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The Rabbi's Study

The beginning of a new Jewish year, 5768, presents us with an opportunity to take a personal inventory, to evaluate our current feelings and sense about our lives now and to consider where we want to be a year from now.

One of the Torah passages that leads us into the High Holy Days (from Deuteronomy, Chapter 28) outlined for the Israelites what blessings would “take effect” if they followed the divine commandments. The *Eitz Chayim* Torah commentary notes that the words translated as “take effect” really mean “overtake you.” According to one interpretation, “Sometimes God intends to bless us, but we are so busy running after success that the blessings cannot catch up to us. Instead of chasing after fulfillment, per-

haps we need to slow down and let the good things of life catch up to us.”

The Torah declares, in this paragraph, “Blessed shall you be when you enter and blessed shall you be when you go out.” Our “comings and goings” may include driving to and from work, transporting children to school (or college!) and to their various activities, attending meetings of organizations to which we belong, traveling to and from vacation spots, and visiting family around the country (or the world). This blessing expresses hope for safety throughout our journeys and for growth and prosperity regarding what happens when we reach our destinations. Whatever our activities may be in between our “comings” and “goings,” our heritage would wish that the tangible benefits we receive from our participation in voluntary groups or work in our occupations would also give us personal satisfaction and appreciation for life that would lead us to perform acts of goodness. Our gratitude for what we are able to achieve in our

comings and goings can lead us to help others to find reasons to be thankful for the gift and blessing of community.

After a year in Dover, Rhonda, Adam and I have become accustomed to our own comings and goings in New England. We are still learning about Temple Israel and its place in Dover history and its role as a center of Reform Judaism in the Seacoast. We look forward to continuing to get to know Temple members and residents of the area whom we encourage to become a part of our community. In the year to come, may we all be blessed in our comings and our goings, and, also, in the relationships we develop and strengthen along our journeys and at our various destinations. From our home to yours, we wish you a happy and healthy New Year!

*L'shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.*

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends
 condolences to:

Steve and Sharon Brody, on the
 death of Sharon's aunt, **Marlean**

Willensky, on August 2.

**David, Sarah and Annie Yanof-
 sky** on the death of their wife/
 mother, **Krissy Yanofsky**, on
 August 21.

*May their memories be
 for blessing.*

KESHER

Kesher, Connection, is the newsletter
 for the congregation of Temple Israel
 of Dover, N. H.

Ideas for submissions and letters to the
 editor are welcomed from members of
 the Temple Israel family and from oth-
 ers who wish to communicate with the
 congregation. All communication with
 the Editor should be transmitted by E-
 mail or other digital means. Publica-
 tion 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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From the President

Notes from the president's kitchen table.....

Some of you might recognize the scene...it is just before the High Holidays...
 the house has to be cleaned. Why? Because the dust bunnies I vacuumed up be-
 fore Passover have returned and brought their mishpocha. I didn't invite them but
 they came just the same. But it is the birthday of the world, as my children used
 to call the holidays, and birthdays call for celebrations and celebrations call for a
 margin of cleanliness. Celebrations also call for culinary treats. Now...those of
 you who *really* know me...know I'm great at making reservations but that's about
 all. But for some reason when holidays approach I become the Jewish Betty
 Crocker. I really do know how to cook and bake but it is somewhat akin to learn-
 ing how to type or change a tire...if they find out you can do it, they will expect
 you to do it. I save myself for special occasions. I have been gathering the ingre-
 dients for the honey cakes since August 26...how can I be so sure of the date?
 When one doesn't do these things regularly, you remember the date. Now I have
 to remember which child likes honey cakes with raisins, with nuts, with apples,
 with chocolate chips, and not at all!! The cakes have to be made in advance so we
 can get them mailed out to the respective homes in time for Rosh Hashanah. One
 child who lives close by has already called to ask what time is dinner and can we
 have some of the in-laws join us...only if you are making brisket. The other
 child calls and says he and his girlfriend will be with us for meals and just check-
 ing to make sure I'm making the honey orange chicken at least one night. It's
 Rosh Hashanah, we have to have apples and honey. A tradition in our family, we
 have to go to the apple farm and pick the apples. I make great apple butter but
 what I really want is a great apple cake just like Bubbe made. I scour the jewish
 cookbooks but none of them have a recipe with the correct "tam". Last year, I
 found the best apple cake ever and it tasted exactly like my Bubbe's!!! It didn't
 come from a store but was shared with all of us at an Oneg and was made by my
 friends Ilese and Craig Stevens who shared the recipe with me. They brought
 back memories as sweet as the apples. At this time of the year, we are told to ask
 for forgiveness for our transgressions so that we may be inscribed in the Book of
 Life. May all of our requests for forgiveness be granted and all of our thanks for
 life's sweetness grow and insure that we are all inscribed in the Book of Life.
 From all of us in the Brody family, Steve, Keith, Danielle, Brian, Mark, Janet,
 Shawn, Seth, Charles, Janice, Alicia, Makenna, Kaitlynn, and even Douglas and
 Sydney to all of you and your families...

