

KESHER

FROM RABBI SAM

A Matter of Perspective

We are now in the Hebrew month of Cheshvan. It is often called Mar (bitter) Cheshvan because, some say, it is unhappy that it is the only month without any ritual Jewish observance it can call its own. This is especially poignant as it follows on the heels of the busiest month, Tishri, and is itself followed by Kislev (the month is which we observe Chanukah). Cheshvan, however, is not as empty as it thinks. True there are no formal observances or festivals in this month. But there is a richness of history and a challenge of future potential unique to Cheshvan.

According to the tradition Cheshvan is the month in which the flood of Noah began and ended. It is, therefore, the month of the first Biblical covenant between God and the world – the covenant marked by the rainbow. This is, in fact, the only covenantal sign that is universal.

Another traditional understanding of the cycle of months is that each month is also connected to one of the 12 tribes. The tribe designated for Cheshvan is Menasseh, the elder son of Joseph. Menasseh, along with his younger brother Ephraim, were adopted by Jacob when the full family was reunited in Egypt. Ephraim and Menasseh were given the full status of “son” equal to the 11 brothers of Joseph. Jacob declared that all his descendants would bless their sons in the names of Ephraim and Menasseh. It is traditional even to this day that sons are blessed at the Friday evening dinner table in the names of Ephraim and Menasseh.

(Daughters are blessed in the names of Sara, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel.)

For the future, one tradition states that the Messiah will arrive in the month of Cheshvan. Thus, the promise of universal well-being and goodness for the world belongs to this month. With the arrival of the Messiah will be the establishment of the Messianic age – a time of peace and prosperity for all; an end to poverty, hunger, homelessness, war, and all hatred and divisiveness.

Cheshvan can serve, therefore, as a model for our vision of ourselves and the world. Like Cheshvan, it is all too easy to become embittered by how we see ourselves in relationship to others or to the past. We may look back and feel that it was better then. Or we may think others are in a better place than we are. We may even simply feel bad for what we lack.

On the other hand, we can pause and step back. We can move from MarCheshvan to simply Cheshvan. Another phase of life is upon us. Thus we can seek to become inspired to live and create our own highest potential as we celebrate the good we have known and shared. Let us always learn to say, “I have seen and shared rainbows and I will be a builder toward goodness in the days to come.”

As we move through our own Cheshvans in life may we always seek to remind ourselves that richness and joy come not from comparing ourselves to others or the past. Rather, true contentment of spirit comes from building a community that nurtures and grows the present into a stronger and brighter future. Then we will truly be ready to enter into Kislev and light candles of hope for all.

Kein Y’hi Ratzon

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Kesher, Connection,
is the newsletter
of Temple Israel
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 by e-mail. Publication is limited by editorial and space considerations.

The deadline for submission is the twentieth (20th) of the month for the following month's issue of *Kesher*.

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President's Address at the High Holy Day Services

Welcome Everyone-L'Shanah Tova and Shabbat Shalom. I would like to invite you all to take a deep breath and think about how blessed . We are to be together again this year, in this beautiful building, surrounded by the warmth of community and our wonderful visiting rabbi, Rabbi Maller. Let's take a moment to wish someone sitting close to you L'shanah Tovah.

I have to confess....after all, I have several more hours to fess up, It is a privilege to stand before you as president again this year even though getting up and speaking in front of a large group of people still does not come easy to me. As I reflect back over the past year, I am proud of all that we have accomplished. This is the first time in a long time, that we have a full board of trustees, a new part time rabbi and the opportunity to strengthen and grow our community.

