

# The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

May 2023, Iyyar - Sivan 5783

## From the Rabbi's Desk



**Rabba Kaya  
Stern-Kaufman**

As we near our annual meeting, my thoughts turn to the meaning and power of community. Perhaps you have seen the adorable Oscar-winning (2023) animated film entitled *Marcel the Shell with Shoes On?* In it we discover a

mollusk named Marcel who has lost his entire community. While he comes up with ingenious ways to manage on his own, his melancholy heart yearns for their presence, and he sets out to find them. It is a story motivated entirely by love. I highly recommend it.

The great social worker Dorothy Day once wrote, "We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community." Indeed, we have all known what it is to live in isolation from one another and we have all experienced the great joy of coming together once again in community.

While the world may be seeming to fall apart before our eyes, we can fall together into sacred community. While the world becomes increasingly polarized and divided, our tradition and our synagogue offer endless opportunities to come together in honor of the human spirit, in honor of the holy and the beautiful.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Recipe with a Memory p. 16**

5:30 pm, Monday, 5/1, private home in Newmarket, NH

### **First Friday Tot Shabbat, p. 3**

5:30 pm, Friday, 5/5, Chapel

### **Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Sheldon, p. 12**

4:30 pm, Saturday, 5/6, Sanctuary

### **Outdoor Spring Cleanup with House Committee**

8:30 - 10:30 am, Sunday, 5/7, meet in Courtyard

### **Community Pancake Breakfast led by TIP Teens, p. 6**

11:00 am, Sunday, 5/7, Social Hall

### **Words to Action Teen Workshop, p. 6**

12:30 pm, Sunday, 5/7, Chapel

### **Annual Meeting & Hot Dog Supper, p. 13**

5:30 pm, Monday, 5/8, Social Hall

### **Lag BaOmer Field Day, Bonfire, Picnic, p. 6**

4:00 pm, Wednesday, 5/10, offsite

### **Hebrew School Convocation, p. 6**

9:00 am, Saturday, May 13

### **Bar Mitzvah of Ted Fuller, p. 12**

9:30 am, Saturday, 5/20, Sanctuary

### **Community Social for TIP Reads, p. 15**

4:00 pm, Sunday, 5/21, Social Hall

### **TIP Book Group meets, p. 16**

12:00 pm, Thursday, 5/25, Shmooze

### **Shavuot Dairy Potluck & Night of Learning, p. 5**

6:30 pm, Thursday, 5/25, Social Hall

### **Shavuot Service with Yizkor, p. 5**

10:00 am, Friday, 5/26, Sanctuary

### **The Temple office will be closed from 5/26 - 5/29**

### **Memorial Day Observance, TIP Cemetery, p. 3**

11:00 am, Monday, May 29, Banfield Road Cemetery

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# From Rabba Kaya's Desk

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The magic of living in community lies with the unique contributions of each individual. Every person has their own gifts to share and when we each do so, the whole community is enriched. Some contribute financially while others contribute their voices. Some volunteer their time and some offer their art. There are as many ways to give as there are hearts yearning to share. All offerings are of infinite value for they contribute to the well-being of the whole.

A sacred community is a living organism whose shape undoubtedly changes with time, but which is always in dynamic loving relationship with its members. As we read in our book of Psalms: *Olam hesed yibaneh*, the world is built on lovingkindness.

As we move into a new season I ask you to consider how you might join and support this holy endeavor?

With blessings for a beautiful new season of life and healing,

Rabba Kaya

We look forward to welcoming  
Reb Simcha Raphael, June 9 - 10,  
for a weekend of learning!

Register via the [website calendar](#).



**Temple Israel**  
**SHABBATON**  
**JUNE 9-10, 2023**  
**"Exploring Jewish Views of the Afterlife"**  
with  
**REB SIMCHA RAPHAEL, PH.D.**  
**Scholar-in-Residence**

## About

Join us for a Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton. We will explore views of the afterlife in Judaism through text study of Torah, Talmud, Midrash, Zohar and otherworldly tales from Hasidism and Yiddish folk literature. We shall also reflect on how ideas about life after death impact our contemporary attitudes toward death and loss.

