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Temple Israel Monthly Newsletter

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## From the Rabbi's Desk

by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

Dear Friends,

This year we are changed. Nothing is normal. Amid the ongoing war in Israel and Gaza and the interminable pain of the hostage situation, all our rituals and prayers have justifiably taken on new meaning. For some, they have lost meaning altogether. Our tradition teaches that as the month of Adar enters, the month that contains the merriment of the holiday of Purim, one should increase their joy. Under the current circumstances, this is just not Jewishly possible.

How indeed, might we celebrate Purim, a day that lifts up pure joy and redemption, during these days of fear and grief?

Perhaps the Megillah itself can offer some guidance. In the story of Purim, once Haman's intentions



Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

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## From the Rabbi's Desk

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to kill all Jewish people in the land are made known, Esther is motivated to action to save her people. She is intimidated by the task before her and so turns to her people for spiritual support. She asks the people to fast and pray for her success for three days before she approaches the king. This fast, known as the Fast of Esther, takes place three days before the start of the holiday and was adopted as part of our traditional observance of Purim. This year, the Fast of Esther can take on contemporary meaning as a time dedicated for prayer on behalf of the survival of our people. I invite you to join me in a fast dedicated to a peaceful resolution to the current war and the release of the hostages.

Additionally, on **Thursday, March 21, the Fast of Esther, I will teach a class at midday on Zoom\* focusing on contemporary Israeli and Palestinian poetry.** Together, we will read and listen to poets' voices for peace and join our hearts in prayer.

As we approach Purim, let us make space for our brokenness before entering into the frivolity of this holiday which celebrates a sudden reversal of fortune. And may the redemptive power of Purim energize all efforts toward justice and peace.

With prayers for healing,  
Rabba Kaya

\* Use the regular Friday bulletin Zoom link for services, or register via the website calendar.

## Rabbi Ellen Bernstein, z"l



*With sadness, we share news of the passing of Rabbi Ellen Bernstein on February 27. The Scholar-in-Residence program planned for April has been canceled.*

## Purim is coming!

Please join us for these upcoming programs.

Thursday, 3/21, via Zoom

**Contemporary Israeli & Palestinian Poetry, with Rabba Kaya** (see description at left)



Saturday, 3/23, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Musical Megillah,** with Purim songs set to classic rock tunes! Includes a teen performance.

Bring your noisemakers and come in costume!



Sunday, 3/24, 11am, Social Hall, **Purim Carnival & Magic Show with Magic By George!**

See p. 5 for more details.

## Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class

Do you want to learn how to read from the Torah? To build fluency with the prayer services, and enrich your prayer experience? To learn how to develop and deliver your own unique insights into the weekly Torah portion, in conversation with the great commentators across the generations?



**Join Reb Jacob and the Adult B'nei Mitzvah class as we journey through the liturgy.** We will be focusing on three areas:

1. Building service reading and leading skills (building fluency and familiarity with both the form and content of the liturgy, first by working on the key prayers, the Shema and the Amidah; learning how to chant Torah)
2. Studying the liturgy, its deeper meaning and structure
3. Developing divrei Torah: learning how to ask a good "Torah research" question, how to go about generating answers, and how then to communicate your ideas clearly

This multi-level small-group class will meet weekly (with a few exceptions), and will include homework. We will set individualized goals that fit your level, **all levels welcome**. We will meet primarily **on Zoom, Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:45 pm**, using the regular link for services (included in the registration confirmation email). Register via the website calendar. **Upcoming class dates:**  
 March: 6, 13, 20, 27  
 April: 3, 10. May: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.  
*No Class: Apr 17, Apr 24.*

## Prayer Services

**Weekday minyan**, Tuesday, 5:30 pm,  
**ZOOM ONLY**

**Kabbalat Shabbat**, Friday, 6:00 pm winter start time **through 3/8, then 6:30 pm.**

**Shabbat morning**, Saturday, 10:00 am, with participation from Hebrew School students (during the school year) 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 on the "Member Resources" page.

**Alternative Shabbat service**, Friday, 3/1, 6:00 pm, Chapel

**Lunch & Learn with Reb Jacob**, on two Saturdays, 3/2 and 3/30, 12:00 pm

**Refugee Shabbat**, Friday, 3/8. 6:00 pm

**Torah-inspired yoga led by Allison**

**Miller**, Saturday, 3/9, 9:00 am, Chapel

**Tot Shabbat with Rabba Kaya**, Friday, 3/15, 5:30 pm. Consider staying for the potluck meal at 6:30 pm.

**Shabbes Tisch potluck**, Friday, 3/15, 6:30 pm. Bring a vegetarian / dairy / pareve dish to share! Join us for a family-friendly Shabbat dinner in the Social Hall; no Zoom component.

