

# KESHER

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**The Rabbi's Study**

My two weeks serving on faculty at Crane Lake Camp offered me an opportunity to witness one of my favorite aspects of such a communal setting (Jewish, in this case!): moments of “spiritual overflow.” Some might say that it is possible to see this phenomenon at Fenway Park (and for me, Kaufmann Stadium and Arrowhead Stadium). Sports enthusiasm may be similar to what I see in campers who stand up, clap with rhythm and volume, move to the beat, and sing their favorite songs “at the top of their lungs.” What is different, however, is the message, as demonstrated by the companion expression to the campers’ exuberance: putting their arms around each other and singing on slower songs that, they know, teach the value of community. Friday night song and Israeli folk dance sessions featured some of those special moments. I enjoyed being able to join in with the campers and staff on the dances I know well. It was another way for me to be a part of the camp community.

Some of those moments of “overflow” at camp are echoes of the spirit I see in the sanctuary at Temple Israel, whether we are clapping to “Hallelu” at the end of the Renewal of Spirit Shabbat service, moving to Craig Taubman’s “Lecha Dodi” to

welcome the Sabbath bride or simply joining our voices together in song or in meaningful words that voice our beliefs and values. All of those expressions inspire me when my “spiritual overflow” takes the form of music and lyrics. While I was at Crane Lake Camp, both last year and this year, my presence in a context of learning and community based in the Jewish heritage led me to turn a worship text into a song. Last year, several months of exploring Psalm 97 (“Light is sown for the righteous”) resulted in the creation of the “Or Zaru’a” melody that I have shared at several Shabbat services throughout the year. This year, I went to camp without a text in mind, but a reading on Shabbat and High Holy Day mornings, “though our mouths should overflow with song as the sea” (called the *birkat shir*—blessing of song), which is also in the Pesach Haggadah, caught my attention. Sometimes I will try to “construct a melody,” but the best songs, in my opinion, don’t emerge from such a contrived approach. I thought of the traditional chant for this prayer, and began to “play” with a tune. From there, it was a matter of letting the “overflow” flow through me, much as if I was standing on the shore of a nearby beach at a moment when the waves would surround me as they came in. I might say I am the songwriter when a song is complete,, but I also see myself as a conduit for the thoughts, feelings and spirit that come from our heritage, from community, and from the oneness (and Oneness) that connects us all. I know we don’t all experience or respond to this oneness (or Oneness) in the same way, but being part of a community means

positively sharing and learning from our various modes of spirituality.

So whether we best express ourselves in song, in words, or in silence, may we continue to seek new ways to unify our “spiritual overflow” that will bring us all closer together as one congregation and community.

*Leshalom,  
Rabbi Larry K.*

**Rabbi Larry at Crane Lake Camp: Joining in a Shabbat Song Session and Teaching Guitar**



**D’var Torah Series:  
More Than Words:  
A Spiritual Lexicon**  
**August 1**  
**Direction/Kavanah**  
**August 8**  
**Words/D’varim**  
**August 29**  
**Faith/Emunah**

**THANK YOU TO  
OUR ONEG  
HOSTS**

**August 1st**

Eve Edelstein-Williams  
and Colin Williams

**August 8th**

Alan Wolff

**August 15th**

Carole Krassner

**August 22nd**

Bring something to share

**August 29th**

Ann Issacoff and  
Andrea and David  
Duscheneau.



**KESHER**

*Kesher*, Connection, is the newsletter for the congregation of Temple Israel of Dover, NH. 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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**Notes from the kitchen table....or...the summer is over**

Where did the summer go?? I feel as if I still need to take some time off but it is not going to happen during the summer. Oh well, I'll plan ahead for next summer!! Hope all of you are enjoying the season and have not been too water logged from all the rain. I really wish I knew what the bracha would be for stop all ready...or maybe we should review the instructions God provided to Noah about that ark again. You all remember that I never complain about summer heat, rain or wind...because I save all of my whining for winter snow and ice!!

Since I am still somewhere between here and there and not really ready to go full swing into the real work schedule of the Temple I will just let everyone know what is coming up in the future. September will bring the beginning of the New Year for all of our congregational family. We will celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This year both holidays fall during the week...plan ahead and mark your calendars and tell your employers that you have personal business to attend on those days. I have already done that very thing. Again, I am asking you to invite friends, colleagues and family members to join us for the High Holidays. This is truly a time to be together as a community.

