

# The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

December 2021, Kislev - Tevet 5782



## Radiating Peace- Hanukkah 2021



**Rabba Kaya  
Stern-Kaufman**

This Hanukkah, stroll by the Temple on any night and you will see a lit menorah in the very top window of our sanctuary radiating its light out onto the streets of Portsmouth. This practice of placing one's menorah in a window derives from the Jewish law that the miracle of Hanukkah should be

publicized in the world. This is known as *pirsumei nisa*, which means to publicize the miracle.

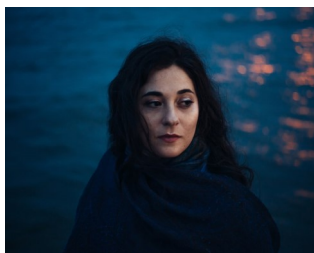
In Maimonides' legal code, the *Mishna Torah*, he discusses the question of what one should do on the Friday night of Hanukkah if one only has enough oil to light either Shabbat candles or

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Friday, February 4 – Saturday, February 5, 2022  
A Shabbat with Elana Arian

**Coming Soon!**

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## Upcoming Events

### **Hanukkah Musical Adventure, p. 6**

4:45 pm, Wednesday, 12/1, Social Hall

### **Interfaith Candle-Lighting, p. 6**

5:30 pm, Thursday, 12/2, Garden Courtyard

### **PJ Library presents: Donuts with Dinah, p. 6**

9:00 am, Sunday, 12/5, via Zoom

### **Chanukah on Ice, p. 6**

2:00 - 4:00 pm., Sunday, 12/5, Strawberry Banke

### **Guest Speaker Evan Bernstein, on Anti-Semitism in Europe and more locally (Basic Judaism class)**

6:00 pm, Wednesday, 12/8, via Zoom, register on website calendar for the link

### **Talk by NH Shaliach Ra'anana de Haas, p. 9**

6:00 pm, Thursday, 12/9

### **Outdoor Tot Shabbat Hop with PJ Library, p. 3**

10:00 - 11:00 am, Saturday 12/11, courtyard, ages 0 - 5

### **Leaving Afghanistan: A Conversation with Dr. Barrett Ward, p. 13**

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 12/14

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

5:00 pm Friday, 12/17, social hall

### **TIP Book Club Meeting in the Social Hall, p. 16**

12:00 pm, Tuesday, 12/21, discussing *The Matzah Ball*

### **ELC is closed for winter break**

Thursday, 12/23, resuming Monday, January 3, 2022

### **Temple Office is closed**

Friday, 12/24 and Friday, 12/31

**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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Hanukkah candles. Which mitzvah should take precedence; the mitzvah of lighting Shabbat candles or the mitzvah of *pirsumei nisa*, publicizing the miracle of Hanukkah?

Maimonides gives the following answer: *The lamp for one's home [Shabbat] receives priority, since it generates peace within the home...Peace is great, for the entire Torah was given to bring about peace within the world, as states: 'Its ways are pleasant and all its paths are peace.'* [Proverbs 3:17]



Whereas the mitzvah of Shabbat candles is rooted in the value of creating peace in the home (*shalom bayit*) and generating a spiritual light within the family, the mitzvah of Hanukkah lights is to radiate that inner light outward into the world.

Maimonides naturally concludes that one must first generate a peaceful light within before it can be shared with the greater world. Tova Hartman, a contemporary Jewish scholar, comments on this teaching: *Maimonides urges us to realize that this value of peace in the home is primary. Only when we attain shalom bayit can we hope to bring that inner light, outwards – we must first have peace in our own domains and personal relationships before we can hope to bring a meaningful light and true peace to the world at large.*

This year as we light the Hanukkah candles, let us all consider how we might advance peace within

our own homes and within our Temple Israel relationships. How might each one of us magnify our precious community's light from within and spread a greater sense of welcoming and peace into the winter darkness?