**Reb Jacob joins us for Shabbat services,**  
 March 1-2, 8-9, 29-30



## Candle Lighting

March 1, 5:16 pm  
 March 8, 5:25 pm  
 March 15, 6:33 pm  
 March 22, 6:42 pm  
 March 29, 6:50 pm



## Ritual Committee

By Fran Berman, VP Ritual

### People of All Faiths Are Welcome at Our Services

Just as the Jewish community nationally is increasingly diverse, Temple Israel is comprised of more interfaith couples and families each year. When people of other faiths and backgrounds join us at Temple Israel for Jewish holidays and Shabbat observances, we want to be sure that they are comfortable actively participating. The list below (adapted from the USCJ "Interfaith Inclusion Guide") is provided to help everyone feel comfortable participating in services at Temple Israel, regardless of their faith or background.

#### In our Sabbath, weekday, and holiday services, everyone (whether or not they are Jewish) is invited to:

- Join members of the congregation as they stand and sit during services
- Sing with the congregation during communal prayers or songs
- Wear a kippah or other head covering;
- Join the congregation in reciting responsive prayers that are read aloud
- Participate in kissing the Torah during the Torah procession
- Add a name to the list for the Prayer for Healing/mishebeirakh and/or say a name out loud during the service
- Have a loved one's name, of any faith and background, read among the names of the departed who are being remembered
- Join in the congregational recitation of the Mourner's Kaddish
- Lead congregational readings that are universal in nature, such as the Prayer for

- our Country, Prayer for Israel, and Prayer for Peace
- Come to the bimah with a Jewish spouse, partner, or child who is having an aliyah. Both



Fran Berman, VP Ritual

- individuals may be invited to the bimah by name in English; only the Jewish person is called in Hebrew specifically for the aliyah (honor) and only the Jewish person may recite the Torah blessings. At lifecycle events, alternate blessings may be said by the non-Jewish person in English.
- Participate in dancing and singing, including during rituals where the Torah is present (e.g., Simchat Torah)
- Dedicate a memorial plaque to a loved one
- Participate in all adult learning and family education programs/classes
- Participate in rituals at home that may be celebrated with a member of the clergy, such as affixing a mezuzah
- Be visited when ill by a member of the clergy or congregation

#### In our Sabbath, weekday, and holiday services, Jews are invited to:

- Count in the minyan
- Wear a tallit and/or tefillin
- Recite the blessings for an aliyah to the Torah
- Read from the Torah or chant the haftarah
- Lead a prayer service
- Carry, lift, and dress the Torah
- Carry and hold the Torah during processions and/or dancing

If you have questions about roles for yourself or a family member during ritual events, please reach out to me or Rabba Kaya.



# Hebrew School

by Erik Martin, Head of School

## כלל ישראל • K'lal Yisrael

**On the shoulders of giants: Students present the lives of famous Jewish Americans and how they impact us today.**



As we wrapped up our unit on Jewish History last month, we took time to recognize Jewish Americans who have made an impact on our society. Our sixth and seventh grade classes spent the last few months researching Jewish Americans who have contributed to politics, sports, entertainment, law, and many other aspects of the tapestry we call the American dream. Students presented their projects to the rest of the school and the community in a science-fair format to share their insights with others. By understanding where they come from, our students have a better appreciation of the Jewish experience today.



# Israel, an Ancient Land, a Modern People

When we return from the February break, our teachers and students will begin their studies on the land and people of Israel. Classes will spend the coming months learning about everything from Israel's natural beauty and the leaders who helped forge a new nation, to the foods and music enjoyed there today (mmm, falafel).

## Purim Under the Big Top!

This year, the circus comes to town! Join us for a circus-themed Purim carnival complete with games, prizes, and a magic show!

- Open to the entire community
- Come in costume
- Concessions and game tickets available for purchase.
- Please register via the temple website calendar.

Get ready for some magic, comedy and fun-filled family entertainment with the multi-award-winning presentation Magic By George! This dynamic show is a compelling blend of jaw-dropping magic, mind reading, and light, warm-hearted comedy. Making the experience even more fun, spectators will actively participate in the show to help create a unique and memorable experience! You'll be amazed by the appearance of LIVE BIRDS and by seeing an audience member FLOATING IN MID-AIR!!

