

The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

August 2023, Av - Elul 5783

From the Rabbi's Desk



Upcoming Events



Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

Israel on my mind...

Last week I had the good fortune to attend the discussion between Rabbi Marc Baker, the CEO of Combined Jewish Philanthropies-Boston, and Daniel Gordis, a noted

American-born Israeli scholar and author who holds both a doctoral degree and rabbinic ordination. I'd like to share with you some of the salient points offered by Daniel Gordis about the current situation in Israel.

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Shabbat Home Hospitality Needed, September - May

If you live within walking distance of Temple Israel AND have a spare bedroom, please consider hosting our

rabbinic intern for a Shabbat overnight in the year ahead. Jacob Chatinover (see his introduction on page 17) is a 4th year rabbinic student at Hebrew College. He (with his wife Julia on some Shabbats) will be with us for two Shabbats per month from September through May and he/they will need overnight housing. If you can't offer housing but



Pride Shabbat, p. 3

6:30 pm, Friday, 8/11, Sanctuary

JFNH Annual Meeting & Shem Tov Award, p. 14

6:00 pm, Sunday, 8/13, Bedford, NH

The Temple Office will be closed for Heather's vacation

Monday, 8/14 - Friday, 8/18

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6:00 pm, Wednesday, 8/16, Social Hall

Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service, p. 3

6:30 pm, Friday, 8/18, Strawberry Banke

Shabbat Service & Potluck, p. 3

6:30 pm, Friday, 8/25

Back to Shul Fest, p. 14

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Sunday, 8/27, Strawberry Banke

ELC Orientation, p. 7

9:00 am, Tuesday, 8/29 & Wednesday, 8/30, Classroom

Contemplative Elul Event

Details TBA in the Friday bulletin, Thursday, 8/31

First Friday Tot Shabbat, p. 3

5:00 pm, Friday, 9/1, Chapel

Bat Mitzvah of Zora Nobel, p. 8

5:00 pm, Saturday, 9/2, Sanctuary

Complete CLASS AND COMMITTEE MEETING schedule continues on page 19.

you'd like to invite Jacob for dinner, we are seeking Shabbat meal hosts too (kosher or vegetarian)!

Jacob is really looking forward to meeting all of us, whether at the temple or in our homes. For more information, please contact Fran Berman, vpitruat@templeisraelnh.org.

From the Rabbi's Desk

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Dr. Gordis began by stating his opinion that Israel is facing the most profound crisis in her 75-year existence. He noted that a poll taken just after the Knesset vote to limit the power of the Supreme Court revealed that 28% of Israelis are now considering leaving the country. Additionally, at least 3000 medical doctors have protested this new law, with thousands inquiring about jobs overseas. If thousands of Israel's doctors emigrate, it would precipitate a health care crisis. In addition, 70% of Israel's tech companies are considering leaving the country. Israeli air-force reserve pilots have threatened not to serve if called, leaving the country in a position in which they are not "battle-ready." Whether or not one agrees with the new law curtailing the power of the Supreme Court, it is clear that a vast swath of Israelis from all backgrounds see this move as existentially threatening.

To better understand this move by Netanyahu's coalition, to alter Israel's judicial system, Gordis strongly urged everyone to read the legislation. It is not as simple as presented in news articles and sound bites. One can read a legal review of the legislation [here](https://images.shulcloud.com/13606/uploads/Documents/Event-handouts-follow-up/2023-events/AnalysisofIsraeliConstitutionalReform-Barak-Corren.pdf): <https://images.shulcloud.com/13606/uploads/Documents/Event-handouts-follow-up/2023-events/AnalysisofIsraeliConstitutionalReform-Barak-Corren.pdf>

The recent vote is a first step in a project of additional judicial reforms that Gordis explains will strengthen the power of the ultra-religious right-wing parties, weaken the rights of women, LGBTQ individuals, and the non-orthodox population, and

give exclusive power to the Orthodox rabbinate over conversion, marriage, divorce, and other activities.



Finally, Gordis reminded us of our history regarding Jewish sovereignty in the land of Israel. The First Commonwealth, ruled by a unified kingdom lasted for 73 years before it divided due to internal conflict and eventually was destroyed on Tisha B'Av in 586 BCE. The second Commonwealth lasted 74 years before it was conquered and destroyed on Tisha B'Av in 70 CE. Today our State of Israel is 75 years old. Will it survive this current crisis?

Watching from afar, my heart is breaking as the dream of Israel is ripping at its seams. Our Israeli friends are asking us all to lean in closer to Israel at this critical time. This means paying attention to what is happening there, educating ourselves and supporting efforts to preserve the pluralistic and democratic values upon which the state was founded. There is too much at stake for us to remain bystanders.

Please consider learning from and supporting some of these Israeli organizations working to preserve a pluralistic and democratic Israel: Shalom Hartman Institute, Israel Religious Action Center, Center for Women's Justice, Women of the Wall, Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center.

