

The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

April 2023, Nisan - Iyyar 5783

From the Rabbi's Desk



Spring is finally here! The days are longer, and the light is clear and bright as we approach our Festival of Freedom - Passover.

This is a time for cleaning out the dusty cobwebs and crumbs that have accumulated in our homes and metaphorically, within ourselves as well. Passover is a jumpstart for the stirrings of the soul. In the Mishna (*Pesachim* 10:5) it is taught that in every generation, every one of us is obligated to see ourselves as though we too went out of Egypt. That is, the Passover journey from enslavement to freedom is an eternal, inner experience that we are required to summon.

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Monday, 5/1, 5:30 pm at a private home

Save the Date!

Sunday, May 7: Community Pancake Breakfast led by TIP Teens to raise funds for Jewish teen programming, see page 6 for details.

Monday, May 8: Annual Meeting / Hot Dog Supper

to review the year and elect new members to the Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 10: **Lag BaOmer Field Day, p. 6**

Friday June 9 - Saturday, June

10, **Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton with Reb Simcha Raphael, Ph.D. Topic: Exploring Jewish Views of the Afterlife**



April School and Office Closures

Early Learning Center: Wednesday 4/5 - Friday 4/7

Wednesday 4/12 - Friday 4/14

Monday 4/24 - Friday 4/28

Hebrew School: Wednesdays, 4/5, 12, 26

Saturdays 4/22 and 4/29

Temple office: Thursday 4/6, Wednesday 4/12

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From Rabba Kaya's Desk



**Rabba Kaya
Stern-Kaufman**

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As spring seeds burst and blossoms bloom, we are asked at every seder gathering to embody this movement from degradation to celebration, from constriction to expansion.

The word for Egypt in Hebrew is *mitzrayim*. The root of this word is *meitzar* which means a narrow, constricted place. We have all experienced a great narrowing of our lives during these last three years. We have all encountered many expressions of *mitzrayim*, in both our inner and outer lives, as possibilities for all kinds of encounters were limited, narrowed, and restricted.

In the Passover story we discover an interesting phenomenon. From the onset of the Exodus and throughout the liberation process, there are always people who, motivated by fear, do not want to continue the liberation journey, but rather wish to return to the familiar enslavement of their past. This is a repetitive theme throughout the Torah, which I would suggest is because it is part of human nature.

When the pandemic began, many of us were ill at ease with the narrowing of our social lives, the shift to Zoom gatherings, and the lack of physical human interaction. However, over time we became accustomed to the “new normal” and for some, the expansive shift back to in-person gatherings has been a challenge.

More broadly speaking, we have all constructed our lives in ways that respond to an inner pharaoh, an

inner voice, that keeps us enslaved to certain tasks or that holds us back from fulfilling our dreams.

This Passover, as we emerge from darkness to light, from constriction to expansion, let us each consider one thing from which we wish to break free. This is the Passover gift from our tradition to every generation. Let us take one step forward on our freedom journey.

With blessings for a liberating Pesach,

Rabba Kaya

The congregation is warmly invited to the

Bat Mitzvah of Cassidy Kamil

Saturday, April 22, 2023, 9:30 am



Cassidy is a student at Berwick Academy. She enjoys playing the piano, reading, cross country running, and dance. Judaism is important to her because she wants to continue the traditions of her ancestors.

Prayer

Service Times

Weekday Minyan, Tuesday, 5:30 pm, ZOOM ONLY

Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday, 6:30 pm

Shabbat Morning, Saturday, 10:00 am, with participation from Hebrew School students and Torah reading

- *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.*

Tot Shabbat, Alternative Services

First Fridays, dates and times below.

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

- May 5, June 9

Upcoming Alternative Services

- May 5, June 9

Traditional Services

Second Fridays; no instruments.

- April 14 service will be led by Ellen McQueeney, May 12, June 2

Potluck Meals

Third Fridays, after 1-hour service.

- June 16
- **Thursday, May 25:** special Tikkun Leil Shavuot "Blintzes and Blini" dairy potluck.