With warm wishes for a joyous Hanukkah,

Rabba Kaya

Please save the date for a very special weekend  
Friday, February 4 – Saturday, February 5, 2022  
A Shabbat with Elana Arian



Nationally acclaimed recording artist Elana Arian will be our Shabbaton Artist-in-Residence. Hear her beautiful voice and original compositions at Kabbalat Shabat services. On Shabbat morning, she will lead an uplifting and resonant service with Rabba Kaya and our Hebrew School children. Saturday evening will offer a joyful Havdalah and community event. Much more than a concert, this very special evening gives us a chance to join our voices together in communal song and harmony.

*For more information, contact Sharen Eidelberg Spratt, [shareneids@aol.com](mailto:shareneids@aol.com).*

# Prayer

## *Yachad Shabbat continues!*

9:10 - 9:50 Yoga in the chapel on 12/4,  
12/11, 12/18, 12/25

Torah discussion: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18,  
12/25



## Service Notes

Friday, December 3, 6:00 pm, **Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service with special guest, Cantorial Soloist Kochava Munro**

Friday, December 17, 5:00 pm, **Tot Shabbat with Rabba Kaya in the social hall**

Saturday, December 18, 10:00 am, a **JFNH representative will present the Shem Tov Award to congregant Amy Hyett during Shabbat morning services.**

Friday, December 31, **5:00 pm start time, ZOOM ONLY Kabbalat Shabbat Service**



## Tot Shabbat Hop with PJ Library

**Saturday, December 11, 10:00 - 11:00 am, outdoors in the garden courtyard**

PJ Library's jBaby and Early Education Initiative invite families with children aged 0-5 (siblings welcome) to celebrate Shabbat morning together. Each month's celebration is led by a PJ Library representative and takes place outdoors at a different NH location. Please join us for stories, singing, and blessings, followed by a kiddie kiddush. **Kindly register via the website calendar.**



## Candle Lighting

December 3, 3:52 pm

December 10, 3:51 pm

December 17, 3:52 pm

December 24, 3:56 pm

December 31, 4:01 pm

## Service Times

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Friday 6:00 pm (**winter schedule**)

Saturday morning 10:00 am

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

## Life Cycles

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

Condolences to **Pat Moreinis Dodge** on the passing of her husband, **Peter ("Pete") Dodge**.

Condolences to **Claire Siegel** and her family on the passing of **Barry Siegel**, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

*We join in gladly welcoming* **Miles James DeThorne**, born on November 12 to parents **Timothy & Erin DeThorne** of Schenectady, NY. Congratulations to grandparents **Richard and Jane LeSavoy**.

# President's Message



Dear Fellow Congregants,  
Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Maccabean revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE. We are now in a position where we, like our ancestors over two thousand years ago, need to rededicate

ourselves to our temple. Although we have not suffered the physical destruction of our temple as our ancestors did, we have in the past two years seen many of our norms destroyed. Now we must rededicate ourselves to rebuilding those norms within our community.

We experienced a significant loss of students in our religious school as a result of the pandemic. Now, under the leadership of Rabba Kaya and our Education Committee, we have revamped the curriculum and we are dedicating ourselves to reestablishing our religious school as a central part of our temple community where we educate the next generation. If you have school-age children who are not participating in our religious school I urge you to contact Ian Kaner, our VP Education, to discuss what we might be able to do so that your child can take advantage of the opportunity for a Jewish education.

Similarly, in-person attendance at services has suffered. Initially, we suspended in-person services, but now with people being able to attend in person, we still have a number of people who are more comfortable attending via Zoom. We must dedicate ourselves to finding ways to ensure that everyone is comfortable attending services and other temple activities in person. If you would like to feel more comfortable attending in-person services and events at our temple, I urge you to contact Fran Berman, VP Ritual, to discuss what we might be

able to do to allow you to feel more comfortable .

