

# The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

November 2021, Cheshvan - Kislev 5782



## Giving Thanks



**Rabba Kaya  
Stern-Kaufman**

There is a chill in the air!  
This month we turn towards warmth, delicious foods, gathering together, and of course Thanksgiving. In Hebrew the word for thanks is *hoda'ah*. You may have heard the word *hodu*, from the same Hebrew root which is also an expression of thanks. I have always loved

the word for turkey in Hebrew. It is *tarnigol hodu* which literally means "rooster of thanks."

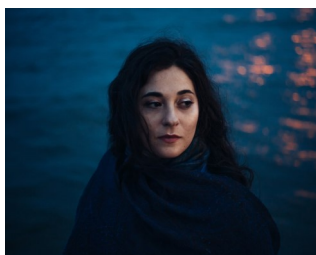
This new year we have so much to be thankful for as a community. Our building has come to life with so many new activities and offerings. When I think about last year at this time, all of us locked into to our homes and on Zoom all the time, the contrast is stunning.

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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

### **Rosh Hodesh Kislev with the Sisterhood**

6:00 pm, Thursday, 11/4, social hall and Zoom

### **Bar Mitzvah of Quinn Sands**

10:00 am, Saturday 11/6

### **"Everything Israel" with Deputy Consul Daniel Agranov**

hosted by Israel Affairs Committee, p. 8

1:00 pm, Sunday, 11/7, social hall & via Zoom

### **ELC is closed, teacher conference**

Monday & Tuesday, 11/8 and 11/9

### **Reproductive Rights and the Ongoing Abortion Debate:**

#### **What Can Judaism Teach Us?, p.5**

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 11/9, via Zoom

### **ELC & Temple Office are closed, Veterans Day**

Thursday, 11/11

### **TIP Book Club Meeting in the garden courtyard, p. 16**

12:00 pm, Tuesday, 11/16, reading *On the Landing*

### **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, North Church, p. 3**

6:00 pm, Thursday, 11/18

### **Tot Shabbat with Rabba Kaya**

5:00 pm Friday, 11/19, social hall

### **Bar Mitzvah of Ben Miller**

9:30 am start time, Saturday 11/20

### **Staged Play Reading, *Rite of Passage*, p. 10**

3:00 pm, Sunday, 11/21, social hall (no Zoom option)

### **ELC & Religious School are closed, Thanksgiving**

Wednesday, 11/24 - Sunday, 11/28

### **Temple Office is closed**

Thursday, 11/25 - Friday, 11/26

**Complete CLASS AND 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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In the last few weeks, our sanctuary has been full of the sounds of children's voices, families, new members, and seasoned worshipers. We have celebrated several b'nei mitzvah and rejoiced with our students and their families on Shabbat. On Thursday afternoons, the sound of African drums emerges from our social hall as a dozen members or so engage in this ancient art of rhythmic conversation, of listening and responding to one another. On Shabbat mornings we have had yoga and Torah study as spiritual practices before services. On Sunday mornings, over forty members are coming together to learn about Israel, her milestones and their meanings. Our school is in full swing, and our teachers are bringing a rich curriculum of Jewish values, Hebrew skills, and Torah study to our youth. Monthly Tot Shabbats have begun on Fridays at 5:00 pm and the children's joy is exuberant. We are a busy bustling community. We have come so far.

Over the next month, we will be reading the stories of Joseph and his brothers during our observance of Shabbat. These stories are unique in many ways but especially in the way that they recount a great number of dreams by the characters. Later Rabbinic teachings focus on the power of dreams in the Talmud. The Rabbis explain that the power of the dream lies not with the dream itself, but with its interpreter. That is to say, it is the **meaning** we ascribe to our dreams that determines the reality in which we live.

This year we are engaged in the dynamic process of re-dreaming our synagogue community. There are

many possibilities and pathways to explore. I invite you to join me in considering what is your dream for our Jewish community. The vision of a sacred community means different things to different people. Most importantly, a sacred community is one where all voices can be safely expressed and respected. I am interested in your voice. I invite you to share with me, either in writing or in person, your vision for our community and your responses to the new approaches we are exploring.

Let us rejoice and give thanks this season for the renewal of community life, for lifting up the best in one another and supporting the growth of *Yiddishkeit* here in the Seacoast.

