

# The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

April 2022, Adar II - Nisan 5782

## From the Rabbi's Desk



## Upcoming Events

### **Avodah: From Servitude to Service**

In these past two years of the pandemic and especially during this last month of war in Ukraine, our eyes have opened to the precious nature of freedom as well as to its vulnerabilities. Our Passover rituals celebrate our capacity for transformation as well as our responsibilities to preserve our freedom.

On Passover we read the story of our ancestors, who were taken out of the narrow straits of *Mitzrayim* (Egypt) and brought to Mount Sinai where they received the Torah. This freedom journey was not just a physical odyssey, but also a shift in awareness and relationship to God and community. The Israelites were freed from slavery not simply for the sake of freedom alone. Rather, they were brought from *servitude* to *service*. They were freed from the oppression of servitude so that they could enter into a new relationship with God, with the earth, and with one another.

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### **Passover Story Walk with PJ Library, p. 6**

2:00 - 4:00 pm, Sunday, 4/3, in Manchester NH

### **TIP 2022-2023 Budget Presentation, p. 8**

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 4/5, Social Hall & Zoom

### **Tot Shabbat with Rabba Kaya, p. 3**

5:00 pm, Friday, 4/8, Social Hall

### **S'mores Havdalah & Escape Room, p. 6**

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### **Outdoor Burning of Chametz, p. 3**

10:00 am, Friday, 4/15, Parking Lot

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6:15 pm, Friday, 4/15, Social Hall

### **TIP Book Club Discusses *Woman on Fire*, p. 20**

12:00 pm, Thursday, 4/21, Social Hall

### **ELC is closed for spring break**

Friday, 4/22 - Friday, 4/29

### **Temple Office is Closed**

Friday, 4/22

### **Passover Service with Yizkor, p. 3**

9:00 am, Friday, 4/22, Sanctuary

### **Yom Hashoa Remembrance Service with JFNH, p. 11**

7:00 pm, Wednesday, 4/27, via Zoom

### **Kitchen Orientation, Outdoor Cleanup**

10:30 am (kitchen); 9:00 - 11:00 (outdoor) Sunday, 5/1

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**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



**Rabba Kaya  
Stern-Kaufman**

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As free individuals they had, and we have, a sacred obligation to the values expressed in our Torah: caring for the poor, the refugee, the stranger; allowing the earth to rest from production every seven years, and expressing

gratitude to the Source of all our blessing.

In Hebrew, the word for work as well as servitude is *avodah*. The word for slave, *eved*, comes from that same root. However, the word *avodah* also means service. Freedom from Egypt was a liberation from the oppressive *avodah* of slavery, in order to allow for a higher form of labor understood as *service*, the harnessing of one's will to serve a greater good.

*Avodah* as service appears in the Torah throughout the descriptions of the sacrifices carried out by the priests in the Tabernacle and later in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. After the second Temple was destroyed, the concept of *avodah* changed yet again to include *avodat halev*, service of the heart, which refers to prayer. Rather than gifts of sheep and goats, we are instructed to offer the "words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts" to express gratitude to the Source of all blessing.

Over time the concept of service evolved to include all the wide-ranging mitzvot performed in a variety of ways. Recall the famous story about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel who wrote these words upon his return from Selma in 1965: "For many of

us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying."

In this sense, whenever we are engaged in the holy work of being of service, we are performing a kind of *avodah*. Here at Temple Israel, we are blessed to have a diverse community of people with varied interests, talents, and concerns. One of the beautiful things about being part of a sacred community is the opportunity to contribute. Every contribution of time and energy lifts us all up.

Whether one's skills and interests are technological or artistic, culinary or administrative, educational or social, there is an opportunity here to contribute. It is *avodah*, gifts of service, that ultimately transform a collective of individuals into a sacred community. May this Passover usher in a new time of cooperation, a widening of the heart of humanity in the service of freedom and peace for all.

With blessings,

Rabba Kaya

**"Lunch N Learn" Torah Study,**

**April 7 (1 meeting in April)**

**Thursdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm via the regular Zoom link for services. Class reading link is posted on the website calendar as soon as it's available.**

# Prayer

## Yachad Shabbat continues!

9:10 - 9:50 Yoga in the chapel on 4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30.



## Service Notes

Friday, April 1, 6:30 pm, **Alternative Kabbalat Shabbat service with special guest JerriAnne Boggis.** This service will use the *Mishkan T'filah* siddur (prayerbook), which has more English, larger print, and more transliteration. The service will use familiar tunes.