Candle Lighting

April 7, 6:59 pm

April 14, 7:07 pm

April 21, 7:15 pm

April 28, 7:23 pm



Community Passover Seder

- Thursday, April 6, 6:00 pm
- Join your community for a meaningful evening as we journey from slavery to freedom in the company of friends, with traditional seder foods and wine.

Passover Service with Yizkor

- Wednesday, April 12, 10:00 am

Bat Mitzvah of Cassidy Kamil

- Saturday, April 22, 9:30 am, special Zoom link

New Immigrant Shabbat

- Friday, April 28, with musical guests Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt, followed by a special oneg

President's Message



Robert Zimman
President

Dear Fellow Congregants,
This year as we prepare once again for Pesach, we are reminded that there are still people in this world who would like to oppress us as the Egyptians did millennia ago. Fortunately, this time we have friends and neighbors who are willing and able to support us.

Following the hate incident I wrote about last month, we saw a flood of support from Portsmouth and the greater Seacoast community. We continue to receive messages of backing and donations from both members and non-members. We also had a torrent of support at the "Community Gathering for Love" held at our temple on the Sunday after that incident. Rabba Kaya organized and led the event, which was attended by more than 200 people. We must continue our *tikkun olam* efforts of repairing the world.

Another news item that I have heard a lot about in recent days is the announcement by Seacoast Chabad that they are purchasing land in Newington and plan to locate their "new Seacoast Jewish Community Center" there. We should view the efforts of Chabad as complementary to ours in building a stronger Jewish community in the Seacoast area rather than as competition. Temple Israel has served as the center of the Seacoast Jewish community for over 100 years and we plan to continue doing so for the foreseeable future.

Our planning for the future of our temple was significantly enhanced by all our members who

participated in the listening sessions that NH Listens led for us. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you who participated, for making the time in your busy schedules to engage in this important endeavor.

We have now received the draft report from NH Listens, which our Board of Directors will be reviewing and attempting to incorporate into our plans for the future of our congregation. To me, a key finding is that there is "... considerable agreement among those who participated in the two conversations regarding Temple Israel's purpose, its value to its members (and the larger community), and the programming it offers to children as well as adults." I view this as good news in that it should enable us to move forward with unity of purpose.

The final item I want to mention this month is that after more than a year of planning, we are one step closer to having our Reserve Study completed. The engineer doing the study spent two days in our temple in March reviewing the temple building and all its mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems. The result of this study will enable us to do better financial planning for when our current systems need replacement, which they certainly will. In fact, the engineer commented that the flat roof over the school wing and the air conditioning and ventilation system components have already exceeded their expected useful lifetimes and should be replaced as soon as financially feasible.

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

Ritual Committee

Passover Transitions

By Fran Berman, VP Ritual

In the Jewish calendar, spring brings Passover in all its manifestations. In preparation for Passover, many of us clean our cupboards to get rid of the *chametz* (crumbs) and drips that have accumulated over the past year. When I dig into the back of my cabinets I am reminded of the good intentions that went nowhere (whole wheat flour), holidays celebrated with family and friends (canned pumpkin from Thanksgiving, applesauce to go with latkes at Hanukkah), and visitors who came and went (rice milk for my dairy-free daughter, herbal tea left by a friend). I enjoy this cleaning-out process because it makes room for new foods and new experiences. New plans have room to develop once the cabinets are emptied. As the matzah and gefilte fish arrive, I look forward to special Passover dishes from my childhood and from recent years, like matzah brei, chicken with bitter herbs, and Passover nut cake.

On the Ritual Committee we have also been planning for new arrivals in recent months. A small subcommittee formed in January to find our next High Holidays cantor to take the place of Kochava Munro, who is moving on in her professional life after serving as our cantor for the past four years. More than 30 candidates applied for the position, and we are delighted to share that Eliana Willis, a rabbinic student completing her studies at Hebrew College, will be on our bimah beside Rabba Kaya next fall to guide us through the High Holidays. Eliana has a warm presence and a beautiful voice. She and her husband live in the Boston area. She is very much looking forward to getting to know our community.