In addition to the drop in participation in religious school and services, we have also experienced a drop in committee participation, which is where most of the important planning and execution of temple activities takes place. Each of us needs to rededicate ourselves to being a participant on a temple committee to rebuild the strength of our community. If you are currently an active committee member, I offer my heartfelt thanks. And if you are in the position of wanting to rededicate yourself to the sustainment and improvement of our temple, but aren't sure where your talents might best be used, please contact our Administrative Director, Heather Tomlinson, or Rabba Kaya, or me, and we will assist you in identifying the place where your help might be most rewarding to you as well as beneficial to our temple.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not include a few words about *tzedakah*. We learn the following from *Pirkei Avot* (Teaching of the Sages).

There are four types among those who give *tzedakah*:

- those who want to give but do not want others to give — they begrudge their fellow human beings the *mitzvah*;
- those who want others to give but refuse themselves to give — they are miserly;
- those who want to give and also want others to give — they are saintly;
- those who do not want others to give and themselves do not give — they are scoundrels.

I hope that we all are typed as saintly by giving *tzedakah* in the form of a contribution to our Annual Appeal.

Robert Zimman

# Ritual Committee

## Hanukkah Lights and Fun

By Fran Berman, VP Ritual

December is a month of darkness and light. The hours of daylight are brief and precious as the winter solstice arrives, and evening starts way too soon. This is the season when we crave light, and Judaism meets that need during the eight nights of Hanukkah. Each member of the family is encouraged to have and light their own *hanukkiyah* (Hanukkah menorah), and the resulting display can be very bright indeed!

On the first night of the holiday, we use the *shamash* to light a single candle in the *hanukkiyah*, and then each night we add one more until the final night features eight blazing candles. On the first night, we recite three blessings as we light the candles. On the rest of the nights, only two blessings are recited. If you need a refresher course in candle lighting or a copy of the blessings, both are available on the temple website.

Once lit, the *hanukkiyah* is employed to publicize the miracle of Hanukkah, so, if possible, it should be positioned near a window facing out toward the street, where others can see its light. I usually put my *hanukkiyah* in my front bay window, where the neighbors can see it. For many years, my neighbor Marge used to tell me how much she looked forward to seeing the flickering lights in my window.

After we kindle the Hanukkah candles, we sit and watch them until they burn out, usually in 30-40 minutes. This is not only a religious command, but also a good safety rule! The Hanukkah candles are not meant to be utilitarian – they should not be the only light in the room, and work is prohibited while

the candles are burning. Instead, this is a time to sit, tell stories, play dreidel or other games, eat latkes or *sufganiyot*, and sing songs. For those of us who live alone, it might be a time to listen to some music, reflect on the day, sip a glass of wine or a cup of tea, or call a friend or family member.

I have many fond Hanukkah memories over the years, but one stands out. My two children (now grown, with children of their own) loved the holiday. They even invented their own Hanukkah game: Pelt the Gelt! This game is best played on a long rectangular table or open floor. In our house, it is played on our coffee table. It requires at least 10 dreidels and 20 or so chocolate gelt in their wrappers. The players form two teams: the spinners and the pelters. The spinners try to get as many dreidels spinning at once as they can.

Meanwhile, the pelters forcefully slide the gelt across the table and try to knock over as many dreidels as possible. A furious struggle ensues, with spinners grabbing fallen dreidels and trying to get them spinning again, while the pelters have to retrieve the gelt that are now scattered all over the floor and send them shooting across the table to hit the dreidels. The pelters win when all of the dreidels have been knocked down.

Happy Hanukkah!

Congratulations to  
**Dick and Lorrie Grossman,**  
celebrating their  
60th wedding anniversary  
this December!



# 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**

In-person and on Zoom.



## Wednesday, 12/1 - 4 Candles

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

**Hanukkah Musical Adventure for Kids of all Ages**

Join us for a musical Hanukkah experience led by the award-winning Carla Friend, Founder and Executive Director of Tkiya. We'll be celebrating the Festival of Lights with singing, dancing, stories, puppets, and more! We hope you'll come ready to participate in an interactive telling of the Hanukkah story. Bring your family's favorite

*hanukkiot!*

Co-sponsored by PJ Library. All are welcome but attendance is limited. Kindly register so we can plan for the *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 those 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.