In April, we welcome guest speaker JerriAnne Boggis, Executive Director of the Black Heritage Trail of NH, sponsored by the Tikkun Olam Committee. Topic: "Out of the Shadows: a brief introduction to New Hampshire's Black History."

**About our speaker:** JerriAnne Boggis is the Executive Director of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, the founder and director of The Harriet Wilson Project, and the previous Director of Diversity Programs & Community Outreach at the University of New Hampshire. She is a writer, educator, and community activist who works to correct the historical record on the racial complexity and richness of New Hampshire's diverse past.



## Candle Lighting

April 1, 6:52 pm  
April 8, 7:00 pm  
April 15, 7:08pm  
April 22, 7:17 pm  
April 29, 7:25 pm

## Service Times

Tuesday 5:30 pm, ZOOM ONLY

Friday 6:30 pm

Saturday morning 10:00 am

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

Friday, April 8, 5:00 pm, **Tot Shabbat with Rabba Kaya.** A kid-friendly musical Shabbat experience led by Rabba Kaya in the Social Hall!. Geared for children age 5 and under; all are welcome.

Friday, April 15, 10:00 am, **Outdoor burning of chametz in the temple parking lot.** (Last year's event is pictured below.)



Friday, April 22, 9:00 am, **Passover service with Yizkor, Sanctuary**

# President's Message



Dear Fellow Congregants,  
Each year at our Passover *seder* when we read the midrash about the four sons, I'm reminded of a story my father told about his family. When his father (my grandfather) would read the story about the four sons, he would always

indicate one of his four sons as he read, to show what he was thinking about them at that particular point in time. But the real message of the *midrash*, even though it is stated differently to each son, is that we celebrate Passover because God freed our ancestors—and by extension, us—from slavery.

From this we can draw the lesson that what we do can have effects for many years, even generations into the future. I've often said that I support the temple as a member not because I need it at any particular moment, but because I want to be sure that the temple will be there when I or my descendants need it in the future. How can each of us ensure that the temple continues? Our support now helps to ensure the temple is still there for us and our descendants.

In ancient times, Passover was one of three pilgrimage festivals when Jews would come to the Temple in Jerusalem from all over Israel to bring their *korbanot* or offerings. Some of these offerings, along with the half-shekel tax, provided support for the Temple and the *kohanim* priests. Although we no longer are able to bring *korbanot* nor to pay the half-shekel tax to support the

Temple and the *kohanim*, we do have opportunities to support Temple Israel.

You can support Temple Israel by giving of your most valuable resource, your time. Whether it is by serving on a committee, assisting with running of an event, or serving on our Board of Directors, your help is needed and always appreciated. The support you provide by paying your financial obligations in a timely manner is likewise appreciated.

Temple Israel cannot survive into the future, to ensure that it is there for us and our descendants when we need it, without both your volunteer and financial support. Let us help you find a way for you to provide support that will be meaningful to you and ensure the continued health of Temple Israel.

I wish all of you and your families a joyful Pesach - *Chag Sameach*.

Robert Zimman



**Volunteers Cathi Cherry-Liston, Karen Mott, Lessa Brill, and Shelley Hartz, assembling shalach manot bags for the Purim celebration.**



# Ritual Committee

## It's Time to Schmooze, Eat, and Celebrate Together

By Fran Berman, VP Ritual

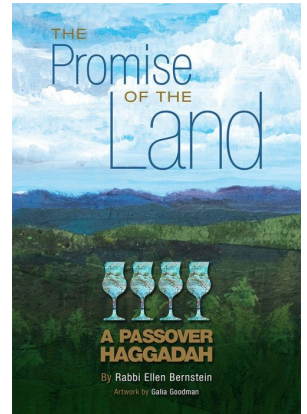
Spring, a time of birth and growth in the natural world, offers us a chance at new beginnings.

This year, spring seems especially laden with meaning as we emerge from two years of Covid restrictions. In the past few weeks, Covid infection rates have dropped so masks are optional even indoors for those who are fully vaccinated, and many of us have returned to in-person attendance at temple services and events. It is wonderful to see each other face to face again, to connect with one another, and to share food. Since not everyone can attend events in person, we will continue to provide a Zoom option at services for anyone who is not able or ready to return in person. And of course, anyone experiencing symptoms of illness should stay away from in-person events and wear a mask when around others.

