shabbat after the Shema, "Speak to the people Israel, and instruct them that in every generation they shall put tzitzit on the corners of their garments, placing a thread of blue on the tzitzit, the fringe of each corner. That shall be your tzitzit and you shall look at it, and remember all the mitzvot of

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• At services when the Torah will be read

President's Message



Dear Fellow Congregants, I sincerely hope that each and every one of you had a joyful High Holiday season and that you found our services and other activities meaningful and uplifting. Now, as we start the new year of 5782, I call upon you to help us reenergize

Temple Israel by becoming more involved as a volunteer.

If you give it any thought, you probably will realize that much of the work of our Temple is done by our volunteers. Without our volunteers organizing service participants, teaching classes, or leading activities, much of our programming would cease to exist. This is why it is so important that each member become involved.

In addition to our ongoing need for volunteers, we now urgently need members to step forward to fill two critical positions: Vice-President House and Membership Committee Chair. I think we all recognize that taking care of the historic building with which we have been entrusted is an important job. The VP, House in addition to being a member of our Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, also oversees the House, Security, and Sustainability Committees. Currently, Jared Nabel is the chair of the Security Committee and Christine Caputo is the chair of the Sustainability Committee.

Each of these committees (House, Security, and Sustainability) has dedicated members who do much of the committee work, but we need someone to step forward to coordinate our efforts until the congregation elections in May 2022, at which point the position will be up for election for a two-year term.

We also need a chair for the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee is vital to the future of our congregation. Its primary responsibility is to communicate with prospective members and foster engagement among current ones. This committee also has experienced, dedicated members who perform much of the work of the committee, but they need someone to lead the team effort. Since our committee chairs are appointed rather than elected, the term of Membership Committee Chair would be for two years, once appointed by the President and approved by our Board of Directors.

As we move forward together in the new year, I encourage each of you to examine how you could expand your support of our Temple community by volunteering. If you know the committee or committees on which you'd like to participate, that's great. But if you're unsure where we could use your experience, or which committee might be the best match for your interests, we can help you. All you need to do in either case is contact me or the office and we will put you in contact with the correct person. If each member gives a little bit of their time by participating on one or more of our committees, we'll be able to dramatically improve Temple Israel for the benefit of all.

Robert Zimman

Ritual Committee

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Adonai, and fulfill them, and not be seduced by your heart and eyes as they lead you astray. Then you will remember and fulfill all my mitzvot, and be holy before your God."

- If the service is underway when you arrive, please wait until the congregation is seated before entering the sanctuary.
- Due to the current Covid-19 levels, **masks** are required at all times in our building for every-one except the service leaders.

If you are honored with an *aliyah* at a service:

- Hand sanitizer is positioned at the base of the stairs leading up to the bimah. Please use it before going up for an aliyah.
- All Jewish adults who come to the bimah for an aliyah should wear a kippah and a tallit. Non-Jewish adults who accompany a Jewish family member on the bimah do not wear a tallit but are encouraged to cover their heads with a kippah (or lace covering for females who prefer not to wear a kippah).
- You can bring your own kippah and tallit or borrow them from the rack to wear during the service or just for the aliyah if you prefer.
- Those going up for an aliyah (reciting the blessings before and after a Torah reading), should approach by the stairs to the left as you face the reading table.
- The gabbai helping out on the bimah will ask for your Hebrew name. Hebrew names take the form X child of Y. There are three options in Hebrew for "child of" in your Hebrew name:

ben (son), *bat* (daughter), or *mi bet* (nongendered: from the house of).

- We have recently adopted a new, nongendered way for the gabbai to call people for their aliyot: *Na la'amod* [insert Hebrew name] *la'aliyah* [insert Hebrew number]. *Na la'amod* means "please stand."
- As the Aliyah begins, the Torah reader will point to the word in the Torah where the reading begins. You then take the fringes (tzitzit) at a corner of the tallit and touch it near that word. You do the same thing at the end of the reading, touching the last word of the reading. Because of Covid, we are asking people not to kiss the tzitzit after touching the Torah.
- The Torah Aliyah blessings that are read before and after each section of the Torah reading are in large print (in Hebrew and transliterated in English) on the reading table. The person having the Aliyah recites the blessings before and after the reading.
- Because of Covid, we are trying to limit the number of people on the bimah, so you will return to your seat after reciting the second blessing. (In non-Covid times, you would move to the other side of the reading table and remain there while the next aliyah occurs.)
- Leave the bimah from the opposite side (now on your left) after your aliyah is complete.

