

KESHER

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The Rabbi's Study

Images and Impressions from a week in Israel...

- Cities and towns that continue to grow and change over the

decades

- A multicultural, multi-faceted society
- Visitors gaining a glimpse at holy places
- Grandparents, some who risked their lives, to leave their countries of origin to come to the new State of Israel nearly 60 years ago
- First generation Israeli adults who made a life for themselves in between and during times of war and struggle
- Children of founders of towns and kibbutzim who raise their children with a sense of determination and hope
- Children who mirror that determination in their eyes and their self-confidence
- The safety of walking city streets even late at night
- Signs spelling out, in Hebrew letters, names "McDonalds" and "Blockbuster" (although "Office Depot" and "KFC" were only spelled out in English letters!)

- Walking on the wall of the Old City among young boys from an Orthodox school!
- Being one of the few tourists among those praying at the Western Wall/Kotel
- Passing by sites of demonstrations in Tel Aviv by residents of Sderot, the town that has been hit by more than its share of Qassam rockets
- Walking through modern shopping malls that could be almost anywhere, except that the signs were in Hebrew!
- Walking on city streets named for Jewish philosophers, such as Baruch Spinoza
- Watching people interact in apparently serious conversations at corner coffee shops
- Seeing the "missionaries" from Chabad standing on the street corners of Tel Aviv on Friday afternoon, trying to get more Israelis to observe more commandments.
- Taking part in an Israeli wedding celebration that featured music with an international flavor (much of it American) and NO HORA!
- Listening to and gazing at the waves of the Mediterranean Sea as they moved towards a shoreline that was likely tread upon by Egyptians, Philistines, Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs and, of course, Israelites and Jews.
- Ancient coins in a museum with Jewish symbols that were mirrored by the Shekels and Agorot that I carried in my pocket.
- A feeling of being in a place that, even while, perhaps, questioning my status as a rabbi, wholeheart-

edly accepts my Jewishness

- Talking with people who lament the Hamans that still persist among their neighbors, and who hope that, by standing up like Esther and Mordechai, they can work towards a productive and peaceful future. The coming holiday of Purim reminds us to combat ongoing bigotry and prejudice between people and nations.

I hope to return to Israel, along with many of you, in the near future to see, hear and learn more about the people and this place that remains central to the worldwide Jewish family. In the meantime, may our Purim celebration link us with Jews in Israel and all over the world who join together to thrive as a vibrant community!

*L'shalom,
Rabbi Larry K.*

**Shabbat Evening
D'var Torah Series**
**"More Than Words - A
Spiritual Lexicon"**
 March 7—"Kadosh/Holy"
 March 14—"B'rachah/
 Blessing"
 Watch for more "words" in
 the coming months!!

THANK YOU TO
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HOSTS

March 7

Robin and Peter Pastor
Carole Krassner
Temple Israel
Board of Trustees and
Ritual Committee

March 14

Jane Liemer

March 21

DeeDee and
David Goldstein
Marjorie and Scott Pim

March 28th

Roberta Goldsmith
Sharon and Richard
Nye



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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From Temple President Sharon Brody: Notes from the kitchen table....

Notes from the kitchen table....

Well, the winter will be a memory soon enough and we will all be able to say, "it wasn't that bad." I don't know about you...but my memory will remember this winter and not very fondly, as I sit at the computer this evening and the snow is falling off the roof...again!! Rabbi Karol reminded me today that I needed to get my message ready for the March Kesher and he nicely said that if he was able to compose 2 songs while in Israel, I certainly could share something from my trip to Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico.

