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President's Message

Dear fellow members:

What a year!

If I'd known what we had ahead of us when I started as president a year ago, I would have petitioned the chief rabbi for twenty-five per cent more hours in the Temple day and handed them out to all of you who gave so much of yourselves to the Temple this past year.

Just think what we've done: we started reinvigorating our Religious School, put on a whole series of lively and meaningful holiday services, started a marketing program for our Temple facilities, figured out how to live comfortably in our new Temple home, held a wonderful auction that was both a joyous social event and a great fundraiser, beefed up our membership procedures and warmed up our welcome to new members, searched for and found a new rabbi, organized and led some of our own Shabbat services, supported each other in time of need and gave of ourselves to the wider community, and through it all, carried on the careful, behind-the-scenes logistic and financial planning that provides the solid foundation for everything else.

I say "we" did all this, but really I should say "you," because for each of those accomplishments I could name two or three or six or ten or 20 people who thought and planned and sweated and gave of themselves, just plain gave, so that our Temple Israel could be the warm, welcoming, spiritual home we count on to nourish our tradition and

Auction 2006 Smashing Success!



Maschi Kaplan, Auction Chair

help us pass it on to future generations.

This year has made me sharply aware of the countless small acts that make our community whole, and paradoxically has also taught me that none of these acts stands only for itself. Each contribution, small and large – moving a chair or leading a service, teaching a class or organizing a seder, cleaning the kitchen or turning off the lights at the end of the day – each of these acts adds life and strength to our Temple Israel community and to our ancient tradition.

And this is just the beginning. If you'll look back at that list of things we've accomplished this year, you'll see that each of them lays groundwork for what we can do in the year to come. I look forward to working with you to build on all these achievements in the coming year.

Phil Ginsburg

The Boardwalk silent and loud auction was full of surprises, generosity and learned lessons. When Phil Ginsburg asked me back in autumn to handle this event I agreed to take on the responsibility because our temple was in desperate need of fundraising and also such an event would also socially benefit our community. The fun part for me was assembling an auction committee because our community is blessed with members like the following people who are not only capable but also resourceful: Robert Adler, Anne Allen, Patty Diengott, Valerie Fagin, Pam Guiguire, Lorraine Goren, Kathy Gunst, Shelley Levy, Linda Lyon, Glicka Kaplan, Marla Katz, Roni Pekins, Jodi Scharff, Lisa Weinstein and Andra Welch, I am still in awe of the hours these folks have dedicated to this event to make it successful. We started our project with zero budget and

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School Notes

The students in Jody Aviles' kindergarten and first grade class created a story for our new rabbi, Rabbi Karol. The story was beautifully illustrated (which I can't show you here), but I thought the community might enjoy reading what they wrote (the capital letters are theirs). The original was sent to Rabbi Karol in the mail.

"The New Rabbi"

A story by the K-1 class - Noah, Evan, Maddox, Olivia and Sarah

We all thought it was a normal Friday night. Then, the new Rabbi walked in. "Look", I whispered to my mother, "it's the NEW Rabbi, he looks nice. Mom, he is as tall as a tree," I said. My mom said, "Be quiet- the new Rabbi is going to sing Hinei Mah Tov." But when the new Rabbi opened his mouth to sing, NO WORDS came out, only bats and rabbits! The bats flew all over the temple and the rabbits jumped over and under the chairs and into the Ark.

All of a sudden, the lights flickered and went OUT... the fire alarm started to BLARE. People started screaming and running. They shouted, Yikes, there are rabbits and bats everywhere, even in

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Ideas for submissions and letters to the editor are welcomed from members of the Temple Israel family and from others who wish to communicate with the congregation. All communication with the Editor should be transmitted by E-mail or other digital means. Publication is limited by editorial and space considerations.

The deadline for submission is the tenth of the month for the following month's issue of *Kesher*.

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Editor Robert Adler

our hair!"

Out of nowhere came guitar music and a BEAUTIFUL voice singing Hinei Mah Tov. The lights came ON, the bats flew away into the Sabbath night sky, the rabbits hopped back into their rabbit holes.

I LOOKED AT MY MOTHER AND SAID, ' WOW, WHAT A COOL NEW RABBI!"