As a Jewish community, we have an opportunity to do Mitzvoh in the community. It's all over the media and pictures in the newspapers that the shelves at the Food Pantries are nearly empty. Just think, if each time every person sitting here today were to purchase just one extra item when you go food shopping how full those shelves would be. We also have the opportunity to do Mitzvoh right here in our Temple Israel community. We have the need to increase our membership, volunteering, fundraising and donations to sustain ourselves in this building. There is always the possibility that the temple building may have to be sold unless we are able to increase our revenue and possibly find a tenant to share our space. With mixed emotions we have already had to sell off a portion of our land to help pay down our mortgage. We must continue to increase our revenue to survive and donations are always gratefully appreciated. Just the thought of having to sell our beautiful building breaks my heart. It's on all of us to keep our vibrant Jewish community alive and well. I ask that you take the time to think of others less fortunate, especially in this difficult economy. Please support our ongoing Mitzvah project by providing items to the Dover Food Pantry, not just at this time of the year, but year round. Also, don't forget to visit our updated website for upcoming events. Membership and donation forms are also available on our website. I would like to thank Mike Kahn for all his time and work he has donated to our new website. I would also like to thank the following people for participating in our High Holiday Services.

Cathi Cherry-Liston for coordinating as Ritual Chair

Lynne DeSantis as music coordinator

Judy Maller for candle lighting

Alan Nasberg for instrumental and shofar

The Temple Israel singers Roberta, Joel, Julie and Lynne

Donna Goldfarb-soloist

Leslies Kirshman and Eve Edelstein Williams for all the beautiful flowers

Craig Stevens and Steve Rappoport for clearing around the pond for Tashlich

All who participated in the readings, aliyots, torah holders and all other honors

Stacey Smith for Break the Fast preparations

Ethlyne Golub and Craig Stevens for the Yizkor book

Marc Weinstein and family for room set up.

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**THANK YOU TO
OUR ONEG HOSTS**

November 4

Stephen McDonald & Ruth Wharton McDonald
Laraine Riccardi

November 11

Michael Behrendt & Naomi Kornhauser
Colin Williams & Eve Edelstein Williams

November 18 in honor of Elijah's Bar Mitzvah

Jodie & Edwin Aviles
Bobby & Margie Fisher

November 25

Potluck Oneg (Bring Thanksgiving leftovers!)

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS

If you are unable to host the Oneg Shabbat on the night assigned to you, please find a substitute by trading with another family from the membership directory. If you need to change your assigned date, please notify

Cathi Cherry-Liston 603-312-0152, 603-269-4888
ccherryliston@yahoo.com
or Susan Shepcaro 603-964-7959

All are encouraged to honor the memory of loved ones and to offer tribute to friends, relatives and community members through a donation to one or more of the special funds.

We express our grateful appreciation to:

General Fund

Florence Pastor— In memory of Julius Berenson and Gussie Berenson Shutzer

Hugh & Luci Gardner – In memory of Sylvia Rubin

Warren Goldblatt & Pam Schultze Goldblatt – Tree of Life

Jonah Goldblatt Bar Mitzvah May 3, 2008,

Nathaniel Goldblatt Bar Mitzvah September 5, 2009

Jacob Goldblatt Bar Mitzvah August 20, 2011

Nancy London & John Bohenko

Sharon & Steve Brody

Steve Goren – High Holiday Aliyah

Julie Serrano – High Holiday Aliyah

Carol & Francis Birch - High Holiday Aliyah

Patty & Andy Diengott – High Holiday Aliyah

Capital Campaign

Cathi Cherry Liston

James & Elaine Dolph

Jill & Bill Schoonmaker

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Corinne Apler—In honor of Aunt Usa, Sarah Alper and Beverly Constentineau

Thank you to Rabbi for blessing us with life, food and happiness



Mazal Tov
to our members celebrating
happy occasions in November!

Birthdays

Rachel Saltman (1), Meridith Davidson (1),

Helen Segil (7), Benjamin McDonald (11),

Derrick Kotlus (13), Jenny Kaplan (15),

Lisa Weinstein (19), Marc Shepcaro (19),

Frederick Diengott (20), Jessica Costa (22),

Gabrielle Blackman (23), Hannah Mather (26),

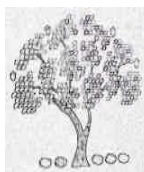
Tucker Adelman (29)

Anniversaries

Mark & Karen Hiller (5), Marc & Susan Shepcaro (5),

Michael & Glicka Kaplan (11),

Scot & Beth Sakelarios (11), Cathi & Mel Liston (26)



Please consider marking special occasions and milestones along the path of life for you or members of your family by purchasing a leaf on the Tree of Life.