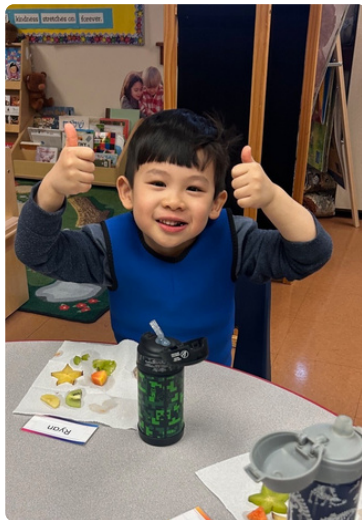




## We deliver!

by Tammy Roberge, Preschool Director

This month our students have enjoyed learning more about how the post office works. They have written letters, “mailed” them in the special temple office post box, and received many cards, letters, and postcards in return!



Our classroom amaryllis is growing taller every day, reminding us that spring is on the way!

Students have also learned more about oxygen this month. They learned that trees give us oxygen, and tried some breathing experiments, including blowing bubbles and balloons.

Tammy Roberge and the ELC Team (Amy, Elian, Laura, Marge, Pat, Sharon, and Steve)

## THE ELC IS HIRING FOR 2024-2025!

The ELC is looking for a part-time assistant teacher. If you might be interested, or know someone to recommend, please reach out. Education/background in early childhood education, OT, PT, or social work a plus. Call Preschool Director Tammy Roberge: 603-436-5301, ext. 23, or send an email to [preschooldirector@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:preschooldirector@templeisraelnh.org).



## Donations

**Received January 22 - February 28, 2024**

**Cultural Endowment Fund:** Roberta Issokson in recognition of the February birthday of her twins, David Issokson and the late Michele Issokson Sbrega. Jim and Myra Fishbein in memory of Jim's father, Arnold Fishbein. Barbara Levenson in memory of her grandmother, Sophie Sandler.

**Dinnerman-Rottenberg Educational**

**Endowment Fund:** Joyce Meenes in loving memory of her father, Sam Rottenberg, and in loving memory of her husband, Ronald Meenes. Stan and Rita Robbins in memory of Rita's mother, Bessie Marcus. Barbara Fox in memory of her grandfather, Jacob Segal. Stan and Rita Robbins in memory of Rita's father, Morris Marcus. Marianne Forman. .

**Hebrew School Fund:** Michelle Baer in memory of her father, David Davidson. Sally and Rick Robbins in loving memory of Veta Stone. Naomi Fishbein in memory of her husband, Arnold Fishbein.

**Institutional Operating Endowment Fund:** Bert and Deb Freedman in memory of Veta Stone, in memory of Greer Fleisher, and in memory of Bert's grandfather, Morris Klaiman. Barney and Diane Sharein memory of Ruthann Cohn. Stuart and Paula Boxer in memory of Stuart's father, Louis Boxer. Marilyn Zimman in memory of her father, Alexander Epstein.

**Kiddush Fund:** Fran Berman in loving memory of her mother, Harriet Berman. Fran Berman in loving memory of Harry Klein. Mark Ginsberg in memory of his mother, Shirley Ginsberg. .

**Music Fund:** Mel Liston and Cathi Cherry-Liston in memory of Cathi's beloved father, Gerald Cherry. Fran Berman in loving memory of Carl Wallman. Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt and

Randy Spratt in memory of Sharen's uncle Jerry Lief, great uncle, godfather, and friend. David Mott in memory of his mother, Jean MacDougall, and in memory of his uncle, Don MacDougall.

**Preschool Fund:** Myrna Promer in memory of Greer Fleisher. Selma Freedman in memory of her father, Morris Klaiman. Marcia and Andy Baron In loving memory of Marcia's mother, Veta Stone, and in loving memory of Marcia's father, Ira Stone, on his birthday.