With love and *L'Shana Tova!!*

Sharon

THANK YOU TO OUR ONEG HOSTS

*A big "thank you" goes out to Patty Diengott as she steps down in her
 role as Chair of the Oneg Shabbat receptions following our Friday
 night services. She has performed this service for many years
 and we are grateful for her untiring efforts!!!!*

Carole Krassner has volunteered to take over this task.

*Please let her know if you are able to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat on a
 specific week. If you have any questions regarding scheduling and/or
 dates, she can be reached at: 603-749-2751, or
 E-mail: c.krassner@comcast.net.*

DOVER FRIENDLY KITCHEN

Temple Members serve at the Dover Friendly Kitchen on the first Thursday of each month at St. Thomas Church Parish Hall on Locust Street. Our Temple effort needs people to help cook, serve and clean. We are there from 3:45 pm until around 6:15 pm. Volunteers do not need to come for the whole time. If anyone has questions, or could let me know if they plan to attend, I can be reached at 749-6849 or abbwelch@yahoo.com. We welcome everyone's help! Thank you!
Andra Welch, Coordinator

Contributions

Temple Israel encourages members to honor the memory of loved ones and to offer tribute to friends, relatives and community members through our various Temple funds. Temple Israel expresses its grateful appreciation for the following donations:

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

- Stephen and Mary Karol, in memory of Myra Fine.
- Sig & Fran Westermann, in memory of Sally Jacoby.
- Cathi Cherry-Liston in memory of Myra Fine, Phillip Willensky and Marlean Willensky and in honor of Rabbi's first year.

General Fund

- Doris Stocklan, in memory of Saul Smokler & Gussie Smokler.
- Rita Novak, in memory of Meyer Saunders.



Mazel Tov

to our community members celebrating happy occasions in September

Birthdays

Joel Zarrow (1), Pamela Giguere (7), Anne Saunders (7), Liza Behrendt (9), Rabbi Lev Baesh (17), Juliette Diengott (19), Sarah Albion (19), Betty Kaplan (19), Matthew Segil (22), Mike Robbins (24), Leah Mueller (25), Matthew Albion (26), Michael Krassner (28), Jeanne Wishengrad (30).

Anniversaries

Eric & Marla Katz (2)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 2007
Elul 18 – Tishri 18

Shabbat services are Friday evenings at 7:30 pm

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wed	Sept 5	Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Fri	Sept 7	FAMILY SHABBAT Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm Pot-luck dairy/veggie dinner 6:30 pm Family Service 7:30 pm
Sat	8	Reception 8:00 pm Selichot Service 9:00 pm
Sun	9	Graveside Services Somersworth 1:00 pm Dover 2:00 pm
Tue	11	Conversational Hebrew 6:00 pm
Wed	12	Rosh Hashanah Evening Service 8:00 pm
Thur	13	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:00 am Tashlich Following at Pond Family Service 2:00 pm
Fri	14	Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Day Service 10:00 am Followed by Brunch sponsored by the Karol Family
Fri	14	Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:30 pm
Sun	16	Religious School Open House—10:00 am
Wed	19	First Day of Religious School 4:00–6:00pm
Fri	21	Kol Nidre Service 8:00 pm
Sat	22	Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:00 am Family Service 2:00 pm Concluding Service with Yizkor 3:30 pm Break-the-fast following Havdalah
Tue	25	Conversational Hebrew 6:00 pm
Wed	26	Religious School at 4:00 pm including Sukkah Decorating, followed by Erev Sukkot Dinner 5:30 pm and service at 6:00 pm
Fri	28	Shabbat during Sukkot Service 7:30 pm
Sat	29	Tefillah and Torah—10:30 am
Sun	30	Teen Pizza 5:30 – 6:45 pm
Wed	Oct 3	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Simchat Torah Dinner at 6:00 pm - Service at 7:00 pm

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS

Regular temple office hours until September 17 will remain Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 1:00. When school begins on September 19 the hours will be Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 – 1:00. Wednesday will be 1:00 – 6:00 pm. Any day there is no Religious School, the office will be open on Wednesday mornings.