Gotta give it to the next generation- they sure know how to welcome a guy!
Sue

DONATIONS

Temple Israel expresses its grateful appreciation for the following donations:

General, Yahrzeits & Memorials: Gregorios Koutrelakos; Irving Pastor in memory of Harry Pastor; Sidney Kates for Yahrzeit; Kenneth & Carole Appel; Florence Pastor in memory of Nathan Mandell; Ethlyn Golub in memory of Nathan Mandell; Steve & Lorraine Goren in memory of Sydney Goren & Bessie Issokson and Mazel Tov to Miranda Schultz for her Bat Mitzvah; Seymour Osman in memory of his blessed mother Leah Osman; Bill & Pinky Kram in memory of Ruth Kram; Florence Pastor in memory of Jackson Pastor, Sumner Berenson & Leonard Berenson.



Mazel Tov

**to community members
celebrating happy occasions
in June.**

Birthdays:

Jason Rubinstein (2), Sumner Cohen (3), Abe McWilliams (4), Rich Ollar (6), Sam Ollar (8), Marjorie Fisher (8), Barb Frankel (8), Richard Morse (11), Rick Levy (17), Esther Cohen (18), Laura Hartmann (21), Ann Isaacoff (22), Bill Ollar (23), Gladys Ollar (23), Hannah Khin (23), Debora Mayer (24), Anne Odell (26), Sean Alprin (27) Janet Alprin (30).

Anniversaries:

Eric and Janice Miller (2), Mark & Maria Rubinstein (5), Dennis & Shari Donnermeyer (12), Leonard & Glenyce Kaplan (17), Sumner & Esther Cohen, Stephen & Ruth McDonald (30).

Help Wanted: Editor,

Temple Newsletter. This involves writing or collecting articles about the community's activities and can include instruction in desktop publishing or delegating that portion of the paste up effort. Contact Robert at Robert.Adler@DoverTemple.Org

JUNE ONEG HOSTS

Onegs will be hosted by the following families:

June 2 Carolyn Anderson & Phil Ginsburg, Dana Thyng Betty & Scott Kaplan

June 9 Patricia Lacutorolo & Alan Hymanson, Julie Serrano

June 16 Party Honoring Lev

June 23 Janice & Eric Miller

June 30 Mary & Art Anker, Iris Estabrook

July 7 Kristin & Todd Adelman
Le'Ann Milinder & Robert Adler

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thanks to the following donations from underwriters and sponsors, we were able to pay for our expenses and actually start that Saturday night with auction bills accounted for. Our gratitude for making that night profitable goes to: the Adelman Family, D.F. Richard, Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Prime Tanning, Inc. and Exeter Rent-All. Their contributions truly took care of printing, catering, and rental needs. The sponsors included Burton Cohen, Gowen and Wainwright Insurance, Ocean National Bank and Michael Spinelli and their gifts took care of other lists such as wait staff, cleaning crews and postage. I must recognize other donations that just kept us focussed; excited and happily involved: Jodi Scharff not only designed the invitation and catalog, she and Stuart paid for the invitations; the Robbins family gave us supplies from Handy Hardware; Peter Pastor not only made theme a reality by supplying the benefit with genuine Nathan's Coney Island hot dogs but also personally delivered a hot dog machine for our own use from his Bread n Butter stores, we couldn't afford table cloths for our silent tables but thanks to Mike Kaplan lots of brown paper was delivered beforehand and our own "Martha" Novis figured out a way to make paper drape like cloth; Anne and David Allen took care of the Auctioneer's stay at the Comfort Inn so they wouldn't have to drive back to N. Conway late that night and among many other strengths, Anne showed that the driveway, windows and weeds can all be swept, cleaned and picked up in one Sat. morning.

The table centerpieces and numbers and decorations were inspired, purchased and created by Val Jorgensen; the loud auction tables transformed by Marla Katz, the silent auction items displayed and labeled by Linda Lyons, Gift certificates and the initial catalog copy were generated by Roni Pekins, table reservations handled by Shelley Levy who also supplied us with a stash of clipboards for auction use, editing copy, scheduling volunteers and working into the wee morning hours over data sheets by Lisa Weinstein and Val Jorgensen was also due to hours of planning by Patty Diengott, Val and Andra Welch supplied fresh flowering plants for inside and outside and Andra merchandised the silent auction "Gold" table; Val Fagin along with Kristen Adelman greeted guests at the front

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: JUNE 2006

Sivan 5 – Tammuz 1

Shabbat services are Friday evenings at 7:30.

