

The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

December 2022, Kislev - Tevet 5783

From the Rabbi's Desk



Upcoming Events

This month we resume our seasonal holiday cycle with the celebration of Hanukkah, creating light in the darkness. Hanukkah begins the evening of December 18. Every year the holiday of Hanukkah coincides with the Shabbat Torah readings referred to as “the Joseph Cycle,” which tell the story of Joseph and his brothers.

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Happy Hanukkah!

Full schedule of events on p. 11

Please join us for candle lighting in the Hands of Hope sculpture every evening (indoors in case of inclement weather), led by Hebrew School students, Rabba Kaya and the Portsmouth Ministerium interfaith clergy group, or lay leaders.
Don't miss the community celebration on Wednesday, December 21!

First Friday Tot Shabbat, p. 3

4:30 pm, Friday, 12/2, Social Hall

TIP Book Club Discusses *The Sisters Weiss*, p. 16

12:00 pm, Tuesday, 12/6, Shmoozatorium

Supporting the Soul: Chevra Kadisha Workshop p 2

11:00 am, Thursday, 12/8, in person and Zoom

Family Havdalah Nerf Night & S'mores, p. 6

5:00 pm, Saturday 12/10

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3:00 pm, Sunday, 12/11, at a private home

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5:00 pm, Wednesday, 12/21

Interfaith Candle Lighting, p. 11

5:30 pm, Thursday, 12/22, garden courtyard

Hanukkah Tot Shabbat, p. 11

3:30 pm, Friday 12/23, social hall & courtyard

Havdalah, Asian Dinner, & Movie Night, p. 11

5:30 pm, Saturday, 12/24, social hall

ELC is closed for winter break

Beginning Friday, 12/23, returning Monday, 1/2

The temple office is closed beginning 12/23

reopening Wednesday, 12/28

Rabba Kaya is out of the office beginning 12/29 for hip surgery. After taking some time off, she will work from home beginning the week of January 16.

Reflected Light Writing Workshop p. 13

10:00 am, Sunday, 1/22 and 1/29, Board Room

Complete CLASS AND COMMITTEE MEETING schedule continues on page 16.

From Rabba Kaya's Desk



**Rabba Kaya
Stern-Kaufman**

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Joseph's life can be likened to a rollercoaster ride of tremendous highs and profound lows. His story opens with the description of him as Jacob's favorite son but also his brothers' most hated sibling. He quickly descends from a

place of power in the family to a pit in the ground and then is sold into slavery. He is brought "down" to Egypt where, in the home of Potifar, he rises to second in command. He seems to be unstoppable until he is ensnared by Potifar's wife, who falsely accuses him of trying to seduce her. This lands him in prison—a dungeon, actually—where he remains for years.

Every year we read the story of Joseph at the time of the winter solstice. As our light diminishes and reaches an absolute low point, we read of Joseph submerged in the darkness. On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, after the solstice, we read of his rise from prison as he takes his place as second in command of all of Egypt. His time "below" is critical to his development. It is a time of re-education that leads to his personal redemption, and which will ultimately lead to the redemption of life for Egypt and its surrounding lands. During his time in prison, Joseph sheds his youthful arrogance and his sense of entitlement, and develops an honest humility.

Our tradition teaches that we too can use this time of darkness in the world, in our society, and the darkness even within ourselves to propel us to seek

out that drop of pure oil, that spark of light and place of purity within our own hearts. Descent for Joseph, for the sun, for each of us is the actual seed of redemption. This is something every gardener knows.

May we all be blessed to find the redemptive seed in whatever darkness we may face. On this approaching Hanukkah, let us welcome the invitation to seek out the light within the darkness and sow that seed for the time to come.

With blessings to you for a light-filled Hanukkah,
Rabba Kaya

Supporting the Soul: Chevra Kadisha Workshop

Thursday, 12/8, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Judaism is often lauded for its sensitive and helpful traditions surrounding mourning and care for the bereaved. Yet much less is commonly known about the sacred tasks of caring for the deceased between the time of death and burial. The Chevra Kadisha/Jewish Burial Society, a group of anonymous volunteers, is entrusted with these tasks. These particular traditions are rooted in Jewish teachings regarding the journey of the soul and the obligation of the living to respectfully care for the deceased.