We look forward to welcoming you to services in the weeks ahead! The Torah readings at this time of year are especially interesting, covering the creation of the world, the stories about Adam and Eve and their children, Noah and his ark, and more. Please join us!

Hebrew School



Tzipporah Horowitz Head of School

With the school year about to start, the question that feels relevant is - why do we put so much energy and passion into Jewish education? Some people might wonder, what is the *ikar*, the essence, of what we are trying to achieve?

In the Torah portion *Ki Tavo*, we read about the Israelites approaching the end of an entire generation's time and purpose, wandering, waiting and not quite ready to enter the land of Israel. They were faced with a similar question but in a different format. They ask, what is the inheritance I will leave to my children, how will I provide to them? And before anything else, God demands, װֶלֶהַחְתָּ וֹשָׁר תָּבָיא" "וְלֵהֵחְתָּ וֹשָׁר תָּבָיא " לוֹם לוֹש אָשָׁר תָּבָיא that you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you will bring from your land" to give as an offering to God.

The fulfillment of this commandment, passed through generations, has evolved from the offering of animal sacrifices to prayer and learning, and still weighs heavily on how we conduct ourselves. The time we give our kids to learn about who they are, so they can access their Jewish identities and full Jewish lives, isn't just about sitting kids in a classroom. It's their inheritance, their chance to take the beautiful community we've had here in Portsmouth, for three or four generations, and makes sure it is around and vibrant *l'dor v'dor* from generation to generation for the next ten generations!

We still have spots in our school! We will make individual accommodations to make sure your family is caught up if you can't make it on Saturdays - please reach out to me via email if you have any questions!

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





Building a candy sukkah in the temple sukkah.

Early Learning Center



Just after Rosh Hashanah, on September 9, the Early Learning Center began a new school year. We started out the first day with a mitzvah in honor of Rosh Hashanah, eating apples and honey for our snack.

Tammy Roberge Director, ELC

The books we read continued both themes: *Pete the Cat's First Day of Preschool,* and *Sammy*

Spider's First Rosh Hashanah.

On our second day of school, Richard David Grossman visited the Early Learning Center with his shofar collection. We learned about the animal a shofar comes from, the part of the animal that makes the shofar, and had a lesson on how to blow the shofar. Some of our ELC students showed great aptitude and may become shofar blowers in the future! Thank you, Cathi Cherry-Liston! The temple's kind donation of honey and apples allowed the children to take home a holiday gift to share with their families, in a gift bag they decorated at school.



"May you be sealed in the Book of Life." Shalom,

Tammy Roberge

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

Below: scenes from the first days of the new school year.



Israel Affairs

By Emma Rous, Chair, Israel Affairs Committee

The Israel Affairs Committee has been very active and is offering several rich opportunities for learning and tzedakah.

Beginning Sunday, October 17, TIP offers a Shalom Hartman Institute course, **"Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings."** This 8-part course revisits key moments in Israel's development as a nation:

1). 1917–the Balfour Declaration; 2) 1947–the UN Partition Plan; 3) 1967–the Six-Day War; 4) Judaea and Samaria; 5) One State, Two States; 6) Jerusalem of God, Prayer and Peoplehood; 7) Jerusalem of Responsibility, Loss, and Hope; and 8) The Jubilee Year and Beyond

Offered by: the Israel Affairs Committee with support from the Cultural Endowment Fund

Facilitated by: Rabba Kaya

Where: the TIP Social Hall or Zoom (the usual link for services)

Time: Sundays from 10:30 - noon

Dates: 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9/22, 1/23/22/ 2/6/22

Choices: Come for all or selected sessions, but do as many as possible for the richest experience. Follow the text on line or buy the readings (\$20, http://www.lulu.com/shop/shalom-hartmaninstitute/iengage-israels-milestones-and-theirmeanings-the-legacy-of-the-past-and-the-challenge -of-the-future/paperback/product-24403629.html). Register: Go to the TIP calendar and click on the event listed for Oct. 17.