I look forward to greeting many more familiar and new people at services and over a kiddush or oneg in the weeks and months ahead. Our kosher caterer is not able to meet our needs at this time, so if you would like to host a Saturday morning kiddush, we are looking for sponsors to prepare and serve. Let Heather in the office know if you want to sponsor a kiddush. Kitchen chairperson Helen Hanan can suggest menus and walk you through the process. And those joining us on Friday night can once again enjoy an oneg Shabbat buffet sponsored by congregant Ken Kowalczyk after services.

Passover begins on Friday night, April 15, preceded by a ceremonial outdoor burning of *chametz* at 10 am on Friday.

We plan to hold our community seder IN PERSON IN THE SOCIAL HALL at 6:15 pm on April 15, the first night of Passover. The meal will be catered by Larry Levine's Kosher Meats & Deli in Peabody, MA, and the seder will be led by Rabba Kaya, using the haggadah *The Promise of the Land*, which many of us enjoyed last year.



If you are free that night, I hope you will join your temple community in celebrating the start of Pesach with readings, songs, four glasses of wine, and a delicious meal. Reservations and payment are required by April 4. The meal is underwritten by the Cultural Endowment Fund and the Temple Israel Operating Fund, with a suggested donation for members of \$30 per adult/teen, \$10 per child (ages 5-12; no charge for children under 5).

You might wonder why we have switched from our usual second night community seder to the first night. Our second night seder is not feasible this year because it would require that we prepare the meal on Shabbat and begin the meal very late, after Shabbat ends. So, we hope you can join us on Friday, April 15.

If Covid conditions change by April 15 and we cannot eat together due to a rise in infection rates, we will switch to a Zoom-only seder, and we will distribute the catered dinner to all those who signed up.

# Hebrew School



**Erik Martin**  
Head of School

## Purim Celebration

Heartfelt thanks to all the parent and student volunteers for helping us organize the Purim carnival and *shalach manot* gift bag give-away! Students artistically decorated the gift bags, parents stuffed them with goodies, and families

made special deliveries in their neighborhoods and beyond. Many congregants have shared appreciation for the festive treats!



**Purim fun!**



## Passover Story Walk, PJ Library

**2:00 - 4:00 pm, Sunday, April 3 in Manchester, NH**

Please join Temple Israel, PJ Library, and several other NH synagogues for an outdoor, family-friendly event. Learn about Passover through fun activity stations. Please register via the website calendar for event location and additional details.



## S'mores Havdalah & Escape Room

**Saturday, April 9, 7:00 pm**

Our last s'mores havdalah was such a success that we're back for more! This time, you'll need to earn your marshmallows— this month's theme is an "escape room." The prize at the end of the puzzle is everything you'll need to roast your dessert! Test your wits with this fun and exciting game! Please register via the website calendar so we have age-appropriate puzzles for all!





# Early Learning Center



**Tammy Roberge**  
Director, ELC

Shalom,  
March was a very busy month here in the Early Learning Center, starting with Laura Sher helping us bake hamantaschen. The students had a wonderful time rolling out the dough, cutting out the circles, filling them, cooking them, and evaluating the results of their hard work with some careful “quality control” tasting.

**Baking hamantaschen in the kitchen; dancing with Rabba Kaya in the Social Hall.**



We made plenty of extras that we used for the ELC’s Purim Family Celebration. The students danced, dressed in costume as people from the story of Esther. Rabba Kaya, also in costume as a sunflower, led us in the song *Chag Purim* while we shook our home-made groggers. Then the students performed a narrated play of the *Megillat Esther* for their families.

We finished the program with the children eating lunch with their families and everyone enjoying hamantaschen! Elian’s birthday was celebrated along with the holiday fun – Happy Birthday, Elian!

Tammy and the ELC team (Elia, Laura, Steve, & Amy)

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# Treasurer's Report

Dear Fellow Congregants,

Last year, I introduced myself as your new treasurer and shared an overview of our temple's finances. We are more than halfway through our fiscal year which ends June 30, 2022, so I thought it would be appropriate to offer an update.

The dues and fees our congregants pay are by far the largest and most critical source of income for the temple. This year, dues invoices were sent out to 293 households. As of this writing, 91% of our congregants have either paid their dues in full or are on a payment plan. In total, we have received 85% of the total amount of dues invoiced.