Come learn about these sacred traditions and the Jewish understanding of the "soul journey" at a special workshop taught by Rabba Kaya. Also available via Zoom (link is included with registration confirmation email). Together we will study traditional texts that form the foundation for many of our practices and rituals regarding death. All are welcome.

Prayer

Please join us for



Candle Lighting

December 2, 3:52 pm

December 9, 3:51 pm

December 16, 3:52 pm

December 23, 3:55 pm

December 30, 4:00 pm

First Fridays: Tot Shabbat and Alternative Services

With musical guests Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt.
Kindly register for Tot Shabbat on the website
calendar.

Upcoming Tot Shabbat services, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

- December 2; December 23, with special start time of 3:30pm, is a Hanukkah-themed Tot Shabbat; January 6; February 3; March 3; March 31; May 5; June 9

Upcoming Alternative Services, start time below.

- 6:00 pm: December 2; January 6; February 3; March 3
- 6:30 pm: March 31; May 5; June 9

Traditional Services

Second Fridays; no instruments. Start time below.

- 6:00 pm: December 9; January 13, led by lay leader; February 10; March 10
- 6:30 pm: April 14; May 12; June 2

Service Notes and Times

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm, ZOOM ONLY

Fridays: 6:00 pm

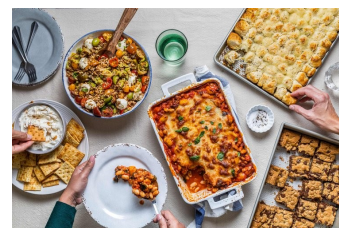
Saturday mornings 10:00 am

** Zoom links to virtual services are in the weekly bulletin, with exceptions as noted. Members can also log into their ShulCloud account and find the Zoom links for regular and b'nei mitzvah services on the "Member Resources" page.*

Potluck Meals

Third Fridays, after 1-hour service.

- December 16;
January 20;
February 17;
March 17; June 16



- **Thursday, May 25:**

special Tikkun Leil Shavuot "Blintzes and Blini" dairy potluck.

Shabbat Morning Yoga

- In the social hall with instructor Allison Miller
- 9:00 am Saturdays, 12/3 and 12/10

Kindly register on the website calendar

President's Message



Robert Zimman

President

Dear fellow congregants,
Recently I had the privilege of participating in our new member brunch. This marvelous event, an annual occurrence in pre-pandemic times, was organized by volunteers on the Membership Committee, with assistance

from the members of the

Kitchen Committee, and caterer Don Forrest. I thoroughly enjoyed the morning, which provided the opportunity to meet and interact with many new members, as well as to partake of a delicious meal. I look forward to developing relationships with the people I met that morning.

You may remember that more than once this year I have written about your Board of Directors embarking on a journey to embrace the tenets of *Relational Judaism* as taught by Dr. Ron Wolfson. This new member brunch was a perfect opportunity to start building the relationships that Dr. Wolfson teaches are the lifeblood of a thriving community. Getting to know the talents, abilities, and passions of our new members leads to stronger relationships as congregants discover mutual areas of interest and engagement.

Identifying our talents, abilities, and passions is also the key to helping our members, both new and long-time, become successful volunteers. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our Temple and certainly made the new member brunch a success! To ensure Temple Israel's continued growth, we need to help

each of our members identify how they can best use their talents, abilities, and passions as a volunteer. During the brunch, I and others identified talents of some of our new members and passed the information along to the appropriate committee chairs. I know of at least one new member who has already started volunteering as a result of the brunch and has expressed their gratitude for our help in identifying the opportunity as well as the satisfaction they felt for helping in our temple.

To continue building our relationships within our Temple community I encourage you to do the following:

- Each time you are in our building, look for someone you don't know already or would like to know better and engage them in conversation. In addition to inquiring about their family, their life work, and where they're from, also try to learn about their talents, abilities, and passions. You may even find something you have in common, which can form the basis for a new, closer relationship.
- Ensure that you have completed our Community Engagement Questionnaire so that we can assist you in identifying a volunteer opportunity that you can get excited about, while providing us the information we need when we have a particular requirement.