For the last 10 years, Steve and I have been fortunate to be able to get away for a week to Nuevo, as the regulars call it. It is supposed to be a time of pure relaxation...a recharging of the batteries and a time to reconnect. I look at this time, as the end of winter and the beginning of spring. For the last nine years, we have been traveling to Mexico with friends from Long Island, and at various times an assortment of children and other friends. The rules are the same...we are there to escape...no real conversation during daylight hours...we stake out our claim to the "palapa" within easy distance to the ocean, the pool, the snack bar and the bathrooms. The women set up the chairs and loungers and the silence begins. The suitcases we travel with are fairly light...bathing suits, cover ups, shorts, tee shirts (with New England sports teams logos), sunscreen, sunglasses, and hats don't take up much room and don't weigh very much. However, the assortment of reading material is another story. I start planning my reading in December. My rule is...it cannot be work related...it cannot be heavy, serious stuff...it has to be complete escapism! This year I brought Dan Shaughnessy's latest book, "Senior Year". Dan is a sports writer for the Boston Globe, and is the brother of our neighbors from Nashua, Shaun and Donald. After reading this book, I realized that I had first met Danny when he was just a senior in high school. He's come a long way!! Anyhow, the book is a wonderful journey for Dan as he chronicles his son's senior year of high school as he remembers his own. The love and pride for Sam had me smiling, laughing out loud, and even crying with Dan's words. What struck me was that Dan is so committed to his son and his family and yet he questions whether he is encouraging Sam because it is the support that Sam wants or needs, or is he "pushing" Sam because he is reliving his own youth and what he wanted. Haven't we all questioned our own motives for doing or not doing something? Have we tried to encourage our children to be the best they can be? Have we encouraged ourselves to be the best we can be? We usually answer yes to encouraging our children; but do we answer the same way for ourselves? As role models do we show our children that it is important to not only learn the rules of the games but to understand the values of playing the games. As role models, we need to share values, ethics and commitments with our children and with each other. I found it interesting that at our resort, which in all honesty is very nice...but the owner/developer, Mr. Grazzi, also understands that we need to share values with others. In each building there is a box for donations and a pamphlet about a group of people who live and work in the area around the dump. Ten years ago, Mr. Grazzi looked for donations to help purchase school supplies for the "children of the dump". This year he was gratefully accepting monetary donations to purchase supplies for the children and the adults...but each day from 9:00- 11:30 AM, guests gathered at the conference center to make sandwiches, put together meal boxes and then boarded buses to help distribute sustenance to the children one day, the workers on top of the dump and the people living at the base of the dump on other days. Five days a week, guests at a 5 star resort, took a couple of hours out of their privileged vacations to give back to the community. I found it interesting to see the number of families that took part in this mitzvah as parents explained to the children why it was important.

Don't forget that on Friday, March 7, we will take part in Shabbat Across America.

There will be a veggie/dairy potluck dinner prior to the instructional Shabbat service and there will be a festive oneg after the service. Please contact Carole Krassner if you are planning to attend so that she can coordinate the dinner and Oneg. Carole is also in need of helpers to set up and clean up. **Purim is coming up very soon...maybe it's time for some of our older "kids" to remember how much fun they had at Purim carnivals long ago and share those memories by helping out at our carnival this year. Can you be creative and come up with a different activity for a booth? Can you help run a booth? If you are able to assist, please call Michele Albion, Melissa Solomon or Rabbi Karol and volunteer. The children of our congregation and guests from the community are depending upon the help of the adults to make this a wonderful experience.**

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00PM in the library. All are welcome to attend. There will be time set aside for input from congregants on any and all topics.

Best to all,

Sharon

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's Discretionary Fund

- Carole Krassner, in memory of Burt Weiner and Irving Pastor.

General Fund

- Carole Krassner, in memory of Ruth Talisman & Matthew Krassner.
- Carole Krassner, for *Mishkan T'filah*, in memory of Bruce Krassner.
- Sidney Kates, in memory of Ira Kates.
- Ilese & Craig Stevens, for *Mishkan T'filah* in honor of their grandmother's 101 birthday.

The following donations were made to the General Fund in memory of Irving Pastor: Florence Pastor & Family; Walter & Janet Stiles; Ruby & Angelo Pantele; Ethlyne Golub; Bernard & Selma Pastor; Ann Isacoff; Thomas Gagne; David & Tracy Weisberg; Julia Pastor & Jon Satagaj; Leona Silverman; Pat Weisburg; Ian, Lily, & Bailey Poland; Kathy Carney Brothers.

Temple Israel Board of Trustees 2007-2008
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Mazel Tov

to our community members celebrating happy occasions in March!

Birthdays

Adin Sobel (1) Eric Miller (1), Craig Stevens (3), Keith Kallberg (5), Deborah Parkin (6), Sydney Zeff (9), Adam Karol (9), Julie Krzanowski (10), Andrew Martin (12), Irving Oshman (12), Daniel Tauriello (12), Jacob Sakelarios (13), Evan Saltman (14), Adam Allen (14), Stephen McDonald (16), Kelley Corson (17), Ilese Stevens (20), Maddox Angerhofer (23), Susan Denenberg (23), Sandell Morse (25), Alan Nasberg (25), Alana Thyng (27), Mark Rubinstein (28), Patricia Diengott (28), John Wallace (29), Jonathan Venne (30).