With blessings to all,

Rabba Kaya

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 (during the school year) and Torah reading. B'nei mitzvah services begin at 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 on the "Member Resources" page.*

Lay Leaders

- Tuesday, August 1, Mel Prostkoff, via Zoom
- Friday, August 4, Cantor Ellen Farber
- Saturday, August 5, Fran Berman
- Tuesday, August 8, Judy Craig, via Zoom

Pride Shabbat & Potluck

- Friday, August 11, 6:30 pm. Please join us for a special Kabbalat Shabbat service with guest speakers, guest musicians, and Pride themes. All are welcome! Community potluck follows; bring a dairy/pareve/ vegetarian dish to share

Outdoor Service

- Friday, August 18, 6:30 pm, at Strawberry Banke, led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman. Bring a dairy/vegetarian/ pareve picnic dinner and your own chair. Services will be live streamed on the TIP Facebook page. In case of inclement weather, services will be held in the sanctuary and will be accessible via the usual Zoom link.

Candle Lighting

August 4, 7:44 pm

August 11, 7:35 pm

August 18, 7:24 pm

August 25, 7:13 pm

September 1, 7:01 pm

Shabbat Service & Potluck

- Friday, August, 25, 6:30 pm



Tot Shabbat

- Friday, September 1, 5:00 pm, followed by Service at 6:30 pm

Bat Mitzvah of Zora Nobel

- Saturday, September 2, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary, in person and via special Zoom link

Traditional Service

- Friday, September 8, 6:30 pm (no instruments)

President's Message



Jared Nabel
President

Fellow TIP community members,
It may be summer, but we are not in vacation mode! Programming is proliferating, Brotherhood is bustling, and Sisterhood is simmering. If you have not recently attended any Temple

events, you may not be aware that Sisterhood, in the extremely capable hands of Rachel Dennis, and Brotherhood, being steered very effectively by Ryan Kaplan, are lining up events, and not resting on the laurels of their recent successes.

Sisterhood got off to a delectable start with a chocolate class led by Master Chocolatier Thomas Nash and found time to picnic, attend the theater, play some mahjong, and partake in some crafting among other events. Sisterhood will also have a presence at the upcoming Back to Shul Fest on August 27th. If you'd like more information on Sisterhood, or would like to help plan future events, please reach out to Rachel Dennis, Sisterhood@templeisraelnh.org.

Brotherhood is also coming off the heels of a couple recent social events, including a wildly successful get-together at Café Stroll in Portsmouth, where a wide array of Temple members were able to enjoy drinks, conversation and camaraderie. Brotherhood members were happy to setup and assist with the recent wedding held at TIP in July. Additionally, planning is in full swing for food preparation and serving at Shul Fest, organizing ushers for the High Holidays, and future

social events that will find their way to the website calendar soon. If you'd like to participate in future Brotherhood events, or have any questions, please reach out to Ryan Kaplan at Brotherhood@templeisraelnh.org.

Temple Israel staff and volunteers are busy bringing new programming ideas to life, and we'd love to have you join us! If you'd like to get involved, but haven't found your shtick yet, don't wait, there's never been a better time to seek out opportunities. If I can be of any assistance in helping you find your community within our greater community, please feel free to reach out to me at president@templeisraelnh.org.

L'hitraot, See you soon, להתראות

Jared Nabel

Welcome New Members (spring/summer)

- Michael & Kerstin Apfelberg, Dover
- Susan Grodman & Steven Epstein, Kittery
- Gaal Levine & Jerard Fagerberg and daughter Daisy, Kittery
- Robert & Kerstin Mendelsohn, Portsmouth
- Max and Tamar Puyanik and children Max, Maya, and Ori, Portsmouth
- Gail Roemmelt, Exeter
- James Rosenfield & Jane Armstrong, New Castle
- Marissa & Alfonso Ruiz and son Carter, Durham
- Jennifer & Robert Schindler, Greenland
- Nathan Schwadron and daughters Marina and Jane, Durham

Ritual Committee

Elul: A time to look back and prepare for the new year

By Fran Berman, VP Ritual

Summer in the Seacoast is a brief, delightful time. Many of us rejoice in the natural pleasures of this season: the mild ocean breezes, time by the water, visiting with friends or family, beautiful flowers blossoming in our parks and yards, and fresh local fruits and vegetables.

One of the things I enjoy in the summer is meeting some of the visitors who turn up at services or stop by the temple to learn about our congregation. Those who are visiting from big cities are often amazed to see what our small Jewish community has to offer.

I recently gave a temple tour to a couple from North Carolina. One of them was born in Portsmouth, and her relatives were among our founding families! She was delighted to see their names and even their pictures in our big memory book in the Shmoozatorium. These relatives are honored elders in our congregation, and the fact that we have taken the time to remember them was meaningful to her. While she was here, she visited our cemetery with Dick Grossman of the Cemetery Committee. There she was able to “meet” some ancestors who passed away before she was born and to honor the memory of others whom she knew.

Being part of a historic congregation is something we take for granted. Visitors help us to see it with fresh eyes and to appreciate what we have here in Portsmouth. I want to take this moment, before we embark on our High Holidays, to thank all of those

in our congregation who maintain our historic facilities, including our historic books and photos, who light our memorial lights, who care for our cemeteries, and who make it possible for us to continue to be a healthy and vital congregation.



Fran Berman
VP, Ritual

In the month of Elul, which starts on the evening of August 16, we will reflect on the year past and consider how our actions have impacted the people and things around us. I encourage you to take a few minutes to ponder your own actions in the year we are ending. What are you ready to leave behind? What are your hopes for the year ahead?