I hope you each had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I wish each of you a happy Hanukkah.

Kashrut Questions for Kishka

Dear Kishka,

I am wondering about a few issues related to our kosher kitchen and our new potluck dinners. Should a tray from the kitchen be used to serve wine/juice and then returned to the kitchen after the event? Should non-kosher food packaging be thrown out in kitchen bins? Should seltzer and water bottles be used from kitchen for non-kosher events and then returned to kitchen refrigerators? Should bowls for ice be brought from the kitchen to the potluck area and then returned to the kitchen?

I fear our Kashrut may have been breached unknowingly by members.

Please advise.

Very Concerned

Dear Very Concerned,

You raise some very good questions!

Our potluck meals are intended to bring the community together while respecting the laws of kashrut, including the separation of meat and dairy. So all foods brought to a potluck must be dairy, vegetarian, or pareve only. Meat and chicken are not permitted, and treyf foods like shellfish are definitely not permitted. We ask everyone bringing food to a potluck to fill out a card listing ingredients so we can all be comfortable knowing what is in the foods we eat.

Challah and wine or juice for kiddush must be certified kosher, even at a potluck. The kitchen is closed during the potluck for food prep, cleanup, heating, etc. The refrigerator can only be accessed for kosher wine or juice for kiddush or other beverages and ice. All dishes that come from home must return home, and no leftovers may go into the kitchen or the temple refrigerator.

As you note, we have a kosher kitchen. The dishes, cooking pots and utensils, as well as the countertops in our kitchen, are kosher, meaning they are only used to hold foods that are

prepared according to the laws of kashrut, including the separation of dairy foods and meat. The kashrut of a dish is not compromised by being in the same room as non-kosher-certified food, only by holding non-kosher certified food. The trays and bowls used to hold wine cups for kiddush (which only hold kosher wine and juice) and ice are therefore not at risk of compromising our kitchen's kashrut status. The trash is neither kosher nor non-kosher, so there is no problem with disposing of packaging from non-kosher-certified foods in our trash bins. As for seltzer and water bottles, they are not at risk of affecting the kosher status of our kitchen as they are by their nature kosher and are put out on a beverage table, away from the food. In order to be extra careful, we have established a Potluck Kiddush bin, in which we will store a kosher platter and knife for challah, a wine cup, and other ritual items needed for kiddush at a potluck. After kiddush at a potluck, these items will be washed, dried, and returned to the designated bin.

I hope this eases your concerns and that you enjoy the many joyous potlucks we have planned.

Sincerely, Kishka



Kishka's Corner

Upcoming Potluck Meals

Third Fridays, after Kabbalat Shabbat service.

December 16; January 20; February 17; March 17; June 16.

Hebrew School

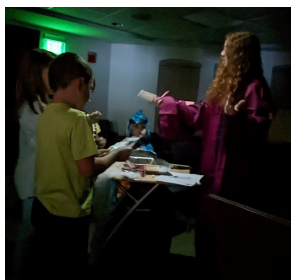
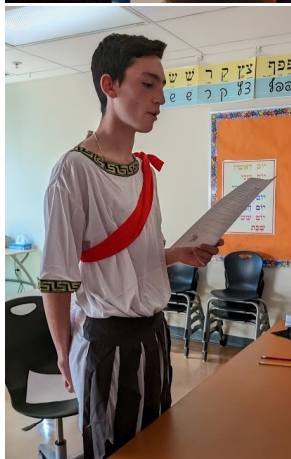


Erik Martin
Head of School

Haunted Shul

Families came on October 30 to find the temple transformed into a site of mystery. Many thanks to Kira Lew and teen volunteers, who played witches, spirits, dybbuks, evil pharaohs, and other spectral characters.

With the help of some special Jewish magic, children were able to defeat the villains and then enjoy making and eating some spooky pizza.



Back by Popular Demand!

5:00 pm, Saturday, December 10

Bring your blaster and nerves of steel for an EPIC Nerf battle! Join us as we



mark the end of Shabbat, enjoy hot s'mores by the fire and have a full-on nerf fight in the Temple! Darts are provided but **BRING YOUR OWN NERF GUN***. Children under 10 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Open to the community, invite your friends! Appropriate for ages 5 and up. Kindly register on the website calendar.

