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Terumah: Making Progress!

by Robbie Warach, Financial Secretary

Dear Fellow Congregants and Friends of Temple Israel,

I am sure you are aware by now that Temple Israel has embraced a sustaining model where annual pledges represent your investment in the Jewish values and practices that are the heart and soul of our community.

I want to share an update on the new pledge process. In July, temple members should have received a letter and pledge form in the mail along with an invoice for tuition or cemetery fees as appropriate.

The information was also sent to congregants electronically.

We are off to a great start, with many members making their pledges and payments.



Robbie Warach,
Financial Secretary

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Terumah, continued



We set a goal for each of us to make our pledges and arrange for payment by August 31 so we can begin our new fiscal year with sound finances. If you have not yet made your pledge, you can do so on the Forms page in your Shulcloud account.

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for each of you who have pledged support. As your Financial Secretary, I will continue to provide updates on this process and the vital support we need from you all.

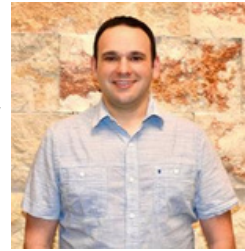
Robbie Warach

Welcome new members (summer, 2024)

- Mia and Adam Egelberg, Portsmouth
- Tamara Grossman, Milton Mills
- Sam Levin, North Hampton
- Seth Levine, Portsmouth
- Allison Miller and Shaw Tilton, Brentwood
- David Mirsky and Joanne Petito, Exeter
- Alena Naimark and Ben Kragen, Greenland
- Melanie Pascal and Patrick Stuchlich and their son, Noah, North Hampton
- Nancy Rosen, York, ME
- Jessica and Andy Simon and their daughters, Leah and Naomi, Kensington
- Paul Stevenson, Rochester
- Joel and Maxine Weinstein, Eliot, ME

Security Upgrades Completed

I'm happy to report that projects supported by FEMA's Nonprofit Security Grant Program for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 are complete, and we have received reimbursement



Jared Nabel, President

checks from the state totaling \$104,00, a timely replenishment of the Building Fund!

NSGP grants provide support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack, including houses of worship. Grant seekers apply for the funds and, if approved, complete and pay for the project before receiving the approved reimbursement. Initiatives funded by these two grants to Temple Israel include an upgrade to the building's alarm system and door access controls, as well as physical reinforcement of doors and windows. Most of the upgrades are not at all visible from the outside, exactly as we had hoped. It was important to us to maintain the welcoming character of our historic 1827 building, while making it much more difficult for bad actors to gain entry.

Yasher koach to Joanne Samuels for her wrangling of the grant paperwork, and to Doug Tilton for coordinating the installation of the new alarm system, window film (interior and exterior), and resistant door panel materials. Administrator Heather Tomlinson helped with last-minute accounting troubleshooting. It takes a team to protect the shul!

From the Rabbi's Desk

Sadly, this past month we have had many deaths in our congregation. However, we are fortunate to be part of a caring community that steps up with support in times of need. Most recently we honored an age-old tradition of providing support to the deceased and to the bereaved family through the practice known as *sh'mirah*.



Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman

Sh'mirah is a form of escorting the soul of our loved ones through their last passage on earth. The Hebrew word *sh'mirah* means to guard or watch over, and refers to the practice of keeping an ongoing vigil with the deceased, ideally from the time of death until burial. Volunteers sit in the presence of the closed casket, usually for two-hour shifts. It is customary to read psalms or other spiritual texts aloud during the vigil, based on the Jewish belief that the soul of the person is still present and can hear. Books are provided at the funeral home but vigil keepers are welcome to bring their own sacred texts or those they feel the deceased would have appreciated. The overall length of the vigil may last for 24-48 hours, depending on the timing of the funeral relative to the time of death.

Sh'mirah is a devotional act understood to provide spiritual comfort to the soul as it begins its journey away from the physical world. This tradition is rooted in the Jewish understanding of the spiritual process at the time of death, the journey of the eternal soul, and the obligation of the living to care for the deceased. *Sh'mirah* is considered to be among the holiest of mitzvot that a person can perform.