## Schedule

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

6:30 pm Shabbat Services  
7:00 pm Kiddush & Study Session,  
"Afterlife in Biblical and Rabbinic  
Tradition: Sheol & Olam Haba"

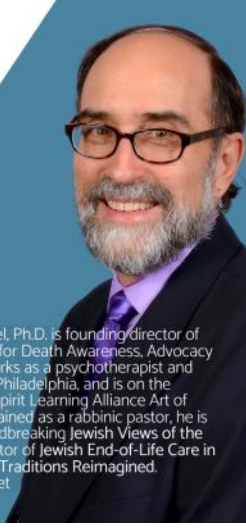
### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

10:00 am Shabbat Services  
12:00 pm Kiddush Luncheon  
1:00 pm Study Session,  
"Afterlife in Kabbalistic  
Tradition: Postmortem Journey  
of the Soul"  
7:30 pm Storytelling & Havdalah,  
"Jewish Ghost Stories:  
Ancient Ancestors,  
Wandering Spirits and  
Reincarnating Souls"



Register via the website calendar:  
[https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/  
event/temple-israels-shabbaton.html#](https://templeisraelnh.shulcloud.com/event/temple-israels-shabbaton.html#)

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[www.daatinstitute.net](http://www.daatinstitute.net)

# 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. [May 19 start time: 9:30 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.

## 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 2

**Upcoming Alternative Services**

- May 5, June 2

## Traditional Services

**Second Fridays; no instruments.**

- May 12, June 9 (with Scholar in Residence, p. 2)

## Potluck Meals

**Third Fridays, after 1-hour service.**

- May 19 with special guest Kochava Munro, June 16
- **Thursday, May 25:** special Tikkun Leil Shavuot "Blintzes and Blinis" dairy potluck.

## Candle Lighting

May 5, 7:32 pm

May 12, 7:39 pm

May 19, 7:47 pm

May 26, 7:54 pm

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## Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Sheldon

- Saturday, May 6, 4:30 pm, in person and via special Zoom link

## Convocation Shabbat

- Saturday, May 13, breakfast at 9:00 am, p. 6

## Special Guest Kochava Munro

- Friday, May 19, 6:30 pm

## Bar Mitzvah of Ted Fuller

- Saturday, May 20, 9:30 am, special Zoom link

## Shavuot Service with Yizkor

- Friday, May 26, 10:00 am, details on p. 5

## Memorial Day Observance

- Monday, May 29, 11:00 am, Banfield Road Cemetery, led by Ken Kowalchek

## Pride Shabbat

- Friday, June 2, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary
- Guest speakers, guest musicians, Pride themes. All are welcome!



# President's Message



**Robert Zimman**  
President

Dear Fellow Congregants,  
When I started my term as board president in May 2021, I identified two major areas as critical to continued success and future health: increased member participation and financial stability. I feel we have made progress on both fronts. As your board reflects

on the insights gained from our “Together on Purpose” sessions to

guide next steps, I encourage ALL members to continue participating and sharing your thoughts and ideas. **Don't miss the Annual Meeting and Hot Dog Supper at 5:30 pm on Monday, May 8.** Please join me in recognizing the dedicated service of outgoing board members Rachel Kurshan, Loren Selig, and Julie Serrano, and the ongoing contributions of your TIP leadership.

In my final *Doorpost* president's message, I would like to review some highlights from the last two years.

**RITUAL** — Rabba Kaya, since her arrival in July of 2020, has overcome many pandemic-related obstacles and has helped move our congregation forward. We are pleased that her contract has been renewed through June 2027.

Recently, we have engaged Jacob Chatinover, a fourth-year student at Hebrew College, to join us as a rabbinic intern for the 2023-2024 academic year. He will be involved in several areas including worship and education.

**EDUCATION** — Changing congregational demographics and the pandemic resulted in a significant reduction in the size of our religious school. When we returned to in-person learning, we shifted our Sunday classes to Shabbat, enabling students and their parents to experience Shabbat. Last fall, we hired Erik Martin as our Head of School / Family Programming Coordinator. He and our Education Committee have worked to revise our curriculum, mapping out goals and measurable learning objectives for each grade.

**HOUSE** — After nearly two years of planning, our Reserve Study is complete. This will enable us to improve financial planning for the replacement of mechanical and other systems, especially with respect to the maintenance of our historic building.

Earlier this year, when the sanctuary sprinkler system failed inspection, we learned that during installation (over fifteen years ago), some of the pipes were installed with improper pitch. To correct this problem, we installed additional catwalks and lighting in the attic. With the new catwalks, lighting, and repaired sprinkler system we should be in good shape for years to come.

**FINANCIAL** — As Ira Schwartz wrote in the April issue of the *Doorpost*, endowment funds were established so that their annual income would support temple operating expenses and programs in perpetuity. Since the beginning, a team of member volunteers has managed these investments. Now the Endowment Committee, supported by the board, has decided to place a large portion of the funds under professional management with the hope of improving returns. After interviewing several financial institutions, we chose the Trust Department at Piscataqua Savings Bank.