Handouts are available by the Court Street entrance. Don't miss this opportunity to gain new perspectives on three major milestones in Israel's history. The Shalom Hartman Institute is a leading center of Jewish thought and education, serving Israel and North America. Their mission is to strengthen Jewish peoplehood, identity, and pluralism; to enhance the Jewish and democratic character of Israel; and to ensure that Judaism is a compelling force for good in the 21st century.

Donate to Haiti Through IsraAID: The IAC partnered with the Tikkun Olam Committee to support the work of IsraAID in Haiti. IsrAID will talk about their work in Haiti and beyond via Zoom on Sunday, October 3 from 6 to 7 pm. We thank those who have already donated, and encourage others to give as well, using the special link on the website calendar for this event. We are almost one third of the way to our goal of \$5,000. This is worthy, important, and much needed work.

Israeli Consulate Speaker: On Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 pm, a representative from the Israeli Consulate in Boston will speak to our community in person or via Zoom. Watch for future details about the topic.

Youth Travel in Israel: Helped by the generous support of the TIP Israel Experience Fund and the Deborah Natansohn Fund, TIP member Dana Sher enjoyed an Onward Israel summer internship in civil engineering with IBI Group in Tel Aviv, where she participated in planning Israel's first below-ground transit system. Dana writes, "I learned so much about engineering and Israeli culture--it was an incredible experience." Dana also had time to travel throughout the country and says, "Now I just can't wait to get back to Israel." *Dana will share her summer experiences with the congregation at Shabbat services on Friday, October 22.*

B'nei Mitzvah



Bar Mitzvah of Leo Beresin Saturday, October 16

My name is Leo Beresin. I attend Portsmouth Middle School. I enjoy playing soccer, tennis, lacrosse, and basketball. Judaism is important to me because it connects me to my family and the history of the Jewish people. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I raised over \$2,000 for Education for All Children, a local organization that funds and supports Kenyan students through all aspects of their schooling and sets them up for a successful future.



Bat Mitzvah of Allyson Rubin Saturday, October 30

My name is Ally Rubin. I attend Rye Junior High School. I enjoy playing tennis, basketball and the saxophone. Judaism is important because it connects me with my ancestors.

> Michael and Laura Rubin joyfully extend an invitation to the Temple Israel congregation to attend their daughter Ally Rubin's Bat Mitzvah service.

Arts Review Team

By Deborah Levine, Arts Review Team Chair

New class: Hand-drumming for Beginners



We are looking forward to a 6week workshop with John Felice, "Hand-drumming for Beginners," inspired by the Community Day of Music and Movement held in the Social Hall on Aug. 25, 2021. We had a taste of what is to come - a mesmerizing, meditative experience linking multi-cultural rhythms, deep listening and

powerful connection. Open to all ages. Registration is on the Temple Israel calendar or by calling Heather in the office. First session begins October 7, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm through December 16 (twice a month).

A new exhibit is in the works - "Stillness & Motion." Paula Singer's photographs can be viewed in the Social Hall. Judy Wilbur-Albertson has submitted two more works that are in the Schmooze. You may have seen her moving testament to Covid fatalities called "Covid Madonna" that had names of the casualties imbedded in the image of a woman. Many congregants have appreciated her creative sensibility and themes. Her painting, "Rebirth," was selected to





be on the front cover of our recent Yizkor book.

Arts Review team member Pat Moreinis-Dodge introduced us to an artist friend, Judith Shah, who lives in Newcastle NH and winters in Delray FL. I had the privilege of visiting with her at her home and together we put together a retrospective of her abstract paintings from the past several decades. Eight pieces will be on display in the Social Hall in late October. We are fortunate that this talented and nationally-known artist, sculptor, and teacher has offered her work for our enjoyment.

Over lunch, Sue West, another team member, had a chance to learn more about Judith and her art. She uses both subtle tones and rich colors, painting layers of acrylic to camouflage the flowing forms and intuitive shapes in her paintings. Judith said, "I believe in truth to materials. I do what paint can do: drip, splatter, pour and blend/overlap. My intent is to explore those actions in my creative process. What is spiritual about my work is that it is an act of meditation. I'm in a different zone with a different language than that of my everyday consciousness."