We are also making plans to add a rabbinic intern to our professional staff next fall. Hebrew College (located near Boston) runs an internship program in which it matches congregations with students. We have applied to participate in this program. The intern will be with us for about 10 hours per week during the school year, working under Rabba Kaya's supervision. The intern will help to lead services, teach our students, assist with programs for teens, participate in life cycle events, and more. We won't know who our intern will be until May, so look for news about that in an upcoming *Doorpost*.

This Passover, I hope you experience some of the joy of moving from narrowness to freedom, remembering our people's story of the escape from Egypt, and celebrating it with friends and family. All are welcome at our community seder on the second night of Pesach, April 6. May your Pesach be meaningful and joyous. I hope that it leads you into new territory of exploration, connection, and growth.



Fran Berman
VP, Ritual

Passover Yizkor Service April 12

A special Passover Yizkor service will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 10 am, in our sanctuary and over Zoom. Our temple calendar follows the calendar in Israel, where Passover (one of the three Pilgrimage Festivals) is observed for seven days.

Please join us to make a minyan on this important Yom Tov observance that marks the final day of Passover.

Hebrew School / Family Programs



Erik Martin
Head of School

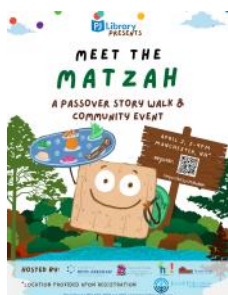
Seder Plate Workshop

These folks were "kiln" it at the Seder Plate Workshop on March 26! A great time was had by all as we prepared for the Passover season. Thank you to the staff at Firefly Pottery for helping make this fun program possible.



Passover Story Walk: Meet the Matzah!

Sunday, April 2, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Manchester, NH

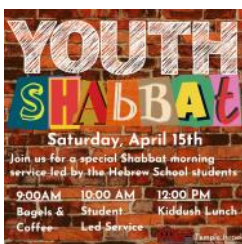


Join the Jewish Federation and families from across the state for a fun day of Pesach activities and a walk in the park! This program is appropriate for children 8 and younger. Kindly register online at bit.ly/MatzahNH

Youth Shabbat & Kiddush Luncheon

Saturday, April 15, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Our students help lead the prayers at a very special Shabbat service. Please come for bagels and coffee before the service and stay for a kiddush luncheon afterwards. Our students are excited to show you what they've learned.



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, May 7, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Help the TIP teen program raise some dough while you enjoy delicious flapjacks!

Our teen group will be hosting a fundraiser to support Jewish teen programming. Tickets are \$5 per individual or \$18 per family. What a deal!



Words To Action: Empowering Jewish Teens to Address Antisemitism

Sunday, May 7, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, at TIP

Teens are invited to an interactive workshop to learn about identity-based anti-semitism.



Increase your understanding, explore effective resources, and learn how to strategically respond to vandalism, anti-Israel incidents, stereotyping, and prejudice, and how to identify hate speech vs. free speech. This program is free and open to all Jewish teens thanks to a generous donation from Michael and Glicka Kaplan. Register via the website calendar.

Lag BaOmer Field Day

Wednesday, May 10, 4:00 - 6:30 pm, Portsmouth

Returning by popular demand! Join us for an afternoon of field games, s'mores, archery, and more as we celebrate Lag BaOmer. Pack a picnic dinner and we'll provide the s'mores!



Early Learning Center

Shalom,

The Early Learning Center's Purim family celebration was so much fun. We started our preparations in February by having Laura Sher come and bake



hamantaschen with the children. The students had a wonderful time in the kitchen, rolling the cookie dough, cutting out circles, filling them, baking them, and judging their hard work with a "quality control" tasting. The children even

enjoyed dressing up as these special treats!

Students also prepared *mishloach manot*, bags of treats to take home and share with their family, made masks for their parents to wear, and crafted groggers to create noise.

Our Purim family celebration began with Rabba Kaya leading us in the song *Chag Purim* (Purim Holiday), with singing, movements, and dancing; she was dressed as a very cute sunflower!



Tammy Roberge
Director, ELC

Next, we presented the Purim story with each of the Early Learning Center students playing a part.