The rocks in the Sanctuary can celebrate joyous occasions or honor the memory of a loved one.

For more information, contact Tammy Fascetta in the Temple office.

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

presented by:

DARLA & Cooperative Ministries

November 20, 2011 — 7:00 PM

First Parish Church
218 Central Ave, Dover

Rabbi Sam will share a reading in the service. We look forward to sharing together with the greater Dover community.

Bring a friend — all are welcome.



A Message from your Ritual Committee

To Stand or Not to Stand...So We Danced!

In the beginning, we danced and stepped on each others toes. Then Rabbi Sam made a few inquiries; congregants asked a few more questions; and the Ritual Committee did, too. The next time you attend a Shabbat Service, we will likely move, speak, sway, and dance in unison. Rabbi Sam figured out that most Temple Israel congregants like to be asked to *rise* and *sit* during specific parts of a service. *Mishkah T'fila* purposefully did not include those directives. Neither is there italicized text for responsive readings. Rabbi Sam will also cue us for responsive readings. In addition, we will sing *Oseh Shalom* after reciting Kaddish.

When you host an oneg, you will be invited to light the candles. Please let Rabbi Sam or a member of your Ritual Committee know if there is a particular tradition you would like share with the community by leading a part of a Shabbat Service. Celebrate the anniversary of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, an upcoming wedding, commemorate a Yahrzeit, etc. Rabbi Sam would like give you an honor to participate in services by doing a reading, leading a song or prayer, or reciting Kiddush. Contact him for more information on service opportunities. We hope you will embrace the opportunities to celebrate and participate in regular Shabbat services and other holidays. Remember, the first Friday of every month, special blessings will be given to those celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

We feel blessed to have had visiting rabbi, Rabbi Maller, lead most of our High Holiday services. Weren't his stories wonderful? Rabbi Alvin and Marilyn Mars hosted Rabbi Maller and his wife, Judy, for two weeks, and we are grateful to them for sharing their home and making the Mallers feel comfortable and welcome in our community. Rabbi Sam Seicol's second day Rosh Hashanah services at "The Pond" created a delightful, intimate, and spiritual experience for those in attendance.

Welcome Bobby Fisher, who recently joined the Ritual Committee. If interested you are interested in attending our next meeting, it will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 6:15 PM in the library.

Shalom from the entire committee:

Cathi Cherry-Liston, Lynne DeSantis, Bobby Fisher, Roberta Goldsmith,
Ethlyne Golub, Carole Krassner, Ilese Stevens

November 2011

Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

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| 03 | 4:00 | Religious School Classes |
| 04 | | Early Shabbat Dinner & Service |
| | 5:30 | Tot Shabbat Program |
| | 6:00 | Pot-luck Family style dinner |
| | 7:00 | Shabbat Worship Service |
| 05 | 10:30 | Shabbat Morning Service |
| 10 | 4:00 | Religious School Classes |
| 11 | 7:30 | Shabbat Service — Pulpit Exchange |
| | | The Annual NH board of Rabbis Pulpit Exchange |
| | | Rabbi Sam will be conducting services in Amherst, NH |
| 12 | 10:30 | Shabbat Morning Study — Gen 12-22 |
| 17 | 4:00 | Religious School Classes |
| 18 | 7:30 | Shabbat Service |
| 19 | 10:30 | Bar Mitzvah — Elijah Aviles |
| | | Everyone is invited to share with Eli and family as he conducts the services |
| 19 | 7:00 | Havdalah & Study (see page 7) |
| 20 | 7:00 | Thanksgiving Service (see page 4) |
| 24 | 4:00 | No Religious School — Vacation |
| 25 | 7:30 | Shabbat Service |
| 26 | 10:30 | Shabbat Morning Study — Gen 25-28 |



These certificates are available from Hadassah for \$5.00 each for the purpose of honoring someone or remembering a loved one or friend who has made an impact on your life.