Through the month of January, when comparing our operating income and expenses from one year ago, we are seeing a decrease in income and an increase in expenses. This financial shortfall is primarily the result of the timing of member payments and increases we have seen in certain expenses like energy and building maintenance. We have saved money in some other areas, so I do not see this as a significant issue as we progress through the balance of the fiscal year.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregants, this year's annual fund was very successful, raising just over \$103,000 in contributions. One-half of this amount will be designated to supplement our operating income. As a result, I expect us to finish the fiscal year very close to the budget.

As treasurer, I am also the chairman of our Financial Oversight Committee. This committee is comprised of a group of very experienced former temple treasurers. We are very fortunate to have their guidance. The committee met in December and January and was very involved with the budgeting process for our next fiscal year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or attend the **upcoming budget presentation on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm in the social hall or via Zoom**. I will share our forecast for the remaining months of this fiscal year and the budget we have prepared for the next fiscal year.

Rich LeSavoy

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**PURIM FUN** - Thanks to photographers Dinah Berch, Kerry Hansen, Ian Kaner, Karen Mott, Shara Zoll, and Natalee & Erik Martin for this issue's photos of the community celebration on March 16.



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# In Our Community

## Life Cycles

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

Condolences to **Carolina Barba** and her family on the passing of her mother, **Barbara MacGregor**.

Condolences to **Steven Silverman** and his family on the passing of his father, longtime Temple Israel congregant **Howard Silverman**.

Condolences to **Shelley Brass**, on the passing of her sister, **Jackie Eskin**.

*And we join in celebration of joyful news.*

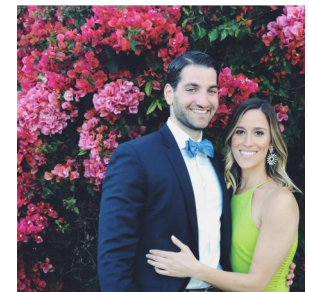


Congratulations to grandparents **Mel Liston** and **Cathi Cherry-Liston** on the birth of their grandson, Bodie James Williams, in March. Bodie and parents Aaron Williams and Dayna Navatta of Andover, MA, are doing well.

Welcome Miss Isabel Mae Cwynar, born March 12, 2022, to parents Daniel and Danielle Cwynar of Concord, NH. Mazel tov to grandparents Sheri Lynne and Ed Hinton, and great-grandparents Lorrie and Dick Grossman.



Congratulations to **Barbara Levenson**, on the marriage of her son, **Samuel Hoefle**, to **Kelly Ann Vila** of Miami, Florida, on March 19.



## New Members - a hearty welcome to

**Bruce & Betty Fink**, of Stratham, NH

**Judith & Joel Goldstein**, of York Beach, ME.

**Jonah Israelit & Emily Wetherbee**, and their young daughter **Rose**, of Kittery Point, ME.

**Betsy Tinkham**, of Kittery Point, ME.



# Arts Review Team

By Deborah Levine, Arts Review Team Chair

We are slowly emerging from the constraints of Covid, with more opportunities to gather in person. Whether singing familiar prayers aloud in the sanctuary or “catching up” with fellow congregants in the Shmooze for kiddush afterwards, we are able to socialize a little more. Approaching Passover, we have a new appreciation for the meaning of freedom in today’s time as we watch the tragedy unfolding in Ukraine. Closer to home, in our every-day lives, many are benefiting from the smaller freedom of removing the masks we have worn for so long and once again communicating with a full range of facial and vocal expressions. Exchanging smiles is so wonderful!



We will also begin to engage in activities that have been on hiatus for a while. John Felice will be rejoining us for another six-week series of “Drumming for Beginners,” from mid-May through the end of June. All experienced drummers are welcome, too! Register through the ShulCloud calendar or call the temple office.



**Bracelet-making** will continue through the spring on a one-on-one or small group basis. Materials and tools are provided.

Interested? Please contact

Deborah Levine, [Artsreview@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:Artsreview@templeisraelnh.org).



Response to our recent “Call for Art” has been amazing! The theme of “New Growth” is broadly interpreted to include signs of spring and also new perspectives and insights that have resulted from the long-lasting pandemic. Our next exhibit will include fabric art pieces created by Lynda Simmons and quilts made by Heather Tomlinson as well as photographs depicting landscapes, trees, and nature close-ups. A group of paintings by Jewish and Israeli artists, on loan from the private collections of temple members, will round out the exhibit. Stay tuned for a planned reception in May!





