

The Doorpost

Temple Israel
Monthly Newsletter
February 2023, Shevat - Adar 5783

From the Rabbi's Desk



Upcoming Events

Teaching and Learning

Being ordained as a rabbi was one of the highlights of my life. When the moment arrived, I stood upon a large stage in front of hundreds of people including my teachers, fellow students and their families, my parents, my children, extended family and friends. A *beit din* (Jewish legal court) comprised of three rabbis, who were all my teachers, placed their hands upon me and with blessings, conferred *semikah*, a transmission of rabbinic authority. It was an extraordinary and

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Rabba Kaya leads the ELC students in song and dance, celebrating Hanukkah with their teachers and families.



Welcome, Portsmouth Athenæum to 170 State Street!

See page 4 for more details about this exciting news!



FRIDAY 2/3 PROGRAMS POSTPONED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER; Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Shabbat Morning Service will be Zoom only. Sunday programs continue in person.

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New Immigrant/Asylum Seeker Shabbat, p. 9

"Together on Purpose" Listening Sessions, p. 11

9:00 am, Sunday, 2/5, Social Hall

6:00 pm, Monday, 2/13, via Zoom

Community Tu BiShvat Celebration, p. 5

3:00 pm, Sunday 2/5: STEAM-BiShvat Activities

4:00 pm, Sunday 2/5, Community Seder, Social Hall

With musical guests Lisa Jane Lipkin & Jay Hitt

TIP Book Club Discusses *The Latecomer*, p. 16

12:00 pm, Monday, 2/6, Shmoozatorium

Lunch N'Learn Tefilah Class begins, p. 2

12:15 pm, Thursday, 2/9, Chapel & via Zoom

Family Havdalah Laser Tag & Ice Cream, p. 6

6:00 pm, Saturday 2/18

Hebrew School is closed for Winter Break

2/25 - 3/10. Classes resume Saturday, 3/11.

ELC is closed for Winter Break

2/27 - 3/3. Classes resume Monday, 3/6.

First Friday Tot Shabbat, p. 3

4:30 pm, Friday, 3/3, Social Hall

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

From Rabba Kaya's Desk



Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

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tender experience. After that moment, another rabbinic mentor and friend introduced me from the stage, for the first time as *Rabba u'Morah l'Yisrael*, that is, Rabbi and Teacher of the Jewish people. These words are inscribed on the

ordination certificate that hangs in my office. Teacher, no less than Rabbi, is a fundamental role on this path of spiritual leadership and it is one I enjoy immensely.

Over the next two months, I am delighted to be teaching a mini-course on *tefilah*, Jewish prayer. We will meet six times on Thursdays, 12:15-1:15pm, in the chapel and on Zoom, beginning February 9. This Lunch 'N Learn series will explore the value and relevance of prayer from a Jewish perspective. It will provide a deeper understanding of the basic components, structure, and rhythms of our services, including the roles of both the prayer leader and the congregation. We will explore why our services were established in the forms we have inherited and the spiritual significance which underlies the specific prayers we recite. This class will be useful for anyone who wants to deepen their prayer experience and/or learn how to lead a service.

Learning, like prayer, is an integral part of Jewish life. Whereas learning primarily cultivates the mind, prayer is meant to cultivate the heart. And

the performance of mitzvot is meant to externalize and activate our values in the world.

Judaism offers us these many spiritual tools in order to build a life of reverence and holiness, a peaceful home, and a compassionate community. We are fortunate to live at a time, and in a place when Jewish learning is more accessible than ever. Our weekly bulletin often announces online classes and programs from a variety of excellent organizations and learning events in the Boston area that are open to all.

Have a look and consider joining me for some good learning before the springtime pulls us all outdoors!

With blessings,

Rabba Kaya

Lunch N'Learn Tefilah Classes begin 2/9

12:15 pm to 1:15 pm, 6 Thursdays (2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23)

For many of us, our education about Jewish prayer ended when we graduated from Hebrew School.



This class will provide a deeper understanding of the basic components, structure, and rhythms of our services. Come learn!

The class will meet in person in the chapel and remotely using the regular Zoom link for services. You may also register for the class via the website calendar to receive the Zoom link.