A committee led by Treasurer Rich LeSavoy has been reviewing alternative dues models to recommend how we might better define the financial support required from each of our congregants. This work will continue during the coming year.

The item with the biggest immediate positive financial impact is the signing of a lease for our property at 170 State Street (vacant for over two years) with the Proprietors of the Portsmouth Athenaeum. We believe this lease will be beneficial to both parties and look forward to a long relationship.

As I conclude my term, I leave with the hope that in some small way I have helped to position our congregation for a bright and long-lasting future. *L'dor v'dor* - From generation to generation.



# Ritual Committee

## Shavuot: A Holiday of Blossoms, Blintzes, Torah, and Study

By Fran Berman, VP Ritual

As a child I learned the rhyme “April showers bring May flowers,” which comes to mind at this time of year. In Judaism, May flowers and fresh budding trees are celebrated at Shavuot, when we decorate our homes and synagogue with greenery and blossoms.

Shavuot is a holiday with multiple identities. It is known as *Hag ha-Shavuot* (the Feast of Weeks), *Yom ha-Bikkurim* (Day of the First Fruits), and *Hag ha-katzir* (Harvest Feast). Primarily it is celebrated as the day on which the Jewish people received the Torah at Mount Sinai. It concludes our counting of the Omer, which began seven weeks earlier on the second day of Passover. It marks the day when the barley should be ready for harvest and, in the days of the Temple, would be brought to the Temple as a special offering. Today we have substituted offerings of prayer for physical offerings of grain, so we hold special services on Shavuot morning at which we read from the Torah and offer songs of praise (*Hallel*). We also recognize and honor Jews by choice by chanting from the Book of Ruth.

It is traditional to eat blintzes and other dairy foods on Shavuot. Why blintzes? The idea is that they look like Torah scrolls, and this holiday celebrates our receiving the Torah at Mt. Sinai.

At Temple Israel we will begin our Shavuot celebration with a dairy potluck dinner – a blintz buffet – at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 25 (erev Shavuot), followed by a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a night of learning, with several study sessions led by different members of the community.

Come for one or all of these activities! You are invited to share a favorite blintz creation or other dairy dish. While we will not study all night as is traditional at some temples, the sessions will extend until about 10:30 pm. Coffee will be provided!



**Fran Berman**  
VP, Ritual

On Friday, May 26, we will hold a traditional Shavuot morning service at 10:00 am, including reading the Torah passages that recount the giving of the Torah at Sinai and the Decalogue, the recitation of the Ten Commandments. Please join us for this special reading. We will also join voices in songs of praise (*Hallel*) and read from the Book of Ruth (*Megillat Ruth*), which recounts the story of Ruth, the first Jew by choice, and her decision to follow Naomi, her mother-in-law, rather than return to her non-Israelite family of origin after the death of her husband. Because we follow the Israeli custom of only observing Shavuot for one day, we will include Yizkor in our Friday morning service.

Finally, thank you to all who helped make our community Passover seder such a success! Many hands were involved, and each was critical to making the evening go smoothly.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with our community-wide events. If you can assist with decorating, cooking, greeting, or otherwise helping at a future event, please notify the temple office and Heather will add you to our event volunteer corps.

**Please see page 10 for additional Passover volunteer acknowledgments!**

# Hebrew School / Family Programs



**Erik Martin**  
Head of School

May promises to be a busy month, with a great lineup of programs for Hebrew School students, teens, and families. Hope to see you soon!

## 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 antisemitism.

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, archery, s'mores, and more to celebrate Lag BaOmer. Pack a picnic dinner and we'll provide the s'mores! Please register via the website calendar for details including location.



## Hebrew School Convocation

Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please join us as we end the school year and celebrate our students' achievements!

Families and students should arrive by 9:00 am. Students will join their classes for a final rehearsal while parents and guests are welcome to enjoy a light breakfast.

Please stay for a kiddush luncheon catered by Thyme & Tide, sponsored by the Hebrew School PTO and the Kiddish Fund. Kindly RSVP by May 10th via the temple website calendar.



# Early Learning Center

Shalom,  
April was a short month for the ELC but we packed  
in a lot of learning!



We learned about the life of Moses, from his infancy to adulthood, when he led the Exodus from Egypt. We learned about the plagues, including our favorite, the frogs! As the classic song goes, "Frogs here, frogs there, frogs are jumping everywhere!"