# Israel Affairs Committee

By Emma Rous, Chair

February saw us wrap up the eight-week Hartman course, "Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings." Final evaluations showed that attendees appreciated the pluralistic viewpoints represented in the course as well as the range in perspectives of TIP participants. The majority of participants said they would attend similar future classes. Some asked to learn more about perspectives other than American Zionists, including Palestinians, BDS supporters, or evangelical Christians.

With that request in mind, IAC hosted a Zoom call with Gaith Al-Omari, a senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and a former Palestinian representative at the Camp David talks. The many people who attended appreciated his ability to convey the Palestinian situation while being sensitive to Jewish perspectives. Many thanks to the Cultural Endowment Fund for sponsoring both of the above programs.

On March 13, Lee Gordon, co-founder and director of the bi-lingual, Jewish and Arab Hand-in-Hand schools in Israel, spoke about their inspiring programs in seven schools serving over 2,000 students. Fifteen communities are waiting for new schools on this model. To view this presentation as well as Al-Omari's talk, use the links in "This Week" or call the office. To donate to Hand-in-Hand, go to their website.

In April and May, Temple Israel will cooperate with JFNH in celebrating three Israeli holidays: April 27, Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom Ha'atzmaut (Independence Day), and Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day). See the JFNH calendar.

In response to questions, the IAC is assembling links to various proposals for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. These links will be accessed through the TIP website.

Congregants are reminded that funds are available for young people attending programs in Israel. Applications are available through the TIP office. Finally, be sure to watch the NH Jewish Film Festival; it includes some good Israeli films.



## English B'Yachad—Online English Tutoring

by Jewel Davis

Volunteer as an English tutor to Israeli young adults from disadvantaged communities who seek improved English fluency and confidence to better compete in the Israeli job market. Join our community of experienced professionals, improving the lives of Israelis while expressing and strengthening your connection to Israel. Through English B'Yachad you can volunteer in Israel, from home! Watch this video (youtube link below) to learn more or contact Marla at

[mgamoran@skillvolunteerisrael.org](mailto:mgamoran@skillvolunteerisrael.org).

Jewel Davis is the local Temple Israel contact.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AW73EKa99TQ>



# Donations

**Received February 24, 2022 - March 30, 2022.**

## **ANNUAL APPEAL**

Bridget Jameson

## **CEMETERY FUND**

Lenny Baer in memory of his father, Louis Baer, and in honor of the Hebrew School students, with thanks for their kindness on Purim.

## **CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

Lyn Christian with appreciation for the Miller Introduction to Judaism class. Brenda Johnston. Naomi Fishbein in memory of her mother, Bessie Partoll. Roberta Issokson, in loving memory of her mother, Ruth S. Dinerman. Judy Coven Levenson & Mark Coven in loving memory of Bernie Goodman.

## **DINNERMAN-ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

Harold & Gloria Moldoff, in memory of Gloria's father, Albert Woolfson, and in memory of Harold's mother, Sarah Moldoff. Stan & Rita Robbins in memory of Howard Silverman.

## **GESHER FUND**

Cathi Cherry-Liston in memory of Suzanne "Sue" Weiskopf, beloved mother of Sally Bock.

## **HEBREW SCHOOL FUND**

Naomi Fishbein in memory of Charlotte Moses. Myrna Promer in memory of her loving husband, Howard J. Promer, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, truly missed every day. Myrna Promer in memory of her parents, Manny and Eva Weisner.

## **In memory of Howard & Lolly Silverman:**

Naomi Fishbein and family. Myrna Promer and family. Bob Freedman and Fran Pantaleo. Bert & Deb Freedman. Laurie & Mike Steinberg.

## **INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND**

Alan Cronheim in memory of his father, Gus Cronheim.

## **LIBRARY FUND**

Glenn Mackles in memory of his mother, Charlotte Mackles. Marsha Brann, Heidi, Didier, Anastasia, and Arianna, in memory of Jonathan Brann, beloved son, brother, and uncle.

## **PRESCHOOL FUND**

Deborah Hirsch Mayer in memory of Sally Bock's mother, Suzanne "Sue" Weiskopf.

## **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Mikhail Klarov. Len & Rita Benjamin in memory of Michele Benjamin. Davena Goldstein in memory of her mother-in-law, Bette Aschkenasy. Linda Cote in memory of her mother, Charlotte Mackles.