## Sunday, 12/5 - 8 candles

9:00 am via Zoom, **PJ Library Presents: Donuts with Dinah!** See website calendar.

2:00 pm,  
**Chanukah on Ice!** At Strawberry Banke. Co-sponsored with Seacoast Chabad Center. Register on the website calendar.



# Early Learning Center



**Tammy Roberge**  
Director, ELC

Shalom,

As I was reviewing October and November pictures for this column, I couldn't believe how much we have done, and I smiled at all the happy faces reflected back at me.

First, we welcomed back the Grand Pals Program at the Wentworth Home! I want to give a great big "thank you" to Jennifer Cameron, who keeps the ELC students and Wentworth Home residents smiling, laughing, and engaged through an hour-long program each visit.

We took a field trip to Strawberry Banke to see the autumnal foliage, play in the fallen leaves, and run around in the warm weather. It was so pleasant the other day that we had a picnic outside.

The ELC is blessed to have Laura Sher working with us again this school year. She helped the students

**Photos, clockwise from top right: students enjoy a picnic, all things pumpkin, and bubbles with their "Grand Pals" at the Wentworth Home.**

bake challah to take home and share with their families and the

temple staff. We also investigated pumpkins and squash, cut them up, cooked them down, and created pumpkin bread, all with Miss Laura's wonderful recipes.

We wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah!

Shalom,

Tammy Roberge and the ELC Team

Email me, [preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org) or call 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.***





# Israel Affairs

By Emma Rous, Chair, Israel Affairs Committee

On November 7, Daniel Agranov, the Deputy Consul General of Israel to New England, spoke in person and via Zoom to TIP members about current events in Israel. He described the unique Bennett-Lapid coalition currently governing in the Knesset, with members ranging from the left-leaning Meretz party to the conservative Likud, and even including a member of the United Arab List. The coalition recently passed its first major test by passing a two-year budget. Asked about the growing disaffection of young American Jews from Israel, he talked about the human tendency to favor the “underdog,” and the need for a better understanding of history.



The Shalom Hartman course, “Israel’s Milestones and Their Meanings,” led by Rabba Kaya, has now met three times and has five more sessions on December 12 and 19, January 9 and 23, and February 6, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. All meetings are now on Zoom (use the regular link for services). Forty-five TIP and community people registered for the course, and, while there has been some drop-off in attendance, participants have found the sessions very rewarding.

Discussion has explored how our Jewish identity has been affected by the creation of Israel, whether Israel influences our spiritual growth, and the divide between older and younger Jews in their perception of Israel. Future topics include Judea and Samaria, One State/Two States, and Jerusalem.

We encourage registrants and new sign-ups to attend the remaining sessions. Readings are available online or by ordering the book (see *This Week* for links). The committee thanks the Cultural Endowment Fund for supporting this course.



**Daniel Agranov, Deputy Consul General of Israel to New England**

Elia, Sam, and John Tackeff would like to express gratitude to our TIP family for the many kind donations in Matthew’s memory, and all the cards, phone calls, and messages of support. Thank you all so much!



# In Our Community

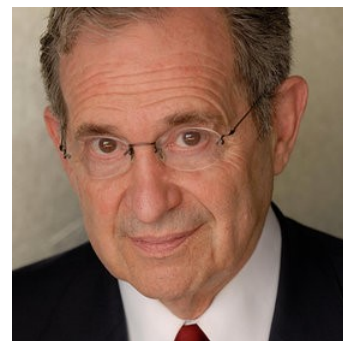
## Youth Groups and their Involvement with the Establishment of Israel



On Thursday, December 9 at 6:00 pm, NH *Shaliach* Ra'anan de Haas will speak via Zoom (access via the usual link for services). Sponsored by the Sisterhood.