Prayer



Tot Shabbat and Alternative Services

Frist Fridays, dates 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

- March 3, March 31, May 5, June 9

Upcoming Alternative Services, start time below.

- 6:00 pm: 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: February 10, March 10
- 6:30 pm: April 14, May 12, June 2

Potluck Meals

Third Fridays, after 1-hour service.

- February 17, March 17, June 16
- **Thursday, May 25:** special Tikkun Leil Shavuot "Blintzes and Blini" dairy potluck.

Candle Lighting

- February 3, 4:41 pm
- February 10, 4:50 pm
- February 17, 5:00 pm
- February 24, 5:09 pm

Service Times

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

Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday, 6:00 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.*

Shabbat Morning Yoga

- In the Social Hall with instructor Allison Miller
- 9:00 am Saturdays, 2/18 and 2/25

Register on the website calendar

Tu BiShvat Seder

- 4:00 pm, Sunday, February 5. See page 5 for details and join us to celebrate the new year for trees!



Photo by Fran Berman

President's Message



Robert Zimman
President

Dear Fellow Congregants,
This month I have three things that I am very happy about and want to share with you. The first is that we successfully negotiated and signed a new four-year contract with Rabba Kaya to serve as our rabbi through June 2027.

As you may remember, Rabba Kaya arrived shortly after the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, facing an unprecedented crisis for our members and the world, and certainly nothing like the situation she expected when she agreed to join us. Throughout her more than two and a half years, she has guided our congregation through many obstacles presented by the pandemic and presided over gatherings both joyous and sorrowful. We have been fortunate to have her as our spiritual leader during these difficult times and we look forward to having her lead us into the future.

The second thing that I am very happy about is that we have just signed a three-year lease with the Portsmouth Athenaeum for the use of our building at 170 State Street, next to the sanctuary. We first started discussions with the Athenaeum more than 16 months ago. Sandy Roberts z"l played a major role, along with other members of the temple board.

Recently, I met with Sally Gayer, the President of the Portsmouth Athenaeum, and we were able to finalize and sign the agreement. The Athenaeum will be using the space for storage and cataloging material and will start moving in on or shortly after

February 1st. We will also be forming a joint venture with the Athenaeum to create and share an archive of historical documents, photographs, and oral histories regarding the legacy of the Jewish community in Portsmouth. The income from this lease will positively impact our budget and help make up for the revenue lost when our prior tenant departed three years ago.

The final thing that I'm very happy about is more personal rather than TIP- related. This past weekend, we celebrated our granddaughter becoming a bat mitzvah at Temple Israel in Boston, MA. Marilyn and I were thrilled to have all four of our children and their spouses, as well as all six of our grandchildren, gather for the simcha. Our children came from San Francisco, CA, Sterling, VA, and Port Angeles, WA. Their attendance showed a real commitment to family, especially as many had traveled long distances for a short weekend just to be with us.

So I have lots to be thankful for and I hope that you also have many things in your life for which to be grateful. In closing, I hope to see many of you in person or online when we hold the "Together on Purpose" discussions on Sunday morning, February 5, and Monday evening, February 13.



TIP President Robert Zimman and Proprietors Portsmouth Athenaeum President Sally Gayer sign the lease for 170 State.

Ritual Committee



Kishka's Corner

Dear Kishka,

I believe that we are allowed to bring non-kosher food into the temple for our own personal consumption.

I sometimes like to buy a turkey sandwich at one of the nearby cafes in

Portsmouth, and I was wondering -- is it okay to bring it into the temple to eat it during a meeting or while just hanging out? What if it is kosher turkey? Uncertain About Meat

Dear Uncertain,

You are correct that non-kosher-certified food is permitted in the temple for personal consumption. This policy was created so that temple employees and people attending meetings, who may not be able to access kosher food, can eat in the building. However, **only vegetarian, pareve, or dairy foods may be brought in for personal consumption.** Meat (including chicken, turkey, beef, or lamb, whether kosher or not) is not allowed to be brought in for personal consumption.

So, your turkey sandwich is not acceptable.

However, coffee and a muffin, a hummus wrap (vegetarian), a spinach and goat cheese salad (dairy), or a tuna salad sandwich (pareve) would be fine.