Continuing, she informed us that her extended Jewish family members were gifted at sewing and cooking. Her father owned a manufacturing company and he always joked, "Judy got her talent from me."

When asked why she does mostly abstract art she said, "I get to the essence of what painting is all about. It doesn't need to look like anything because it's based on the imagination and spirituality of the artist." Stay tuned for a reception date, depending on level of Covid precautions. Submissions for the exhibit "Stillness and Motion" will be accepted through October 25.

Photos, left: Artist Judith Shah and "Purple Plunge."

Annual Fund / High Holiday

ANNUAL FUND APPEAL 2021

By Joanne Samuels, Chair, Development Committee We're proud to launch our third Annual Fund Appeal. This year's focus is to preserve our *sukkat shlomecha*, shelter of peace, which keeps us safe from the storms of nature and continues to be a welcoming center for Jewish study, prayer, celebrations, and culture. A few more details:

2021 Focus:

- Initial phases of roof and air handlers
- Operating budget support

Fundraising goal: \$60,000

Recognition Levels:

Friend: \$180 +

Rabbi's Circle*

- Bronze \$1,000 \$2,499
- Silver \$2,500 \$4,999
- Gold \$5,000 \$9,999
- Platinum \$10,000 and above
- *Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated!



It's easy to make your 2021 Annual Fund donation, either by mailing your check OR going online to pay with a credit card, at templeisraelnh.org/donate. For more info, visit the website or contact me via email, Development@TempleIsraelNH.org. We look forward to acknowledging contributors beginning with the November *Doorpost*!

High Holiday Donations

gratefully acknowledged from: Rabbi Michael Datz. Allan & Robin Kachel. Judy A. Curran. Randy Spratt and Sharen Eidelberg Spratt in honor of beloved sons Benjamin, Daniel, Samuel, and Avi. Eric Miller. Dara Klein. Katie Heinzen. Rachel Schein. Brett Gandel with thanks for the High Holiday services. Karrie Burnett. Anonymous contributor. Stefanie Hertzog. Grace Lessner with appreciation for the High Holiday services.

High Holiday Survey coming soon!

As the High Holiday Steering and Ritual committees reflect on the past month, they will be seeking community feedback about services and programming offered over the High Holidays.

Please watch your email inbox for an invitation to complete a short survey and share your thoughts with the planning groups!



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CEMETERY FUND

Leonard Baer in memory of his wife, Roberta Baer. Joseph Levitt in memory of his father, Lionel Levitt.

CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Bernard Goodman in memory of his father, Samuel Goodman, and in memory of his mother-in-law, Minnie Lederman, and in memory of his brother-inlaw, William Lederman. Naomi Fishbein in honor of Richard David Grossman blowing shofar. Jewel Davis in memory of her brother, Michael Davis. Ellen Farber in memory of her grandfather-in-law, Hyman Farber.

DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Julie Serrano in memory of her mother, Helen Holmes.

INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Richard LeSavoy in memory of his wife, Elizabeth LeSavoy. Nancy & Andy Jaffe in memory of Nancy's brother, Robert Morris, and her grandmother, Sylvia Morris. David Cline in memory of his wife, Deborah Cline. Paula & Stuart Boxer in memory of their mothers, Ruth Rosengard and Frieda Boxer.

KIDDUSH FUND

Rita Benjamin in memory of her brother, Michael Emmer.

LANDSCAPE FUND

Joanne Samuels in memory of Jim Wachtel.

LIBRARY FUND

Adina Linden in memory of her father, Carl Prietz. MUSIC FUND

Anonymous contributor "to support ongoing cantorial soloists at Friday night services." Lessa Brill in memory of Leon Brill.

PRAYERBOOK FUND

Andrea Shapiro in honor of Kathryn Mulhearn. Robert Ruben. The Wizwer family in honor of David Wizwer's Bar Mitzvah.