H A D A S S A H

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again; time to order large round **CHALLAHS** for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

The cost is \$6.00 each, or two (2) for \$12.00.

Please fill out the order form below.

Pick up is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 12, 2007**

Orders must be received by **Saturday, September 8, 2007** with payment enclosed.

Please call Lorraine Goren (603-742-0777) if you have questions. Thank you.

Please make checks payable to **HADASSAH** and mail to: Lorraine Goren, 12 Sunset Drive, Dover, NH 03820

Name: _____

Address: _____ Tel. _____

#Plain Challahs _____ # Raisin Challahs _____

Pick up location: Lorraine Goren, 12 Sunset Drive, Dover (603-742-0777)

ROSH HASHANAH CARDS

This year, send **Hadassah** Rosh Hashanah Greeting Cards to friends and loved ones and engage in the mitzvah of tzeda-kah at the same time. Attractive and meaningful, the purchase of these cards helps to support **Hadassah's** lifesaving and life-giving work. Send one of our unique Rosh Hashanah cards, designed exclusively for **Hadassah**, to everyone you know. *Cards will be assorted.*

TRADITIONAL ROSH HASHANAH CARD

May the sounding of the Shofar proclaim a year of health, happiness and lasting peace for Israel and all humanity. L'Shanah Tova

JERUSALEM ROSH HASHANAH CARD

May you and those dear to you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a sweet and fruitful year. L'Shanah Tova

RENAISSANCE ROSH HASHANAH

May the sounding of the shofar proclaim a year of health, happiness and lasting peace for Israel and all humanity. L'Shana Tova

BRONZE TREE OF LIFE

Best wishes for a sweet and fruitful new year.

Please make checks payable to **HADASSAH** and mail to: Lorraine Goren, 12 Sunset Drive, Dover, NH 03820

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TEL: _____

\$18.00 per package (includes 20 assorted cards) _____ # of packages (new designs are included)

Please call Lorraine Goren (742-0777) if you have any questions. Thank you.

L' Shanah Tovah and a happy, healthy New Year..... Lorraine Goren

**YIZKOR BOOK—YOM KIPPUR 5768-2007**

We are still accepting additions of names to be remembered in the Yizkor/memorial book for Yom Kippur. To add a name to the book or to submit a listing from a previous year, call Ethlyne Golub 742-6034. Send your donation to: Ethlyne Golub, 23 Augusta Way, Dover, NH 03820

Please call Temple (742-3976) by September 10 if you know of responsible adults outside the Temple community who could provide child care during our High Holy Day morning worship.



HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES - 2007—5768

Saturday, September 8

Selichot Service-9:00-9:30 pm

Selichot serves as an "overture" to the High Holy Days. A wine, cheese and dessert reception at 8:00 pm will precede the service.

Sunday, September 9

Graveside Service

Somersworth at 1:00 pm, Dover-Pine Hill at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, September 12

Rosh Hashanah Evening Service-8:00 pm

Sermon: "How Good It Is!"

Thursday, September 13

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service-10:00 am

Sermon: "Letting Go, Holding On" - Tashlich at our pond following

Rosh Hashanah Family Service-2:00 pm

High Holy Day Family services are specially designed and recommended for children under 10 attending with their parents and other adults

Friday, September 14

Rosh Hashanah Second Day Morning Service-10:00 am

Sermon: "Sustaining our World" - Brunch following sponsored by the Karol Family

Friday, September 14

Shabbat Shuvah—Sabbath of Return—Renewal of Spirit Service at 7:30 pm

Friday, September 21

Yom Kippur Evening/Kol Nidre Service-8:00 pm

Sermon: "Making Room for Forgiveness"

Saturday, September 22

Yom Kippur Morning Service-10:00 am—Sermon: "Faith for Good"

Yom Kippur Family Service-2:00 pm

Afternoon-Yizkor (Memorial)-Concluding Services beginning at 3:30 pm;

*A Veggie/Dairy Pot Luck Break-the-Fast dinner will follow
the conclusion of Yom Kippur worship at 6:00 pm*



L'shanah Tovah!