With blessings,

Rabba Kaya



**Photo, above: visiting the Strawberry Banke sukkah with ELC students.**

# Prayer

**continues!**

Torah discussion: 11/13



November 5, 5:13 pm  
November 12, 4:05 pm  
November 19, 3:59 pm  
November 26, 3:55 pm

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Friday 6:00 pm (winter schedule begins Nov. 5)

Saturday morning 10:00 am

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

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Program:

A unique interfaith community event presented by the Ministerium (Seacoast interfaith clergy group).

**6:30 - 7:00 pm Inside North Church: Community Gratitude Activities, Music and Storytelling**

**Thanks expressed to the congregation  
from Seacoast Family Promise**

Executive Director Pati Frew-Waters writes:

*Your kindness gives hope to families with children who are experiencing homelessness and served by Seacoast Family Promise. We thank you for your generous in-kind gift of food drive items on October 12 to benefit our programs. We deeply appreciate your caring commitment to those who are most in need.*

*Our community grieves with those suffering the loss of beloved family members.*

Condolences to **Marylin Mathis and Sherryl Goodman** on the passing of their father, **Bernard Goodman**.

Condolences to **Elian, Sam, and John Tackeff** on the passing of husband and father, **Matthew Tackeff**.

Condolences to former congregant **Jerry Goldfarb** on the passing of his wife, **Debra Goldfarb**.

Condolences to the temple's Administrative Director, **Heather Tomlinson**, on the passing of her father-in-law, **Stan Tomlinson, Sr.**

# President's Message



Dear Fellow Congregants,  
As Thanksgiving draws near, I've been thinking of all the things we have for which to be grateful. The Pilgrims, who celebrated the first Thanksgiving in America 400 years ago this year, viewed their coming to America as analogous to the

exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Many historians and commentators believe that they based their first Thanksgiving celebration on the festival of Sukkot.

Gratitude and giving thanks are central themes of Judaism. In fact, the rabbis taught that each person should say 100 blessings a day. Most of the blessings we say are in the form of giving thanks. Whether it is the *motzi* we say before eating or the *shehechianu* we say on a special occasion, we are giving thanks.

We at Temple Israel have much for which to be thankful. We have, thus far, successfully weathered the COVID-19 pandemic. We have a thriving Early Learning Center. We have a revamped religious school curriculum. We are once again gathering for services in our historic building. We have numerous volunteers working to continue our success. We have a talented and devoted professional staff. And we have many generous congregants who have already contributed to our Annual Fund to ensure the financial health of our Temple.

Our Annual Appeal, which is now in its third year, has been extremely important to Temple Israel. All

the money raised by the Annual Appeal is spent on specific targeted projects as well as supporting our annual budget. This year's Annual Fund will focus on two essential areas identified by our Temple Board.

**Roof and Air Handlers** After 35 years, the air handlers that cool the Sanctuary and the flat rubber roof above the Pamela Shulman Center for Education require replacement due to their age and wear. Upgrading these major systems provides an opportunity to attain energy efficiency, solar potential, and improved ventilation. Your donation to the Annual Fund will pay for the initial phase of this essential multi-year project and help us initiate a capital reserve funding program.

**Operating Budget** The 2021 Annual Fund will also contribute to the synagogue's operating budget to help maintain our high-quality programming led by talented personnel.

Almost 20% of our membership has already made a contribution and we have received over \$39,000 thus far (see this month's acknowledgments on page 11). Some of us are, obviously, in a much better position to contribute significant sums than others. But I hope that all continue to contribute from the heart. My aspiration is that this year, I'll be able to thank each of our members for contributing to the Annual Appeal, even if it is only \$18, which is less than a nickel a day, so that we may all help to ensure the future health of our Temple.

Robert Zimman



# Ritual Committee

## **Shabbat Services a Path to Generosity, Patience, Long Life, and Happiness?**

By Fran Berman, VP Ritual

David DeSteno, a professor of psychology at Northeastern University, recently published an article in *Wired* ("Psychologists Are Learning What Religion Has Known for Years") about how the rituals and customs embedded in religion help people live better, happier lives. He says that religions are sets of spiritual technologies, designed and shaped over thousands of years to influence our minds in positive ways. He has replicated some of the practices of religion in his lab: meditation, giving thanks for what we have, moving or chanting with others. In each case, the practice yields measurable positive effects. Meditation leads to increased compassion for others. Expressing gratitude makes people more helpful, generous, patient, and honest. And moving or chanting with others makes people feel more connected and compassionate. According to DeSteno, studies show that regular participation in religious practices reduces anxiety and depression, improves physical health, and even extends our life.