***NOTE:** All Nerf guns **MUST** use Nerf ELITE style darts. No other darts will be provided.



Community Hanukkah Party

5:00 pm, Wednesday, December 21

Please join us for a community-wide hanukkah lighting, crafts, music, a scavenger hunt, and of course latkes and donuts! Bring your family's favorite hanukkah and nosh with us as we celebrate the festival of lights. Hebrew School will not meet on this date, so come for the party!

Early Learning Center

Shalom,

Where to begin? We have had such a full month of fun! It started with a field trip to the Portsmouth Fire Station on October 31. We wore our costumes,



met the fire-fighters, saw some of their tools, and sat in a fire truck.

As a tzedakah project, we are collecting donations to help a family this Thanksgiving. Using this season and experience, we are addressing the children's social-emotional learning with books about feelings and what it means to be thankful, kind, joyous, helpful, peaceful and a mensch.

The owner of nearby shop La Cascade du Chocolat came to the temple to teach us how chocolate is prepared from a cacao pod. We made ganache and then got to taste it. YUM!!



Tammy Roberge
Director, ELC

Laura Sher brought many different pumpkins, squashes, and gourds for students to examine. We cut open the vegetables to see the insides and seeds.



We all went home with roasted pumpkin seeds. The next day, the children made pumpkin bread with Laura to take home and share with their families.

We have also spent extra time outside, enjoying the playground and the lovely weather!



Questions about the ELC? Call me: 603-436-5301, ext. 23; or send me an email, at preschooldirector@templeisraelnh.org. Tammy and the ELC team (Elian, Laura, Steve, Amy, and Marge.)

Donations

Received October 28 - November 22, 2022.

CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Elaine Dolph in memory of her father, Abraham Kaplan.

In loving memory of Sheila Ullman: Karen Adler and Phyllis Kirzner. Paul Rothman and Emily McEntee. Lee and Liz Reingold. Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, LLP. Michael & Laurie Steinberg. Stan and Rita Robbins.

DINNERMAN-ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Stan and Rita Robbins in memory of Rita's grandparents, Philip and Anna Borwick.

DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Amy Feitelson in memory of her mother, Dorothy Feitelson. Rabbi Haskell Bernat in memory of his father, Solomon H. Bernat.

HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Meryl Wein in memory of her mother, Florence T. Seidner.

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Bert and Deborah Freedman in memory of Bert's father, Robert Freedman. Bill and Ellen McQueeney in honor of Dick and Lorrie Grossman. Pat Moreinis Dodge in memory of her uncle, Julius Deitch. Paula and Stuart Boxer in memory of Stuart's mother, Frieda Boxer.

KIDDUSH FUND

Esther Sinovsky in memory of her mother, Goldie Fink. Alissa Gold in memory of her father, Benjamin Gold.

PRESCHOOL FUND

Veta Stone in memory of her mother, Alice Berit.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Barbara Gutin in memory of her husband, Irving Gutin. Janet Fox in memory of her husband, Bruce Fox. Clare McIntyre, "in gratitude for Rabba Kaya and all that she does." Lisa and Jack Ohayon in memory of Lisa's mother, Renee Goodman. Nancy Jaffe in memory of her mother, Ruth Morris. Mikhail Klarov.

TZEDAKAH FUND

Bob and Marge Goldberg in honor of Lorrie and Dick Grossman receiving the Shem Tov award. Cynthia Freedman and Marcia Blacker in memory of their mother, Rebecca Freedman. Joseph and Frayda Koffman in honor of Dick and Lorrie Grossman. Joanne Samuels in honor of Lorrie and Dick Grossman.

ANNUAL FUND DONATIONS are noted on page 12.

[Thank you!](#)



Tikkun Olam

Fundraising success!

By Shelley Hartz, Tikkun Olam Committee Chair

On November 6, 2022, Temple Israel and Team Seacoast hosted an Evening of Story Telling with Rebecca Rule. Over one hundred and twenty people came to listen and to laugh with Ms. Rule.

Team Seacoast is a group of local volunteers working to resettle the Khyber family that our government evacuated from Afghanistan and resettled in Portsmouth in January 2021.