For more information, contact Donna Goldfarb at 603-749-3293 or

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I can't let the day go by without thanking the board members: Michael Behrendt VP, Sam Kirshman Treasurer, Eve Edelstein Williams-recording secretary, Andy Diengott, Peter Pastor, Jeff Segil, Marc Weinstein, Cathi-Cherry Liston, Lois Costa, Steve Brody, Rabbi Alvin Mars, Stan Robbins, David Goldstein. I told you we have full board.

Also, a huge thank you to Tammy Fascetta Temple Administrator for all her work. She makes me look good.

And a very special thank you to our visiting rabbi, Rabbi Maller and his wife Judy for traveling all the way from California to be here with us. It's a pleasure to have you here with us. We hope that you will come back and visit again. Rabbi Maller we have all enjoyed your inspirational and heart warming services.

Thank you to Rabbi Alvin and Marilyn Mars for bringing Rabbi Maller and his wife to T.I. and hosting them for two weeks. It takes a village.....I am glad you're my village. Please join us for our Friday night Shabbat services with Rabbi Sam Seicol.

From our Friday night prayer book Mishkan Tefilah "May it be your will, our God and God of our ancestors to lead us in peace and help us reach our destination safely, joyfully and peacefully."

On behalf of the Temple Israel Board of Trustees, we extend to each and every one of you our wish for a good and sweet year. L'shanah Tovah Tikatev. May you be inscribed for a good year.

Thank you!

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For more information, please contact Tammy:

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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 please call the Temple office.

If you unexpectedly find yourself in the hospital, 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 Sam and all the Temple Israel community would like to offer support and comfort to you and your family.

From Ann Isacoff

JEWISH MOTHERS

Mona Lisa's Jewish Mother: "After all the money your father and I spent on braces, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"
Columbus' Jewish Mother: "I don't care what you've discovered, you still could have written."

Napoleon's Jewish Mother: "All right, if you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, take your hand out of there and show me."

Abraham Lincoln's Jewish Mother: "Again with the hat? Can't you just wear baseball caps like other kids?"

And of course these two really did have Jewish Mothers:

Albert Einstein's Jewish Mother: "But it's your Senior picture. Couldn't you do something about your hair?"

Moses' Jewish Mother: "That's a nice story. Now tell me, where you've really been for the last forty years?"

To all my friends at Temple Israel:

As this is the first year ever, that I have been too ill to attend High Holiday Services, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all. The outpouring of concern and friendliness from the entire Congregation is a balm to my being, and one I will never forget.

The individual cards, contributions, e-mails, and telephone calls was a heartwarming effect to my recovery.

With heartfelt thanks to you all.

It's time to Join Sisterhood.

November through December will be our Sisterhood Membership Drive. This year Sisterhood is offering a gift store discount and Chanukah craft, special for everyone who renews their membership by our Chanukah get-together. This is our way of thanking you for your support, participation and generosity which will enable us to aid our Temple functions, provide paper goods for Onegs and gifts to the B'nei Mitzvah students along with much more. Your membership is important to our Temple and we believe it will be rewarding to you. Watch your mail for the Membership dues request of \$36.00.

For questions and information call Leslie at 580-1871.

Sisterhood News

Join Us

**at an open meeting
Saturday — 7:00 PM
November 19, 2011**

All are welcome to share a Sisterhood sponsored Havdalah and study.

Rabbi Sam will present on:

What is Reform Judaism?

Temple Israel in the Community

Dover Friendly Kitchen

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

PLEASE JOIN THE CONGREGATIONAL & COMMUNITY!!!