Parents did an excellent job with their groggers, drowning out Haman's name each time it was said during the narration of the Megillat Esther.

We then sat down with our families to enjoy our lunch and hamantaschen.

Next month we are looking forward to learning about Passover! Please see the first page of the bulletin for dates that school will be closed in April.



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 (Elia, Laura, Steve, Amy, and Marge)

Endowment Funds



Ira Schwartz

Chair, Endowment
Fund Committee

By Ira Schwartz, Chair,
Endowment Fund Committee
In coordination with the annual
**Passover Endowment Fund
Appeal**, it seems appropriate to
review some of the principles
of the endowment fund
program, and to be aware of

updates and developments that are new this year.

The entire purpose of our endowment funds remains constant: Endowment funds supply financial support to our temple, making it easier to operate our facility and to support programs and activities that keep us engaged and involved.

What is new this year?

The Endowment Fund Committee and the Board of Directors have arranged for professional oversight of \$1.4 million of endowment fund principal by members of the Trust and Investment Department of Piscataqua Bank. This is expected to result in increased returns on our investments. We will continue to maintain a substantial investment in Israel Bonds.

What else is new this year?

For a second year in a row, a founding contribution of \$25,000 has created a new endowment fund: the "Tikkun Olam Endowment: Sanford Roberts Fund for Social Justice." You will learn more about this endowment next month.

What is old this year?

The interest generated by the Institutional Operating, Dinnerman-Rottenberg, and Legacy Endowment funds has supported continued operations at our temple.

"As my fathers planted for me
before I was born, so do I plant
for those who will come after me."

- the Talmud

The CJE and Cultural Endowment funds support programming at our temple, with events and activities that draw us in to observe, celebrate, and learn. Important examples from last year include:

- Israel Affairs Committee speaker
- Tu B'Shvat celebration
- Jewish Film Festival
- Hannukah Party
- Shabbat Yoga
- Bereavement Group facilitator
- Art exhibits in the Social Hall and Shmooze
- Judaism classes
- Preschool Shabbat and holiday celebrations
- Preschool music, dance, and art programs
- Klezmer band for Simchat Torah
- Passover seder

If congregant members have any particular questions or are interested in serving on this committee, please contact me or any member of the committee.

Donations

Received February 28 - March 21, 2023.

ANNUAL FUND

Don and Toby Harman in memory of Danielle Harman.

BUILDING FUND

Ralph Lovell contributed to the repair of the Ten Commandments plaque in honor of esteemed teacher Kathryn Mulhearn and the Biblical Hebrew class.

CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Jay and Izzi Lieberman in memory of Izzi's father, Harold M. Brown. Naomi Fishbein in memory of her mother, Bessie Partoll.

DINNERMAN-ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Joyce Meenes in memory of her grandfather, Isaac Rottenberg. Stan and Rita Robbins in memory of Rita's parents, Bessie & Murray Marcus. Shelley Brass in memory of her mother, Helen Eskin, and in memory of her sister, Jackie Eskin.

DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Julie Serrano in memory of her nephew, Kevin Greenauer. Mel Liston and Cathi Cherry-Liston in memory of Cathi's father, Jerry Cherry.

HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Michael Glick in memory of his father, Henry B. Glick. Michelle Baer in memory of her father, David Davidson.

INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Stuart and Paula Boxer in memory of Stuart's father, Louis Boxer and in memory of Paula's father, David Rosengard. Bert and Deb Freedman in memory of Bert's grandfathers, Morris Klaiman and George Freedman, in memory of his uncle, Norman Freedman, and in memory of his cousin, Susan Knussen. Selma Freedman in memory of her family at the time of Yahrzeits. Ira and Jennifer Schwartz in memory of Ira's mother, Selma Schwartz. Harold Moldoff in memory of his mother, Sarah Moldoff.

KIDDUSH FUND

James and Diane Burdin in honor of Samuel Reuben Burdin.

LIBRARY FUND

Bill and Ellen McQueeney In loving memory of Bill's father, John McQueeney.