Wishing you good eating,

Kishka

Upcoming Potluck Meals

Third Fridays, after 1-hour service.

- February 17, March 17, June 16

Climate Action Tu BiShvat

Celebration and Seder

Sunday, February 5



Climate Action STEAM Activities @ 3:00 pm for families

Tu BiShvat, the Jewish new year for trees, is a time for us to reflect on all the ways nature

provides for us every day. Learn how YOU can help fight climate change with some fun STEAM activities including edible greenhouse gases, plastic bottle gardens, and CO2 balloons.



Community Seder featuring Cocktails & Mocktails @ 4:00 pm for all ages

Enjoy a Tu BiShvat seder of delicious fruits, nuts, cocktails, and mocktails

brought to us through the gifts of trees. Sample inspired concoctions for adults and children alike while you nosh on sweet and savory snacks and listen to music with special guests Lisa Jane Lipkin and Jay Hitt. For all ages.

Register via the website calendar to help us plan for refreshments and activity materials. Suggested donation: \$18.00

Hebrew School



Erik Martin
Head of School

Havdalah Bowling Night

We're all out of bowling puns, can you spare one?

Our January 6 gathering was a smashing success. Thank you to everyone who came out and had a good time on the lanes with us. No matter the score, we were all winners!



Many thanks to our hosts, Portsmouth Bowl-O-Rama!



Havdalah: Laser Tag & Ice Cream Social

6:00 pm, Saturday, February 18

Take aim... at joining a few dozen of your closest friends for a night of laser tag fun! Shabbat may be over, but the fun is just beginning for this season's final Havdalah program. Let's send it off with a "pew, pew!"

Open to the community, invite your friends! Appropriate for ages 5 and up. Address provided upon registration. Cost: \$15 per player. Children 10 and younger MUST be accompanied by an adult. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY Saturday, 2/11.**

Purim Carnival & Shpiel

Monday, March 6

Join us for an evening (in costume!) of games, prizes, music, food, and fun! Come for the carnival, stay for the megillah reading!



Early Learning Center

Shalom,

In November the students of the ELC started learning about Hanukkah. We answered questions like: Why does Hanukkah last for eight nights? What was the miracle? Who were the Maccabees? What is a menorah? Why do we eat foods fried in oil? We also learned to play dreidel!

In December the ELC celebrated Hanukkah with a family gathering where we served latkes and *sufganiyot*. Laura Sher made the dough and then fried the yummy donuts with us. The children shook the powdered sugar over the top to finish our holiday treats.



Our students presented their living menorah during the family celebration. The tallest student served as the shamash to light the other “candles.”

Rabba Kaya led us in a dance to a Hanukkah song.

While January’s stormy weather has caused some canceled school days, we have also enjoyed playing together in the snow!



Tammy Roberge
Director, ELC



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 December 29, 2022 - January 26, 2023.

See p. 12 for Annual Fund Donations.

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Karen Crowley in honor of Kathryn Mulhearn, Hebrew language instructor.

CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Betty Wachtel in loving memory of David H. Wachtel. Naomi Fishbein in memory of her mother-in-law, Lena Fishbein. Bernice Richman in memory of her sister, Shirley Richman. Barbara Levenson in memory of her uncle, L. Allen Levenson, her mother, Shura Levenson, her grandfather, Jacob Simon, and her grandmother, Sophie Sandler.

DINNERMAN-ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Barbara Fox in memory of her grandmother, Dora Lena Segal. Joyce Meenes in loving memory of her grandmother, Sarah Rottenberg. Ellen Farber in memory of her father, Arthur Filler.

DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Jane LeSavoy in memory of her partner, William Chernin, and in memory of Samuel Chernin.

HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Jeffrey and Kellisue, Jonah and Ginger Friedman in memory of Sandy Roberts z"l. Marilyn Zimman in memory of her father, Alexander J. Epstein. Laura Domocos in honor of Kathryn Mulhearn. Michael and Laura Rubin and family in loving memory of Michael's grandfather, Jerome Sorkin. Jeffrey and Kellisue, Jonah and Ginger Friedman in honor of Elian Tackeff and Cheryl Berman. Gail Bradbard in loving memory of Margery Bendetson.

