

## FROM RABBI SAM

### Heeding the Call

According to the tradition, Moses went up to the top of Mt. Sinai on the first day of Elul (the sixth month) and stayed there for 40 days. Thus Moses was with God until Yom Kippur. By Rabbinic times this period came to be considered as a time of improving relationships and creating new opportunities for good will. We are reminded in the Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law) that, though God accepts repentance all year long (and we are certainly expected to apologize and forgive in a timely fashion when needed), the 40 days preceding Yom Kippur are most appropriate for atonement. This has come to be seen as a special time of good-will and mercy.

In order to further emphasize the propitious nature of the month of Elul and call the community to more fully prepare for the New Year ahead, the Rabbis created special additions to the morning prayers of this period. One such “new” ritual was the sounding of the Shofar during the month of Elul. The Torah – in Leviticus 23:24 and Numbers 29:1 – tells us to sound the horn (*t’ruah*) as a remembrance on the first day of the seventh month – the Hebrew calendar month of Tishri. This observance, called in the Torah “Yom T’ruah” came to be called Rosh

Hashanna. The Rabbis then added the sounding of the Shofar to the weekday mornings of the entire month prior to the High Holy Days. This voluntary blowing of the shofar was intended to call us to listen to the cries for mercy, compassion, and the needs to reconnect to community. We are told that the sound of the shofar has the power to stir the heart and inspire love, as it is written, “Shall a shofar be blown in a city, and the people not be filled with awe?” (Amos 3:6) [Kittzur Shulchan Aruch 128:2]

The second addition to the Elul morning is the reading of Psalm 27, which ends with the statement, “For I am confident of this: I will see God’s goodness in the land of the living. Wait for the Eternal; be strong and take heart; wait for the Eternal.”

As we look forward to a new year of growth and strengthening of community, the traditional sounding of the shofar and the words of Psalm 27 offer reminders to form habits of relationship building and personal growth. This sense of communal commitment is further emphasized by a midrash that sees the letters of the name of Elul (*alef – lamed – vav – lamed*) as an acronym for the Hebrew phrase *Ani l’Dodi v’Dodi Li* (I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine).

Let us heed the call of Elul and use this year to truly build a Congregation community of caring and compassion for one another.

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**TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday—Wednesday, Friday  
 9:00 am– 1:30 pm  
 Thursday  
 1:00 pm– 6:00 pm

**KESHER**

*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 tenth of the month for the following month's issue of *Kesher*.

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**High Holy Day 5772 Schedule**

**First Day Rosh Hashanna**

Wednesday September 28	8:00 PM	Rabbi Allen Maller
Thursday September 29	10:00 AM	Rabbi Allen Maller

**Second Day Rosh Hashanna**

Friday September 30		Rabbi Sam Seicol
3:00 PM	Family Service	
4:00 PM	Tashlich observance	
4:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat celebration	
5:30 PM	Pot-luck Shabbat family style dinner	
Dinner RSVP requested		

**Yom Kippur**

Friday October 7	8:00 PM	Kol Nidre
Saturday October 8	10:00 AM	Morning Service
Saturday October 8	1:30 PM	Family Service
Saturday October 8	2:30 PM	Study Program
Saturday October 8	3:30 PM	Yizkor/Concluding

**Rabbi Allen Maller**

Break the fast following the final Shofar blast

Adult members in good standing	no charge
Member children under 18	no charge
Full-time college students	no charge
Non-member adults	\$100 donation
Second day Rosh Hashanna	no charge

For financial considerations, you may contact the Finance Committee for a confidential conversation.

For more information contact the Temple Office (603) 742-3976, [templeoffice@dovertemple.org](mailto:templeoffice@dovertemple.org), or PO Box 254 Dover, NH 03820. All donations above the minimum suggested are greatly appreciated and provide support for those who cannot afford to attend otherwise.

**THANK YOU TO  
OUR ONEG HOSTS**

**September 2**

Cathi Cherry-Liston and Carole Krassner

**September 9**

Carole Krassner and Cathi Cherry-Liston

**September 16**

Temple Board of Trustees in honor of Rabbi Sam

**September 23**

The Kirshman and Stevens families

**September 28 — Rosh Hashanna evening**

Temple Board of Trustees

**September 30**

No Oneg or Services— Pot-luck Shabbat dinner

**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 sshepcaro@yahoo.com**

***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:***

**Mitzvah Donations**

Lois Poster, Alan Nasberg, Edith Newman,  
Ann Isacoff, Esther Cohen

**Yahrzeit Donations**

Carol & Frank Birch  
Leslie & Suzanne Orenstein  
Ann Isacoff in memory of her sister, Bette Yaffe  
Syril Frank & Family in memory of  
Barbara Frank O'Leary  
Muriel Slutzky in memory of her mother,  
Goldie Saunders  
Ann Isacoff in memory of  
Max Isacoff, Rose Verner, and Philip Verner

**General Fund Donations**

Cathi Cherry-Liston  
Carole Krassner  
Cathi Cherry-Liston in honor of Rabbi Larry & Rhonda  
and Ann Isacoff's 95th birthday

**Capital Campaign**

Phyllis Brill, Cathi Cherry-Liston

**Rabbis Discretionary Fund**

Cathi Cherry-Liston – Welcome to Rabbi Sam Seicol

**Mazal Tov**

to our members celebrating  
happy occasions in September!