May the sweetness of the High Holy Days be with you through the entire year!

To celebrate the New Year and make sure everyone feels welcome, there will be no tickets required for any of the High Holy Day services. It is the Temple's sincerest hope that every family will make a generous donation to show thanks and appreciation for Temple Israel being a part of our lives and a presence in the Seacoast community. We look forward to seeing you as we begin the New Year together!

High Holyday Food Drive

Temple Israel has a tradition each year of collecting non-perishable food items for distribution to the Dover Food Bank. Each year, the Temple has been able to provide over 200 bags of food collected at the High Holidays. We hope this year everyone will again be generous with their food donations. The food left at the Temple is transported by the Sisterhood to the Food Pantry after the holidays and is always gratefully received. We will have grocery bags on hand for you to take and fill with your contribution to this effort.

Thanks for your help in the past and your caring again this year.

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture תרבות *Holidays* חגים *Customs*

Modern Conversational Hebrew Class to begin in September

Our first class (informational and introduction) will be on **Tuesday, September 11 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Temple Israel**. At present we plan on meeting on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM beginning on September 25.

There is no cost for this class except for the book, *HaYesod...Fundamentals of Hebrew* by Luba Uveeler and Norman Bronznick.

Publisher is Feldheim.

To participate in this somewhat challenging class you must be able to read Hebrew (even marginally) and have an open mind and a willing heart and spirit. Some homework is required in order to keep up. For more information now you may contact: **Mort Cherim 603-742-0775** or mortnan@juno.com

Judaism: Roots and Rituals

An Introduction to Judaism course presented by **Rabbi Larry Karol**

Meeting on Tuesday nights at 7:00-8:30pm
Beginning on October 23
and continuing through March 4

(No class on December 11 and 25 or January 1)

Especially designed for adult learners, seekers and explorers who want to know more about the Jewish heritage! Please let Rabbi Karol know if you plan to attend by calling Temple Israel (742-3976) or by sending an e-mail to Rabbi Karol at lpkarol@aol.com

ATTENTION MEMBERS: We are currently updating the "Menorah" (Temple directory) and hope to have it ready to mail to members in September. The directory will include important information about the temple as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of our entire congregation. **If you have any changes or do not wish to have any of your personal information published, please call the office at 603-742-3976 at your earliest convenience.** If we do not hear from you, the information we currently have will be included in the directory.

Help us update our Congregant E-mail Address List!

If your email address has changed, please contact the office. Keeping our list updated is especially important for families with school children, so that we can contact families in case of an emergency. Thank you!

Congratulations to:

- Ethlyne Golub, on the engagement of her granddaughter, Andrea Smith, to Clifford Shore, and the marriage of her granddaughter Jacqueline Smith to Connor Renfrow on September 2, 2007. The parents of the bride and bride-to-be are Laurie and Henry Smith.
- Ann Isacoff, on the marriage of her granddaughter, Rachel Weinberg, to Alan Mecklenburger on September 2, 2007.

Join us for a Religious School Open House on Sunday, September 16 10:00-11:30 a.m.



*Join us for singing, a mini-brunch and activities for all ages!

*Learn about Temple Israel and our education program!

*Each family that attends will receive a special gift!

*Register for the new school year (which begins on September 19) - Pre-Kindergarten students are welcome to enroll in our youngest class this year!

*Meet Rabbi Larry Karol and our faculty!

Please call Temple Israel (603-742-3976) or e-mail Rabbi Karol (lpkarol@aol.com) if you plan to attend!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have not already sent in your completed form, please do so as soon as possible. It is very important we have all of our students registered well before the beginning of school. If you are enrolling a student for the first time, please call the office at 603-742-3976, Monday – Thursday between 9:00 – 1:00 and a registration form and information about the 2007-2008 school activities will be mailed to you. If you prefer, you may come into the office during the times listed above and someone will be happy to help you, or attend the Religious School Open House on September 16 (see above).

Hospital Visits: Please keep us informed!

Due to national privacy laws, hospitals are not allowed to call congregations to inform them that their members have been admitted as patients. If you know you are going to be in the hospital in advance, please call the Temple office. If you find yourself in the hospital unexpectedly, please tell a nurse that you would like to see the hospital chaplain, who can call the Temple to let us know that you are there. Rabbi Karol and your Temple Israel community would like to give you the care and support that will help you face your health challenges or concerns.