HOLOCAUST TORAH FUND

Mel Prostkoff and Helen Hanan.

INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND

Gloria Moldoff in memory of her uncle, Harold Fisher, her aunt, Rose Fisher, and her grandmother, Fannie Woolfson. Elaine Lampert in memory of her parents,

Morton and Brina Lampert. Nancy Alexander in memory of her mother, Ruth Sussman, and in memory of her mother-in-law, Marcia Alexander.

LANDSCAPE FUND

Ellen and Bill McQueeney in loving memory of Ellen's father, Burton Kreisworth.

LIBRARY FUND

Adina Linden in memory of her mother, Betty Prietz. Barbara Fein in memory of her father, Leon S. Fein. Tara Silverman in memory of Daniel Bancroft, who led "a life well-lived and dedicated to embracing others." Stephanie Shaines, for the Abraham Burtman Trust, "Wishing the congregation a very happy new year."

PRESCHOOL FUND

Mel Prostkoff and Helen Hanan in honor of the birth of Elio Isadore Caputo Martindale. Claudia Leblanc in memory of her father, Arthur Leblanc.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Elissa Kaplan Senter in loving memory of Rabbi David Senter. William and Cristine Goldberg in memory of William's mother, Beverly Driscoll. David and Monika Olken in memory of David's mother, Charlotte Olken. Diane Heller. Mike Steinberg in memory of his aunt, Marilyn Gorman.

SECURITY FUND

Jerrold Pollak and Marilyn McGair. Jeffrey and Kellisue, Jonah and Ginger Friedman in honor of Harman and Paula Friedman.

TZEDAKAH FUND

Diane Goulston in memory of her cousin, Robert Schlesinger. Daniel Agbajor and Rebecca Udoh. Claire Siegel in memory of her husband, Barry Siegel. Helen Hanan in memory of mother, Ann Hanan and in memory of her husband, Julian Meltzer. Roberta Issokson wishes a full and speedy recovery to Rabba Kaya. Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt and Randy Spratt in honor of Kaya Stern Kaufman's complete healing. Myrna Promer in memory of her mother-in-law, Rachel Promer, and in memory of her parents, Eva and Manny Weisner.

Tikkun Olam / Nominating

New Immigrant / Asylum Seeker Shabbat

Postponed due to weather

A special Kabbalat Shabbat service sponsored by the Tikkun Olam Committee will take place on **Friday, February 3, 2023 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 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.



Seeking to Fill Three Open Board Positions

By Mel Prostkoff, Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee is looking to fill three positions on the Temple Israel Board:

Financial Secretary, 2-year term. Coordinates with the temple office to resolve dues adjustment requests. Member of the Executive Committee, and serves with the treasurer on the Financial Oversight Committee.

Recording Secretary, 2-year term. Member of the Executive Committee. Takes minutes at monthly board meetings. *Outgoing secretary Loren Selig has offered to train her replacement in her time-saving techniques!*

Director, 3-year term. Directors generally act as a liaison with one or more committees.

These who are elected to fill these positions will begin their terms after they are voted into office at the Annual Meeting on Monday, May 8.

Congregants must be Temple Israel members for at least one year in order to serve on the Board. Board membership is a great way to meet people. As a board member, you will work with other dedicated volunteers to maintain and improve many aspects of Temple Israel as well as to help strategically plan for its future.

If you are interested in serving on the board and would like more information about the available positions, or if you would like to suggest a candidate, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Mel Prostkoff via email at nominating@templeisraelnh.org. Thank you.

Arts Review Team

By Deborah Levine, Arts Review Team Chair

With the colder weather, snow, and ice, some fortunate congregants are voyaging to warmer locations. We wish safe travels to those exploring New Zealand and Puerto Rico, flying to Israel, and those traveling more locally to spend time with family and friends. We hope that on their return, they will be inspired to share photographs and stories of places near and far in a summer exhibit. Meanwhile, here is the traditional prayer recited by travelers:

"May it be Your will, Adonai, our God and the God of our ancestors, that You lead us toward peace, guide our footsteps toward peace, that we are supported in peace, and make us reach our desired destination for life, gladness, and peace. May You rescue us from the hand of every foe and ambush, from robbers and wild beasts on the trip, and from all manner of punishments that assemble to come to earth. May You send blessing in our handiwork, and grant us grace, kindness, and mercy in Your eyes and in the eyes of all who see us. May You hear the sound of our humble request because You are God Who hears prayer requests. Blessed are You, Lord, Who hears prayer."