**In loving memory of Veta Stone:** Joel and Sherry Spiller. Myrna Promer. Diane Goulston. Michael Lebowitz and the Lebowitz family. Kathleen Flynn. Jean and Dick LaBossiere. Barney and Diane Share. Bob and Judi Weisner. Rita Georgeou writes, "Veta was a special friend and extraordinary person. She will be missed by all of us who knew her." Esther Wikander. Pauline Griffin. Claire Siegel. Linda and Alan Siegel write, "she was a wonderful person and taken too soon." Stan and Rita Robbins. Selma Freedman. Marilyn Stewart on behalf of Veta's friends in the TGIT Ladies Golf League. Judith Darby. Marlene and Al Rubin. Jeffrey and Christine Walker. Martha Pennell. Paula and Stuart Boxer. Glenn and Natalie Walker. Dick and Lorrie Grossman.

**Rabbi's Fund:** Linda Cote in memory of her brother, Glenn Mackles. Mikhail Klarov. *For habitat restoration in Israel:* Tu BiShvat Seder attendees. Doug Tilton.

**Tikkun Olam Endowment - Sanford Roberts**

**Fund for Social Justice:** Ellen Farber in memory of husband, Jack Farber. Jewel Davis in memory of her mother, Frances Lowe Davis. Selma Freedman in memory of her family at time of yahrzeits. Ira Schwartz in memory of his mother, Selma Schwartz. Karen Mott in

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## Donations, continued

memory of her friend, Don Mowery. Naomi Fishbein in memory of her father-in-law, David Fishbein.

**Tzedakah Fund:** Robert Black in memory of his mother, Jeanette Black, father, Arthur Black, and uncle, Henry Greenberg. Jack and Lisa Ohayon in memory of Jack's parents, Victor and Perla Ohayon. Anonymous contributor in honor of peace. Allison Miller and Shaw Tilton in loving memory of Ruth Miller. Agnes Cabot in memory of her father, Alexander Vero.

## Life Cycles

Our community mourns the passing on February 6 of Greer Fleisher, beloved wife of Andy Fleisher, mother of Katie Fleisher (Phillip Taylor), and Samantha Bacon, and grandmother of Poppy, Henry, and Max.

We also mourn the passing on February 6 of Veta Stone, beloved mother of Marcia Baron (Andy), and grandmother of Mollie, Meredith, and Evan.

## Refugee Shabbat

Friday, March 8, 6:00 pm, TOC sponsors "Refugee and New Immigrant" Shabbat. The service will include guest speakers who work with immigrant families. Please join us afterwards for a special Oneg Shabbat!



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## Tikkun Olam Committee

by Shelley Hartz, Chair, TOC

## Purim Food Drive

**To benefit Seacoast Food**

**Provider's Network**, Monday,  
March 18 - Monday, March 25.



Everyone knows that Purim is a holiday of fun and games and sharing in *Shalach Manot*, but an important part of the holiday is also giving gifts to those in need. One of the four mitzvot of Purim is *matanot la-evyonim*, giving to the poor. Please fulfill this mitzvah by donating one or more items from the list that follows.

Food and other items will be delivered to Seacoast Food Providers Network, which "works to create a collaborative, sustainable, and efficient charitable food system through a network of food pantries and community kitchens to ensure all community members have dignified access to food."

### Please donate any of the following items:

Ready to serve soup/chili, rice (white, brown, or jasmine), peanut butter and jelly or jam, pasta, cereal and oatmeal, canned tuna, granola bars, shampoo / conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Items can be dropped in the designated bins in the main lobby of the Court Street entrance and in the Schmooze by the State Street entrance.

**PLEASE make sure the expiration date has not passed on the items donated.**



## Israel Affairs Committee

by Emma Rous, IAC Chair



### Spotlight on Israel Speakers

On February 11, Moshe Perez gave a well-attended talk sponsored by the Brotherhood and the Israeli Affairs Committee. An Israeli and former IDF member, he spoke about his volunteer service in the National Search and Rescue unit of the home front command of the IDF and showed several slides of the devastation that he encountered from the October 7 Hamas attack. He also answered questions from the audience, that covered topics ranging from the increase in antisemitism to the need for education about the Middle East, to the prospect for a two-state solution.

Many thanks to our speakers, the volunteers who organized the refreshments, and our engaged audience! Watch the weekly bulletin for news of additional programs in the series.

On February 25, Jared Goldfarb, a Dover native who has lived and taught in Israel for thirty years, gave a presentation on present-day life in Israel in the midst of the war. Jared has extensive experience working with organizations that include both Israeli and Palestinian representation, such as schools, social service organizations, and peace advocacy groups. He recommended American Jewish support for those groups as an important way to foster peace between the two populations. A lively Q & A session followed.



● Thanks to Walter Rous, Jared Nabel, and Marc Hiller for sharing their photos!