For those of us who attend services regularly, these findings come as no surprise. We keep coming back to services because doing so makes us feel good. Shabbat services offer up a host of beautiful experiences each week: the calm contentment elicited as we recite the morning blessings, thanking God for opening our eyes and hearts and sustaining us in our daily lives; the sense of community that comes as our voices join in singing the *Shema* or *Oseh Shalom* together; the peace of silent meditation during the *Amidah* prayer.

As we head into the colder, darker months, Shabbat services, whether online or in person, offer a way to stay connected and find strength and joy in your daily life. Due to current Covid-19 levels, all in-person attendees are masked, and we are not sharing food after services. Fortunately, we have plenty of space to spread out in the sanctuary. On most Shabbat mornings, students from the Religious School join us for the opening and closing prayers, further enhancing our sense of community and joy.

Starting this month, Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services will begin at 6:00 pm. These services are filled with song, reflection, and prayer. Saturday morning, there's a 9:00 am yoga class in the Social Hall, and at the same time Rabba Kaya leads a lively Torah study class in the Sanctuary. Shabbat services start at 10:00 am (9:30 for b'nei mitzvah Shabbats). Bring your fob to enter through the Court Street lobby if you come in person. To attend by Zoom, use the link in the weekly announcements email. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing Shabbat!

### **Reproductive Rights and the Ongoing Abortion Debate: What Can Judaism Teach Us?**

Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Please join us for a presentation and discussion by Rabbi Leonard Scharzer, MD. We will look at biblical and Talmudic texts as well as later halakhic writing to see what actually is the "Jewish" position on abortion, and to ask whether there is a single "Jewish" view. How has this view changed over time and how does Jewish thought relate to the current abortion debate?

# Hanukkah

**Light the Menorah!** Please mark your calendar to join us in person and online for these upcoming holiday programs.

## Tuesday, 11/30 - 3 Candles

5:30 pm, **Minyan with Candle-lighting**

Also available on Zoom.



## Wednesday, 12/1 - 4 Candles

4:45 - 6:00 pm in the Social Hall

**Hanukkah Musical Adventure**

**for Kids of all Ages**

Performance by  
Carla Friend of  
*Tkiya* for all  
community  
members,



featuring communal candle-lighting, singing,  
menorah parade, and *sufganiyot* (jelly-filled  
doughnuts).

## Thursday, 12/2 - 5 Candles

5:30 pm (after drum class), meet at the  
“Hands of Hope” sculpture for a

**Courtyard Candle-lighting**

Open to the public– we welcome our friends  
and neighbors of all faith traditions.



## Friday, 12/3 - 6 candles

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, **Kabbalat Shabbat  
Hanukkah service with Kochava Munro**

Light candles at home (3:52 pm) before  
Shabbat begins at 4:15 pm.

### **About Carla Friend and Tkiya**

*Tkiya uses participatory music experiences to help people of all ages find their unique connection with Jewish culture and to reinvigorate diverse Jewish communities.*

**Photo, right:** *Tkiya at Gracie Mansion for the 2017 Children’s Holiday Party. Tkiya had the honor of representing Lab Shul at NYC First Lady Chirlane McCray’s annual holiday party for the children in NYC’s foster and homeless shelter system.*





# Early Learning Center



**Tammy Roberge**  
Director, ELC

Shalom,

The ELC students have been busy and engaged in learning our classroom routines, practicing life skills, diving into academics, and delighting in some beautiful fall weather on the playground. In

September and October we also learned about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini

Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Pictures tell the story!

*Todah Rabah* (thank you very much) to Laura Sher for making vegetable soup with us to celebrate the harvest and Sukkot.

Also, Rabba Kaya, we thank you for teaching us about the *etrog* and *lulav*, and what makes a sukkah special. We visited the *sukkot* at Temple Israel and at Strawberry Banke, where we also celebrated Shabbat. Rabba Kaya gave a wonderful lesson on Torah, letting students see the scrolls in

the ark and marching in a Torah parade through the sanctuary.