Anniversaries

Anne & Marc Saunders (2), Michael Behrendt & Naomi Kornhauser (8).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MARCH 2008
 ADAR I 24 – ADAR II 29**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Fri	29	Shabbat Service 7:30 pm
Tue	Mar 4	Conversational Hebrew 6:00 - 7:00 pm Judaism Class – 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Wed	Mar 5	Religious School 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Fri	Mar 7	Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Pot luck Dinner 6:30 pm Learner's Service for all ages 7:30 pm
Tue	11	Conversational Hebrew 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Wed	12	Religious School 4:00 – 6:00 pm Judaism Class 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Fri	14	Shabbat Service 7:30 pm
Sat	15	Zachary Venne Bar Mitzvah 10:00 am
Sun	16	Purim Celebration 10:30 am
Tue	18	Conversational Hebrew 6:00-7:00 pm
Wed	19	Religious School 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Fri	21	Shabbat Service 7:30 pm
Sat	22	Tefillah and Torah 10:30 am
Tue	25	Conversational Hebrew 6:00-7:00 pm <u>New series: Conversations on Social and Political Issues</u> —7:00 pm -“Presidential Primaries, Polling and the 2008 Election”
Wed	26	Religious School 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Fri	28	Shabbat Services 7:30 pm
Sun	30	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:00 – 2:00 Sponsored by Jason Rubinstein as his Bar Mitzvah project
Tue	Apr 1	Conversational Hebrew 6:00-7:00 pm
Wed	Apr 2	Religious School 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Fri	4	FAMILY SHABBAT Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 pm Family Service 7:30 pm
Sat	5	Tefillah and Torah 10:30 am

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. Our goal is to purchase 150 copies of the Shabbat only version and 40 copies of the weekday and festival book to enrich our worship.

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

From Michele Albion and Melissa Solomon, Education Committee Co-Chairs:

PURIM IS COMING! Time to celebrate by baking hamentashen cookies, reading the Megillah -- and digging around in your closet to find that tiara or beard you need for dressing the parts. We are hoping once again to organize some beat-the-midwinter-blahs fun with our annual Purim Carnival for our children -- and our young-at-heart -- but we need your help! As most of you will recall, the carnival features numerous stations set up around our social hall, offering games and activities where kids earn tickets they can redeem at a prize table offering all kinds of goodies. The stations usually include some games of chance (pull a duck from the water), some games of skill (bowling, bean bag toss), and some that require both/neither (like racing to eat a doughnut on a string). We welcome your ideas and innovations for making this event fun for all ages and abilities. Please take a moment to browse the list of volunteer opportunities (see next column) to see when/where/how you (and your family) would be willing to participate. You can call or email Michele (malbion@albionsnh.com) or Melissa (justgreer@yahoo.com)! **THANK YOU!**



Purim
is on its way!
Purim
Celebration
and Carnival

Sunday, March 16

10:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

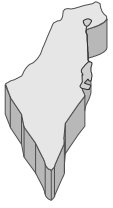
Featuring:

- **10:30 am**—A deluxe Purim Song-fest fit for a king and queen—and Megillah presentation approved for all ages! Cheer the heroics of Esther and Mordechai!
- **11:15 am-12:30 pm** - Enjoy games, food, and fun at our annual Purim Carnival!
- Refreshments/social gathering for adults in the Library during the Carnival.
- Children (and adults who so desire) are encouraged to dress in costume!
- Please call Temple (603-742-3976) or e-mail Jackie@dovertemple.org if you plan to attend!



HELP US CELEBRATE PURIM ON MARCH 16!

- 1) Organize refreshments in advance
- 2) Organize the prizes and tickets in advance
- 3) Organize/Buy/Create the materials needed for a game/activity station (describe your idea)
 - 4) Set-up/decorate for the carnival on Saturday evening, March 15 (7-8:30pm) and/or Sunday, March 16 (9:00 am on)
 - 5) Run a game/activity station at :
 - _____ 11:15-11:50 am
 - _____ 11:50am -12:30 pm
 - 6) Staff the prize redemption table
 - 7) Staff the refreshments table
 - 8) Help with clean-up from _____ to _____



Opportunities for Youth in Israel

Free 10-Day Israel Experience

Encourage your 18-26 year-old to join thousands of others for a FREE, fun and adventure filled Israel experience.