These questions offer a way to get ready for the new year that begins with our Rosh Hashanah service in September. If you come to ShulFest on August 27, stop by the Ritual Committee’s booth and write your thoughts on cards as part of our “Elul Reflections” activity.

On September 9, at our Selichot observance on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, we will burn the cards representing actions from this past year that we are letting go of, and we will prepare to embrace the year to come with fresh energy. Please join us in these rituals as the year 5783 comes to a close.

Hebrew School / Family Programs



Erik Martin
Head of School

Registration is Open!

Temple Israel Hebrew School is accepting enrollments for the 2023-24 school year! Open to grades K-7. Give your child the gift of a Jewish education like no other. Our curriculum is centered around the student, with an emphasis on project-

based learning and putting values into action. Your child's success is our first priority! To achieve this, we offer self-paced Hebrew instruction, a new theme every week, one-on-one tutoring on your schedule, and full bar/bat/kabbalat mitzvah preparation.

**Temple Israel**
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

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Hebrew Decoding & language skills

Prayers & blessings including taking part in Shabbat service

Putting Jewish living & Values into action

Understanding Tanach as the stories of our people

Israel & its connection to us

Jewish History & what makes us a holy people

Holidays, & how they shape who we are

Registration Now Open!
Scholarships & Financial Aid Available

Meeting Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, students take part in the Shabbat service while diving deep into their heritage. We're also excited to begin offering Hebrew Through Movement in our program! HTM allows learners to experience Hebrew as a living language, giving context to the decoding & language skills they learn in the classroom. Think of it as a mini-ulpan!

For more information, contact Head of School, Erik Martin at headofschool@templeisraelnh.org or call 603-436-5301 ext. 14.

[Visit bit.ly/HebrewSchoolSignUp](https://bit.ly/HebrewSchoolSignUp) to register today!



TIP Teens Lounge Nights!

Two Wednesdays a Month @ Temple Israel
6:00-8:00 PM
Pizza, Games, Movies, & Friends

Free & open to all Jewish teens!

Teen Lounge Nights

Two Wednesdays a month, beginning August 16

See TIP website calendar for full schedule

6:00-8:00 pm, ages 13+

Is your teen looking for something to do on a Wednesday night? Come hang out with Jewish teens from around the Seacoast for a casual lounge night at Temple Israel! A chance for teens to be teens with other Jewish kids. Activities will change from night to night. Join in for a movie, a game night, to make some cool decorations for the Sukkah, or just hang and chat!

Free and open to all Jewish teens, includes pizza dinner!

See the Temple Israel calendar for a full schedule of lounge nights and register to let us know you're coming.

Early Learning Center

Shalom,

The Early Learning Center held a graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 8, 2023. Nineteen children and their families participated, with six children finishing our program and heading off to kindergarten in the fall. We hoped to have their celebration outside, but alas, the weather turned cool and misty that morning.



Ellen McQueeney opened the celebration, marching in with the children and leading them in performing three songs she had taught them during



her Israeli dancing enrichment sessions. Rabba Kaya did a wonderful call-and-response song with the children and their families.

We then gave out certificates and ate some ice cream before sending everyone off to enjoy their summer vacation.

Graduating to kindergarten were: Eleana Zoll, Rachel Nash, Kai Whitley, Pepper Bedrick, Dylan Whitaker and Camille Mangold-Drohan.

The new school year 2023 – 2024 begins Wednesday, September 6, 2023.



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)

Bat Mitzvah / Kulam



**The congregation is warmly invited to the
bat mitzvah of Zora Nobel**

Saturday, September 2, 2023, 5:00 pm

My name is Zora Nobel. This fall I will be a freshman at Marshwood High School in South Berwick. I enjoy playing soccer, running, cooking, and spending time with friends. Judaism is important to me because it gives me a sense of community no matter where I go.

Kulam

New Teen Education Program

One Sunday/month, see TIP calendar for schedule

Meets at 5:00 pm, pizza dinner included

Promoting *shleimut* (individual wellbeing), *hesed* (connection), and *tzedek* (just action) through monthly gatherings, dialogue, Jewish texts, games and interactive activities.

Facilitated by Rabba Kaya, the Kulam curriculum creates a safe space that fosters open and honest discussions. Participants will:

- Have fun in a Jewish space with other Jewish teens
- Connect with Jewish wisdom
- Become equipped to develop healthy relationships
- Be inspired to make a positive difference
- Gain insight into current social issues in the world

Open to ALL Jewish teens, ages 13-16

Cost: \$108 per teen for Temple Israel members

\$144 per teen for non-members

Price includes all materials, caring professional staff, pizza dinner, and friendships for a lifetime!

[Register](#) via the TIP website calendar.

Moving Traditions
Kulam

New Teen Program
Where Jewish teens ask big questions about:

- *shleimut*, individual well being
- *hesed*, connection
- *tzedek*, just action
- identity, equity, and justice

through honest and open dialogue, Jewish texts, games and other interactive activities, teens explore these issues together

Monthly classes
Sundays @ 5:00pm
Includes pizza dinner!

Temple Israel
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Sisterhood

By Rachel Dennis, Chair

Our premiere Sisterhood event was a chocolate class led by Master Chocolatier Tom Nash. Thirty people learned about chocolate and made yummy ganache. Thank you to Elian Tackeff for organizing this event.



Craft and Kvetch: Many of us had fun as we met on Tuesday afternoons and shared stories while crafting. Although suspended in August, Craft and Kvetch will begin again in September.