Shalom,  
Tammy Roberge

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phone at 603-436-5301 Ext. 23.

***Note to parents: the ELC will welcome Carla Friend of Tkiya at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 1, for a special Hanukkah performance.***



**Below: Students chopping vegetables to make “stone soup.”**



# Israel Affairs

By Emma Rous, Chair, Israel Affairs Committee

## **The Israel Affairs Committee Hosts IsraAID, Israel Course, Dana Sher's Internship Report, and Consulate Speaker**

The IAC and the Tikkun Olam committee joined IsraAID's "Better Together" project and committed to raise funds for disaster relief in Haiti. On Sunday, October 3, Seth Davis, US CEO of IsraAID presented the Israeli NGO's humanitarian work to TIP members via Zoom. His talk was recorded and can be viewed by clicking the link in the weekly bulletin. Seth described the surprise and appreciation felt by Syrian refugees arriving on the Greek island of Lesbos when they were greeted by Arab speakers from Israel. IsraAID hires and works with local people and commits to long term support. They were in Haiti for seven years and returned after the recent earthquake followed by a devastating tropical storm.

Thanks to fourteen generous donors, we have raised \$3,262 of our \$5,000 goal. Our project page is still open for donations, big or small, and we encourage everyone to help reach our goal.

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/israaid-us-global-humanitarian-assistance-inc/temple-israel-portsmouth-supports-relief-in-haiti>

The Hartman Institute iEngage course, "Israel's Milestones and Their Meaning," started October 17 and 31, meeting on Zoom from 10:30 am to 12:15 pm on Sundays. As of this writing, 24 people had registered for the course, which continues November 14, December 12 and 19, January 9 and 23, and February 6. As each class covers a different topic, people are still welcome to register and join. Rabba Kaya will facilitate discussion based on

readings and videos. Thank you to the Cultural Endowment Fund for generous support of this program. Register at <https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/event/iengage-israels-milestones-and-their-meanings-led-by-rabba-kaya.html>

At the Shabbat service, Friday, October 22, Dana Sher shared her Israel experience as an engineering intern this summer in Tel Aviv. Her trip had support from TIP's Israel Experience Fund and the Deborah Natansohn Fund. Dana says she "can't wait to go back to Israel." (Dana, below, pictured in her office in Tel Aviv.)



COMING SOON: TIP will host a speaker from the Boston Israeli Consulate office on Sunday, 11/7 at 1:00 pm. Attend in person in the Social Hall or via Zoom. See the website calendar for more information about the speaker, Deputy Consul Daniel Agranov.

If you have questions or ideas for Israel-related programming, please talk with committee members: Richard David Grossman, Tobey Harman, Marc Hiller, Ken Kowalczyk, Rachel Kurshan, Deborah Levine, Emma Rous, and Julie Serrano.



# B'nei Mitzvah



## **Bar Mitzvah of Quinn Sands**

**Saturday, November 6**

**10:00 am**

My name is Quinn Sands. I attend Oyster River Middle School. I enjoy playing piano, chess, tennis, and watching Monty Python and similar silliness. Judaism is important to me because it's a big part of my history and lineage, along with providing a glimpse into the past. Despite being an ancient set of values, Judaism offers me a good moral compass even now.



## **Bar Mitzvah of Ben Miller**

**Saturday, November 20**

**9:30 am (please note start time)**

My name is Ben Miller. I attend Exeter High School. I like playing basketball and video games. Judaism is important to me because it brings my family and my community closer to each other.

# Arts Review Team

By Deborah Levine, Arts Review Team Chair

With the High Holidays behind us, our attention is drawn to the colors of fall, nature's palette surpassing any human attempts to replicate her magnificent display. We are, however, fortunate to have some more indoor artistic contributions on the theme of "Stillness & Motion" on view at Temple Israel. Paula Singer contributed two new photographs: "Going Bananas," taken in London, and "Bringing Children Up." Two whimsical oil paintings by Sally Newman depict a busy subway station. Three abstract prints from Safed Israel artist Israel Feldman, and a beautiful Hampton seascape by local artist Elizabeth Whelton, are also on display.

Newly on view in the Shmoozatorium are three large multi-media abstract works by Judith Shah reminiscent of large Hebrew letters, though in a less literal form, as well as several of Shah's abstract paintings in serene purple and beige tones.