MUSIC FUND

Fran Berman in loving memory of her mother, Harriet Berman.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Lynda and Bob Simmons in memory of Lynda's mother, Helen Tussman Manion, and in memory of Bob's father, Seymour Simmons. Roberta Issokson in memory of her mother, Ruth S. Dinerman, and with appreciation for TIP Purim festivities. Rachel and James Burdin In honor of the bris of Samuel Reuben Burdin. Bruce and Betty Fink in memory of their daughter, Laura Fink. David and Betty Effron in memory of Betty's father, Herman Slass, and in memory of David's father, Alvin Effron.

SECURITY FUND

Jeffrey Plant writes, "I just read in my local paper about the vandalism at your place of worship. This saddens me to no end that this is happening in the state where I was born and live. I am so very sorry that this happened."

TIKKUN OLAM FUND

Alan Cronheim. Phyllis Heilbronner, "to support community outreach at this very critical time." Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt in loving memory of her beloved uncle and godfather, Jerry Lief, "who brought light and love into my life. Your memory will always be a blessing."

TZEDAKAH FUND

Diane Goulston, Michael Goulston and family, Jennifer Zwillenberg and family, in memory of Leonard (Ariah) Catz. Myrna Promer, Dan, Tania, and family, in memory of Myrna's mother in law, Rachel Promer, and in loving memory of her parents, Eva and Manny Weisner, "We miss you a lot." Mel Liston and Cathi Cherry-Liston in memory of Cathi's father, Jerry Cherry. Cynthia Freedman and Marcia Blacker in memory of their grandfather, Barnet Freedman. Agnes Cabot in memory of her father, Alexander Vero. Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt. Mel Prostkoff & Helen Hanan. Judith and John Craig.

Arts Review / Sisterhood

By Deborah Levine, Arts Review Team Chair

Our thanks to congregants Emma and Walter Rous for an inspiring walk-through of our spring/summer photography exhibit, "Landscape & the Natural World," on view in Temple Israel's Social Hall and Shmooze. After Friday night services on March 17, attendees enjoyed a potluck dinner followed by a guided tour of the work by this adventurous couple. Several people commented not only on the stark and beautiful images of Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska, but also on the courage, stamina, and faith it took to spend eleven days in a tandem kayak, navigating remote waterways with shifting glaciers and terrain. On Sunday morning, March 11, we had a more formal presentation in the board room and on Zoom, with opportunities to learn about the impact of global warming and to discuss the Rous's experiences in the wild in more detail. (This presentation is available on YouTube; contact Heather in the T.I. office).



Paula Singer, a talented photographer, loaned us her photographs of birds and the outdoors, a hopeful harbinger of spring.

The Arts Review Team is preparing for a portrait exhibit later this summer including work by Julie Serrano and Jill Poyourow. Additional work may be submitted by the end of May. Also being planned are two musical programs showcasing members of our community of all ages who play classical, jazz, or other contemporary music. Stay tuned for more info. Visits to the Ogunquit Museum of Art and the Rose Art Museum at Brandeis University are also in the works.

By Rachel Dennis

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Sisterhood reboot meeting a success, especially Lorrie Grossman for help with refreshments. The energy and enthusiasm of the group was inspiring! Officers elected were: Rachel Dennis, Chair and Lessa Brill, Treasurer. We are still in search of a secretary to take meeting notes, so if you might be interested, please let me know.

We held a productive brainstorming session about the kinds of events and programs members would like to hold. Our plan is to start small and build up.

We also discussed the need to update the bylaws, and a small group will be forming. Please email me if you are interested in working on that project.

Our next general meeting will be on Sunday, April 16 at 9:30 am, either in the chapel or boardroom. (We will meet monthly on "third Sunday" mornings.) The meeting will also be available via Zoom. Watch your email or register on the website calendar to receive the special Zoom link. In April, we will be choosing our first events.

Questions or comments? Email me at Sisterhood@templeisraelnh.org.