## **TIKKUN OLAM FUND**

Marc Hiller in memory of Rosamond Hiller, beloved wife and mother. Michael Glick in memory of his father, Henry B. Glick.

## **TZEDAKAH FUND**

Agnes Cabot in memory of her father, Alexander Vero. Arline Koiles in honor of Barbara Levenson's son and his fiancée on the happy occasion of their marriage. Cynthia Freedman and Marcia Blacker in memory of their dear friend, Aaron R. "Ron" Sussman. David Effron, in memory of his father, Alvin Effron. Rachel Dennis in memory of her mother, Ruth Dennis.

# Interfaith Prayer Circle

## Interfaith Prayer Circle

Monday, April 11  
6-7 p.m.  
Temple Israel

Let us join together as one human community, with a focus on peace, as we honor our diversity and our unity, the Many in the One.

**Interfaith Peace Prayer Circle** honors the integrity of all faith traditions and welcomes people from all backgrounds and traditions to express their unique voices and prayers for peace in a circle of connected heart and intention.

### All Are Welcome

**Sponsors:**

Temple Israel  
Green Acre: A Baha'i Center of Learning  
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Portsmouth Buddhist Center  
Seacoast Shared Ministry  
Shilo Farm  
St. John's Episcopal Church

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# Yahrzeits

## April Yahrzeits

1. Rena Levi, Alan Cohen, Dr. Harold Brown
2. Lore Kauffman, Irene Trott, Rae Landgarten, Haskell Kram, Mary Mackles, Abraham Singer
3. Eunice Cohen, Jeffrey Gutin, Helen Hirsch, Jennie Goodman, Eve Jendrock, Ruth H. Toby, David Kushious
4. Nettie Taube, Morris Saitz, Sara Cohen, Abraham Taube, Sara Lewin
5. Leah Fleischman, June Singer, Minnie Zeidman, Sidney Trubowitz
6. Ida Grossman, Lee Rosen, Frieda Schramm, Anna Bezar, Dora Dorf
7. Meyer Sharansky, Anne Baisuck, Herman Slass, Maurice Friedman, Gussie Landsman, Mary Mars, Sally Mirsky
8. Annie Cantor, Joseph Schwartz, Helen Tussman Manion, Kevin Greenauer
9. Allen Scheff, Herbert Fox, Belle Windt
10. Barnet Freedman, Rose Richman, Abraham Grossman, Irving Sternberg, Esther Issokson, Albert Spaen
11. Goldie Selden, Max (Manny) Weisner, Ronald Brass, Evelyn Berman, Harry Pastor, Harold McCrensky, Gil Victor Ornelas, Benjamin Green
12. Rose Cohen

## 29 Adar II - 29 Nisan 5782

13. Rose Handler, Morris Silverman, Haskel Kram, Millicent Goodstein, Irving Diamond, Tillie Shapiro, David Goldstein, Bella Taube
14. Aaron Stanhope, Aaron Warach, Jean Willens, Frederick Gersh, Gertrude Grant, Christine L. Kennon, Annie Yoffee, Abraham Tussman
15. Miriam Ackerman, Otto Salzman, Robert Lasky, Ruth Rome, Alexander Gottesman
16. Lee Harrison, Sylvia Portman, Bertha Fox
17. Sarah Black, Esther Shulman, Rosalie Katz, Ruth Dennis, Rose B. Kates
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19. Lawrence Friedman, Davida Roberts, Jerome Fishbein, Louis Gottlieb
20. John Rosenbloom, Katie Lampert, Bertha Zall, Irving Oshman
21. Rudolph Goodman, Sarah Levine, Robert Brann, Pauline Bailey, Sidney Goren, Sam Ollar, Morris A. Fox, Herman Blamk
22. Samuel Kolikof, Leonard Levy, Israel Mirsky, Barbara Cherry, Richard F. Morse, Rochelle Poyourow-Ripple
23. Max Rosenfield, Sarah Borwick, Allen Linden, Sarah Mendelovitz, Marcia J. Feinberg, Eric Goulston
24. Maurice Lichtung, Rae Pearl, Sarah Beatrice Friedman, Harriet Lincoln-Mirsky, Mona Sacks