## Supporting Israel



Reminder: the weekly emailed bulletin and temple website are regularly updated with ways we can support Israel!



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## Terumah

by Rich LeSavoy, Treasurer

*What does Terumah mean?*

*Why are we proposing this change?*

*What do we hope to accomplish?*



Rich LeSavoy

Members were mailed a letter describing a new approach to Temple Israel membership, and why our committee recommends it. Now it's your turn! Please bring your ideas and questions to any of three upcoming town hall meetings:

- **Sunday, 3/10, 10:00 am, Social Hall**
- **Wednesday, 3/20, 5:00 pm, Social Hall**
- **Thursday, 3/28, 7:00 pm, via Zoom, using the regular link for services**

Annual membership pledges are an investment in the Jewish values and practices that are the heart and soul of Temple Israel. Voluntary pledges represent an annual commitment to our community, to Jewish life learning, and social justice, while providing financial flexibility for all life stages and circumstances. We believe this initiative will help open the door to younger families and others seeking a Jewish community, creating a sense of shared responsibility and commitment from all our members.



Thanks to Courtney Kapral for creating the graphic!

## Pillars of Freedom & Hope

Visual artist and congregant Aimée Margolis has set up an outdoor installation in the temple courtyard, titled "Pillars of Freedom & Hope," to affirm our community's concern and support for the Israeli hostages and their families.

Everyone is invited to spend a moment reading more about each individual hostage, as we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Images will be rotated every 18 days.

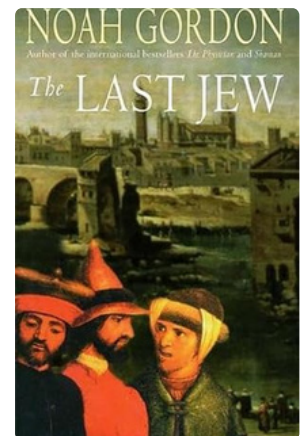


## TIP Book Club

The book club will meet at 12:00 pm on Thursday, March 21, to discuss ***The Last Jew***

by Noah Gordon.

From the author's website: "When all unconverted Jews are expelled from Spain during the Inquisition, 15-year-old Yonah Toledano is left behind. He begins a meandering journey, part desperate



flight, part voyage of discovery. The story of his growth into manhood—as a physician with the outer persona of an Old Christian and a soul that clings to his Jewish roots—has made *The Last Jew* one of the best-selling books in the world."

**Sneak peek:** April's title is *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*, by James McBride. Join us on April 18, at 12:00 pm.

## Nominating Committee

by Amy Borne

The Nominating Committee is looking to fill two director positions and the role of financial secretary on the Temple Israel Board.



Amy Borne

Serving on the temple board is a great way to get involved, meet some fabulous people, and make sure your voice is heard. 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.

The two director roles are for 3-year terms. Directors generally act as a liaison with one or more committees. Those who are elected to fill these positions will begin their terms after they are voted into office at the Annual Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024.

The financial secretary serves a 2-year term. This role is a member of the Executive Committee, and serves with the treasurer on the Financial Oversight Committee.

Congregants must be Temple Israel members for at least one year to serve on the board. If you are interested in serving on the board and would like more information about a specific role, or if you would like to suggest a candidate, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Rich LeSavoy via email at [Treasurer@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:Treasurer@templeisraelnh.org). Thank you.

## TIP Blood Drive



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### Temple Israel Blood Drive

Monday, April 1

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Social Hall



## Board of Directors

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## MST Scrolls Gathering

by Melvin Prostkoff, Chair,  
Holocaust Torah Committee

On Sunday, February 4, the Memorial Scrolls Trust (MST) in London, England held its 60th Anniversary Gathering program at the Westminster Synagogue, the home of the MST and its museum.



Mel Prostkoff

The YouTube recording of the program is available for viewing at <https://www.westminstersynagogue.org/following-our-czech-scrolls-60th-celebration.html#>

The deeply moving and inspiring event included a procession of about 50 - 60 Czech Holocaust Torah scrolls from the UK, the US, and other countries at the beginning and the end of the approximately 1.5 hour program.

The same link above also provides access to 45 minutes of the Czech Scrolls Community Videos from the UK, the US, Australia and other countries. In them, many different synagogues present their MST Scrolls, and both clergy and lay representatives speak about what their Czech Holocaust Torah means to them and their communities, whether their Torah scrolls are kosher, and how and when their Torah scrolls are used in their religious services and for Holocaust education purposes. Most of the synagogues represented are Reform or Liberal. Temple Israel has not yet sent in a video to the MST about our Czech Holocaust Torah #486. We hope to do so in the coming year.