PRESCHOOL FUND

Naomi Fishbein in memory of Sam Roth.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Stephen Goren with appreciation to Rabba Kaya for leading the memorial service at Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover. Mike Steinberg in memory of his father, Leon Steinberg. William & Christine Goldberg in memory of William's father, David S. Goldberg. Allan & Robin Kachel. Lori Soloway with appreciation for the Tashlikh service. Lisa Stewart Krutter in memory of her husband, Forrest N. Krutter.

TIKKUN OLAM FUND

Lessa Brill in memory of Howard W. Brill.

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Cynthia Freedman and the Blacker Family in memory of their dear friend, Alice Sussman. Julie Whitehouse in memory of her father, Michael A. Mittelman, MD. Agnes Cabot in memory of her mother, Elsa Vero. Lessa Brill in memory of Phyllis W. Brill. Roberta Issokson in memory of her beloved daughter, Michele Issokson Sbrega. Nancy Jaffe in memory of her mother, Ruth Morris. Julie Serrano in memory of her mother, Helen Holmes. Elaine Dolph in memory of her father, Abraham Kaplan.

HIGH HOLIDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Please see page 11 for acknowledgments.

Tikkun Olam



Using Community Partnerships to Help Afghan Refugees

The pictures of need are great and that need seems insurmountable BUT, there are ways that we at Temple Israel can help refugees from Afghanistan.

Shelley Hartz

HIAS (www.hias.org), a Jewish American nonprofit

organization, provides humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees. It has about 16 community partner sites set up all over the country to receive, foster, and provide social and employment assistance to newly arrived refugees. The funding available is not nearly enough to support the need— and that is where we as a community come into the picture. There are numerous ways that assistance can be given:

Financial support can be sent directly to HIAS or to one of their local resettlement partners. Your donations to HIAS will be used to supply basics, like food and clothes, as well as necessities like a smartphone and internet access.

More info at https://www.hias.org/afghan-refugeecrisis-how-you-can-help .

No One Left Behind, (https://nooneleft.org/) a nonprofit organization committed to safeguarding those who risked their lives to assist the U.S. military. The organization is helping expedite SIVs (special immigrant visas) and evacuate Afghan interpreters and others whose work put them in danger. Donate your airline miles or credit card points card points to **Miles for Migrants** (https:// miles4migrants.org/), an organization that assists those with legal approval to travel to the U.S.

Volunteer to help with resettlement efforts in your community via **Refugee Council USA** (https://rcusa.org/), or even host a homestay.

Lawyers can volunteer to potentially provide pro bono legal assistance to Afghan evacuees through **Human Rights First** (https:// www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/resourcesafghan-evacuation).

Female activists in particular are greatly imperiled by the Taliban and with violence escalating require immediate help. **Women for Afghanistan** has been at the forefront of educational and empowerment initiatives for Afghan girls and they have been forced to shut down their sites and need help evacuating staff, clients and families. More info at https://womenforafghanwomen.org/.

Public pressure helped galvanize a rapid response to the crisis in Afghanistan. Time is of the essence, and we can collectively make a big difference if we each do our small part:

Sign a petition urging the President to expand refugee resettlement programs and expedite access to SIVs (special immigrant visas) at https:// act.hias.org/page/32505/action/1

Urge Congress to add emergency funding to the budget reconciliation package. https:// secure.everyaction.com/8jrbVSJKIk6xfxzr7lq8jw2

Yahrzeits

October Yahrzeits

- 1. David Borne, Sylvia Seperson, Hyman Farber
- 2. Thelma Walden, Joyce Belostock, Samuel Black, Bernard Shamesman, David Saczyk
- Florence Salden, Sophie Cohen Anderson, Ethel Goldstein, Melvin Harrison, Samuel Osher, Martha Shuldman, Murray Wexler, Deborah Cline, Gutman Grossman
- Morris Schwartz, Sherry Parsons, Gussie Shutzer, Gregory Parsons, Edward Black, Clara R. Fisher, Charles Schwartz, Harold Glaser, David Goldstein
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- Bessie Salden, Charlotte Meenes, Jakki Wiese, Stanley Rosenfield, Norman Stein, Sara Klein, Marc Goldsmith, Phillip Shapiro, Estelle Goldberg, Evangelos Kontarinis
- 7. Samuel Cohen, Irving Shultz, Ruth Rosengard, Inez Sherman, Sylvia Pedell, Leon Hirsch
- 8. Lillian Goldin, Debbie Natansohn, Anita Freedman, Florence Pastor
- Mindel Winebaum, Rose Hirshberg, Ruth Morris, William Gross, Joseph M. Baer
- 10. Rose Riback, Rachel Wener, Alice Weismann, Deborah Diamond
- 11. Baby Spousta, Fred Linden, Maurice Lifson, Irving Gutin
- 12. Abraham Cutler, Leonard D. Kaplan