October 24-26, the Reform Jewish Community of the Northeast Region will be coming together in Albany, NY for their Biennial Meeting. If you have never attended a Biennial, this would be a great introduction. The member congregations from throughout the northeast region will have people in attendance. It is a wonderful way to meet other Reform Jews from across New England and parts of New York state. Shabbat services are really wonderful and the workshops give you insights into what is happening in the movement and where we are going. It gives you an opportunity to have input into the future of Reform Judaism. And I admit, I have an ulterior motive for wanting members of the congregation to attend...I have just been nominated to serve on the Northeast Council of Leaders and I would feel better if you were with me. Additional information will be forthcoming with registration details. There is financial assistance available for attendance from the Small Congregations fund. No one wants to miss the Oneg Shabbat at a Biennial...or the jam session with the rabbis and cantors and song leaders from the region. Special guest musician will be Peri Smilow...you cannot miss that!!

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6 at 7 PM. All are invited to attend. There will be an opportunity for you to address the board with your comments and concerns.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer....

*Sharon*

### 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.



The Ritual Committee is excited about the recent printing of the new *Mishkan T'filah* prayer book. We have already placed an order for 110 copies (40 more to go) of the Shabbat-only book and 30 copies of the weekday/festival volume (we would like 10 more). Please consider a donation toward this purchase to recognize a simchah (special birthday, anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah, etc.) or to honor the memory of a loved one. A bookplate will be affixed inside the volume's cover to acknowledge each donation. Thank you for helping us achieve this goal for our community!

*The Ritual Committee*



## Mazel Tov

to our community members celebrating happy occasions in August!

### Birthdays

Alex Hymanson (1), Michael Hymanson (1), Maddy Shuldman (4), Bill Schoonmaker (4), James Albion (8), Judy Esposito (8), Amanda Sobel (9), Mary Anker (10), Suzanne Pitney (12), Max Esposito (12), Jake Allen (12), Karen Hiller (13), Robin Lent (13), Mary Kaye (17), David Kaplan (18), Samantha Fisher (18), J.D. Angerhofer (18), Rick Robbins (22), David Allen (22), Alan Hymanson (22), Savanna Weinstein (28), Hollie Noveletsky (29), Martin Jaffe (29), Rosie Alleva (30)

### Anniversaries

Rabbi Lev Baesh and Andrew Martin (4), Rabbi Larry & Rhonda Karol (8), Mitchell & Diane Shuldman (11), Rob & Lois Costa (11), Laura & Randy Sobel (17), Alan & Patty Hymanson (21), Howard Cloth & Suzanne Pitney (27)

### 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:

#### General Fund

- Alan Nasberg, in memory of Selma Nasberg.
- Paul Pasternack & Sandra Rodeffer.
- Rita Novak, in memory of Goldie Saunders
- Cathi Cherry-Liston, memorial for Richard Nye, Jr.
- Cathi Cherry-Liston, in memory of Richard Nye, Jr. (towards *Mishkan Tefillah*).
- Muriel & Julius Slutzky, in memory of Goldie Saunders
- William and Linda Ollar

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Ann Isacoff, in memory of Harry Verner, Augusta Verner, Rose Verner, and Max Isacoff.
- Carole Krassner, in memory of Richard Nye, Jr. and in honor of Doris Stocklan's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Allen & Gail Gutovitz, thank you to Rabbi Karol (on the occasion of the marriage of Debbie Gutovitz and Brian Pappas on August 24)

*We send our good wishes for health and strength to Jerry Slutzky and Sidney Kates, who have hospitalized in recent weeks.*

### Temple Israel Board of Trustees 2008-2009

Sharon Brody, President; Marc Hiller and Mark Rubinstein, Co Vice-Presidents; Julie Serrano, Corresponding Secretary; Ellen Cohn, Recording Secretary; Paul Pasternack, Treasurer; Lynne DeSantis, Gary Epler, Robert Horowitz, Ann Isacoff (Sisterhood), Eve Edelstein-Williams (Sisterhood), Carole Krassner, William Ollar, Stuart Scharff, Marc Weinstein.

### TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

July through mid-September  
Monday through Friday.  
8:30 am – 1:30pm





## High Holy Day Services 2008—5769



**Saturday, September 27—Pre-High Holy Day Havdalah Service-7:30 pm**

**Sunday, September 28—Graveside Services-Somersworth at 1:00 pm, Dover at 2:00 pm**

**Monday, September 29-Rosh Hashanah Evening Service-8:00 pm**

**Tuesday, September 30-Rosh Hashanah Morning Service-10:00 am, Tashlich at the pond following**

**Tuesday, September 30-Rosh Hashanah Family Service-2:00 pm**

**Wednesday, October 1-Rosh Hashanah Second Day Morning Service-10:00 am**

**Friday, October 3—Shabbat Shuvah/Sabbath of Return service, 7:30 pm**

**Wednesday, October 8-Yom Kippur Evening/Kol Nidre Service-8:00 pm**

**Thursday, October 9-Yom Kippur Morning Service-10:00 am; Family Service-2:00 pm; Afternoon-Yizkor (Memorial)-Concluding Services beginning at 3:30 pm; Pot-luck Veggie/Dairy Break-the-Fast dinner following the end of worship and Havdalah (ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR HIGH HOLY DAY SINGERS SHOULD CONTACT RABBI KAROL AT TEMPLE OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO LPKAROL@AOL.COM—REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN SOON!)**

### JOIN US FOR A TWO-PART PROGRAM ON ISRAEL ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 AT 7:00 PM



1) Jeff Fladen, director of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, will make a presentation on the upcoming Federation Mission to Israel in November (which will correspond with the annual General Assembly). Whether you feel you can



participate or not, come to learn more about these trips that could offer you a first-hand glimpse of Israeli life.