Also on the website, are remarks of Rabbi Dr. Andrew Goldstein, Emeritus Rabbi of the Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue in Northwood, England - which is now called the

Ark Synagogue. This appellation relates to the large, neo-gothic ark surround in the chapel of the Jewish cemetery in Kolin, Czechoslovakia (where their MST Scroll had been in a synagogue). The ark surround was saved in the early 1980s, when the Communists were going to liquidate the entire cemetery, and brought back to Northwood.

Temple Israel is the steward and guardian, on permanent loan from the MST, of Czech Holocaust Torah #486 (an orphan scroll - we don't know what town it came from), initially brought to us in 2015 by Rabbi David Senter, z"l. We have a special relationship with Jeffrey Ohrenstein, Chair of the MST, as our scroll was the first one that was loaned out by the MST after he became the chair. MST #486 has been used during lifecycle events including b'nei mitzvah ceremonies, the High Holidays, other major and minor holidays, and often during regular Shabbat services. The scroll underwent a restoration and some minor repairs in the fall of 2023 by Rabbi Sofer Kevin Hale; on completion of the repairs, he joined us for a *siyyum* October 25. (See the article and photos in the November 2023 issue of *The Doorpost*. Rabbi Sofer Hale estimates that MST #486 dates back to the 1775 era. It was already an antique when it was in use in Czechoslovakia, pre-WWII.

Starting this year, all our b'nei mitzvah celebrants will receive as a gift from the Holocaust Torah Committee, a copy of the book recently published by the MST: *1564 Scrolls: A Legacy of Jewish Life in Bohemia and Moravia*.





## Art Review Team

by Deborah Levine

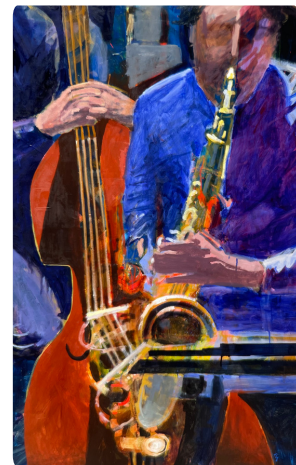
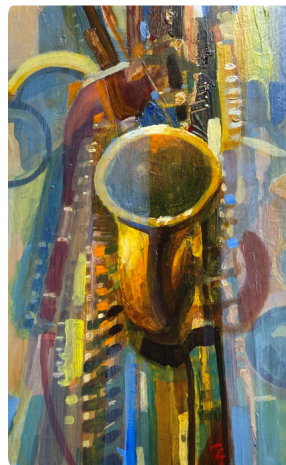
The theme for our upcoming spring exhibit is "A Tribute to Music." A "Meet the Artists Reception and Walk-through" is planned for Friday, March 22 at 7:30 pm, following our 6:30 pm service. Please join us to meet artists Tom Glover and Paul Burke. Works depicting jazz musicians and abstract interpretations of shiny brass and other instruments will be on display in the Shmooze and Social Hall.



### ● Artists Paul Burke, Tom Glover

*Kol haneshama t'hallel Yah*, every soul will praise the Lord. As a Jewish community, we lift our voices to sing liturgical prayers and hymns on Shabbat and holidays. This experience for many is rich and uplifting. As individuals, we find both comfort and excitement in attending concerts, as well as participating in choruses and instrumental ensembles. These activities are replenishing and fun, especially in troubling times. A composition on paper comes alive with a beautiful blending of many voices or sounds, without respect to the politics, gender, or age of the listener.

We celebrate Jewish musicians including Leonard Bernstein, world famous composer of musicals such as *West Side Story*, as well as a creator of arrangements for orchestra based on Hebrew hymns. Most are also familiar with the lyrics of Jewish musician Leonard Cohen,



● Above, paintings by Tom Glover especially the very moving song "Hallelujah," which includes biblical references. Israeli violinist Itzhak Perlman is admired internationally as a musical virtuoso. Trumpeter, singer, and composer Louis Armstrong was raised by a Jewish couple who adopted him as a boy. He spoke fluent Yiddish and wore a Star of David his entire life. Billy Joel, Benny Goodman, André Previn, Bob Dylan, Barbra Streisand—the list goes on! "*Halleluhu*," Praise God, with the call of the shofar; praise God with the harp and lyre, *Psalms 150*.