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- 13. Eva Kramer, Nancy Berg
- 14. Jacob (Jack) Zeidman, Samuel Smokler, Evelyn Robbins, Sidney Kates, Goldie Fink
- 15. Ruben Novak, Samuel Koiles, Esther Bradbard, Marion Schwartz, Molly Portman
- 16. Hyman Stromer, Helen Wyle, Abraham Kaplan
- 17. Robert Tober, Abraham Siegel, Abraham Richman, Chaim Weizman
- Rivka Meyerson, Philip Borwick, Keven Miller, George Zitomer, Yitzchak Rabin, Mabel Philips, Harold Jacob Edelstein, Lorraine Goren, Albert Drager
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- 20. Anna Borwick, Fred Kaplan, Evelyn Trotsky, Adrienne Saltz, Albert Gordon
- 21. Ida Levine, Harry Bratter, June Feldman, Isaac Rammer, Bessie Halprin
- 22. Harry Cutler, Lydia Wills, Frank W. Horovitz
- 23. Nellie Willar
- 24. Harold Kellner, Bruce Fox, Martha Wein, Katherine Edelstein, Esther Winer, Leo Liberson
- 25. Florence Seidner, Rosilyn Steinberg
- 26. Solomon Bernat, Burton Golub, Hyman L. Pindrus, Bernie Davis
- 27. Samuel Weisner, Abraham Baisuck, Frieda

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 / Meetings

Boxer, Bessie Lichten, Ethylene Golub, Herbert Cohen, Jacob Docter, Eudice Raymond

- 28. Ida Feldman, Tania Moroze, Monroe Scharff, Barbara Kates Comenitz
- 29. Bessie Porter, Clement Wyle
- Minnie Kline, Alexander Willens, Herman Seperson, Abraham Landsman
- 31. Julia Lesser, Martin Singer, Sarah Emmer, Morris Fine

Volunteer Corner

A variety of committees would benefit from more members. Some committees require only an hour or two a month, while others seek those with more time.

1. Education: Meets once a month for 2 hours

2. **House**: Meets once a month for 2 hours and has additional special projects

3. **Membership**: Meets once a month for an hour, hosts special events, and conducts outreach with prospective members.

Other opportunities in and out of Temple Israel

Sunday, October 17, 9:00 am: Help the Brotherhood take down the sukkah. No experience required!

Dover Friendly Kitchen offers a supper meal to those in need. For more info, contact Jewel Davis, bugjewel@yahoo.com, or check out their Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/Dover-Friendly-Kitchen-319448171761619/.

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Membership Committee 7:00 pm, Monday, 10/4

Ritual Committee 7:00 pm, Tuesday, 10/5 & 10/26

Development Committee 7:00 pm, Wednesday, 10/6

House Committee 7:00 pm, Thursday, 10/7

Executive Committee 7:30 pm, Wednesday, 10/13

Board of Directors 7:00 pm, Tuesday, 10/19

Tikkun Olam Committee 7:00 pm, Thursday, 10/21

Israel Affairs Committee 4:00 pm, Thursday,10/28 (in person + via Zoom) Note: committee meetings are being held via Zoom at this time, unless otherwise noted.

TIP "Classified"

New Seacoast resident Gabriela Yeshua is looking for a full-time admin/office/operations position. Contact her via email, gl.yeshu@gmail.com for her resume.

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TIP Book Club Pick for October *The Paris Library,* by Janet Skeslien Charles Please join us in the garden courtyard at 12:00 pm on the "Third Tuesday," October 19, 2021, for a lively discussion!

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CHESED SQUAD

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!



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