Current & Upcoming Classes

Intermediate Marimba with Tchukki Anderson.

Class meets in the social hall on Mondays at 6:00 pm. The instructor welcomes students with a musical background. Please contact the office for more information.

Hand Drumming for Beginners. The winter session continues on Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:00pm, February 2, 16, and 23. Register via the website calendar. No musical background required.

Reflected Light: Your Grandmother, Mother, and You, Session 3, 10:00 am, Sunday, 2/26. Sandell Morse will be teaching an additional class in this series, sponsored by the Arts Review Team.

Upcoming Exhibits

"Landscape and the Natural World" will be the theme for our next exhibit.

With Tu BiShvat coming up on February 5, honoring trees and nature, we hope this exhibit will continue to inspire our acknowledgment of the beauty of the earth and God's creations.



Photo by Fran Berman

Save the dates, March 17

and 19, for "Taking the Measure of Nature: Glacier Bay and Western Alaska," a presentation and photo exhibit by Emma and Walter Rous. This adventurous couple will also provide some landscapes from their upcoming trip to New Zealand. Enjoy the photos on display in the social hall during the community potluck after services on Friday, 3/17. Emma and Walter will do a walk-through of their work with opportunities for informal Q&A. Then join us via Zoom at 11:00 am on Sunday, 3/19, as they talk more about the travels and the creation of the work on display.

Congregant Julie Serrano's work will be on display in Dover at Aplomb Contemporary Portrait Gallery through Feb. 26, and later, on view in the Temple Israel Social Hall.



Treasurer / Upcoming

Dear fellow congregants,

As we approach the end of our 2023 fiscal year on June 30th, we are already at work creating our fiscal year 2024 budget. The budget serves as an essential tool in analyzing and maintaining the financial security of Temple Israel.

Preparing the budget is an iterative process involving our department heads and many committee chairs. All our members also have an opportunity to review the proposed budget and provide input. To that end, I will hold a public meeting on March 23 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall at the temple. If you cannot join us in person, please join via Zoom using the regular link for services found in every Friday bulletin.

I look forward to your participation, questions, and recommendations.

Richard LeSavoy, Treasurer

treasurer@templeisraelnh.org



Missing an umbrella, lunch bag, or pair of glasses? Check the coat closet near the elevator for found items.



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Together on Purpose: Community

Listening Sessions

9:00 am Sunday, 2/5,
Social Hall (breakfast followed by discussion from 10:00 to 12:30)

6:00 - 8:30 pm Monday, 2/13, via Zoom

Your board of directors wants to hear your thoughts on the future of Temple Israel. The discussions will be facilitated by NH Listens.



TIP Reads!

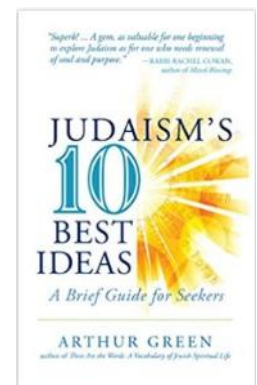
This winter and spring we are gathering in small groups to read and discuss *Judaism's Ten Best Ideas: A Guide for Seekers* by Arthur Green.

Books have been ordered.

Registered participants will be notified when their copies arrive. Groups will meet the week of March 13 and set additional meeting dates. Current time slots:

- 10:30 am Tuesdays, with coffee
- After Tuesday minyan, via Zoom
- 4:30 -5:30 pm Wednesdays in the Shmooze
- "Shabbat club," after Friday services

There's still time to sign up! Contact the temple office or see the website calendar for March.



New Members / Classes

Welcome to new (and returning) members!