## Reproductive Rights & the Abortion Debate: What Can Judaism Teach Us?

On Tuesday, November 9, Temple Israel welcomed Rabbi Leonard Sharzer, MD, who led a thought-provoking and wide-ranging discussion about Jewish



perspectives on abortion, via Zoom. Informed by his experiences as a practicing physician, his rabbinical studies, and perspective as an educator, he advised attendees that, "If you were to ask, 'What is the Jewish position on abortion?' the first answer to that question is that there is no 'Jewish attitude;' there are many Jewish attitudes." He shared a number of texts from Torah and *Mishnah* outlining historical considerations. Rabbi Sharzer also discussed contemporary approaches to the subject, including a focus on the Jewish value of **justice** as a lens for guiding abortion regulations, as well as the new perspectives to be gained by feminist readings of Jewish texts.

Rabbi Sharzer's talk concluded with an overview of how decision-making about abortions is handled in Israel, before he took questions and responded to reflections from attendees. One participant confessed, "I'm hearing what I didn't expect to hear!" All left with some new information and potential frameworks to consider the subject. This Zoom presentation was recorded. Anyone interested in watching the recording may contact the Temple Israel office to receive the recording link.

## 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:** members review donations on an ongoing basis, re-shelve returned books, and suggest new titles.
4. **Chesed Squad:** members help others with practical tasks like shopping, rides, fellowship.

### New group forming: Kitchen Reopening Team!

Do you care about event refreshments? Could you help contact caterers who might be interested in learning more about working in TIP's kosher kitchen? Do you have some ideas for kiddushes, when Covid protocols permit? We'd love to hear from YOU! Please contact the temple office.

# Arts Review Team

By Deborah Levine, Arts Review Team Chair

Temple Israel was treated to an engaging drama, *Rite of Passage*, by Izzy Salant, on November 21 in the social hall. Over 35 congregants and friends enjoyed the staged reading of a new play by a young Jewish playwright. Pam Battin-Sacks, who played the aunt of the “bar mitzvah boy” stated, “It meant a lot to me to be working on a play in the early stages of development.” The audience became engrossed in the interactions between the characters, vacillating between deep sadness, confusion, and hilarity, especially in scenes that included Noah Greenspan, who played Harold. His timing and delivery were perfect, embodying a character living with autism, who has flashes of wit and insight and a wide range of responses to the loss of his mother. The father, played by Robert Murphy, was a complex character trying to communicate with his son about the truth of his mother’s death while facing his own grief. Congregant Steve Sacks was strong and convincing as the rabbi who tutors Harold for his bar mitzvah.

Maura Greenbaum, played by Jocelyn Dufour, appears throughout the two acts. She appears to members of the cast as a ghost, helping each character navigate their own journey through a difficult time.

It is hard to believe the play was read, rather than performed. Transitions were seamless and the actors’ body language and expressions made the themes come alive. Many in the audience felt they had gone through their own “rite of passage,” responding to the recognizable feelings and stages of their own losses. Kudos to director Myriam Cyr and to Punctuate4 Productions for bringing us their provocative new work. If you would like to support moving this project forward from public reading to full production, please e-mail [producers@punctuate4.org](mailto:producers@punctuate4.org) for more details.



**Below: scenes from the staged reading of “Rite of Passage” by Izzy Salant.**



# 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:** Paul Rothman & Emily McEntee.

**Silver:** Cary Friedman and his brothers Leny, Scot, and Joel, "in memory of our parents, Bea and Maury Friedman."

**Bronze:** Matthew & Leslie Allen. Michael & Susan Golden in memory of Samuel & Mildred Golden and in memory of Herb Greene. Roger & Susan Epstein Alan & Liz Moses. Renita Gottesman. Sandell Morse in honor of the Jewish Community.

**Friend:** Beth & Scot Sakelarios. Ellen Fineberg. David & Betty Efron. Samuel & Dominique

Winebaum. David & Beth Salzman. Bob & Judi Weisner. Shelley Brass. Jim & Myra Fishbein in memory of Arnold Fishbein. Amy & Steven Borne in honor of the Development Committee. David & Monika Olken. Alissa & Steve Holmes & family. Amy & Torsten Schmidt and family in loving memory of Anne Simonoff, loving mother, missed every day. Doug Tilton in loving memory of Susan E. Goldin.