Along with Ms. Rule's hysterical insights into life in New Hampshire and Maine, there was a wine and restaurant raffle. Between ticket sales and the raffle, the event raised over \$5,000 to assist with medical expenses for the Khyber family.

A member of Team Seacoast who helped organize the event summed up the evening: "The event was a big success both in terms of funds raised and the goodwill and common purpose of the attendees. It was a joyful, fun evening that we will long remember." **That**, is Tikkun Olam.



Attendees enjoy an evening with Rebecca Rule.

A support team for visits, food and transportation is needed for the short term while we make plans for their next steps. An attorney was arranged to support the family at an intake appointment on November 12. The family speaks a dialect of Portuguese; they do not speak English. If anyone in the congregation knows someone who speaks Portuguese, please contact Jewel Davis, 978-239-4500, or Bugjewel@yahoo.com. All volunteering and financial contributions will be highly appreciated. Rabba Kaya has already offered to assist with food needs. Thank you in advance.

Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition update by Jewel Davis, SISC Coordinator

We wanted to let the congregation know that an Angolan family has arrived to the Seacoast via Mexico, California, Maine, and Somersworth, NH. They are a mother and two daughters, ages 21 and 12. They arrived at the Cross Roads House shelter in Portsmouth recently and now they are in a hotel in Rochester, paid for by the Somersworth welfare office. The request for SISC to be involved comes to us from Senator Hassan's office.

SAVE THE DATE for a talk by Dr. Karl Singer

Wednesday, January 18, 11:00 am

Dr. Karl Singer, Temple Israel congregant and noted family practice physician and geriatrician, will speak on Zoom about "Ways to Maximize Your Health." Details to follow in January's newsletter.



Arts Review Team

By Deborah Levine, Arts Review Team Chair

Current Exhibits

The Arts Review Team is honored to partner with the Ritual Committee and Hebrew School to provide a tabletop exhibit for the Seacoast African

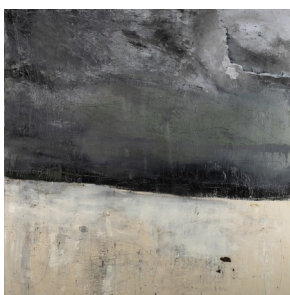


American Cultural Center's exhibit on holiday traditions. This exhibit is on display until December 23 at the Discover Portsmouth Center, 10 Middle Street.

The exhibit's **opening reception** is Friday,

December 2, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, to coincide with Art Around Town. All are welcome to attend.

A **special family program** will take place on Sunday, December 18, from 2:00 to 3:00, with a Hanukkah story reading and music by Fran Berman, guitar, and Deborah Levine, flute.



A provocative addition to the Ukraine exhibit, new work by artist Barbara Mata, "**Russian's Illegal Invasion of Ukraine,**" includes five abstract paintings on view in the

Schmooze. Each piece was named after a city that was bombed. Above, "**Odesa 2022.**"

Another of our current artists whose work is on display, Alan Shulman, has suggested "**Landscape and the Natural World**" as the theme for our upcoming winter exhibit.

November 17-26, congregants Steve Sacks and Pam Battin-Sacks starred in a local production of *No More Shall We Part*, by Tom



Holloway, at The Footlights Theatre in Falmouth, Maine. What a provocative and moving performance by Temple Israel's own talented thespians!

On view in the Schmooze: **What Hanukkah Means to Me**, contributed by Hebrew School students.

Current Percussion Classes

Intermediate Marimba with Tchukki Anderson.

Class resumes on November 14, at 6:00 pm in the social hall. The instructor welcomes students with a musical background; please contact the office for more information.

Hand Drumming for Beginners. The fall session continues on Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:00pm. Register via the website calendar. No musical background required.



Outdoor marimba class in Stratham, NH

Celebrate Hanukkah with Temple Israel

See <https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/calendar> for event info, registration and weather or covid updates.



Community Hanukkah Party

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 5:00 pm
Temple Israel Social Hall

Our Hanukkah party features latkes, dreidels, music with Lisa and Jay, and a massive group candle lighting. Bring your favorite Hanukkiah and candles!