After the Passover holiday ended, Laura Sher visited to make pizzas with us for our lunch. We enjoyed being able to eat leavened bread again. Thank you, Laura, for a



tasty and fun cooking adventure.

Rabba Kaya came to help us celebrate Shabbat in our classroom. We love Rabba Kaya's regular Shabbat visits!



Tammy Roberge



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

# Donations



**Ira Schwartz**

Chair, Endowment  
Fund Committee

*Many thanks to all who have responded so warmly to the Passover Endowment Fund Appeal. Your generosity will benefit Temple Israel for years to come.*

*Also, it's not too late to give!*

**Donations received March 22 - April 25, 2023.**

## **ANNUAL FUND**

Trevor Law in memory of his stepfather, David DeHayes.

## **CEMETERY FUND**

Lenny Baer in memory of his father, Louis Baer, his father-in-law, Sam Kline, and his mother-in-law, Gertrude Kline Borden.

## **COMMUNITY SEDER SPONSORS**

Fran Berman. Cathi Cherry-Liston. Joanne Samuels.

## **CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

Lee and Liz Reingold, "from the Reingolds, Texas and Atlanta, in honor of the Steinbergs and the April birthdays. Also in memory of Rosilyn Steinberg and Sheila Ullmann." Cathi Cherry-Liston in memory of mother Barbara Cherry and stepmother Ursula Cherry. Jim and Elaine Dolph. Laura Spelke. Rabba Kaya Stern Kaufman and Stephen Kaufman in memory of Rabba Kaya's parents, Judy and Larry Stern. Ira Schwartz in memory of Sanford Roberts. Fran Berman. Cynthia Freedman and Marcia Blacker in memory of their father, Max Freedman. Marilyn and Henri Quintal. Laura and Michael Rubin. Roberta Issokson. Elissa Kaplan Senter in memory of Rabbi David Rafael Senter. Jeff Miller in honor of Fran Berman and in honor of Ira Schwartz.

Naomi Fishbein in memory of Arnold Fishbein.  
Jennifer Seidler in memory of Ruth Rosen White.

## **DANIELLE HARMAN FUND**

Don and Tobey Harman in memory of their daughter Danielle, Tobey's mother, Mildred Friedman, and Tobey's brother, Lawrence Friedman.

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

Jeff Miller in honor of Fran Berman and in honor of Ira Schwartz. Steven and Deborah Paul in memory of Evelyn and Irving Paul. Barbara Fox in memory of her mother, Sarah Borwick. Don and Tobey Harman in memory of their daughter, Danielle Harman. Roberta Issokson.

## **DUES ABATEMENT FUND**

Michael Kaplan in memory of his mother, Glenyce Kaplan. Barbara Sutton in memory of Malcolm Sutton.

## **HEBREW SCHOOL FUND**

Adina Linden in memory of her husband, Allen Linden. Michael and Laura Rubin and family in memory of Lillie Sorkin, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. Lessa Brill in honor of the birth of Bryn Eloise McMahon. Nancy and Andy Jaffe. Jewish Federation of NH, "Thank you for all you do to make Jewish education accessible to families." Roberta Issokson. Gail Bradbard in memory of Norris Bendetson. Michael and Laura Rubin and family in memory of Paul Rubin, beloved father and grandfather. Sandell Morse in honor of the Hebrew School. Joanne Samuels in honor of the children of the temple.



# Donations, continued

## **INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND**

Thomas Slater. The Sakelarios Family in memory of Judith Kramer, beloved mother and grandmother. Jeff Miller in honor of Fran Berman and in honor of Ira Schwartz. Brian and Richelle Helman. Richard and Jane LeSavoy. Roberta Issokson. Robert and Marjorie Goldberg. Robert and Marilyn Zimman. Nancy Alexander in memory of her husband, Melvin Alexander. Steven Goldberg in memory of Richard Goldberg. Trevor Law. Barry and Minerva Feinberg. Bert and Deborah Freedman. Fran Berman. Irene Levy in memory of her husband, Robert Levy. Liz Kolodney. Julie Serrano.

## **KIDDUSH FUND**

Liz Kolodney.

## **LIBRARY FUND**

Bernice Richman in memory of her mother, Rose Richman. B.R. Fein in memory of her mother, Tillie Fein. Karl and Paula Singer in memory of Paula's father, Harold McCrensky. Marsha Brann in memory of her husband, Robert Brann.

## **PRESCHOOL FUND**

Andrew Jaffe in memory of his mother, Barbara Jaffe.

## **PRAYERBOOK FUND**

Fran Berman in honor of the bat mitzvah of Cassidy Kamil.