**Contributor:** Selma Freedman in memory of her husband, Robby Freedman. James S. Sagner. Linda Tober. Sue & Paul Kilrain in loving memory of Barry Siegel. Allison Miller in memory of her grandmother, Ruth Miller.

**A hearty thank you to all! Acknowledgments will continue in the January Doorpost for donations received after November 29.**

**We are pleased to welcome Erik Martin as Interim Head of School and Family Program Coordinator.**



Erik has a background in programming for youth as well as experience as a Jewish educator. He started the academic year as a 6th grade teacher in our Hebrew School. Erik can be reached via e-mail at [headofschool@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:headofschool@templeisraelnh.org) or by calling the main temple phone number, extension 14.

Erik, his wife Natalee, and their daughters moved to the Seacoast last summer and have been active in the school community. Natalee grew up in Portsmouth and the Martins are happy to return with their family to her childhood home!



# Donations, continued

Received October 27 - November 29. Please see page 11 for Annual Fund contribution recognition.

## CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Al Bryant and Sylvia Fulk, Segall Bryant & Hamill in memory of Bernard Goodman. Barry & Claire Siegel in memory of their cousin, Marvin Tobins, beloved father of Jamie Keys. Joseph & Susan Sherman Stone in loving memory of Matthew Tackeff.

## DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Alissa Gold in memory of Benjamin Gold, beloved father and grandfather.

## HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Naomi Fishbein in memory of her brother, Melvin Partoll, and in memory of her father, Joseph Partoll. Lisa & Jacky Ohayon in memory of Lisa's mother, Renee Goodman.

**In loving memory of Matthew Tackeff:** Jim Dricker and Elaine Zitomer. Rachel Hopkins & Eric & Gabe Weinrieb. Laura & Michael Rubin.

## INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Deb and Bert Freedman in honor of Harold Moldoff's birthday, in memory of Matthew Tackeff, and in memory of Bernie Goodman. Nancy Alexander in memory of her father-in-law, John Alexander. Deb & Bert Freedman in memory of Bert's father, Robert Freedman. Marge & Bob

Goldberg in memory of Matt Tackeff and in memory of Charles Goldberg. Bill & Ellen McQueeney in loving memory of Ellen's father, Burton Kreisworth.

## LIBRARY FUND

Paula & Karl Singer in memory of Paula's mother, Mary McCrensky.

## MUSIC FUND

Anonymous contributor. Aaron Glenney in honor of Rachel Schechter.

## PRESCHOOL FUND

Claudia Leblanc. Veta Stone in memory of her parents, Alice and Harold Berit. Linda & Warren Greenstein in honor of Steve Sacks. Deborah Hirsch Mayer in memory of Matthew Tackeff.

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Elissa Kaplan Senter in memory of Rabbi David Rafael Senter. Amy Feitelson in memory of her mother, Dorothy Feitelson. Karen Mott in memory of her grandmother, Marie Müller. Roberta Issokson in loving memory of her father, Maurice Dinerman. David Olken in memory of his mother, Charlotte Olken. Betty Effron in memory of her mother, Jeanne Slass.

## TIKKUN OLAM FUND

Seacoast Ski Club with appreciation for Halloween Parade dancers' rehearsal space at 170 State St. Allison Miller in memory of her grandmother, Ruth Miller. Doug Tilton wishes a speedy recovery to Eric Gilston.

## TZEDAKAH FUND

Anonymous donor in support of IsraAid's work. The Spelke family in memory of Silvana Sonnino. Arline Koiles in memory of her beloved husband, Allen Koiles. Marlene and Al Rubin in memory of Barry Siegel.