Congregants Ken Cohen and Allan Goldfarb will act as advisors for an online art and services auction to benefit ALMEP, the Alliance for Middle East Peace, later this spring. A play-reading is also in the works.

## Percussion Class

**Hand drumming** takes a break in March. Instructor John Felice will return in April.

## Sisterhood

by Rachel Dennis, Sisterhood Chair

Ten women had fun painting Miriam's Cups at Firefly pottery. Fifteen cups will be used at our Community Seder.



### Painting Miriam's Cups at Firefly Pottery

Please join us on March 12 to bake

hamantaschen for our temple's Purim events.

On March 17, the community is invited to watch the subtitled movie **The Women's Balcony** and enjoy freshly popped popcorn.

Please join us on April 14 to eat a catered brunch and shmooze with our Sisterhood membership.

We are cooking and baking for various Temple events, as well as knitting hats and scarves for Israeli soldiers. I look forward to seeing you at a Sisterhood event soon-- Rachel.

## Security Training

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm. This program offered by Portsmouth Police Department is for Temple Israel staff members and committee volunteers. Additional trainings for the entire congregation will be scheduled in the future.

## NH Jewish Film Festival

by Liz Kolodney



**16th Annual NH Jewish Film Festival, April 4-**

**April 14 with Bonus**

**Week April 14 - 21**

**Tickets go on sale 3/1**

We are excited to announce a premier lineup of fourteen truly outstanding and diverse feature-length films that will excite, enlighten, and provoke you, our audience.

The films will be presented this year as a multi-access experience, featuring both in-theater and virtual screenings of films from around the globe. **Find more information about films and screenings online at [www.nhjewishfilmfestival.com](http://www.nhjewishfilmfestival.com).**

## Tot Shabbat with JFNH

Saturday, 3/16, 10:00 am, Register via JFNH



# TOT SHABBAT HOP!

PJ Library's jBaby and Early Education Initiative invite families with children 0-5 (siblings welcome) to celebrate Shabbat morning together. Each month at a different location!

Stories, Singing, and Blessings followed by a Kiddie Kiddush



**Saturday, March 16th, 2024**  
**10AM**  
**Temple Israel, Portsmouth**

**Registration Required**

Scan QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/d6TuMMbK8Toev4iC7>



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## March Yahrzeits

1. Harry Rosen, Sumner Levy, Barbara F. Silverman, Jacqueline Boibeaux, Bette Aschkenasy, Esther Bavman, Ida Kirzner, Hyman Levy
2. Doris Freedman, Ira Goldberg, Seth Lampert, Paul Rubin, Roslyn Albert, Frank Anker, Max B. Sanders
3. Gus Cronheim, Megan DuPrie, Arthur Shaver, Reb Aaron Rosenbaum, Sarah Atkins, Frank Birch, Ethel Trubowitz, Celia Pindrus, Ida Isacoff, Jim Goodman, Seymour Simmons, Marjorie Glater
4. Isaac Rottenberg, Lorraine Kotlus, Francis J. McCarty, Ruth Miller
5. Morris (Mike) Levy, Ruth Heller, Irving Katz, Loretta (Lucky) Levy, David Rosengard, Ida Rubin, Katherine Goldberg, Louis Poyourow, George J. Feinberg, Laura Fink
6. Nathan Levine, Norman Freedman, Carol Schultz, Celia Weinberg, Irving Tober, Joel Perlman, Mary Low, Samuel Rosenberg, William Schoonmaker
7. Louis Schopick, Abraham Prostkoff, Eli Oil, Frances Dricker, Patrick Jackson, Ida Barr
8. Abraham Grossman, Jack Naparsteck, Alvin Effron, Stephen Bauer, Bessie Shapiro, Rose Green, Gertrude Isenstein, Arline Lieber, Mary Paisner, Myer Siegel, Wendy Drager
9. Sarah Moldoff, Benjamin Tober, George Freedman, Harvey Ludwig, Stanley M. Epstein, John (Mac) McQueeney, Sidney Cohen, Alan Rudolph
10. Harry Klein, Sam Leiderman
11. Roberta Segal Ohlemacher, Baby Berlin, Charlotte Mackles, Moe Rosenblum, Norman Torf, Barbara MacGregor
12. Ida Blank