- Cheryl Berman, Portsmouth
- Deborah Bussel and Steve Goldin, and daughter Lily, Durham, NC.
- Judy and John Craig, en route to the NH Seacoast from Mendham, NJ
- Mary Dow, Portsmouth
- Robert Duval and Tania Tykocinski Duval, and sons David and Andre, Eliot, ME
- Jacqueline Levine, Eliot, ME
- Gabe Rosenbloom, Portsmouth
- David Schnur and Kicki Wehlou, Portsmouth
- Jennifer Seidler, Portsmouth
- Trent and Denise Sensiba, and son Taylen, Portsmouth
- Steve and Kindra Spector, Portsmouth
- Lisa Weinstein, and daughters Lily and Clara, Lee
- Mark Windt, East Kingston

CLASSES

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Grammar, p. 15

4:00 pm Mondays, via Zoom

Intermediate Marimba, p. 10

6:00 pm, Mondays, Social Hall

Beginner Prayerbook Hebrew Grammar, p. 15

6:30 pm Tuesdays, via Zoom

Intro to Biblical Hebrew Grammar, p. 15

6:30 pm Tuesdays, via Zoom

Yiddish for Beginners, Shmoozatorium

11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays: DATES

Lunch N'Learn Tefilah Class, Chapel & Zoom

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm, Thursdays 2/9, 16, 23

Advanced Torah Reading & Grammar, p. 15

10:30 am Thursdays, via Zoom

Hand-Drumming for Beginners, p. 10

3:30 pm Thursdays, 2/2, 16, 23, Chapel

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

House Committee

6:00 pm, Thursday, 2/2

Executive Committee

7:30 pm, Wednesday, 2/15

Israel Affairs Committee

3:30 pm, Tuesday 2/21

Board of Directors

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 2/21

Education Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 2/23

Ritual Committee

7:00 pm, Tuesday 2/28

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



15th Annual New Hampshire

Jewish Film Festival

March 16 - March 26

Bonus Weeks 3/ 27 - 4/ 16

Announcing a premier lineup of 11 truly outstanding and diverse feature-length films and a 5-film shorts program that will excite, enlighten and provoke you, our audience. Presented this year as a multi-access experience, featuring both in-theater and virtual screenings of films from around the globe. Schedule and tickets online at: <https://2023nhjff.eventive.org/schedule>

Yahrzeits

February Yahrzeits

1. Harry Cohen, Esther Hooz, Benjamin Kisner, Rebecca Thorner, Morris Oshry, Natalie Baron
2. Richard S. Levy, Ida Zeidman, Mildred Katz, Samuel Liberson
3. J.Z. Shafran, Shura Levenson
4. Fannie Greenberg, Jacob London, Isadore Stack, Lawrence H. Adelman, Alfred Anderson
5. David Bauer, Donald Leo Lebowitz, David Blank, Nathan Roffman, Warren H. Overstreet Sr.
6. Jacob Simon, Anne Singer, Ronald Gross, Gertrude Baer, Isaac Kates, Kenneth Miller
7. Charles Handleman, Fannie London, Harry Riback, Louis White, Jane Wise, Jacob Rosenberg, Ann Isacoff, Margaret Spund
8. J.L. Cohen, Joseph Posternak, Max Becker, Sue Ann Lieberman
9. Michelle Robbins, Joseph Steinberg, Daniel M. Berman, Mary Blum, Estelle Israel, Marian Ruth Frankel, Gertrude Berenson
10. Gilda Koeppel, Nathan Klaiman, Vivian Lafargue, Thomas Weinbaum, Carl Wallman, Sheldon Krasker
11. Rebecca Schwartz, Harry Gelman, Nordia Kay, Isaac Goodman, Frances Levitt, Frances Davis, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Harry Goodstein
12. Jennie Cohen, Beatrice Downs, Ruth Shaines, Frances Schultz
13. Jewell Schiffman, Sam Rottenberg, Israel Trubowitz
14. Esther Cohen, Dorothy Katz, Jacob N. Paisner,