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Israel Affairs

By Emma Rous, Chair, IAC

The Israel Affairs Committee is sponsoring a number of excellent spring events. On March 11, NH Shaliach Ra'anan de Haas spoke at a Lunch and Learn to forty participants about recent events in Israel. He described the alliances necessary to reach a 61-seat majority in the Knesset, and PM Netanyahu's creation of the most right-leaning coalition ever to form an Israeli administration. With the PM at the head of the coalition and only one legislative body, the only check and balance on Knesset legislation is the court system. Israel has no constitution but a set of basic laws which can change at the will of the Knesset. As Ra'anan pointed out, even some on the right oppose judicial reforms because they give unfettered power to the ruling coalition, left or right.

On Sunday, April 16, at 11:00 am, IAC is holding a



bagel brunch featuring Dr. Fredrik Meiton of UNH. Professor Meiton is a historian of the modern Middle East. His topic is **"The 22 State Solution: A History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict up to the Abraham Accords."** This event is in-person only.

Prof Meiton's talk will kick off what one source calls the season of "the three Yoms:" Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), April 18, Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day) April 25, and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) April 26. Yom Hashoah and Yom HaZikaron are solemn days memorializing those lost in the Holocaust and in the War for Independence, followed by the celebration for independence itself.

Yom Hashoah Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm

Dr. Louis Levine will speak at Temple Israel's Yom Hashoah service.

Topic: **LIBERATORS, American Servicemen Confront the Holocaust.**

Dr. Levine's talk draws on an award-winning exhibit he produced at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC. In person and via Zoom. **A Holocaust memorabilia exhibit** from the private collection of Ira Schwartz will be displayed in the social hall from 4/15 - 4/18.



Nafkot (Yearning), a film about a village of Jews still living in Ethiopia, will be screened on April 19, 3:30 - 5:30 pm, at the MUB Theater, UNH.

This year marks Israel's 75th anniversary

and the Jewish Federation of NH is planning a multi-synagogue celebration in Bow on Sunday, May 21, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, called **"Walk the Land."** Each synagogue is creating a booth to represent a city in Israel. TIP will present Tzfat (Safed), the high home of Jewish mysticism in northern Israel. If you are not participating in TIP Reads, which culminates in a gathering on the afternoon of May 21, we could use your help.

Tikkun Olam

New Immigrant / Asylum Seeker Shabbat

A special Kabbalat Shabbat service sponsored by the Tikkun Olam Committee will take place on **Friday, April 28, 2023 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.** Guest speakers who work closely with new immigrants in Portsmouth will join Rabba Kaya and musicians Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt for this special service.

Maggie Fogarty, NH Leader of the Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (SISC), will talk about immigrants who have resettled locally.



Sudie Blanchard and Charlotte Ramsey, Team Seacoast leaders, will share the rewarding experience of resettling the Khyber family. They moved to Portsmouth after escaping from the Taliban in Afghanistan.



Adding to the ongoing crisis for those fleeing danger in their home countries, people seeking asylum are turned away at borders around the world. This Shabbat service is an opportunity for our Jewish community along with congregations, organizations, and individuals, to demonstrate our shared support for immigrants and asylum seekers around the world.

Please join us after the service for a special oneg Shabbat. Service is in-person and on Zoom.

Purim Food Drive

By Shelley Hartz, Chair, Tikkun Olam Committee

Purim is a holiday of fun and games and sharing in *mishloach manot*, but an important part of the holiday is also giving gifts to those in need, so our committee was glad to host a food drive. Many thanks to Carol and Alan Lincoln and Joan and Glenn Goldwyn for helping to organize it.

Non-perishable food contributed by TIP members and friends was delivered to Seacoast Food Providers Network (FPN), which “works to create a collaborative, sustainable, and efficient charitable food system through a network of food pantries and community kitchens to ensure all community members have dignified access to food.”

Gather’s Allison Bussiere then delivered the donations to several FPN organizations.

THANK YOU to all contributors!



Pictured are volunteers Joyce Meenes and Doug Tilton, who helped send the collected food drive items on their way.

Nominating Committee

By Mel Prostkoff, Chair

The Nominating Committee (composed of TIP Board members Amy Borne and Ben Martindale, plus myself) is pleased to present the following slate of candidates to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Monday, May 8. The hot dog supper begins at 5:30; business meeting at 6:00 pm. Officer terms are for two years and Director terms are for three years.