Congratulations to our 2007 Graduates!

Andrew Gray graduated from Portsmouth High School and will be attending Tulane University. He was the captain of the state championship tennis team and came in second in the state doubles tournament. He also placed third in the state in the high jump in winter track.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALREADY?

We are still looking for your ad to put into our *Kesher* newsletter! Please enclose your business card together with your check for \$90 (for a 6 month insert), payable to "Temple Israel", P.O. Box 254 Dover, N.H. 03820.

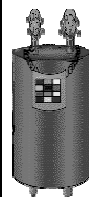
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**“Welcome Home”
Family Shabbat at
Temple Israel for
members of all ages**



on Friday, September 7

- Tot Shabbat at 6:00 pm
- Veggie/Dairy Pot-luck Dinner at 6:30 pm
- Family Service at 7:30 p.m.
- June, July and August Birthday and Anniversary Blessings!
- Oneg Shabbat following



Join us for Tefillah (Prayer) and Torah A monthly informal Shabbat Morning Service, including a peer discussion on the Torah reading for the week on Saturday, September 29 at 10:30 a.m.

A light Kiddush will follow the service. We look forward to congregants participating in this opportunity to connect with God, our community and our heritage!

TEEN PIZZA—Pizza Dinner, Social Time and Discussion with Rabbi Karol on Sunday, September 30 at 5:30-6:45 pm
Please respond to Temple (742-3976)!



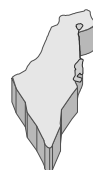
Happy Sukkot!

**Erev Sukkot
Wednesday, September 26**

- Religious School will meet as usual at 4:00 pm and will include time for decorating our

Temple Sukkah

- Dinner for Religious School families and all members at 5:30 pm
- Erev Sukkot Family Service at 6:00 pm



Join us for a Program on Middle East Politics and Issues

On Thursday, October 11, 2007, at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall

Dr. Kenneth Levin will speak to our congregation and community on “The Oslo Syndrome Today: New Threats, Old Delusions.” Dr. Levin, a clinical instructor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, is the author of *The Oslo Syndrome: Delusions of a People Under Siege*.

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Save the date:

Union for

Reform Judaism



**Biennial Convention in San Diego, California
December 12-16, 2007**

Temple leaders and members from around the country (and continent) attend this event to explore new resources and programming, to share ideas that work, and to worship and celebrate together!
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

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Temple Israel is a growing Reform Jewish congregation that welcomes all who wish to participate in Jewish worship, study, and fellowship.

Our mission is to serve as a center for a Jewish experience of tradition and prayer, a lifelong Jewish education, individual and communal acts of caring, and connection to Israel and the wider Jewish world.

Temple Israel is a proud member of the Union for Reform Judaism, one of more than 800 congregations in the Reform synagogue movement.

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L'shanah Tovah

Tikateivu!

**May you be
inscribed for a**

**happy
and
healthy
New
Year!**

שנה טובה
Happy New Year



Yahrzeit Dates For September



Week of Sept 1 John Talisman (Aug 26), Barbara Alperin (27), Joseph Jalbert (28), Barbara O'Connor (28), William Olney (29), Martin Cohen (29), Selma Odell (29), Matthew Fleece (30), Joseph Karol (31).

Week of Sept 8 Aaron Ginsburg (Sept 4), Sadie Liebson (4), Hugo Dieterich (5), Helga Burby (6), Judith Oshman (6), Philip Verner (7).

Week of Sept 15: Charles Kram (9), Isadore Kotlus (10), Martin Karelitz (10), Nancy Schechter Hernandez (13).

Week of Sept 22:

Week of Sept 29: Gertrude Fine (23), Julius Berenson (25), Gerald Landgarten (25), Sadye Harris (26) Louis Golub (27), Alec Cohen (28), Rachel Beaupre (29).

Week of Oct 6: Debora Ginsburg (30), Jack Briskin (Oct 1), Irene Torf (2), Michael Pines (3).

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. 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. It is appropriate to make a donation when adding a name to the Yahrzeit list and at the Yahrzeit date each year. For information or to add a name please call Jackie Glaser at 603-742-3976.

Memorial Wall

Members may add names of loved ones or reserve spaces on the new memorial wall with a minimum contribution of \$300. Please contact Jackie in the office for more information.