Candle Lighting In the Courtyard

Mon-Thurs, Dec. 19-22, 5:30 pm
State Street Courtyard

Join us each night of Hanukkah to light the Hands of Hope menorah in the Temple Courtyard!



Candle Lighting and Tot Shabbat

Friday, Dec. 23, 3:30 pm
State Street Courtyard

Candle lighting in the Courtyard focusing on young children and their families, led by Rabba Kaya.



Havdalah, Asian Dinner & Movie

Saturday, Dec. 24, 5:30 pm
Temple Israel Sanctuary & Zoom

Havdalah in the Social Hall, followed by Hanukkah candle lighting, then dinner and a movie! Preregistration required.



Last Night of Hanukkah

Sunday, Dec. 25, 5:30 pm
State Street Courtyard

Last night of Hanukkah! Candle lighting in the Courtyard.

In the event of inclement weather, outside events will move indoors to the Temple Israel Shmoozatorium. Please watch the website, Facebook page and/or emails for updates!

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Annual Appeal Update



Joanne Samuel, Chair
Development Committee

By Joanne Samuels

On behalf of the Development committee (Fran Berman, Marjorie Beck, Matt Allen, Trevor Law, Natalee Martin, and myself), I would like to thank you so much for your

Annual Fund contributions to date and for your continued investment in our temple.

Since 1905, when thirty Jewish families living in Portsmouth decided to create a sacred community, benefactors like you have been supporting our Jewish life. Predating our current address, the Temple of Israel, as it was called, held events in houses and homes around the city of Portsmouth. In 1912, our community collected enough money, \$500.00 at the time, as a down payment for the \$7,000 building on State Street. According to George Sherman's book *History of Temple Israel*, a meeting was held in 1911 at which donors pledged \$1200, where "each member gave a donation according to his or her means."

Over time, donors supported a sanctuary renovation in the 1920s, the social hall addition in the 1960s, and the purchase of 170 State in the 1970s. Who can forget the 2008 capital campaign that provided us with the building we enjoy today?

Over the past four years, the Annual Fund has made significant contributions towards the financial health of our community and building improvements. Your donations continue to add to the legacy of funding the priorities of our time, which this year are to maintain our high-quality programming planned and presented by Rabba

Kaya and Erik Martin, who directs our Hebrew school and youth programming, assisted by Heather Tomlinson in the temple office. Your donations also support our social imperative to transform energy use and reduce our carbon footprint.

Thank you so much for your support and your commitment to our Jewish life on the Seacoast. For more info about the campaign, visit the website or contact me via email,

[Development@ TempleIsraelNH.org](mailto:Development@TempleIsraelNH.org).

A hearty thank you to all November contributors:

Rabbi's Circle

- **Silver:** David Cline in memory of his parents, Daniel and Dorothy Cline.
- **Bronze:** Michael and Susan Golden in memory of Herbert Greene and in memory of Samuel and Mildred Golden. Matt and Leslie Allen. Ellen Farber in memory of Jack Farber. Roger and Susan Epstein. Peter and Jennie Dinnerman. Ann Moskowitz in memory of her husband Joel. Richard and Jane LeSavoy. Rabbi Peter and Kerry Rubinstein. Jeffrey Miller and Faye Goldberg. Trevor Law

Friends: Renee Levy in memory of her husband Robert. Polly Gambrill Slavet and Arnold Slavet. Bob and Marge Goldberg. Bert and Deb Freedman. Shaula and Dana Levenson. Paul Rothman and Emily McEntee. Jim and Elaine Dolph. Burt Wolf. Betty and David Effron. Ken Kowalchek. Karl and Paula Singer. Beth and David Salzman. Laura and

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Annual Appeal / Upcoming

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Michael Rubin. Richard Naimark and Sharon Bottner in honor of the marriage of Alena Naimark and Ben Kragen. Bill and Ellen McQueeney. Kenneth and Linda Cohen in honor of Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman. Robbie Hinkel and Jeffrey Warach. Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman and Steve Kaufman in memory of Larry and Judy Stern. Marvin and Norma Lesser. Cathi Cherry-Liston in honor of Dick and Lorrie Grossman receiving the Shem Tov Award. Inez Hanau in memory of Rose and Bill Hirshberg. Randy Spratt and Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt in memory of Bill Clarke, "loving father and friend who exemplified loving kindness, wisdom and devotion. May his memory always be for a blessing and may his daughters keep his astounding legacy alive always."