**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.



# Community / Meetings

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25. Tillie Fein, Bess Issokson, Ruth L. Issokson,  
Lillian Lane, Lena Rosen, Estelle Gottlieb
26. Samuel Kline, Judith Kramer, Ursula Cherry,  
Sylvia Allen, Samuel Abeles, Joseph Kolker
27. Joseph Cohen, Milton Roberts, Ida Silverman,  
Roberta Berman, Brina Lampert, Louis Emmer,  
Sterra Tackeff, Frieda Osman, Eleanor Packer
28. Louis Bradbard, Rae Scheckter, Mollie Wolf,  
Glenyce Kaplan
29. Gladys Goodman, Max Freedman, Ernie Kessler,  
Sarah Polimar, Gertrude Kline Borden,  
Morris Rotman, Reuben Weinstein
30. Julius Zeidman, Danielle Harman, Sol Lesser,  
Laura Share, Samuel Share, Mildred Friedman,  
Robert Segil, Francis Brown, Dorothy Pearlstein,  
George James White, Morris S. Rosen,  
Leah Osman, Annie Freaman

## CLASSES

### Miller Introduction to Judaism Program

6:00 pm, Wednesdays, via Zoom, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27

### Senior Discussion Group

10:00 am, Thursdays via Zoom

### Lunch & Learn with Rabba Kaya

12:30 pm, Thursdays via Zoom, 4/7 (one April meeting)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Membership Committee

7:00 pm, Monday, 4/4

### Development Committee

7:00 pm, Wednesday, 4/6

### House Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 4/7

### Executive Committee

7:30 pm, Wednesday, 4/13

### Board of Directors

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 4/19

### Marketing Committee

3:15 pm, Monday, 4/25

### Ritual Committee

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 4/26

### Education Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 4/28

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

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# Tikkun Olam Committee

## Our Afghan Family

By Amy KramerPerry, SISC

Team Seacoast's Afghan family of six—mother, father, and four children--has been here on the Seacoast now for almost two months. In that time, a lot has been accomplished, and much, much more lies ahead. We on the team are learning as much as our family. As the saying goes, "It takes a village!" Our immediate village—the official Team Seacoast—is forty strong, but dozens of generous folks around the area are also working to make this family welcome. When it comes to generosity, the family demonstrates that to us on a daily basis. When we visit, whether it's to drop off a donation or offer help figuring out an American custom, we can't leave without tea and treats and often an entire meal.

Now, a bit about the family. The father worked for the American military in Afghanistan for six years before our troops pulled out last August. Prior to that he was a high school Pashto teacher. So far, he's the only one in the family who speaks English. His future goals, once the family is settled, include going back to college. Last week he began work at a local grocery store. The mother speaks only Pashto and is home with the two smaller children. She's been provided with a sewing machine, fabric, and accessories so that she can continue a former activity. The two older children are in fourth and second grade at school, and their teachers report they are both doing well, with their biggest complaint being about the American food!

Our Education, Public Transportation, Cultural Orientation, and Finance committees are working with the family on a regular basis. ESOL lessons are

offered to both the children and adults several times a week. All four children are picking up English at an astonishing rate. Our Public Transportation Committee has taken family members on the Coast bus a couple of times--venturing into Portsmouth, then to Fox Run Mall. They've also been to visit the ocean and nearby parks. Our Cultural Orientation Group has introduced them to some of our Seacoast area history. And Finance has helped the adults set up a bank account and introduced them to the ATM.

Our Ride Coordinator sets up drivers for twice weekly grocery trips. Ascentria Care Alliance Zooms with the family weekly, offering information, counseling, and attention from their individually assigned social worker.

In addition, our Fundraising Committee is doing an amazing job. Team Seacoast is dedicated to helping out financially for a year. If you'd like to contribute, log into Team Seacoast's "Givelively" site for an update on our progress. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

### ***A note from Tikkun Olam committee Chair Shelley Hartz:***

Following TIP's Purim Festivities, *shalach manot* bags and cards made by our community were delivered to "our" Afghan family. They are rapidly settling into the Portsmouth community after fleeing Afghanistan. Parents and children enjoyed the Purim treats, especially the masks. Once again, I learned that language is only a barrier if you make it a barrier and laughter and high fives are a universal language.

***See photo at right!***

# Sustainability Snippet

By Christine Caputo, Sustainability Committee Chair



Composting is up and running at TIP! The successful implementation of this effort relies on everyone's participation. Please educate yourself on what waste goes

where! Just a reminder that all cups, plates, cutlery that you find at TIP can be composted! The cups at TIP look plastic but they are actually compostable – how do you know??? **Look for the magic #7** on the bottom of the cup! These are polylactic acid and can be composted!