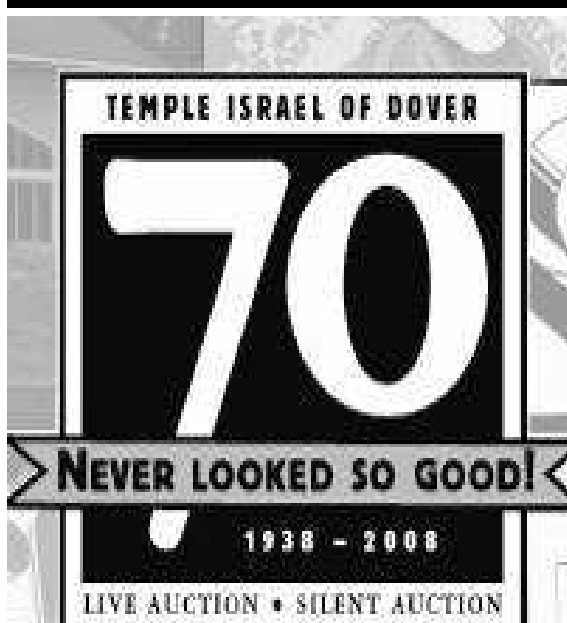
2) Rabbi Karol will present an abridged version of his Crane Lake Camp mini-course on “Shirat Hasticker,” a poem by Israeli writer David Grossman that incorporated into several



stanzas the words from actual Israeli bumper stickers. The poem was set to music by the Israeli hip-hop group, “Hadag Hanachash.” We will listen to the song and examine the lyrics to learn more about Israeli politics and how (pointedly!!!) opinions are expressed there!



**Refreshments will be served!!!! Please respond to Temple (603-742-3976 or lpkarol@aol.com) if you plan to attend!**



CALLING ALL MEMBERS –  
PLEASE  
SHARE YOUR PHOTOS  
OF PAST TEMPLE EVENTS,  
INCLUDING LIFE-CYCLE  
CELEBRATIONS,  
FOR OUR AUCTION AND  
YEAR-LONG 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION!!!

Either scan your photo(s) and  
email what you have scanned to  
Rabbi Karol ([lpkarol@aol.com](mailto:lpkarol@aol.com))  
OR

Mail your photos or copies of  
your photos to Temple (enclose a  
return envelope so we can mail  
the photos back to you!).

*Temple's Auction,  
a centerpiece of  
Our 70th Anniversary  
Celebration  
will be held on Saturday,  
November 1, 2008!*

During the coming weeks,  
please help us by soliciting  
merchandise, gift certifi-  
cates, sponsorships,  
etc. We need all the items  
possible for the auction to  
make it a success. Every  
item, big or small, is ac-  
ceptable for the silent or  
live auction.

For more info:

Contact Maschi Kaplan  
([maschia@aol.com](mailto:maschia@aol.com), 207-  
748-3111) or Lorraine  
Goren (603-742-0777)  
Please join our efforts to  
create a successful  
fundraiser!

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A copy of the auction con-  
tract is available in the  
Temple office and online at  
[www.dovertemple.org](http://www.dovertemple.org).  
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**The next  
Auction Committee  
meeting  
will be held on  
Wednesday,  
August 13th  
at 10:00 am  
at the Temple.**

*Remember When....?*

*Temple Anniversary Trivia*

*E-mail your answers to*

*LPKAROL@aol.com OR*

*Call 603-742-3976 and leave  
your answer with Rabbi Karol!*

*We are still waiting for answers to these questions.....*

- 1) Pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, a minimum wage was established for the United States. How much was it?
- 2) Donna Weiss and Jackie DeShannon wrote a song in 1974, later recorded by Kim Carnes in 1981, about this 1938 academy award winner. Name the actress and the movie.
- 3) New Jersey was sent into a panic on a late October night 70 years ago, fearing the actual beginning of a new world war. Why?  
*...and here are four more!*
- 4) Most everyone knows how Jackie Robinson changed the nature of Major League Baseball in 1947. What two African-Americans played for the same American League team in 1948 (which players and which team)?
- 5) What television show (or "really big shew") debuted in June, 1948 on CBS (exact name of the show, not its eventual name)?
- 6) What respected leader, who modeled nonviolent protest, was assassinated and mourned around the world 60 years ago?
- 7) What word game made its debut in 1948?