Contributors: Linda Tober. Laura Spelke. Glenn and Joan Goldwyn



DIY Crayon Candles

Get ready for Chanukah by making your own multicolored candles!

TWO OPPORTUNITIES!

Thursday, December 8
4:00-5:30pm
JFNH Office,
273 South River Road,
Bedford, NH

Sunday, December 11
3:00-4:30pm
North Hampton, NH -
private home
Full address provided to
registered guests.

Snack, supplies and games
provided. This event is for kids
aged 9-12.



Scan QR Code to RSVP online.
Please register by 12/4 to ensure enough supplies.



Dinah Berch | 603-627-7679 ext 1002 | dinah.berch@jewishnh.org



Reflected Light:

Your Grandmother,

Mother, and You

Two JANUARY SUNDAY
MORNINGS, 1/22 AND
1/29

Congregant and published author Sandell Morse will lead a creative writing group, exploring our maternal inheritance through writing. Register via the website calendar.



Yahrzeits

December Yahrzeits

1. Alex Belostock, Milton Weiner, Baurcard Nesin, Fannie Krasnow, Mary B. Abramson, Richard Rowe, Jeannette Goodman
2. Harry Liberson, Barnett H. Book
3. Max Resnick, Mildred Golden, Marie Muller, Phyllis Wagner Brill, Pierette Zinck
4. Robert Goodman, Annie Tober, Faye Shear, Edward Seperson, Lawrence Felsenberg, Edward Wheeler, Audrey Bierhans
5. Marion Neyer, Lillian Smith
6. Esther Sharansky, Ruth E. Fain, Roselyn Goodman
7. Melvin Partoll, Samuel Levy, Jeanne Slass, Sylvia Shoer, Arthur Senter, Mildred Lane, Michael Simmons
8. Arno Fleisher, Jennie Shoer, Rabbi David Senter, Newton B. Cohn, Sylvia Allen
9. Rachel Kushious, Cyril Ball, A. Harold Seidner, William Kolker
10. Harry Yoken, Joseph P. Giffen, Faye Gerstein, Charles Goldberg
11. Harry Cantor, Sarah Zirpolo, Sheldon Baron
12. Jacob Heller, Mary McCrensky, Morris Levy, Statia Nesin, Sidney Zeff, Julius Nasberg
13. George Gelman, Joseph Partoll, Harold Berit, Arnold M. Baer
14. John Alexander, Morris Isacoff
15. Aaron Finkelstein, Harry Gross, Herman Spaen, Jacob Mason, Gerald Sher, Davida Gelfman, Selma J. Nasberg, Ethel Cutler

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16. Samuel Levine, Morris Zack, Allen Koiles, Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, Bruce Smith, Frank Weiner, Anne Simonoff
17. Pauline Lisagor, Jacob Goldstein, Barry Siegel
18. Joseph Sack, Nedra Loeb, Charlotte Olken, Rita Peters, Gert Sternberg, Robert Blumenberg
19. Bess Rammer, Samuel Lederman, Richard Grace, Rose Cohen, James Green, Ruth Alford
20. Sarah Avergun, Bella Linden, Robert Goren, Abraham Mittelman, Arnold J. Ashline, Ada Blankenberg, Marjorie Simond
21. Anna Glaser, Sam Goldstein, Rose Glick, Rabbi Aaron Ilson, Jean LaFargue
22. Eli Borwick, Lillian Lorde, Florence Slater, Bernard Levitz, Catherine Most, Milton Brody, Jacob H. Cohen, Samuel N. Cook
23. Bernice Gordan, Rabbi Morris Shoulson, Shirley Richman
24. Mentor Kraus
25. Vernon Byus, Jr., Lee Fruman, Eva Gordon Baer, Minnie Cooper
26. Daniel Cline, Etta Winick, Ralph Noveletsky, Bernard Fine, Edward Samson
27. Henry Willar, Charles Trott, Hans Hirsch, Samuel Mayo
28. Otto Morgenstern, Katrina Bradbury, Floretta Osman, Zelig Applebaum, Benjamin Singer
29. Solomon Gerstein, Gertrude Kaplan, Bessie Cohn, George Brown, Jay Wein, Louis Rome,