10 Shevat - 7 Adar 5783

- Leonard Levy, Frances Kolker, Ronald Meenes
15. Mary Weiss, Irving Bratter, Dr. Max Helman, Lauren Burnham
16. Saul Lepoff, Kate Shaines, Lewis J. Fisher, Laura Ossoff, Abraham Levine, Louis Shapiro
17. Sydney Parker, Natalie Resnick, Ida Siegel, Rosalyn Schwartz, Minnie Senter, Paul Shoer, Jack Cook, Libby Rothstein, Hyman Miller, Shirley Traven
18. Michael Goodman, Milton H. Cooper, Irving Thorner, Ellen Silverman, Celia Sroelov
19. Anna Dinnerman, Elizabeth Stone, Leonard Gordon, Betty Karnefsky, Thomas Brahms, Jennie Kuchinsky, Benjamin Fischer
20. Albert Isselbacher, Ann Goodman, Anne Gray, Robert Davis, Jr., Ree Becker, Jacob Potter, Arnold Fishbein
21. Selma Schwartz, Lillian Roberts, Theodore Davis, Harry Klein, Sam Leiderman
22. Harry Halprin, Jeanette Black, Werner Loeb, Jack Farber, Lillian Miller, Roberta Ohlemacher, Charlotte Mackles, Moe Rosenblum, Norman Torf, Barbara MacGregor
23. David Fishbein, Sophie Sandler, Robert Shaines, Ida Blank
24. Louis Taube, Golda Zarrow, Solomon Emmer, Morris Salden, Suzanne Sherman, Nancy Medoff, Jean MacDougall
25. Jacob Segal, Steven Israel, Beatrice Newton, Marjorie Ellen Ryder, Robert Fox, Michael

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

Stocklan, Lena Rosenberg, Joanne Solomon,
Hilda Benjamin

26. Bessie Abrams, Pauline Applebaum, Victor Ohayon, Phyllis Klaye, Gerald Goldstein, F. Mark Reinhart, Norman Brill, Louis H. Silverman, Katie Grossman, Daniel Schwartz, Albert Woolfson, Clarice Yoken, Herbert Richard Greene, Sheila Kaplan, Debbie Most
27. Philip Hornblas, Rabbi Seymour Siegel, Sima Gagh, Bruce Krassner, Micki Pastor, Joseph Nicole, Idel Mackles, Robert Berman
28. Bernard Frim, Sarah Simmons, Frances Kniaz, Rachel Leah Tayyabkhan, Peter L. Hooz, Edward Goldman, John Selden, Katie Levy, Ron Sussman



Adult Hebrew Classes

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

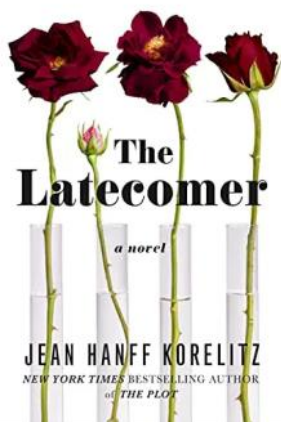
siddur (Hebrew prayerbook), including the *Shema*, *Aleinu*, and the *Amidah*. Textbook: *Prayerbook Hebrew The Easy Way* (EKS, Third Edition), approx. \$30.00. **Students should purchase this book on their own. The only prerequisite is a working knowledge of the Hebrew aleph-bet.

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 the 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 Latecomer*, by Jean Hanff Korelitz**
Monday, February 6, 12:00 pm. Please join us in the Shmooze. (Rescheduled from 1/23 due to inclement weather.)

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Plot* (a “Tonight Show Summer Read pick”) and *You Should Have Known* (adapted as HBO’s *The Undoing*), Jean Hanff Korelitz’s

The Latecomer is the story of three siblings, locked in mutual loathing, and the upending of their family with the late arrival of a fourth.



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Save the Date: Sunday, April 16

Dr. Fredrik Meiton will speak on the topic:
The 22-State Solution: The End of the Arab-Israeli Conflict?

"An Historical Overview of the Arab-Israeli Conflict Leading up to the Abraham Accords."

Please join us for a presentation sponsored by the Israel Affairs Committee, as part of the temple's observation of Yom Ha'atzmaut, the 75th anniversary of the

founding of the state of Israel. Guest speaker Dr. Fredrik Meiton is a UNH Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts. Bagel brunch starts at 11:00 am, with the presentation from 11:30 - 12:30.