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13. Nancy Medoff
14. Joanne Solomon, Hilda Benjamin
15. Daniel Schwartz, Albert Woolfson, Clarice Yoken, Herbert Richard Greene, Sheila Kaplan, Debbie N. Most
16. Robert Berman
17. Edward Goldman, John Selden, Katie Levy, Ron Sussman
18. Bessie Partoll, Jerry Slutzky
19. Lena Ackerman, Bessie Marcus
20. Louis Baer, Helen Krassner, Max David Mendelovitz, Gertrude Salloway
21. Margaret Lockman Levine, Herbert Cohen, Ida Wenig, Corinne Wiseman
22. Frances (Fannie) Goodman, Katie Robbins
23. (no observance)
24. Richard H. Goldberg, Joseph William Fritz, Howard Silverman
25. Hester Schwartz
26. (no observance)
27. Morris Greenfield
28. Joseph Greenberg
29. Susan Freedman Knussen, Margie Blanding, Jackie Eskin
30. Rose Baumstein
31. B. Shafran, Sarah Trubowitz, Ilene Levin, Melvin Intriligator, Deeda Wharton



***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.



## Events

### **Refugee & New Immigrant Shabbat, p. 8**

Friday, 3/8, 6:00 pm, hosted by Tikkun Olam

### **Torah Inspired Yoga, p. 3**

Saturday, 3/9, 9:00 am, Chapel

### **Support Group for those with family in Israel**

Thurs. 3/14 & 3/21, 11:00 am, Chapel

### **Town Hall Meetings, Terumah Initiative, p. 10**

Sunday, 3/10, 10:00 am, Social Hall

Wednesday, 3/20, 5:00 pm, Social Hall

Thursday, 3/28, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

### **Tot Shabbat with Rabba Kaya, p. 3**

Friday, 3/15, 5:30 pm, Chapel

### **Shabbes Tisch Potluck Shabbat Dinner, p. 3**

Friday, 3/15, 6:30 pm, Social Hall

### **Tot Shabbat Hop with PJ Library, p. 14**

Saturday, 3/16, 10:00 am, Social Hall

### **Sisterhood Movie Screening p. 14**

Sunday, 3/17, 2:00 pm, Social Hall

### **Portsmouth PD Security Training, p. 14**

Wednesday, 3/20, 7:00 pm, Social Hall

### **TIP Book Club Meeting, p. 10**

Thursday, 12/21, 12:00 pm, Shmooze

### **Fast of Esther - Poetry Class, p. 2**

Thursday, 3/21, midday, via Zoom (regular link)

### **Spring Art Exhibit Reception, p. 13**

Friday, 3/22, 7:30 pm (after service)

### **Purim Celebration, p. 2**

Saturday, 3/23, 7:30 pm, Megillah Reading

Sunday, 3/24, 11:00 am, Carnival & Magic Show

### **TIP 2024-2025 Budget Review Session**

Tuesday, 3/26, 7:00 pm, Social Hall

### **TIP Blood Drive, p. 11**

Monday, 4/1, 10:00am - 3:00 pm, Social Hall

## Meetings

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

### CLASSES

#### **Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class with Reb Jacob**

Wednesdays via Zoom, 7:30 - 8:45 pm

#### **Lunch & Learn with Reb Jacob**

Saturday after services, March 2 & 30

#### **Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Grammar**

4:00 pm Mondays, via Zoom

#### **Beginner Prayerbook Hebrew Grammar**

NEW CLASS SCHEDULE TBA, via Zoom

#### **Intro to Biblical Hebrew Grammar**

1:00 pm Tuesdays, via Zoom

#### **Yiddish for Beginners, Shmoozatorium**

11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays EXCEPT 3/13

#### **Advanced Torah Reading & Grammar**

10:30 am Thursdays, via Zoom

#### **Hand Drumming for Beginners**

Returns in April

#### **Kulam Teen Program**

11:00 am Sundays (see calendar), Social Hall

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Board of Directors**, 7:00 pm, Tues., 3/19

**Education**, 7:00 pm, Thursday, 3/28

**Executive Committee**, 7:30 pm, Weds. 3/13

**House** (in person), 6:00 pm, Thursday, 3/7

**Israel Affairs**, 3:30 pm, Tuesday, 3/19

**Ritual Committee**, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, 3/26

**Sisterhood, 1:00 pm**, Sunday, 3/17 (Chapel)

**Tikkun Olam**, 7:00 pm, Thursday, 3/21

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



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