## **PRESCHOOL FUND**

Andrew Jaffe in memory of his mother, Barbara Jaffe.

## **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Judy and John Craig in loving memory of Hyman Gross, great-grandfather of Judy Craig. Barbara Gutin in memory of her son, Jeffrey Gutin. Elissa Kaplan Senter writes, "Mazel Tov on renewing

Rabba Kaya's contract!" Judy and John Craig in loving memory of Judy's father, Samuel Lapkin. Steven Sacks and Pam Battin Sacks in memory of mother and mother-in-law Mona Sacks. Patty Diengott in memory of her father, Morris Siegel. Ann and Glen Glater in memory of Allen Linden. Laurie and Michael Steinberg in memory of Cris Goodman. Lynda Simmons in memory of her father, Abraham Tussman.

## **TIKKUN OLAM FUND**

Jeff Warach and Robbie Hinkel in memory of Jeff's brother, Aaron David Warach.

## **TZEDAKAH FUND**

Rabbi Ira and Sally Korinow. Betty Wachtel. Fran Berman. Emma and Walter Rous. Samantha and Andrew Seal. Rebekah Udoh. Elaine Dolph in memory of her grandmother, Bessie Kemler. Judy and John Craig. Kochava and Jacob Munro. Ruth Kletnick. Dinah and Joshua Berch. Aimee Margolis. Rachel Dennis in memory of her mother, Ruth Dennis. Roberta Stanhope in memory of her son, Aaron Warach.



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# Thank you, Volunteers!



**Cathi Cherry-Liston**  
Chair, Passover events  
committee

By Cathi-Cherry-Liston

As coordinator of Passover outreach and the community seder, I am so grateful for the hard-working team enabling our congregation to come together to celebrate Pesach.

There are so many ways to say "thank you." I found seven Jewish traditional expressions.

***Todah rabah*** (many thanks), ***a groisen dank*** (a big thanks), ***Yasher Koach*** (more power to you), ***Tizkeh Lemitzvos*** (may you merit to do mitzvot), ***Merci muncho*** (thank you very much), **Give a blessing** (May God give you all your heart desires for good.).

**THANK YOU to all those listed below and everyone else who helped for days and weeks!**

**Coordinators and Lead Support:** Fran Berman, Cathi Cherry-Liston, Joanne Samuels, Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

**Seder-in-a-box crew:** Jane LeSavoy



**Jane Le-Savoy**  
Preparing seder-in-a-box  
packages for delivery

- **Callers:** Cathi Cherry-Liston, Jennie Dinnerman, Frannie Frank, Sandell Morse

- **Deliveries:** Rachel Dennis, Frannie Frank, David Hirsh, Ryan Kaplan, Deborah Levine

**Shoppers:** Jane LeSavoy, Shalen Lowell, Shea Lowell, Joanne Samuels, Doug Tilton

**Kitchen cleaning:** Fran Berman, Helen Hanan, Jeannie Hastie

**Setup team:** Dan and Jeannie Hastie

**Mezzanine Catering:** Zach Cobb, coordinator

**Seating chart:** Margie Wachtel, Helen Hanan

**Sign-in table:** Bob Bradbard, Margie Wachtel

**Flowers:** Joyce Meenes

**Greeter:** Tammy Roberge

**Kitchen crew:** Joanne Samuels, Lessa Brill, David Cline, Ken Kowalchek, Barbara Levenson, Deborah

Levine, Joyce Meenes, Karen Mott

**Clean up:** Bert Freedman, Doug Tilton, David Cline, Ken Kowalchek, Joanne Samuels

**Ritual committee:** Fran Berman, Lessa Brill, Cathi Cherry-Liston, Richard David Grossman, Shelley Hartz, Deborah Hirsch Mayer, Amy Hyett, Deborah Levine, Karen Mott, Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

**Music:** Jay Hitt and Lisa Jane Lipkin

**Seder Sponsors:** Cathi Cherry-Liston, Joanne Samuels, Fran Berman

**Tech support:** Dinah Berch

**Extraordinary volunteers:** Joanne Samuels, Joyce Meenes, Fran Berman, Heather Tomlinson, and Rabba Kaya for contributing hours above and beyond!



**Deborah Levine**

# Sisterhood/Israel Affairs

By Rachel Dennis, Chair

I am thrilled that Sisterhood is up and running. Our second meeting was held on Sunday, April 16.