Picnic: We had a lovely picnic on July 30, sharing wonderful food and enjoying one another's company, as well as the great weather at Prescott Park.

Theater: It was wonderful to see Pam Battin-Sacks and Steve Sacks perform in the play *A Rite of Passage* in Rockport, MA.

Rosh Chodesh Gathering: Traditionally celebrated by women, Sisterhood had planned to hold a Rosh Chodesh Gathering on Wednesday, Aug. 16. That gathering has now been postponed to the fall.

Shul Fest: Sisterhood is sponsoring a table and providing a game of Ladder Ball on Sunday, August 27.

High Holiday Childcare: We are procuring childcare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Sisterhood Board: The following officers have been elected: Michele Albion secretary, Lessa Brill treasurer, Marge Gruzen acting secretary member-at-large, and Joan Goldwyn and Jane LeSavoy general members-at-large. We still have the position of acting chair member-at-large open.

Bylaws: We continue to discuss/revise our bylaws. We will focus on rewriting our mission statement next. Thank you to Judith Goldstein, Marge Gruzen, Kerry Hansen and Joanne Samuels.

On a personal note, I am deeply grateful to Heather Tomlinson for her continued patience and cheeriness as I ask many questions and learn to navigate my way.

I look forward to seeing you at many more Sisterhood events in the coming year.



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CEMETERY FUND

Lenny Baer in memory of his mother, Gertrude Baer.

CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Karen Mott in memory of her sister, Shirley Jimison. Alissa Gold in memory of friend, Ernie Kessler. Roberta Issokson in memory of Jim Dolph's brother, Richard Dolph. Jewel Davis in memory of her brother, Gene Davis. Paul Rothman and Emily McEntee in memory of Michael Posternak. Sigmund Westerman in memory of his daughter, Sally Jacoby. Michael Blackman and Molly Samson in memory of Michael's parents, Herman and Anne Blackman. Fouad El Baidouri with appreciation for the Hebrew language classes. Barbara Levenson in memory of her grandparents, Barney Levenson and Bertha Gorevitz Levenson.

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David and Micki Bradbard in memory of David's mother, Ann Bradbard. Peter and Jennie Dinnerman in memory of Peter's mother, June Dinnerman. Betty Luther Hillman and Benjamin Siracusa Hillman in honor of Deborah Hirsch Mayer, with gratitude for her wisdom and guidance in the process of their daughter Johanna becoming a bat mitzvah. Joyce Meenes in memory of her father-in-law Lewis Meenes, and in memory of her aunt, Pearl Savsovitz. Stan and Rita Robbins in memory of Stanley's mother, Pearl Robbins. Peter and Jennie Dinnerman in memory of Peter's father, Maurice

10Dinnerman.

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Haskell Bernat in memory of his mother, Gertrude Bernat, and father, Solomon Bernat. Alissa Gold in memory of her mother, Ethel Rose Gold.

HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Richard and Nancy Silverman in memory of Richard's aunt, Renee Silverman.

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KIDDUSH FUND

Judy and John Craig in loving memory of Judy's grandmother, Ella Gross Blank.

LIBRARY FUND

Carl and Linda Gurtman in memory of their son, Benjamin Thomas Gurtman.

PRAYERBOOK FUND

Marc and Virginia Alterio in honor of Dr. Brian Hyett, and with gratitude for his care.

Donations, continued

PRESCHOOL FUND

Veta Stone in memory of her husband, Ira M. Stone. The Temple Israel Sisterhood in honor of Thomas Nash, Master Chocolatier. Selma Freedman in memory of her mother, Annie Klaiman, and in memory of her mother-in-law, Goldie Freedman.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Joan Hankin in memory of her father, mother, and brothers. David and Monica Olken in memory of David's father, Harry Olken. Steven and Debbie Paul in memory of Steven's mother, Evelyn Paul. Trevor Law. Barbara Gutin in memory of her mother, Eva Gutman. Laura Spelke in memory of her husband, Sherwood Spelke. Karl Singer in memory of his father, David Singer. Robbie and Jeff Warach, "with gratitude to Rabba Kaya for preparing us for our wedding. We're forever grateful." Len Benjamin with appreciation to Rabba Kaya. John and Judy Craig in memory of John's father, Philip Craig.

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Gloria and Harold Moldoff in memory of Gloria's grandfather, Samuel Fisher, and in memory of Harold's father, Phillip Moldoff. Doug Tilton in memory of his wife, Susan Goldin. Debbie Levin in memory of her friend, Sanford Roberts. Ellen Farber in memory of her father-in-law, Solomon Farber. Ira Schwartz in memory of Sandy Roberts. Hebrew School class Kitah Hei class gift via their teacher, Karen Mott. Ellen Farber in memory of brother, Laurence A. Filler. Jennifer Schwartz. Adrienne Deckman in memory of Sanford Roberts. Phyllis Heilbronner to support the Gather-Fill the Hall food drive.

TZEDAKAH FUND

Doug Tilton in memory of his mother, Mary Tilton. Jim and Elaine Dolph in memory of Gertrude Kaplan. Helen Hanan in memory of her father, Nathan Hanan. Jeff Goodman in loving memory of his mother, Bernyce Goodman, on her Yahrzeit. Dick and Lorrie Grossman in memory of Dick's father, Jack Grossman, his grandfather, Abraham Sigel, and his uncle, Joseph Zall. Trevor Law. Joanne Samuels in honor of the naming of Carolina Barba and her son, Zacchais Barba.