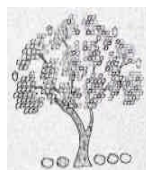


**Birthdays**

Joshua Harris (4), Pamela Giguere (7),  
Tali Cherim (7), Lilah Cherim (7),  
Anne Saunders (7), Liza Behrendt (9),  
Rabbi Lev Baesh (17), Juliette Diengott (19),  
Betty Kaplan (19), Jill Schoonmaker (19),  
Matthew Segil (22), Mike Robbins (24),  
Michael Krassner(28), Molly Flagg (28)

**Anniversaries**

John & Erica Tauriello (8),  
Lisa & Todd Titus (20)



**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.**



*You are invited  
to a special  
Shabbat Service  
on Friday,  
September 16, 2011  
as Temple Israel  
of Dover  
formally welcomes  
Rabbi Sam Seicol  
Please join us for  
worship  
and a festive  
Oneg Shabbat!*



**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 [donnadee82@comcast.net](mailto:donnadee82@comcast.net)**

**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 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 Sam and your Temple Israel community would like to provide support and comfort to you and your family.

**Jewish Grandmothers**  
(from the files of Ann Isacoff)

A Jewish grandmother and her grandson are at the beach. He's playing in the water. She is standing on the shore not wanting to get her feet wet, when all of a sudden, a huge wave appears from no where and crashes onto the spot where the boy is wading. The water recedes and the boy is no longer there. He was swept away. The grandma holds her hands to the sky, screams and cries: "Lord , my God, how could you? Haven't I been a wonderful grandmother? Haven't I been a wonderful mother? Haven't I kept a kosher home? Haven't I given to charity? Haven't I lit candles every Friday night? Haven't I tried my very best to live a life that you would be proud of? A voice booms from the sky: "...All right already". A moment later another huge wave appears out of no where and crashes on to the beach. As the water recedes, the boy is standing there. He is smiling and splashing around as if nothing had ever happened. The voice booms again. "I have returned your grandson. Are you satisfied now?" She responds....."He had a hat."



## September 2011

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|----|---|---------------------------------|
| 01 | 5:00  | Teacher Meeting                 |
|    | 7:00  | Board Meeting                   |
| 02 | 7:30  | Shabbat Service                 |
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| 08 | 4:00  | Religious School Open House     |
| 09 | 7:30  | Shabbat Service                 |
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| 15 | 4:00  | Religious School Family Program |
| 16 | 7:30  | Shabbat Service                 |
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| 22 | 4:00  | Religious School Family Program |
| 23 | 7:30  | Shabbat Service                 |
|    |   |                                 |
| 28 | 8:00  | Rosh Hashanna Evening Service   |
| 29 | 10:00                                       | Rosh Hashanna Morning Service   |
| 30 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Rosh Hashanna / Shabbat |                                 |
|    | 3:00  | Rosh Hashanna Family Service    |
|    | 4:00  | Rosh Hashanna Tashlich Service  |
|    | 4:30  | Kabbalat Shabbat Service        |
|    | 5:30  | Shabbat Pot-luck Family Dinner  |

### Temple Israel in the Community

#### 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 lovingkindness) is appreciated!!!

#### Dover Friendly Kitchen

**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

**PLEASE JOIN THE**

**CONGREGATIONAL & COMMUNITY!!!**

Temple Members serve dinner 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 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!

[www.dovershare.org](http://www.dovershare.org)

### 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 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 Jewish tradition, Shabbat and holiday worship and celebration, life-cycle observances, opportunities for Jewish education for all ages, connection to Israel, and personal and communal involvement in the wider Jewish world and for all who are in need.*

*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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**News from the School**

The Temple Israel Religious School invites all families of students and all Temple Israel members to share in the special New Year study and experiential programs. Family members are expected to stay for the full program along with the students.

Prospective members and families are also welcome to attend.

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| September 8  | 4:00-6:00 | Open House             |
| Students & families meet the staff and each other        |           |                        |
| September 15 & 22  | 4:00-6:00 | Rosh Hashanna program  |
| Crafts, learning activities, and music of Rosh Hashannah |           |                        |
| October 6  | 4:00-6:00 | Yom Kippur program     |
| Crafts, learning activities, and music of Yom Kippur     |           |                        |
| October 13   | 4:00-6:00 | Sukkot program         |
| Create decorations for the Sukkah and celebrate Sukkot   |           |                        |
| October 20   | 5:00-6:00 | Community Simhat Torah |

**JUNE YAHRZEITS**

**Week of September 3:** Auxlia Marie Nye (28), Murray Daniels (30), Ruth Goldman (30), Eva Pastor (31), Esther Weinstein (1), Marvin Poster (2), Samuel Sibulkin (3), Judah Wise (3)

**Week of September 10:** William Kleinhandle (4), Betty Doris Kates (5), Robert Dick (5), Krissy Yanofsky (6), George Nielsen (7), Mary Nicole (7), Arthur Yaffee (7), Dyna Dykerman (7), Myer Saunders (8), Charles Zinck (8), Nathan Issokson (8), Samuel Goldstein (8), Harry Stein (9), Frederick L. Diengott (9)

**Week of September 17:** John Talisman (11), Barbara Alperin (12), Joseph Jalbert (13), Barbara O'Connor (13), Martin Erwin Cohen (14), Ray Alterman (14), Selma Odell (14), William Olney (14), Matthew Fleece (16), Michael Youngfellow (15), Hilda Rutstein (16), Samuel Kramer (16),

**Week of September 24:** Sadie Liebson (20), Aaron Ginsburg (20), Hugo Dieterich (21), Judith Olson (22), Helga Burby (22), Joseph Karol (22), Philip Verner (23)

**Week of October 1:** Charles Kram (25), Martin Karelitz (26), Isadore Kotlus (26), William Baer (29), Nancy S. Hernandez (29), Suzanne Rubenstein (30), Bernard Cooperman (1), Leonard Lane (1), Joseph M. Baer (1)

**NOTE:** *Yahrzeits are listed 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 loved 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.