*Join us for more Anniversary Trivia online and in the  
coming Kesher newsletters!*

# August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	2
3	4	5 Jeff Fladen on UJA Israel Mis- sion & Rabbi Karol on "The Bumper Sticker Song" 7:00 pm	6 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	7	8 Wine and Cheese 7:00 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	9
10	11	12	13 Auction Committee Meeting 10:00 am Temple	14	15 Pot-luck Dinner 6:30 pm Family Service Under the Stars 7:15 pm	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Lay-led	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit 7:30 pm	30
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**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

**Mazal Tov to more of our graduates!!!**

- Roseanne Mattos, daughter of Marc and Susan Shepcaro, who graduated from the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University in May. She received her BA in Fine Arts, cum laude.
- Meghan Wolff, daughter of Alan and Victoria Wolff, who graduated from McIntosh College this year with an Associates Degree in Photography.
- Ben Williams, son of Colin Williams and Eve Edelstein Williams, who graduated high school from the Learning Skills Academy in Rye.
- Derrick Kotlus, son of Sid & Heidi Kotlus, who graduated Oyster River High School. He will be attending Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.
- Sam Ollar, son of Bill Ollar and Linda Lyon, who graduated from Dover High School. He will attend Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana.

***Our Shabbat Service on Friday, August 22 will be lay-led and participatory for all who attend—please join us!***

**Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit  
Friday, August 29—7:30 pm**

**Featuring our regular Shabbat prayers along with special music and readings on the themes of healing and renewal. Join us and add your voice to this enriching worship experience!!!**

**This service will include a D'var Torah in our "Spiritual Lexicon" series on Faith/Emunah.**

The Temple Israel family extends condolences to: Gayle and Jack Sanders, on the death of Gayle's mother, Thelma Fishman, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on July 8.

May Thelma's memory be for blessing.  
We wish the family comfort and solace in the months to come.

**Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah (after July)**

September 13—Simon Wallace

September 20—Savanna Weinstein

October 18 - Hannah Mueller and Harry Mueller

***Rabbi Larry and Rhonda Karol  
invite you to share***

***in a wine (and other  
beverages)***

***and cheese reception***

***preceding the***

***Friday, August 8 service***

***on the occasion of their 26th Wedding  
Anniversary.***



***Join us on***

***Friday, August 15***

***for a 6:30 pm***

***Dairy/Vegetarian***

***Potluck Dinner***

***and***

***a 7:15 pm service***

***outdoors (weather permitting)***

***from***

***Gates of Prayer for Young People***

***led by Rabbi Karol and Sue Horowitz***

***See you there!***



The Education Committee and Rabbi Karol are planning for the coming year of Religious School and programs of learning for all ages. Please send us your

ideas for speakers and discussions! Let families in the Jewish community in the Seacoast know that we would welcome their children into our school community!

## Temple Israel of Dover

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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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- August 5 Program on Israel Mission and "The Bumper Sticker Song"
- August 8 wine and cheese reception before service for the Karols' 26th Wedding Anniversary
- Dinner at 6:30 pm and Family Service at 7:15 pm on August 15
- Lay-led Shabbat service on August 22
- Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit on August 29

## Yahrzeit Dates FOR AUGUST

**Week of August 2:** Gussie Smokler (28), Pearl Robbins (28), Seymour Hirsh (28), Harry Verner (28), Nancy Denenberg (29), Phyllis Cohen (29), Jacob Eli Stein (31) Myra Fine (1)

**Week of August 9:** Augusta Verner (5), Saul Wiseman (6), Beatrice Weiner (6), Irving Fain (7), Anthony Blum (7), Allen H. Toby (8), Pearl Goldberg (8), Harry Goren (9), Philip H. Miller (9)

**Week of August 16:** Celia Levy Pines (10), Ronald Khin Manny Gyi (11), Barnet Bordetsky (11), Michael Goodstein (12), Max Flescher (14), Hilda Kleinhandl (14), Berla Mae Grant (16)

**Week of August 23:** Tom Peters (17), Rose Verner (17), Max Isacoff (18), Albert Issokon (18), Curtis D. Most (20), Elsia Klein Glosserman (20), Raymond Newton (21), Jeannie Daniels (22),

Meyer Hiller (23), Lilian Rubin (23), Bertha Stein (23)

**Week of August 30:** Saul Smokler (24), Sydney Robbins (28), Pearl Edwards (28), Virginia Lipman (28)

**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. 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 Temple 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 Tammy in the Temple office for more information.