WE ALSO GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZE

- **June Shabbaton supporters:** Steve Little, Susan Turner, Cathi Cherry-Liston, Seth Miller and Linnea Hartsuyker, Sandell and Richard Morse, Julie Serrano, Rachel Kurshan, Claudia Leblanc.
- **Back to Shul Fest partners:** Strawberry Banke, The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, and the Music Hall.
- **Rich LeSavoy** for donating an office technology upgrade in honor of his grandson Miles DeThorne's first birthday.

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Arts Review Team



Deborah Levine
Chair, Arts Review
Team

If you have a chance, take a look at our latest exhibit in the Shmooze and Social Hall. The **paintings by Melvin Zabarsky will be on display until mid-September.**

Whether you're appreciating his portraits of famous Jewish artists, mathematicians, musicians, and philosophers, or lingering at an

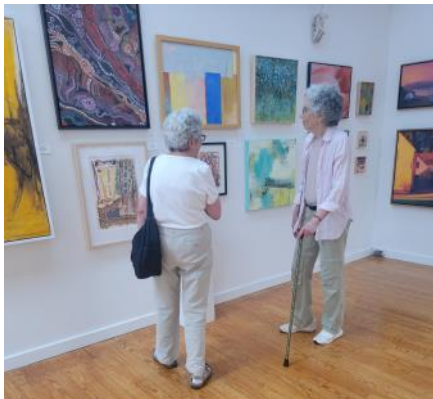
image of Jews from a Ukrainian village, see what strikes you. Is it the vivid colors? The symbolism with the Hebrew and English letters? The subjects' facial expressions and poses?

Many congregants met the artist's daughter, Hannah Burke, and her husband, Paul (photo, right), at our opening reception and walk-through on June 2, when we heard stories and shared insights about the work.



Gallery Excursion

The Arts Review Team sponsored a July trip to Ogunquit. A small group of us met at the Barn Gallery (photo below), perused the exhibits, and enjoyed a picnic lunch in the sculpture garden. It



was a wonderful way to get to know each other better on a beautiful summer day.

Back to Shul Fest is coming up soon on August 27. Stop by our booth and add a special message on our pre-printed Rosh Hashanah cards. These will be sent to homebound congregants, veterans, and spiritual leaders of other faith traditions, as well as to hospitals and nursing homes.

September exhibit - a new show will include photographs, crafts, and paintings created by talented Temple Israel members and other local Jewish artists. So far, we are talking with Shaula Levenson, Isobel Abelson and Adeline Goldminc-Tronzo as possible participants. **Deadline for submissions is 9/10/23.**

Percussion: "Hand Drumming for Beginners" led by John Felice will continue on Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. through August. A fall session is planned starting in September.

A new "Marimba Basics" class is being considered for total beginners in the fall, depending on level of interest. (For more details, feel free to contact ArtsReview@templeisraelnh.org).

Fun facts: Three "must-see" movies this summer have a Jewish connection. The inventor of the original **Barbie** doll toy was Ruth Handler, co-founder of the Mattel Toy Company. Her vision and chutzpah impacted generations of young girls. J. Robert **Oppenheimer** was the brilliant Jewish physicist and director of the Manhattan Project, working on the atomic bomb. Finally, the movie **Golda**, starring Helen Mirren, depicts Israel's iconic female president between 1969 and 1973. The film's release is scheduled for mid-August. Enjoy these shows and learn some fascinating history.

Israel Affairs

By Emma Rous, Chair, IAC

How does one write a column about Israel affairs in the midst of the turmoil currently engulfing the country? Watching the upheaval is heart-wrenching. Trying to understand the legal minutia is challenging. Is this a conflict between Ashkenazi and Mizrahi? Between secular and religious? Between democracy and theocracy? Is it about shifting the power of checks and balances between judiciary and Knesset (which combines legislative and executive branches in Israel)? Is the goal to rein in an overly aggressive court, or to give more lee-way to the annexationists, or to rescue Netanyahu from legal accountability?

Our role in the Jewish diaspora is to care and to be informed. Week after week, thousands of Israelis take to the streets to voice their concerns. The least we can do is learn what they are fighting for. There are many resources online explaining how Israeli judges are chosen, the importance of the “reasonableness” standard, or the history and role of “Basic Laws.” What will be the future of our homeland?

Stories for the Sake of Argument

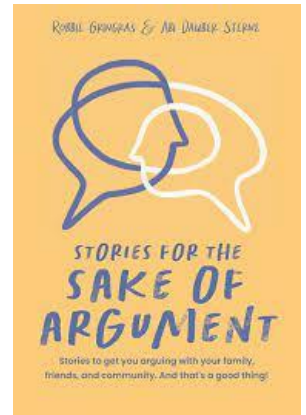
Coming Sunday, November 5, the IAC will host a workshop on conducting conversations when opinions are polarized, a highly relevant topic for both Israel and the United States. Sadly, many synagogues avoid discussing Israel because the conversations become too contentious. The authors of the book *Stories for the Sake of Argument* are Israeli educators who believe that we need to have more arguments, not fewer, but need the tools to talk with people with whom we disagree.