- President: Jared Nabel (President-elect)
- VP-Ritual: Fran Berman (incumbent)
- Treasurer: Rich LeSavoy (incumbent)
- Director: Joanne Samuels (incumbent)
- Recording Secretary: Nicholas Conley



Nicholas Conley is a writer, editor, and award-winning novelist in the NH Seacoast area. He is the editor of the local monthly newspaper, *The NH Jewish Reporter*.

- Director: Shelley Hartz



Before moving full time to Dover, Shelley was Director of Community and Civic Engagement at the Pingry School in Basking Ridge, NJ. Shelley taught in her synagogue's Hebrew School and taught a generation of students (including her own) in

a weekly Hebrew High School program. At TIP, Shelley has been the chair of the Tikkun Olam Committee and is a member of the Ritual and Education committees.

- Director: Joyce Meenes

Joyce Meenes has been a Temple Israel member for over 75 years, attending Hebrew School and Shabbat services with her parents and grandparents. As an adult, she volunteers in many areas: the temple office, event programs and refreshments, lighting the memorial lights in the sanctuary, projects for the Chesed Squad, and collecting hats and gloves for Ukraine.



TIP Reads!

This winter and spring we are gathering in small groups to read and discuss *Judaism's Ten Best Ideas: A Guide for Seekers* by Arthur Green.

See the temple website calendar for additional upcoming meeting dates.

The four groups & next meeting dates:

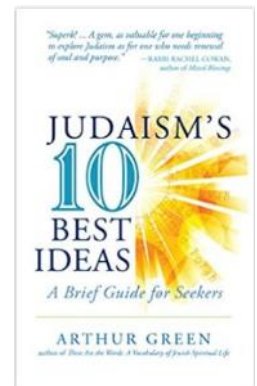
10:30 am Tuesday morning - 4/18

6:15 pm Tuesday evening via Zoom - 4/4

3:45 pm Wednesday afternoon - 4/19

Friday evening after Shabbat Services - 4/21

Additional copies of the book are available on the table next to the elevator. Please feel to take one and join the discussion!



Yahrzeits

April Yahrzeits

1. Goldie Selden, Max (Manny) Weisner, Ronald Brass, Evelyn Berman, Harry Pastor, Harold McCrensky, Gil Victor Ornelas, Benjamin Green
2. Rose Cohen
3. Rose Handler, Morris Silverman, Haskel Kram, Millicent Goodstein, Irving Diamond, Tillie Shapiro, David Goldstein, Bella Taube
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6. Lee Harrison, Sylvia Portman, Bertha Fox
7. Sarah Black, Esther Shulman, Rosalie Katz, Ruth Dennis, Rose B. Kates
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9. Lawrence Friedman, Davida Roberts, Jerome Fishbein, Louis Gottlieb
10. John Rosenbloom, Katie Lampert, Bertha Zall, Irving Oshman
11. Rudolph Goodman, Sarah Levine, Robert Brann, Pauline Bailey, Sidney Goren, Sam Ollar, Morris A. Fox, Herman Blank
12. Samuel Kolikof, Lance Levy, Israel Mirsky, Barbara Cherry, Richard F. Morse, Rochelle Poyourow-Ripple
13. Max Rosenfield, Sarah Borwick, Allen Linden, Sarah Mendelovitz, Marcia J. Feinberg, Eric Goulston