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# Tikkun Olam



**Shelley Hartz**

## **Leaving Afghanistan: A Conversation with Dr. Barrett Ward**

On Tuesday, December 14, at 7pm, Temple Israel's Tikkun Olam Committee is hosting a conversation on Zoom with Dr. Barrett Ward, who will discuss his involvement in helping a

number of Afghans leave their

country. New Hampshire will be the new home for some Afghan evacuees. Learning about the harrowing journey faced by many of these individuals and families increases our awareness of the difficult choices that needed to be made in order to leave Afghanistan. Please join us for what promises to be an educational and interesting conversation.

**About the speaker:** Barrett Ward is from Plano, Texas. He was commissioned as an Armor Officer in the US Army in 2004 after graduating from Texas Christian University. In 2009, he took command of an interrogation analysis company and served in Baghdad, Iraq for a year, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in a combat zone. In 2012 he began his PhD Studies in



English Literature at the University of Texas at Austin. He went on to teach at West Point and The United States Air Force Academy. He is presently teaching at The Pingry School, a private day school in New Jersey.

In late August of 2021, Dr. Ward contacted one of his former students from West Point, Shabir Kabiri, who was in Afghanistan. As Kabul was being overtaken by the Taliban, Shabir indicated that he needed immediate assistance. Dr. Ward, along with a small cohort of Shabir's West Point 2015 classmates, joined together to find a way to get Shabir, his family, and another West Point graduate, Naquib (and his family) out of Kabul. Dr. Ward will discuss the attempts made to provide Shabir, Naquib, and their families an escape route from the chaos in Kabul.

## **Additional resources for supporting Afghan refugees may be found on the temple website (see new post on the home page).**

The most valuable way to help a refugee family in your community is to be a friend. Your welcome and friendship can go a long way in helping them feel at home. Invite some refugees to a class or to a community meeting to share their experiences. Listen to what they went through before coming to New Hampshire. Find out what their lives were like before they became refugees and what they dream of today. Contact the refugee resettlement agency in your area if you would like to make a donation or help in the resettlement efforts of a refugee family. Know who the refugees are in your community. If interested in volunteering, please contact Sandi Cotter at Ascentria Care Alliance at (603) 224-8111.

# Yahrzeits

## December Yahrzeits

1. Anna Glaser, Sam Goldstein, Rose Glick, Rabbi Aaron Ilson, Jean LaFargue
2. Eli Borwick, Lillian Lorde, Florence Slater, Bernard Levitz, Catherine Most, Milton Brody, Jacob H. Cohen, Samuel N. Cook
3. Bernice Gordan, Rabbi Morris Shoulson, Shirley Richman
4. (no observances in the congregation)
5. Vernon Byus, Jr., Lee Fruman, Eva Gordon Baer, Minnie Cooper
6. Daniel Cline, Etta Winick, Ralph Noveletsky, Bernard Fine, Edward Samson
7. Henry Willar, Charles Trott, Hans Hirsch, Samuel Mayo
8. Otto Morgenstern, Katrina Bradbury, Floretta Osman, Zelig Applebaum, Benjamin Singer
9. Solomon Gerstein, Gertrude Kaplan, Bessie Cohn, George Brown, Jay Wein, Louis Rome, Myrna Siegel, Gloria Rosegarten Adler, Sarah Sherman, A. B. Silverman, Bernard Harris, John Thomas McCarty
10. Rose Coles, Carl Schwartz, Herb Heller, Sayde Harris, Irvin Gorski, Pauline Wilson, Florence Thailer, Janice Glaser
11. Esther Ruth London, Maurice Ruben, H. Berzow, Hyman Sherman
12. Charlotte Brody