The 10:00 a.m. in- person workshop will meet with Israeli facilitators via Zoom. Participants will buy the book of stories for \$10, to be used in the workshop and in follow-up discussion groups. Book ordering is included with online

registration via the website calendar. While the workshop is specifically geared to discussions about Israel, attendees will learn tools to help with any discussion with others whose viewpoints differ.

Please register by October 2.

The committee would like to thank the Cultural Endowment Fund and Rachel Kurshan for making this event possible.



Community Celebrations

Congratulations to Robbie Hinkel and Jeff Warach, married on July 9 (right).



Barbara Levenson shares the joyful news that her granddaughter Harper Ann was born on July 18 to parents Samuel and Kelly Hoefle. All are doing well.

Welcome, baby Ezra (right), born on July 11. Parents Veronica and Nicholas Conley and big sister Zaharina were so glad to welcome you!



Back to Shul / Shem Tov



Back to Shul Fest at Strawberry Banke

12:00 - 3:00 pm, Sunday, August 27

Please join us for the second annual Back to Shul Fest! This year's event is sure to have something for everyone: games, activities, scavenger hunts, prizes, kosher lunch, and live music by Jewish bluegrass sensation, "Jacob's Ladder." Shul Fest is free and open to the public. All are welcome regardless of membership or affiliation, so please invite friends.

This is so much more than a party - it's an affirmation of our people's identity and a celebration of our culture. Our people have maintained our distinctive identity by remaining true to our values, and at the same time we have added a distinctly Jewish flair to many aspects of American life.

Come for a day of celebrating that wonderful harmony through music, food, games, and fellowship. As we build bridges with each other and our neighbors, we help to make our homes safer, more peaceful, and tolerant for all.

Register via the Temple Israel website calendar.

We hope to see you there!

Bring your shofar to participate in a big shofar blast to start the event! Plastic shofarot will be available for children.

The Shem Tov (good name) Awards were created by the Jewish Federation of NH to recognize volunteers from organizations across the state who have provided outstanding service to the Jewish community. This year, **TIP's nominee is Margie Wachtel**. The award will be presented at the JFNH Annual Meeting in Bedford on August 13.

Margie has focused her volunteer efforts at Temple Israel on strengthening relationships between prospective, new, and long-time temple members.

Margie's leadership style is quiet and humble, as well as persuasive, collegial, and

extremely organized! Leading by example, she is a wonderful listener and problem-solver, a clear and elegant writer and communicator. Margie looks ahead—she takes advantage of technology to connect people and manage projects, paying close attention to how each effort might build on the last and support the next.

Margie and her husband, Morey Stetner, relocated from Washington, DC, to Portsmouth in 1997 and have been Temple Israel members for over twenty years. Among her many volunteer contributions, Margie has served on the Board of Directors, chaired the Membership Committee, and played a key role on the Website and Marketing committees. She has organized many gatherings for new and prospective members, including onegs, brunches, and "Havdalah at Home." She designed the Community Engagement Survey so that congregants could more readily find those who might share their own interests and talents, and she played a major role in website and "branding" redesigns. Margie is always working to make everyone in our community feel welcome, included, and informed. **Yasher koach!**



Tikkun Olam / Adult Class



Shelley Hartz
Chair, Tikkun Olam

By Shelley Hartz, Chair,
Tikkun Olam Committee

The Tikkun Olam Committee is excited to announce a partnership with local schools to provide support throughout the school year.

Our first effort: to collect school supplies so all students are ready for the first day of

school. We invite everyone at Temple Israel to participate. We will have bins in the temple lobby. The drive will begin on August 15 and run until August 28th, in time for the beginning of the school year.



Items we are collecting are: backpacks, markers, notebooks, etc., the things all students need to prepare for school. When shopping for your own family or if you just want to make a donation, please add a backpack or other school supplies to your list. We know how important it is to ensure that each student has what they need.

Thanks in advance for helping all students be ready to succeed this year.

Have you ever considered having an Adult Bar/Bat/Kabbalat Mitzvah?

We are forming an Adult B'nei Mitzvah class! If you've always thought you'd like to celebrate your bar/bat/kabbalat mitzvah, maybe this is your time!

Who is it for?

Any Jewish adult who did not have a bar/bat/kabbalat mitzvah earlier in their life

OR

did have a bar or bat mitzvah but wants to do it again, with more depth.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- deepen their knowledge of Judaism
- learn to chant Torah and haftarah
- learn to lead parts of the Shabbat services
- learn to give a dvar (talk) about the weekly Torah portion

Note: The above is a menu of options. Students will set their own goals.

Who will teach it?

Initially, the class will be taught by rabbinic intern Jacob Chatinover. If it continues past May, Rabba Kaya or another experienced teacher will take over.

How long is this process going to take?

It could take 6 months to 18 months, depending on the interests and Hebrew skills of the students.

When will the class meet?

We are considering either Sunday afternoon or evening or Thursday afternoon or evening. If you are interested, let us know which time works best for you. For more information, email vpitruat@templeisraelnh.org.

High Holiday Preparations

Kosher Meat, Delivered to Portsmouth for Rosh Hashanah!