The second "Hand-drumming for Beginners" class took place on Thursday, October 21, with eighteen



attending. Participants are learning to listen to one another and to perform rhythms with multiple parts. Much to everyone's delight, instructor John Felice has introduced rhythms in unusual ways, with cadences like, "Hey mama, where's my sandwich?!"

Our preschool students will be learning some yoga moves and songs in time for Chanukah. I look forward to working with them as they spin, form a human menorah, pop up to be "lit" like candles and then slowly "melt." Art is for engaging with all ages!

The Arts Review Team is pleased to promote a staged reading of the play *Rite of Passage* by Izzy Salant, on Sunday, November 21, at 3:00 pm in the Social Hall.

Please register online or call Heather in the temple office. Congregants Pam Battin-Sacks and Steve Sacks are in the cast. Both are experienced thespians. We encourage all readers who were cast in the two play readings done by congregants last year, as well as their audience, to attend this reading by a young Jewish playwright. You may want to take a look at our newest exhibits that same afternoon or earlier, by appointment.

The last meeting of the Arts Review Team was held on Sunday, October 31. If you are interested in joining our committee, please contact the office.

The arts are alive at Temple Israel!

Image, left: *Parson's Beach III*, an original watercolor by Elizabeth Whelton.



# Annual Fund Donations

## ANNUAL FUND APPEAL 2021

By Joanne Samuels, Chair, Development Committee

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. **Goal: \$60,000**

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](http://templeisraelnh.org/donate). For more info, visit the website or contact me via email, [Development@TempleIsraelNH.org](mailto:Development@TempleIsraelNH.org).



**We're on our way! Donations gratefully acknowledged at every level of giving:**

### *Rabbi's Circle*

**Gold:** Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt & Randy Spratt. Amy & Brian Hyett. Marc & Agnes Cabot in memory of Covid patients.

**Bronze:** Peter & Jennie Dinnerman in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Robert & Marilyn Zimman. Nancy Alexander in memory of Melvin R. Alexander. David Cline in memory of his parents, Daniel and Dorothy Cline. Ellen Farber in memory of Jack Farber. Faye Goldberg & Jeff Miller in memory of Sarah and Sewell Goldberg and in memory of Bella and John Finkelman. Rachel

Kurshan. Sally Cohen & Richard Robbins. Larry & Sheila Cohen. Renee Levy in memory of Robert Levy. Ann Moskowitz in memory of her brother, Larry Silverman, who died 9/26/2021 at his home in Banning, CA. Bruce & Katharine "Kipp" Freeman. Richard & Jane LeSavoy.

**Friend:** Lessa Brill in memory of Leon, Phyllis, and Howard Brill. The Greenspan family. The Smith and Goldberg families. Cathi Cherri-Liston. Naomi Fishbein in memory of Arnold Fishbein. Bert & Deb Freedman. Roberta Issokson in memory of her beloved daughter, Michele Issokson Sbrega. Nancy & Andrew Jaffe. David & Denise Levin in memory of Shirley Eilenberg Vaughn. Henri & Marilyn Quintal. Laura & Michael Rubin. Harman & Paula Friedman in honor of Quinn Asteak's marriage. Jeff Salloway & Jennifer Beard. Donald & Katherine Stoller. Ellen & Bill McQueeney in memory of deceased family members. Claudia Leblanc. Burt Wolf. Norton & Karen Newborn. Mark & Deb Kaplan. Ken & Holly Grossman. Marjorie Levy Beck in memory of Eleanor Levy Packer. Arlene Brewster. Phyllis Heilbronner in honor of temple volunteers. Brian & Richelle Helman. Sheldon & Elaine Krasker in memory of Bernard Goodman. Norman & Marvin Lesser. Barbara Levenson in honor of Russell & Shura Levenson. Walter & Emma Rous. Rabbi Peter & Kerry Rubinstein. Doug Tilton in memory of Susan E. Goldin. Eric Weinrieb.

**Contributor:** Evelyn Dickson. Jim & Elaine Dolph. Philip Ginsburg & Carolyn Anderson. Julie Serrano. Loren & Todd Selig.

***A hearty thank you to all! Acknowledgments will continue in the December Doorpost for donations received after October 26.***



# Donations, continued

Received October 1 - 26. Please see page 11 for Annual Fund contribution recognition.

## CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Ken & Holly Grossman in memory of Barney Grossman and Mollie Grossman. Patricia Diengott in memory of her grandparents.

In loving memory of Bernard Goodman: Naomi Fishbein. James & Myra Fishbein. Laurie & Mike Steinberg. Hazel & Alan Schoem. Barbara Levenson. Julia Mayer & Brian Gold. Riva Bennett & Ira Mayer. Lonnie Wollin. Marilyn & Bruce Kressel. Dana & Shaula Levenson. Beth & Phil Orlando. Eric & Ilana Wilensky. Deborah Payne. Barbara Halpern.

## DINNERMAN-ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Joyce Meenes in memory of her mother-in-law, Charlotte Meenes. Stan & Rita Robbins in memory of Rita's grandparents, Philip and Anna Borwick.

## DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Rabbi Haskell Bernat in memory of his father, Solomon Bernat. Janet Fox in memory of her husband, Bruce Fox.

## HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Meryl Wein in memory of her mother, Florence Seidner. In loving memory of Matthew Tackeff: Joan and Mel Nagler. Pippa Shulman and Jodi Sperber. Ellen & Bill McQueeney.

## INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Marlene and Al Rubin in memory of Matt Tackeff.

## KIDDUSH FUND

Esther Fink-Sinovsky in memory of her mother, Goldie Fink, and in memory of her grandfather, Harry Bratter. Fran Berman in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Sara Klein.

## LIBRARY FUND

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## HIGH HOLIDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Fredda & David Osman with appreciation for High Holiday services.



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# Tikkun Olam



**Shelley Hartz**

## 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.

**HIAS** ([www.hias.org](http://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-refugee-crisis-how-you-can-help>.

**No One Left Behind**, (<https://nooneleft.org/>) a non-profit 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/resources-afghan-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. 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/8jrbVSJKIk6xfx7lq8jw2>

**Afghan evacuees are resettling in NH:** see how to help at [www.ascentria.org](http://www.ascentria.org). Article in the *Concord Monitor*: <https://www.concordmonitor.com/process-of-refugee-resettlement-afghan-humanitarian-parole-43029105>

# Yahrzeits

## November Yahrzeits

1. Rebecca Freedman, Gussie Wexler, Abbe Sher, Louis Winebaum, James Bockman, Barney Grossman
2. Ida Black, Solomon Israel, Seymour Osman
3. Harry Abrams, Morris Osher
4. Nana Vero, Dorothy Pollack, Martha Magerer, Aaron Salden, Janette Krasin
5. Mollie Ebb, Leib Haritonov, Alice Berit, Sadie Cook, Gerald Fine, Maurice Dinerman, Gail Korinow
6. Rabbi Moshe Poleyeff, Robert Freedman, Eugenia Klarova, Thelma Hooz
7. Jaclyn Simchik, Renee Goodman, Abraham Fisher, Frances Anderson
8. Donald Albert, Dorothy Feitelson, Benjamin Gold, Naomi Bluestone, Eileen Platania, Bessie W. Young, Silvana Sonnino
9. Abraham Hooz, Benjamin Fineberg, Gussie Flescher, Julius Weiner
10. Lewis Hooz, Lawrence Salden, Marion Kepnes
11. Alex Belostock, Milton Weiner, Baurcard Nesin, Fannie Krasnow, Mary B. Abramson, Richard Rowe, Jeannette Goodman
12. Harry Liberson, Barnett H. Book
13. Max Resnick, Mildred Golden, Marie Muller, Phyllis Wagner Brill, Pierette Zinck
14. Robert Goodman, Annie Tober, Faye Shear,