As an official Birthright Israel program sponsor, The Union for Reform Judaism offers a free 10-day trip to Israel for all Jewish 18-26 year olds. The URJ Keshet Birthright Trip provides young adults with the opportunity to travel with new friends, to connect with Israel, and to return home enriched. To date, more than 150,000 young adults have taken advantage of Birthright Israel. Birthright inspires participants to explore their Jewish identity, to deepen engagement in Jewish life and to feel a personal connection to the land and people of Israel.

Don't miss out on providing your 18 - 26 year old the opportunity of a lifetime. To apply for the URJ Keshet FREE 10-Day Birthright Experience visit www.rjbirthright.org.

Registration begins on February 12, 2008 for Spring and Summer 2008 programs. Register early, space is limited.

For more information visit www.rjbirthright.org

OTHER ISRAEL PROGRAMS

- Jewish National Fund's Alternative Spring Break — www.jnf.org/spring-break (open to Jewish adults ages 18-30).
- NFTY—North American Federation of Temple Youth—www.nftyisrael.org (high school)

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday,
9:00 am– 1:00pm**

**Wednesday (when school is in session)
at 1:00 – 6:00 pm.**

During the winter months, it may be necessary to cancel religious school because of bad weather. We will try to let all school families know ahead of time. Remember, if the Dover and/or Oyster River Schools close, the Temple will also be closed. If you have any questions, please call the Temple office at 603-742-3976.



**On March 7,
2008
Temple Israel will
again host
SHABBAT
ACROSS
AMERICA,**

**sponsored nationally by
the National Jewish Outreach
Program.**

**On that night, we will hold a
Tot Shabbat service at 6:00 pm, fol-
lowed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck
dinner at 6:30 pm
(with a special entrée provided).
Our 7:30 pm Learner's service, which
will include explanations about our
prayers, will be "participant-friendly"
for members of all ages!**

**Please let us know if you plan to at-
tend the dinner (603-742-3976)!**

**Jason Rubinstein,
who will become Bar Mitzvah
on June 21, is organizing a
Temple Israel blood drive
on Sunday, March 30 at 9:00 am until
2:00 pm as his Mitzvah project. He is
coordinating this effort with the local
chapter of the American Red Cross.
Look in your Temple weekly e-mail up-
dates for more information. Jason
looks forward to your support!**

ADULT EDUCATION

Culture **תרבות** Holidays **עונות** Customs



Judaism: Roots and Rituals
An Introduction to Judaism
 presented by
Rabbi Larry Karol
 Meeting on Tuesday night,
 March 4 and Wednesday,
 March 12 at 7:00-8:30 pm



For information about
 an exciting summer at
 the Union for Reform Judaism's
 Crane Lake Camp or Eisner Camp
 in western Massachusetts,
 go to <http://necamps.urjcamps.org/>
 Rabbi Karol will be serving as faculty dean at
 Crane Lake Camp on July 6-20.



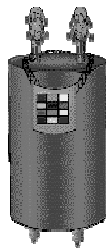
Temple Israel of Dover
First in a series of CONVERSATIONS
on Social and Political Issues
Join us on Tuesday, March 25
at 7:00 pm for
“Making our Choice: Presidential
Primaries, Polling and the 2008
November Election”

Featuring
Andrew Smith, Ph.D.,
 Associate Professor of Political Science
 and Director of the Survey Center at the
 University of New Hampshire and
Dante Scala,
 Associate Professor of
 Political Science, University of
 New Hampshire.

Both Andy and Dante are frequent guests on WMUR/Channel 9 for their analyses of the results of the presidential primaries and elections. Andy conducts the WMUR/CNN Poll that has been widely reported by the national media. Dante is author of the critically acclaimed book, *Stormy Weather: The New Hampshire Primary and Presidential Politics*. After Dante and Andy have a conversation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and to discuss our views on 2008 Campaign process.

Please respond to Temple (603-742-3976 or email LPKAROL@aol.com) if you plan to attend!

Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit
Friday, March 21—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 wor-
ship experience.



Join us for Tefillah **(Prayer)** **and Torah**

An informal Shabbat Morning
worship experience
including a peer discussion on
the Torah reading for the week
Saturday, March 22
at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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.

Signature: _____

Hadassah Cares

Send a Hadassah card, tree or certificate and show the world you care. Your donation enriches the lives of millions of people and is 100% tax deductible.

Cards are \$2.00 each or buy assorted cardsmazel tov, get well, sympathy, b'nei mitzvah, and special money holder cards for all occasion or Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

Bulk prices: 20 assorted cards are \$25.00; 15 assorted cards are \$18.75; 10 assorted cards are \$12.50; Trees are \$15.00.