**BEWARE...** plastic also can be brought into the building (usually as soda bottles and cookie containers) and plastic cannot be composted. Plastic can be identified by looking at the label (usually on the bottom of the container) and will show a number from 1-5. Make sure to check before you chuck!



The Afghan family enjoyed Purim treats and masks provided by Temple Israel members.

The Sustainability Committee is looking for volunteers to act as composting guides for events at TIP. Do you attend services and events regularly? Are you passionate about decreasing our impact on the planet? We would love to have you join the team! Please reach out to [sustainability@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:sustainability@templeisraelnh.org) today!





# Community Seder



Let us set a place for you at our

## Community Passover Seder Friday, April 15th at 6:15 pm

RSVP by April 4th  
[templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org)



Join with the Temple Israel community for this celebration of our freedom, with symbolic foods, wine, and a festive meal, all in the company of friends.

### **Menu:**

*Seder plate, kosher wine, grape juice, matzah and charoset at each table*

*Roast chicken (chicken tenders for children), matzah ball soup (chicken or vegetarian), salad, roasted vegetables, potato kugel, assorted desserts, coffee, & tea.*

*\*Vegetarian option of bell peppers stuffed with falafel and vegetables is available by advance order\**

*Bring a bottle of your favorite kosher-for-Passover wine to enjoy with the meal! (Wine also provided. )*

Tickets: Adult members & teens - \$30.00, adult non-Members - \$40.00, children 12 & under - \$10.00, children under 5 no charge. **Cost should not be a barrier to joining with your community for Pesach. If you need funding assistance for this event, please contact Heather Tomlinson in the Temple Office.**

# Film Festival / Kiddush

**March 31 - April 10, 2022**

**Bonus Week April 11 - April 24**

NH Jewish Film Festival is excited to announce a premier lineup of eleven truly outstanding and diverse feature-length films and a five-film shorts program that will excite, enlighten, and provoke you, our audience.

The films will be presented this year as a multi-access experience, featuring both in-theater and virtual screenings of films from around the globe. During the bonus week, for 48 hours after unlocking, you can view virtually four of the films that were previously shown in theaters.

Pass and Ticket Sales Are Now Open!

Save Money -- Buy a Festival Pass

<https://www.nhjewishfilmfestival.com/>

For Additional information or questions please call the Jewish Federation at 603-627-7679 or email [filmfest@jewishnh.org](mailto:filmfest@jewishnh.org)

*Many thanks to the Temple Israel Cultural Endowment Fund for supporting the NH Jewish Film Festival's 2022 season.*

## Kiddush Returns!

***But we need your help.*** Please join us on Sunday, May 1, at 10:30 am for a quick orientation to Temple Israel's kosher kitchen. Learn where utensils and supplies are kept. We'll discuss choices for menus and shopping, and have time for Q&A.

Familiarity with the temple kitchen opens the door to many fun and meaningful volunteer opportunities. There are no ongoing meetings or homework! Volunteer in the kitchen to mark a special event, birthday, anniversary, or to honor someone. You can do it as a family or couple, as a Hebrew School class, etc. Let your inner gourmet shine!

For weekly kiddushes, food must be prepared in the temple kitchen before Shabbat. On Shabbat morning, volunteers put out the food and clean up afterward. Menus are simple and ingredients are provided by the temple.

**\*\* OUTDOOR CLEANUP** will also take place on Sunday, May 1, 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Bring your rake, gloves, and clippers!



A Multi-Access Festival Featuring Both In-Theater and Virtual Screenings

**200 Meters | Apples and Oranges | The Automat | Fiddler's Journey to the Big Screen  
Cabaret | Greener Pastures | Neighbours | Persian Lessons  
Tiger Within | The Un-Word | Upheaval: Journey of Menachem Begin**

— SHORTS PROGRAM —

**Beefies | Ganef | Masel Tov Cocktail | The Shabbos Goy | Tattooed Torah**





### TIP Book Club pick for April

***Woman on Fire*, by Lisa Barr**

**Please join us in the social hall at 12:00 pm on Thursday,  
April 21, 2022, for a lively discussion!**

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### Community Passover Seder - Haggadah

We will be using the haggadah *The Promise of the Land*, by Rabbi Ellen Bernstein. If you have a copy from last year, please bring it to the Community Seder. There will also be copies on hand.



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