Day Date Event

Fri June 2 Tot Shabbat 6:00

Pot Luck Dinner 6:30

Shabbat Services with Rabbi Lev 7:30

Baby naming for Paige JohannaBurt, grand-daughter of David and DeeDee Goldstein

Sun 4 ANNUAL MEETING 10:00 - Noon

Fri 9 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm

Sun 11 Going away party for Bill & Pinky Kram

in conjunction with the Seacoast UJA,

members of Temple Israel Dover

& Temple Israel Portsmouth members 10:30 am At

Temple Israel Dover

Fri 16 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm,

Last service with Rabbi Lev

Big Party to follow. More

Information later.

Sat 17 Bar Mitzvah for Nathan Alper 10:00 am

Sun 18 FATHER'S DAY

Fri 23 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm

Fri 30 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm

door; much thanks to all the people who stayed after Friday night services to help set up tables and chairs and to the volunteers who gave most of their day on Sat. to set up for that night and who came back early Sunday morning to put tables away and reorganize the room for the Hospice Memorial ; breakfast and lunch supplied by Glicka Kaplan and the Gorens on Saturday, the tremendous platter of cheeses and crackers assembled by Kathy Gunst in the foyer; to Juliette Diengott, Brian Levy and Sam Ollar for donating your time and labor to the catering staff - I can't imagine how dinner would have been managed with out their help and finally a big thank you to volunteers Robert Adler, Lynn DeSantis, Pam and Steve Giguere, Karen and Marc Hiller, Arlene Kent, and Sara Weisman who took the huge job of checking in and out over 215 people that night and overseeing the paperwork involved in the silent and loud auctions. I cannot

forget the thoughtful group of volunteers who canvased for items and also showed up on Saturday to help pull off all the details left to be done: Carolyn Anderson, Ellen Cohn, Andy Diengott, Phil Ginsburg Jackie Glazer, Ann Isaacoff, Glenyce Kaplan, Rick Levy, David Novis, Richard Nye, and Rita Robbins, I still owe lots of thank you notes but in the meantime, I want to share that the best surprise was that our new synagogue space worked out well, accommodated three different events that weekend and confirmed how lucky we are to have such a facility in our community. Our community came together and helped raise over \$50,000.00. All the hard work paid off, and like the auctioneer, Steve Scholfield, said at the end of the evening, Mazol Tov.

Maschi Kaplan

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Summer Services
Lynne DeSantis has graciously offered to coordinate and lead Shabbat Services this summer until Rabbi Karol arrives in August. If you would like to co-lead, lead a guided meditation, create a Shabbat Service, or help bake challah, please contact Lynne at lynnedesantis@netscape.net

**YAHRTZEIT DATES
FOR JUNE**

Sivan 5 - Tammuz 1

June 3 Rose Goren (29), Laurel Silverman (6/1), Stuart Boughton (3).

June 10 Samuel Fishman (4), Louis Smith (5), Edgar Pass (7), Hyman Novak (8), Robert Davis (8), Bette Yaffee (10),

June 17 Samuel Cohen (11), Arthur Gershman (11), Sadie Wolfson (12), Anne Golub (12), Laura Garr (13)

June 24 Joseph Ambinder

July 1 Barney Saperstein (25), Rose Lechner (26), Robert Ryder (26), Joel Cooperman (27), Selma Nasberg (29), Gretchen Hughes (30), Helen Meyrowitz (July 1).

It is appropriate to make a donation when adding a name to the Yahrtzeit list and at the Yahrtzeit date each year. Traditionally names of the immediate family are added, however, you may also choose to add names of others who have added holiness to your life. For information or to add a name please call Jackie Glaser at 603-742-3976. **NOTE:** Yahrzeits are listed according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary from year to year. Kaddish may be recited on the Shabbat following the date of remembrance.

Memorial Wall

Members may add names of loved ones or reserve spaces on the new memorial wall with a minimum contribution of \$300.