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14. Maurice Lichtung, Rae Pearl, Sarah Beatrice Friedman, Harriet Lincoln-Mirsky, Mona Sacks
15. Tillie Fein, Bess Issokson, Ruth L. Issokson, Lillian Lane, Lena Rosen, Estelle Gottlieb, Hyman Gross
16. Samuel Kline, Judith Kramer, Ursula Cherry, Sylvia Allen, Samuel Abeles, Joseph Kolker
17. Joseph Cohen, Milton Roberts, Ida Silverman, Roberta Berman, Brina Lampert, Louis Emmer, Sterra Tackeff, Frieda Osman, Eleanor Packer
18. Louis Bradbard, Rae Scheckter, Mollie Wolf, Glenyce Kaplan
19. Gladys Goodman, Max Freedman, Ernie Kessler, Sarah Polimar, Gertrude Kline Borden, Morris Rotman, Reuben Weinstein
20. 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, Samuel Lapkin
21. Blume Lepoff, Dora Taube, Sadye Schwartz
22. Rose Esther Weinstein, Ruth Pindrus, Lenore Fineberg
23. Edward Segel, Sarah Bratter, Jay Schwartz, Samuel Lisagor, Sadie Goldstein Byer
24. Rev. Jacob Meyerson, Anna Siegel, Lillie Sorkin, Morris Siegel, Jules Philips, Louis Baumstein, Massie Winer, Lucille Silverman, Barbara Jaffe
25. Jeanette Kaufman, Lee Gunst, Bessie Kemler, Ruth Kram, Pamela McDonald

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 / Classes & Meetings

26. Pamela Shulman
27. Moses Haritonov, Ethel Pierce
28. Bessie Rosenbloom, Ida Cooper, Harry Singer,
Ursula Gage, Lloyd Gage, James Dieterich,
Grace Turner, David DeHayes
29. Hyman Berlin, Jackson Pastor, Douglas Hamilton
30. Esther London, Sarah Fisher, Lillian Hirsch,
Herbert Turner, Louis Weinstein, Andrea Jean
Rudl, Rose Singer

Reminder: Please log into your ShulCloud account to confirm meeting dates on the website calendar.

CLASSES

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Grammar

4:00 pm Mondays, via Zoom

Beginner Prayerbook Hebrew Grammar

6:30 pm Tuesdays, via Zoom (4/25 is the only April class)

Intro to Biblical Hebrew Grammar

6:30 pm Tuesdays, via Zoom

Yiddish for Beginners, Shmoozatorium

11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays 4/19, 4/26, 5/3

Advanced Torah Reading & Grammar

10:30 am Thursdays, via Zoom

Hand-Drumming for Beginners, p. 10

3:30 pm Thursdays, (tentative dates) 4/20, 4/27, Chapel

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

House Committee

6:00 pm, Thursday, 5/4, in person at TIP

Executive Committee

7:30 pm, Wednesday, 4/12

Board of Directors

7:00 pm, **Wednesday**, 4/19

Ritual Committee

7:00 pm, Tuesday 4/25

Education Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 4/27

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

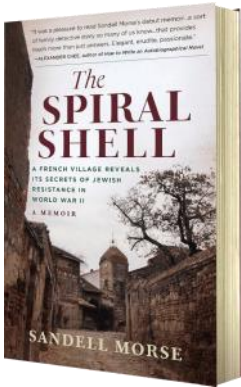


Life Cycles

Welcome, **Samuel Reuben Burdin**! Parents **Rachel and James Burdin**, and big sister **Miriam** are thrilled to announce Samuel's birth on March 9.

Lessa Brill and John Wallace are happy to announce the birth of their granddaughter, **Bryn Eloise McMahon**, on March 20. Bryn and parents **Penina and Sam McMahon**, along with big sister **Eila**, are all doing well!

Barbara Levenson shared the joyful news of the birth of her granddaughter, **Sophie Margot**, on February 11. Sophie and her parents, **Sarah Hoefle and Jordan Kobb**, are all doing well.



TIP Book Club discusses *The Spiral Shell: A French Village Reveals its Secrets of Jewish Resistance in World War II*, by Sandell Morse

Monday, April 17, 12:00 pm in the Shmooze. We are honored to be joined by the author and TIP congregant at our April meeting!

From the author's website: For author Sandell Morse, what started out as a research project became an unexpected rediscovery of identity and faith. In this haunting memoir she uncovers long-silenced stories of bravery and resistance among the civilians of a small town in France during WWII, and in turn finds deeper meaning and understanding of her own Jewish heritage.

Next month:

Monday, May 22, 12:00 pm, ***Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow: A Novel***, by Gabrielle Zevin.



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