By Judy Craig, coordinator

The Butcherie, the renowned Brookline MA kosher grocery store, will deliver to Temple Israel Portsmouth four times per

year beginning this Rosh Hashanah. Everything from their store will be available: prepared foods, meats, baked goods, groceries, etc. The minimum order will be \$100, the delivery fee will be \$20 per order, with all orders delivered to the temple for pickup. Watch for further announcements on how to place an order, deadlines, delivery date, etc., in the Temple Israel weekly email bulletin.

Meanwhile, review their offerings [online](https://butcherie.com/#!/_/Brookline-Massachusetts) at https://butcherie.com/#!/_/Brookline-Massachusetts.

Questions? Contact Judy Craig, jcraig1234@gmail.com.

5784 Yizkor Book Preparation is Underway!

Renew or change a previous listing, or order a new listing by August 4 to participate. Return the form mailed to you, or find links in the weekly bulletin to review last year's listing, print a new form, or order online.

Thank you for contributing to this special annual project. Printed booklets will be available for the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur.

The Gifts of Imperfection: Brené Brown through a Kabbalah Lens

Thursday, September 21, 4:00 pm via Zoom

Rabba Kaya will introduce speaker Melanie Gruenwald in this special virtual presentation hosted by Valley Beit Midrash.

Register via the website calendar to receive the Zoom link. Select the

option "My synagogue is hosting this event with VBM" to avoid the registration fee. A confirmation email will include the Zoom link.

ABOUT THE EVENT:

Dr. Brené Brown's teachings on vulnerability, courage, worthiness and shame, will serve as the text, and Kabbalah will serve as the commentary. We will engage together in this guide to living a whole-hearted life, weaving Dr. Brown's research and anecdotes, with the timeless teachings of Kabbalah.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Executive Director of Kabbalah Experience, Melanie Gruenwald brings over 25 years of non-profit leadership and community-organizing to her position. Engaged with senior citizens, families, college students, and teens, Melanie has extensive professional experience with communal leadership and informal Jewish education.



Clergy Introductions

Meet Rabbinic Intern Jacob Chatinover

Jacob Chatinover is honored to be joining the clergy team as Temple Israel's first rabbinic intern. Jacob is entering his final year of study at the rabbinical school of Hebrew College in Newton, MA. In his many roles as an educator, he has taught all ages, including in Hebrew College's Teen Beit Midrash, and he has served as a Jewish outdoor educator at Teva, Hazon, Pearlstone, Eden Village Camp, Ramah in the Rockies, and Bamidbar Wilderness Therapy. His prior synagogue experience includes roles as a rabbinic apprentice and as b'nei mitzvah program director. Jacob has studied at Yeshivat Yesodei HaTorah, the Northwoods Kollel, and Yeshivat Hadar, and holds a BA in Near Eastern & Judaic Studies from Brandeis University.

He brings deep learning, passion, and experience; his very favorite type of Torah learning is when a text describes an experience we've had with a



perfect image. In addition to Torah learning, Jacob likes singing, sleeping outdoors, mending things, pickling, collecting quotes, and reading comic books.

Meet Cantorial Soloist Eliana Willis

Eliana Willis is a prayer leader, Torah teacher, and Jewish environmental educator. She has led song and prayer in various settings, including The Center for Small Town



Jewish Life, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, Kavod Boston, Nehar Shalom Community Synagogue, and Camp Ramah in the Rockies. She is a rising fifth-year rabbinical student at Hebrew College.

Eliana is passionate about building spirited and songful prayer spaces. She is excited to daven with the Temple Israel community for the High Holidays.



Lulav & Etrog Orders

Order via the online form or contact the temple office. \$50 per set. Please place your order by September 1. You will be contacted when your lulav and etrog set is ready for pickup.

Yahrzeits

August Yahrzeits

1. Nathaniel London, Sylvia Brown, Irving Paul, Sadie Medved
2. Ida Stone, Nathan Handler, Flori Isselbacher, Gertrude Reinhart, Irma Dansky, Jerry Borne, Berla Mae Grant
3. Charles Katz, Zelda Wagman Harrison, Rose Verner, Thomas Peters
4. Sylvia Collier, Arthur Saklad, Max Isacoff, Albert Issokson
5. David Jaffe, Miriam Fox, Bruce Samuels, Marlean Willensky, Hannah Landsman, Morton Rosenstein, Moshe Steber
6. Rose Cohen, Laurie Schwartz, Curtis Most, Elsie Klein Glosserman, Raymond Newton
7. Israel Belostock, Eli Brown, Max Cohen
8. Henry Gerber, Jeannie Daniels, Irwin Fischer
9. Zena Lang, Jeanette Rosenfield, Lillian Rubin, Meyer Hiller, Bertha Wolfson Shapiro, Harriet Hirsch, Bertha Stein, Allen Tartacower
10. Sam Wiseman, Earle Fox, Dorothy Bailey, Saul Smokler, Irene R. Lindy, Ivor Frank, James Troilo, Jim Wachtel
11. Isaac Blankenberg, Mollie Grossman, Alice Cohen, James Sagner
12. Leonard Rosenson, Benjamin Blankenberg, William Hymanson, Eva Milton
13. Perry Sussman, Monroe Albert, Martin Brown, Evelyn Slome Karu