Michele Albion was elected secretary. Thanks to Marge Gruzen for taking minutes in Michele's absence, and to Heather Tomlinson for ongoing support. Lessa Brill gave the treasurer's report. Dues will begin to be collected when the Temple Israel membership bills are sent in July.

Three representatives from the Women's League for Conservative Judaism made a presentation via Zoom. We will look at their website and vote whether to join for a year. There was a lot of enthusiasm expressed for this opportunity.

A few volunteers will work with me to update the Sisterhood by-laws from 2015.

We talked about some events that could easily be planned before Rosh Hashanah.

- Cathi Cherry-Liston, Kerry Hansen, Deborah Levine and I will plan a Rosh Chodesh gathering.
- Elian Tackeff and I will plan a chocolate class led by the former owner of La Cascade du Chocolat.
- I will host our first Craft and Kvetch gathering on Tuesday, May 9, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm in the Shmooze.
- We agreed that we are invested in joining the efforts of other Temple Israel committees (Ritual, Chesed) to help them.

If you are not getting email updates and would like to be added to the email roster, please email me at [Sisterhood@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:Sisterhood@templeisraelnh.org).

Due to personal reasons, I regretfully have to reschedule our May 21 meeting. The new date and time are Sunday, June 4 at 9:30 am. I look forward to seeing you soon.

By Emma Rous, Chair, IAC

Many of us are following the news out of Israel with great interest. On April 16, 40 people enjoyed a delicious bagel brunch at TIP and listened to UNH professor Fredrik Merton review the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict leading up to the Abraham Accords, what he called "The 22-State Solution." But, as we all know, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is ongoing, and the court reform proposals are yet to be resolved.

Knowing that these topics can be controversial and hard to talk about, the committee is planning to offer a program from Israel, "Stories For the Sake of Argument" in the fall. The program will include a book and a 90-minute workshop led via Zoom from Israel. The authors of the book are Israeli educators who believe we need to have more arguments, not fewer, but need the tools to talk with people with whom we disagree. In their book, they present stories indirectly or directly involving Israel to get us to engage with those with whom we disagree. They state, "Israel's local arguments are the arguments of this world. Only louder. Arguments over race. Arguments between personal conscience and public decree. Arguments about power and force. About East and West. About land and resources. About democratic rights."

Watch for "Stories for the Sake of Argument" program registration information in the fall.

The committee will participate in the Federation "Walk the Land" event in honor of the 75th anniversary of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. Happening at the Bow Community Center from 2-4 pm on Sunday, May 21, six NH synagogues will each offer a table representing an Israeli city, with activities for children and adults. TIP will represent the city of Safed (Tz'fat) with spin art, mandala coloring, a history timeline and quiz, and a touch of Kabbalah. Join us in Bow, but be sure to get back for the TIP Reads community celebration at 4:00 pm.



# B'nei Mitzvah



**The congregation is warmly invited to the  
Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Sheldon  
Saturday, May 6, 2023, 4:30 pm**

My name is Samuel Sheldon. I attend Portsmouth Middle School. I enjoy baseball and football. Judaism is important to me because I want to participate in carrying on the traditions of my family.



**The congregation is warmly invited to the  
Bar Mitzvah of Ted Fuller  
Saturday, May 20, 2023, 9:30 am**

My name is Teddy Fuller. I attend Dover Middle School in Dover, NH. I enjoy playing baseball, skiing, and spending time with friends and family. Judaism is important to me because it teaches me different ways to view the world around me.

# Nominating / Arts Review Team



**Mel Prostkoff**  
Chair, Nominating  
Committee

By Mel Prostkoff, Chair

The 2023 Nominating Committee (Mel Prostkoff, Amy Borne, and Ben Martindale) is pleased to present the following slate

of candidates for the Board of Directors, to be presented to the membership, and

voted upon, where indicated, at the Tuesday, May 8, 2023 Annual Meeting:

## Officer Nominees Requiring Votes, with Term:

- President - Jared Nabel, current president-elect. First 2-year term (2023 - 2025)
- VP Ritual - Fran Berman, incumbent. Second 2-year term (2023 - 2025)
- Treasurer - Rich LeSavoy, incumbent. Second 2-year term (2023 - 2025)
- Recording Secretary - Nicholas Conley, new to the board. First 2-year term (2023 - 2025)

## Director Nominees Requiring Votes, with Term:

- Director - Shelley Hartz, new to the board. First 3-year term (2023 - 2026)
- Director - Joyce Meenes, new to the board. First 3-year term (2023 - 2026)
- Director - Joanne Samuels, incumbent. Second 3-year term (2023 - 2026)