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 / Hebrew Classes

Myrna Siegel, Gloria Rosegarten Adler,
Sarah Sherman, A. B. Silverman, Bernard Harris,
John Thomas McCarty

30. Rose Coles, Carl Schwartz, Herb Heller,
Sayde Harris, Irvin Gorski, Pauline Wilson,
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Adult Hebrew Classes (begin Jan. 2023)

To register, sign up via the TIP website or contact the office. Classes are free, but an \$18 donation to Temple Israel is appreciated. Students should purchase the textbooks on their own, through independent bookstores, Israel Book Shop or other online sites, like Abebooks and Thriftbooks for used copies.

Beginner Prayerbook Hebrew Grammar meets Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm on Zoom, beginning January 17, 2023. Instructor: Andrea Shapiro.

Learn to read and translate selections from the *siddur* (Hebrew prayerbook), including the *Shema*, *Aleinu*, and the *Amidah*. Textbook: *Prayerbook Hebrew The Easy Way* (EKS, Third Edition), approx.

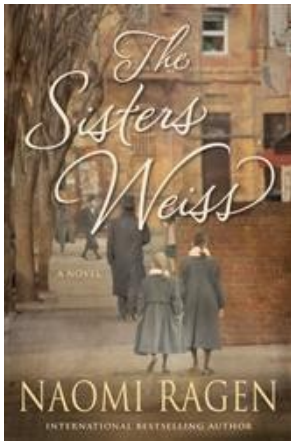
\$30.00. **Students should purchase this book on their own. The only prerequisite is a working knowledge of Hebrew aleph-bet.

Intro to Biblical Hebrew Grammar – meets Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm on Zoom, beginning January 17, 2023. Instructor: Kathryn Mulhearn.

Learn basics and intricacies of classical Hebrew grammar with graded exercises for translating selections from *Tanakh*/Scripture. Includes easy readings from Hebrew tales & the Book of Ruth. Textbook: *First Hebrew Primer* (EKS, Third Edition revised) about \$50.00, and accompanying *Answer Book* (3rd Edition) about 15.00. **Students should purchase these texts on their own. The only prerequisite is a working knowledge of Hebrew aleph-bet.

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Grammar meets Mondays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm on Zoom, beginning January 9, 2023. Instructor: Kathryn Mulhearn. This is an ongoing class, see description to Intro class above for details. This class is currently in Chapter 19 of *The First Hebrew Primer*.

Advanced Torah Reading & Grammar meets Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am on Zoom, beginning January 12, 2023. Instructor: Kathryn Mulhearn. This is an ongoing class which reads from the *Tanakh* using www.Sefaria.org instead of a textbook. Includes attention to the Masoretic accents affecting grammar and pronunciation. Knowledge of basics of Biblical Hebrew grammar recommended. Class is currently finishing *B'reishit* (Genesis), and moving on to *Sh'mot* (Exodus).



TIP Book Club discusses *The Sisters Weiss: A Novel*, by Naomi Ragan

Tuesday, December 6, 12:00 pm (no meeting in November)

Please join us in the courtyard (in good weather) or the Shmooze (in inclement weather).

Reviewed by Eleanor Ehrenkranz for the Jewish Book Council, November 7, 2013

This is a riveting novel about a conflicted young Orthodox Jewish girl growing up in the late '50s in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. She faces two problems: the highly restrictive rituals of a rigid family and the condescending attitude of the Williamsburg Orthodox world toward girls. Her awakening and breaking of the chains holding her down is the focus of the book.

The paragraph above is an excerpt. Read the full review at www.jewishbookcouncil.org/book/the-sisters-weiss.

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Intermediate Marimba

6:00 pm, Mondays: 12/5, 12/12

Yiddish for Beginners

11:00 am - 12:30 pm,
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6:30 pm, Tuesdays via Zoom:
12/6

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3:30 pm Thursdays, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22

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7:00 pm, Thursday, 12/1 & 12/29

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7:00 pm, Thursday, 12/8

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3:30 pm, Tuesday, 12/13

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