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14. Abram Kushious, Eli Diamant, Max Goodman, Sidney Robbins, Virginia Lipman, Martin Karelitz, Muriel Goldblatt, Max Goldstein
15. Lewis Levine, Auxlia Marie Nye
16. Simon Shapiro, Pearl Edwards, Judith Stern
17. Kenneth L. Downs, Ethel Feldman, Charles Cohen, Ruth Goldman, Murray Daniels
18. Beatrice Gelman, Eva Pastor, Lee Sylvester
19. Ida Belostock, Estelle Ross, Cecilia Finkelstein, Esther Weinstein, Minnie Gelman, Jordan Sandler
20. Ada Rammer, Moses Silfen, Charles Gouse, Max Fluster, Marvin Poster, Charles Zinck
21. Baby Alkon, Annie Freedman, Samuel Gerstein, Frank Moroze, Judah Wise, Samuel Sibulkin, Helga Burby, Rhoda Belostock
22. Celia Goldman, Milton Klaiman, Michael Davis, William Kleinhandle
23. Celia Halprin, Helen Miller, Betty Doris Kates, Eleanor Goodman Sorrell, Deborah Levine
24. Krissy Yanofsky
25. Ruth Kovnit, Abraham Isaac Feldman, Bette Weissman, Mary Nicole, George Nielsen, Arthur Yaffee, Dyna Dykerman, Jerome Kurshan
26. Joseph Feitelson, Bertha Levenson, Fannie Salloway, Herbert Kahan, Fanya Mason, Myer Saunders, Nathan Issokson, Samuel Goldstein

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.

Life Cycles / Classes & Meetings

27. Philip Levine, Esther Intriligator, Harry Stein,
Frederick Lewis Diengott, Hatalie Filler,
Sarah Rebecca Liberson
28. Pauline Berlin, Bernard Winebaum,
Sheldon Goodman, Mary Rottenberg,
Bernard Michaelson
29. Leah Green, Louis Mackles, Burton Sacks,
Frances Spaien, John Talisman, Louis Sherman,
Rebecca Borwick
30. Ephraim Green, Ernest Salloway,
Clara Shamesman, Barbara Alperin
31. Rose Levine, Joseph Jalbert, Barbara O'Connor

Life Cycles

The community offers condolences to
congregant Sara Anderson, whose father,
Michael Bluestone, passed away on June 24

We grieve the passing of congregant Irwin
Bierhans on June 3. Irwin and his late wife,
Audrey, contributed much joy and humor with
their community productions!

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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

Intro to Biblical Hebrew Grammar

6:30 pm Tuesdays, via Zoom

Yiddish for Beginners, Shmoozatorium

11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesday 8/9, other dates TBA.

Advanced Torah Reading & Grammar

10:30 am Thursdays, via Zoom

Hand Drumming for Beginners Summer Session

3:30 - 5:00 pm Thursdays in the Chapel

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 8/15

Education Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 8/3 and 8/31

Executive Committee

7:30 pm, Wednesday, 8/9

House Committee (in person at TIP)

6:00 pm, Thursday, 8/3

Israel Affairs Committee

3:30 pm, Tuesday, 8/15

Ritual Committee

7:00 pm, Tuesday 8/22

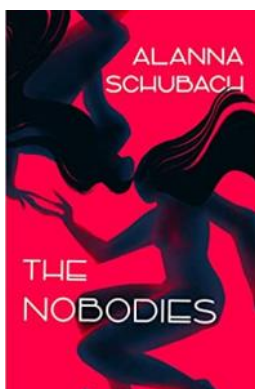
Sisterhood Board Meeting

9:00 am coffee, 9:30 meeting, Sunday, 8/20, Chapel

Tikkun Olam Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 8/17

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



TIP Book Club discusses *The Nobodies*, by Alanna Schubach

Thursday, September 7, at 12:00 pm (no August meeting).

From the publisher's website:

The story of two young women whose friendship offered—and demanded—more than either

should share. For fans of Sally Rooney and Claire North.

"Sometimes I wondered if I imagined it," said Nina. "But deep down I knew I didn't."

Jess said, "We did too much damage for it not to be real."

Jess and Nina, Nina and Jess ... to everyone else they're typical best friends, sharing closeness and confidences in their own little world.

But Nina and Jess have a secret. Simply by touching their foreheads together, they can swap bodies.

But how deeply can you sink into another's life before there's nothing left of you?



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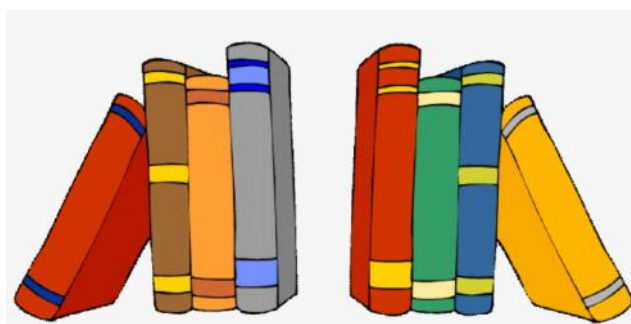
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Call for children's/adult book donations!

Altrusa International of the Seacoast, dedicated to making our communities better through volunteer service, including promoting literacy, seeks book donations for Footprints Food pantry. This (501)(c)(3) organization, which serves Kittery, York and surrounding areas, also provides books to their client families and children. *No cookbooks, self-help, scholarly, or very old or damaged books, please.*

To coordinate a pickup, contact Judith Goldstein, jjgoldma@verizon.net. Thank you!