## Officers Continuing - No Votes Required

- Past-President - Bob Zimman (2023 - 2024)
- VP Education - Ian Kaner (2022 - 2024)
- VP House - Doug Tilton (2022 - 2024)
- Financial Secretary - Amy Borne (2022 - 2024)
- President Elect - None

## Directors Continuing - No Votes Required

- Director - Matt Allen (2022 - 2025)
- Director - Marc Hiller (2021 - 2024)
- Director - Ben Martindale (2021 - 2024)
- Director - Dov Yellin (2022 - 2025)

We gratefully acknowledge and appreciate all the years of committed and dedicated service to the TI Board, and all the work and contributions performed by our three outgoing board members:

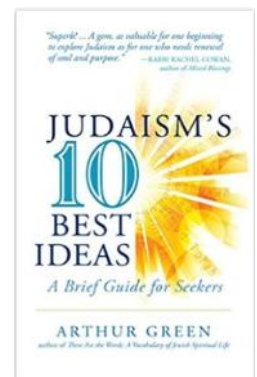
**Loren Selig**, Recording Secretary; **Rachel Kurshan**, Director; and **Julie Serrano**, Director.

*Todah rabah!*

## TIP Reads!

**4:00 pm, Sunday, May 21**

Join us in the social hall for a community-wide gathering as we wrap our discussion of ***Judaism's Ten Best Ideas: A guide for Seekers***, by Arthur Green.



This event is open to all community members, whether or not you participated in small group discussions or even read the book! (There are a few copies on the table next to the elevator, if you would like to catch up.)

We will discuss takeaways and enjoy an opportunity to gather and socialize.

The Tuesday morning group meets on May 9.

*Check the website calendar for additional sessions.*

# Yahrzeits

## May Yahrzeits

1. Charles Zitomer
2. Morton Nannis, Tillie Spaen, Bernard A. Black, Nathan Balansky, Evelyn M. Miller, Michael S. Shine, Gregory Shaker, Torsten Schmidt
3. Ida Karpman, Nathan Neyer, Ida Fox, Eugene Barbehenn, Harriet Gorski, Murray Cowen
4. Rose Lisagor, Benjamin Karpman, Naomi Cowen
5. David Scheen, Miriam "Mickey" Allen, Rose Levy
6. Eva Weisner, Jean Mittelman, Betty Feffer, Mark Freedman, Fannie Belostock, Ruth Karol, Ed Tober, Joseph Cohen, Helen Craig Lappe
7. Samuel Small, Kenneth Fleisher, Charles Gorman, Louis Shamesman, Marc Rothstein, Milton Manin, Ruth Simmons
8. Doris Jacobs, Morris Coles, Sumner Berenson
9. Annette Task, Helen Naparsteck, Herman Fink, Dora Rosenfeld, Melvyn Feitelson, Louis Schwartz, Honey Shaines, Morris Isenstein
10. Arthur Schwartz, Rita Benjamin
11. Abraham Selzer, Sam Linden, Leo Levy, Michelle Offenberger, Brenda Gibbs, Molly Cook
12. Ida Gersh, Manashe Polimar, Lilian White, Sydney Cantor, Walter Bailey, Shirley Cooper
13. Max Greenberg, Shirley Vaughn, Irvin Lavine, Harry Winebaum, Melba Meister, Robert Fisher, Leonard Berenson
14. Walter Mayer Sr., Benjamin Babson, Alexander Talis, Francis Horovitz
15. Samuel Klave, David Tober, Donald Albion

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16. Joseph Kernberg, Julius Applebaum, Anna Kessler Krasnoff
17. Dora Levine, Elbert Lafargue, Fannie Sharansky
18. Goldi Saitz, Irving Landes, Richard Nye, Jr.
19. Mildred Levy, Rose Steinberg, Marshall Derby, Beryle Grant, Russell Levenson
20. Mollie Fisher, Benjamin A. Weiner, Harry Portman
21. Gertrude Baer, Louis Pearlman, Sylvia Zack, Ryan Hennessey, Jeffrey Lehman
22. Moses Nannis, Morris Green, Cecelia Woolfson, Jack Grossman, Johanna Baer, Rose Goren, Abraham Portman
23. Sandra Rosen, Abraham Alpers, Anne Stack, Bernard Kornhauser, Shirley Cooper
24. Esther Liberson, Howard Kaufman
25. Zelda Parker, Samuel Shapiro, Herbert Siegal, Israel Louis Cohen
26. Alexander Zabin, Solomon Milechman, Abraham Kurtz, Samuel Lockman, George Sibulkin, Susan Fine
27. Benjamin Cohen, Hana Haritonova, Molly Silverman, Hans Heilbronner, Stuart Boughton
28. Joseph Wiseman, Isadore Rosenfeld, Samuel Fishman, Beatrice Wehrwein
29. Allen Blum, Sarah Kurtz, Louis Smith, Phillip Willensky, Alan Plotz
30. Sandra Singer
31. Edgar Pass, Sumner Cohen

**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

## Life Cycles

Cathi Cherry-Liston and Mel Liston joyfully announce the birth of their grandson Corbin on April 11. Parents Aaron Williams and Dayna Navatta and big brother Bodie are all doing well.