Temple Members serve dinner at the Dover Friendly Kitchen on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas Church Parish Hall on Locust Street. Temple Israel's effort needs people to help cook, serve and clean. We are there from 3:45 until around 6:15. Volunteers do not need to come for the whole time. For more information or to let me know if you plan to attend, please contact me. We welcome everyone's help! Thank you!

Andra Welch, Coordinator

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The Dover SHARE Fund

directly assists local residents
with needs that cannot be met through other
helping agencies,
providing them with shelter and support for
utilities and medical care.
Your support is appreciated!

Temple Israel Mitzvah Project

Please bring food items that can be donated to the Dover Food Pantry at any time. We would like to continue our generosity to people in need throughout the year. Your help in this act of tzedakah (righteous giving) and g'milut chasadim (acts of loving kindness) is appreciated!!!

Temple Israel of Dover has entered the world of...FACEBOOK!

Please join our group, "Friends of Temple Israel of Dover NH,"
established by Marc Hiller.

This gives us one more way to learn about Temple events in cyberspace
(along with our "real space" gatherings)!

Currently, this group can only be viewed by facebook members.

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Temple Israel, a growing Reform Jewish congregation, welcomes all who wish to participate in Jewish worship, study, and fellowship. Our mission is to serve as a center for Jewish tradition, Shabbat and holiday worship and celebration, life-cycle observances, opportunities for Jewish education for all ages, connection to Israel, and involvement in the wider Jewish world and for all who are in need.

Temple Israel is a proud member of the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) We join with more than 800 congregations in the Reform synagogue movement.

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News from the School

With the fall holidays behind us, we enter into our formal school year for all students. Saturday mornings offer additional education and worship experiences for all students and adults.

- 03 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 04 Early Shabbat Dinner & Service
5:30 Tot Shabbat Prpgram
6:00 Pot-luck Family style dinner
7:00 Shabbat Worship Service in honor of all students
- 05 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service — required for 6th & 7th
- 10 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 12 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study — Gen 12-22
- 17 4:00 Religious School Classes
- 19 10:30 Bar Mitzvah — Elijah Aviles
- 24 4:00 **No Religious School — Vacation**
- 26 10:30 Shabbat Morning Study — Gen 25-28

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

Week of November 5: Janette Krasin (30), Thelma R. Hooz (30), William Gross (31), Alice Wwisman (1), Bennie Davis (1), Maurice Lifson (2), Leonard D. Kaplan (3), Samuel Smokler (5), Sidney Kates (5), Evelyn Robbins (5)

Week of November 12: Abraham Kaplan (7), Mabel Philips (9), Lorraine Goren (9), Harold Jacob Edelstein (9), George Hooz (10), Lt. Albert N. Edelstein (10), Anne Borwick (11), Albert Gordon (11), Adrienne Saltz (11), Donald Martin (12)

Week of November 19: Lydia Wills (13), Katherine Edelstein (15), Burton Golub (17), Hyman L. Pindrus (17), Bessie Lichten (18), Herbert Cohen (18), Barbara Kates Comenitz (22)

Week of November 26: Morris Fine (21), Alexander Willens (21), James Bockman (21), Herman Seperson (21), Morris Fine (22), Barney Grossman (23), Seymour Osman (24), Martha Magerer (26)

Week of December 3: Sadie Cook (27), Gerald Fine (27), Katherine H. Edelstein (27), Frances Anderson (29), Abraham Fisher (29), Eileen Platania (30), Bessie W. Young (30), Gussie Flecsher (1), Fannie Krasnow (1), Baurcard Nesin (1), Richard Rowe (1)

NOTE: *Yahrzeits are recorded according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary from year to year. Kaddish in the Synagogue may be recited on the Shabbat following the date of remembrance. It is traditional to make a donation in memory of the Yahrzeit of a love one. To make a donation, please contact the Temple Office.*

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 the Temple Office for more information.