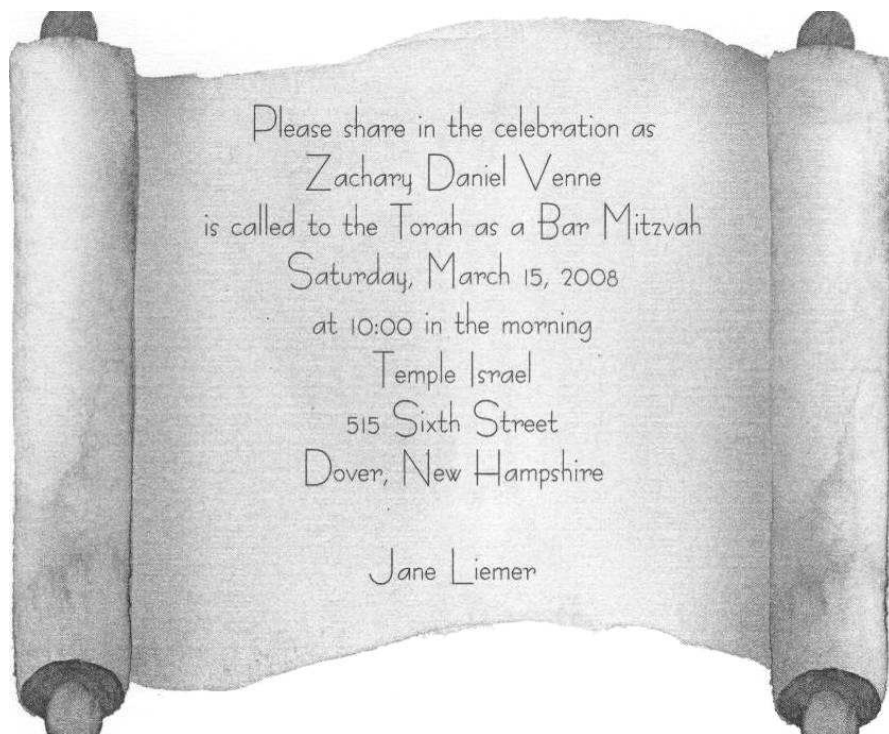
Certificates vary in prices.

Contact:

Lorraine Goren 603-742-0777

Temple Teen Sleep-Over

FRIDAY MARCH 7TH. Teens will meet at the Temple at 6:30 for the pot-luck dinner (please bring a dish, if you can), followed by services (teens are invited to help lead the service) and oneg. Pick up is at 10 am on Saturday. The night's activities will include video games, movies, and food! We'll do breakfast together in the morning. You need to bring: Sleeping bag and pillow, toiletries, any medication that you take, comfy clothes. Email Sue Horowitz if you plan to attend! (rwhorowitz@hotmail.com)



**Save the date:
Temple Israel
Gala Auction
(as part of our
70th Anniversary
Celebration)
Saturday,
November 1,
2008**

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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- **SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA—March 7—Tot Shabbat at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm and Learner's Service at 7:30 pm**
- **PURIM CELEBRATION—MEGILLAH READING, SON-FEST AND CARNIVAL on March 16 at 10:30am-12:00 Noon.**
- **Shabbat Service for Renewal of Spirit, March 21, 7:30 pm**
- **CONVERSATIONS—The 2008 Presidential Primaries, Polling and Campaign—Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 pm**

YAHARZEIT DATES FOR MARCH

Week of Feb 23 Stephen Stocklan (17), Helen Levy (17), Margret Gutman (18), Edward Baer (19), Daniel Newman (22).

Week of Mar 1 Louis Samuels (24); Pearl Rosenthal (25), Sophie Feldman (26); Esther Bravmen (27); Sumner Levy (27); Ida Isacoff (29). Lorraine Kotlus (Mar 1)

Week of Mar 8 Duy Davis (2), Mary Low (3), Joel Pearlman (8), Patrick Jackson (4), Ida Barr (4), Eli Oil (4), Arline Lieber (5), Alan Rudolph (6), Norman Torf (8), Bert Mark (8).

Week of Mar 15 Nancy Medoff (10), Debbie Most (12), Sheila Kaplan (12).

Week of Mar 22 Corinne Wiseman (18), Herbert Cohen (18), Ida Wenig (18), Sarah Fisher (18).

Week of Mar 29 Margie Blanding (26), Rose Baumstein (27), Rosamond Hiller (29). Deede Wharton (28).

Week of Apr 5 Alan Cohen (5).

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 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.