The congregation mourns the passing of Cris Goodman on April 8. Cris was the beloved brother of congregants Lisa and Jack Ohayon, uncle of Natalee and

Erik Martin, and great-uncle of Abby and Izzy Martin.

**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 (no class 5/31)

**Beginner Prayerbook Hebrew Grammar**  
6:30 pm Tuesdays, via Zoom

**Intro to Biblical Hebrew Grammar**  
6:30 pm Tuesdays, via Zoom

**Yiddish for Beginners, Shmoozatorium**  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24

**Advanced Torah Reading & Grammar**  
10:30 am Thursdays, via Zoom

**Hand Drumming for Beginners**  
3:30 pm Thursdays, in the chapel, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

**Executive Committee**  
7:30 pm, Wednesday, 5/10

**Board of Directors**  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, 5/16

**Ritual Committee**  
7:00 pm, Tuesday 5/23

**Education Committee**  
7:00 pm, Thursday, 6/1

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

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# Arts Review Team



**Deborah Levine**  
Chair, Arts Review  
Team

## Flowers for Shavuot

As Shavuot approaches, we prepare once again to commemorate receiving the Torah. Living in Israel in the late 1950s, I remember watching parades on this holiday,

with children dressed in white, their heads crowned with garlands of spring flowers. The

Arts Review Team will be decorating our own beautiful sanctuary with flowers and greenery. Floral contributions from temple members are most welcome. Please drop off by 4:00 pm, Wednesday, May 24, or by arrangement with the office.

## Mandalas for "Walk the Land"

For the "Walk the Land" event on May 21, we will supply materials for a coloring activity at Temple Israel's booth representing Safed, our sister city. We chose to create mandalas, honoring the spirit of the mystical and contemplative tradition of that sacred place.

## Kudos to Pam Battin-Sacks and Steve Sacks

Kudos to congregants and actors who recently starred in the play *Trifles* by Susan Glaspell. Pam played Mrs. Hale, while her real-life husband, Steve, portrayed Mr. Hale, at the Firehouse in Newburyport, MA. What a pair of memorable performances! Although the play was written in 1916, the themes are still relevant today.



## Plenty of Percussion!

Instructor John Felice returns for a spring session of **Drumming for Beginners** in the chapel. Classes take place Thursday afternoons, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm every week in May. No experience required; come and learn! Note: this session is self-funded by contributions made by participants directly to the instructor. Suggested donation: \$10 per session.



Save the date: Sunday, July 16, 11:00 am, **Marimba Concert** in the social hall, led by instructor Tchukki Andersen. A practice marimba will be available at the temple.



## Halcyon Music Festival at St. John's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth

Two weekends: June 15 - 17; June 22 - 24. Featuring chamber music ensembles.

## Portraits exhibit coming in June

Julie Serrano and Jill Poyourow will share their work in the Social Hall and Schmooze. Other submissions welcome by May 30. Please email me at [ArtsReview@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:ArtsReview@templeisraelnh.org).

## Museum visit to Ogunquit, Maine

Also coming in June: let's walk, eat lunch together, and view the summer art exhibit at the Barn Gallery. Date to be announced.





# Walk the Land

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**A Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration  
for Israel's 75th Anniversary**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday, May 21st, 2-4pm**

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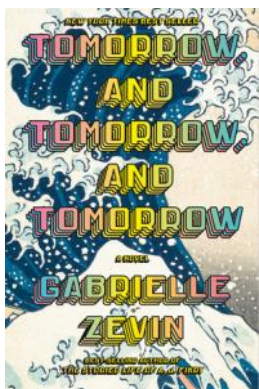
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**TIP Book Club discusses *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow: A Novel*, by Gabrielle Zevin**

**Thursday, May 25, 12:00 pm in the Shmooze.**

From the publisher's website:

*NEW YORK TIMES* BEST SELLER • Sam and Sadie—two college friends, often in love, but

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