## 26 Cheshvan - 26 Kislev 5782

- Edward Seperson, Lawrence Felsenberg, Edward Wheeler, Audrey Bierhans
15. Marion Neyer, Lillian Smith
  16. Esther Sharansky, Ruth E. Fain, Sylvia Shoer, Roselyn Goodman
  17. Melvin Partoll, Samuel Levy, Jeanne Slass, Arthur Senter, Mildred Lane
  18. Arno Fleisher, Jennie Shoer, Rabbi David Senter, Newton B. Cohn
  19. Rachel Kushious, Cyril Ball, A. Harold Seidner, William Kolker
  20. Harry Yoken, Joseph P. Giffen, Faye Gerstein, Charles Goldberg
  21. Harry Cantor, Sarah Zirpolo
  22. Jacob Heller, Mary McCrensky, Morris Levy, Statia Nesin, Sidney Zeff, Julius Nasberg
  23. George Gelman, Joseph Partoll, Harold Berit, Arnold M. Baer
  24. John Alexander, Morris Isacoff
  25. Aaron Finkelstein, Harry Gross, Herman Spaen, Jacob Mason, Gerald Sher, Davida Gelfman, Selma J. Nasberg, Ethel Cutler
  26. Samuel Levine, Morris Zack, Allen Koiles, Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, Bruce Smith, Frank Weiner, Anne Simonoff
  27. Pauline Lisagor, Jacob Goldstein
  28. Joseph Sack, Nedra Loeb, Charlotte Olken, Rita

**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

Peters, Gert Sternberg, Robert Blumenberg

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29. Bess Rammer, Samuel Lederman, Richard Grace, Rose Cohen, James Green, Ruth Alfond

30. Sarah Avergun, Bella Linden, Robert Goren, Abraham Mittelman, Arnold J. Ashline, Ada Blankenberg, Marjorie Simond

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

2. **Membership:** Meets once a month for an hour, hosts special events, and conducts outreach with prospective members. (See p. 16 for more details.)

3. **Library:** ongoing review of donations, re-shelving of returned books, suggestion of new titles.

Other opportunities in and out of Temple Israel

**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/>.

## CLASSES

**Basic Judaism Class for Conversion, see p. 2**

6:00 pm, Wednesdays, 11/3 and 11/17, via Zoom

**Hand Drumming for Beginners**

3:30 pm, Thursdays 11/4 & 11/18, social hall (no Zoom)

**Senior Discussion Group**

10:00 am on 11/10, 11/18, 11/24, 12/2 via Zoom

**Yiddish Class for Beginners**

11:00 am, Thursdays, **except class will be held Wed, 11/10 instead of 11/11; no class on 11/25**, Shmooze

**Israel's Milestones & Their Meanings**

10:30 am, Sunday, 11/14, social hall & Zoom

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Membership Committee**

7:00 pm, Monday, 11/1

**Development Committee**

7:00 pm, Wednesday, 11/3

**House Committee**

7:00 pm, Thursday, 11/4

**Executive Committee**

7:30 pm, Wednesday, 11/10

**Education Committee**

7:00 pm, Thursday, 11/11

**Sustainability Committee**

7:30 pm, Monday, 11/15

**Board of Directors**

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 11/16

**Tikkun Olam Committee**

7:00 pm, Thursday, 11/18

**Ritual Committee**

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 11/23

*Note: committee meetings are being held via Zoom at this time, unless otherwise noted.*

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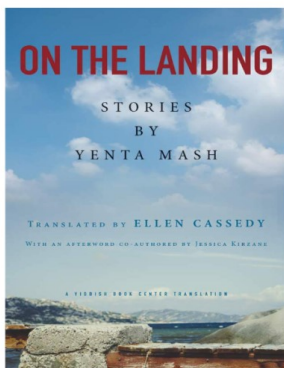
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### TIP Book Club Pick for November

#### *On the Landing*, by Yenta Masha

Please join us in the garden courtyard at 12:00 pm on the  
**“Third Tuesday,” November 16, 2021, for a lively discussion!**

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### Membership Committee: In Search of “People People”

Do you like to meet and welcome new people? If so, the Membership Committee wants YOU. This is a low-intensity, high-reward committee. We need a mixture of longtime and new Temple members. So if you are wondering if we need someone like you, we do!

One of our main needs is for “liaisons” to contact new and prospective members. You’ll welcome them, ask if they have any questions, and suggest ways they can get involved and meet people, based on their interests. We welcome your help with this even if you aren’t able to come to committee meetings! Right now we especially need liaisons who have children, to help welcome young families.

When Covid restrictions end, the committee will also be planning programs to help members meet one another.

If you like to meet new people, if you like to participate in planning small events, if you would like to invite more involvement in the synagogue, this is the committee for you. If interested, please contact Margie Wachtel at [wachtelm@grinnell.edu](mailto:wachtelm@grinnell.edu) or 603-498-0473.