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13. Marcia Alexander, Leah Kolikof, Beatrice Book, Benjamin Slome, Edith Prostkoff, Adolph Jacob Baer, Abraham Issokson, Louis J. Magerer, Arthur Filler
14. Alan Schenk, Ethel Fleisher, Mildred Thrope, Benjamin Radner, Bernard Luloff
15. Abraham Zeidman, Eve Cetlin, Yury Klarov, Mary Saklad, Jacob Stone, Lena Mines, Hannah Krinsky
16. Annie Freaman, Lena Fishbein, Saul Sussman, Herman Cherim, Sharon Roberts, Warren Bennett
17. Rebecca Lepoff, Ethel Halprin, Phillip Singer, Isadore Osman, Roman A. Rubinstein, Daniel Fisher, Howard Levingston
18. D.H. Silverman, Sarah Alpers, Jerome Sorkin
19. Sarah Rottenberg
20. Edith Brown, Joseph Kitrosser, Arthur Poster, Beverly Schneider, Arthur Leblanc, Eleanor Goldstein, Mildred Cragin, Beverly Driscoll
21. Jennie Levine, Melvin Heflich, Kathy Ramras, Eugene Kleinhandl, Antoine Walker, Gloria Adelman, Arthur Saklad
22. Samuel Lepoff, Robert Liston Sr., Gerald Bernheimer, Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Henrietta Banner Gershman
23. Jacob Landsman, Morris Rubin, Judith Glick, Hyman Schwartz, Florence Levingston
24. Abraham Lampert, Arnold Katz, Alan Kaner,

**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

Bess Koach, Suzan Irene Horn, Lillian Cohen,  
Andrew Klein

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25. Louis Zeidman, Allen Levenson, Arthur Reinhart,  
George Sherman, Harold Lampert, Howard  
Siegel, Matthew Krassner, Martin B. Cohen
26. Anna Levitt, Harry Levin, Melvin Pedell,  
Harold Dinaburg, Sheila M. Kaplan, Hyman Katz,  
David Edelstein, Allen Sibley, Deborah Most,  
Jason Smith
27. Arthur Housman
28. Fannie Woolfson, Libby Ginsberg, Leon Brill,  
Pauline Cohen, Louis Stocklan
29. Mary Halprin Levey, Ida Shapiro, Ruth Sussman,  
Garrett Aviles, Beatrice Saltman Dulberg,  
Ruth Talisman, Irving Feldman
30. George Hooz, Betty Prietz, Jack Lasky,  
BettyRose Leader, Rose Silverman Cohen,  
Rabbi Sidney Rothstein
31. Burton Kreisworth, Rachel Promer,  
Frieda Beubis, John McGowan,  
Jeannette Marks, Marilyn Gorman

## CLASSES

### Hand Drumming for Beginners

3:30 pm, Thursdays 12/2, 12/9, & 12/16, Social Hall (no  
Zoom)

### Basic Judaism Class for Conversion

6:00 pm, Wednesdays, 12/8 and 12/15, via Zoom

### Israel's Milestones & Their Meanings

10:30 am, Sunday, 12/12 & 12/19, Zoom only

### Senior Discussion Group

10:00 am on Thursdays via Zoom

### Yiddish Class for Beginners

11:00 am, Thursdays, 12/2, 9, 16, & 23, Shmooze

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Development Committee

7:00 pm, Wednesday, 12/1

### House Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 12/2

### Arts Review Team

1:00 pm, Sunday, 12/5

### Membership Committee

7:00 pm, Monday, 12/7

### Education Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 12/9

### Sustainability Committee

7:30 pm, Monday, 12/13

### Executive Committee

7:30 pm, Wednesday, 12/15

### Tikkun Olam Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 12/16

### Board of Directors

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 12/21

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

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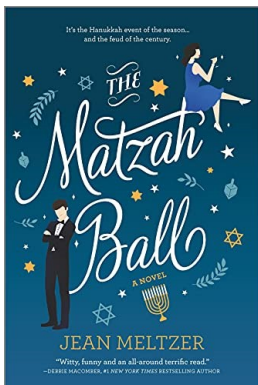
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### **TIP Book Club Pick for December**

### ***The Matzah Ball*, by Jean Meltzer**

**Please join us in the social hall at 12:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month, December 21, 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 mix 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 be planning programs to help members meet one another in person.

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.