Following the passing of our beloved friend,

Prayer Services

Weekday minyan, Tuesday, 5:30 pm, ZOOM ONLY

Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday, 6:30 pm

Shabbat morning Service, Saturday, 10:00 am, with participation from Hebrew School students (during the school year) and Torah reading. Zoom links to virtual services are in the weekly bulletin with exceptions as noted. Members can also log into their ShulCloud account and find the Zoom links on the "Member Resources" page.

First Friday Alternative Service, 8/2, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Shabbat Services led by Lay Leaders, Friday, 8/9 & Saturday 8/10, Sanctuary.

Tisha b'Av Gathering led by Rabba Kaya, Monday, 8/12, 8:00 pm, Chapel.

Shabbes Tisch Community Potluck Supper, Friday, 8/16, 6:30 pm, Social Hall. Bring a vegetarian / dairy / pareve dish to share!

Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service at Strawberry Banke, weather permitting, Friday, 8/23, 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair!

Bar Mitzvah of David Duval and Andre Duval, Saturday, 8/24, **5:00 pm start time**, Sanctuary.

Shabbat Services led by lay leaders, Friday, 8/30 & Saturday, 8/31, Sanctuary.

Andy Diengott z"l, our community stepped up generously to provide *sh'mirah* over a 48-hour period. I am so proud and humbled to serve a community willing to perform this most sacred of acts. We all know that as we move forward we will face many more losses. I invite you to consider participating in this holy mitzvah when the need arises. Let us continue to develop and embody the words on our building that mark us as a *kehillah k'doshah*, a sacred community.

With blessings, Rabba Kaya

Ritual Committee

By Fran Berman, VP Ritual

Summer Service Surprises

One of the things I love about coming to services in the summer is the surprise factor.

- Who will I see? Quite often in the summer, visitors to the Seacoast show up at services, and it can be fascinating to learn about these drop-ins. The Shabbat service regulars (including Rabba Kaya) may be away on vacation, and congregants we don't see as often may drop in. The atmosphere shifts week to week.
- On Saturday morning, will we do a Torah reading or will we have a discussion instead? If no minyan (10 Jewish adults) is present in the sanctuary, we cannot read Torah, so instead the service leader presents some thoughts about the week's parsha. Then we have a chance to share our own perspectives. These group discussions can be really intriguing.
- At the Shabbes Tisch (Friday, August 16), what delicious foods (vegetarian, dairy, or pareve) will people bring? Bean enchiladas, fish chowder, kasha varnishkes, corn and chard gratinee, and watermelon salad with feta and mint have been among the hits in recent months. If you bring a dish, please remember to bring an ingredient list to display by your dish. The kitchen is closed during potlucks, so bring serving utensils from home (or use provided compostable ones), and take everything home afterward.
- At the Strawberry Banke outdoor service (Friday, August 23), which birds will join us in song, and what colors will the sky turn as night approaches? Remember to bring a chair.

- Will the service leader use my favorite melody? Since Hebrew School classes are not present for Saturday morning services in the summer, the services feel more flexible, with the opportunity to try new melodies OR to just daven with familiar tunes. If you have a favorite tune, let the leader know so we can include it.



Fran Berman

If you haven't been to a summer service yet, I encourage you to give it a try. We are a small but welcoming group, and we'd love to see you!

Torah Readings

Interested in learning some Torah and experiencing a more traditional service? Our Saturday morning services (10:00 am -12:00 pm) employ many familiar melodies, a Torah reading based on the triennial cycle, and a *dvar Torah* to help us connect with the week's parsha. On some weeks we also include readings from the prophets as contained in the weekly haftarah verses. Please join us! If you would like to help lead a service, deliver a *d'var*, or chant Torah or haftarah, we would love to include you in our plans.



Candle Lighting

August 2, 7:45 pm
 August 9, 7:36 pm
 August 16, 7:26 pm
 August 23, 7:15 pm
 August 30, 7:03 pm

Bar Mitzvah

The congregation is warmly invited!



David Duval

Saturday, August 24, 2024, 5:00 pm

My name is David Tykocinski Duval. I attend Marshwood High School. I enjoy playing tennis and Track & Field for my school and playing with my dog. Judaism is important to me because it means I was born into a community that I enjoy being a part of.

Seacoast Family Promise

Temple Israel provides dinners for Seacoast Family Promise five weeks each year. I am looking for people to cook one dinner during each of those weeks. You would cook with other temple members and drop the food off in Greenland. If you would like more information, please email me, sfp@templeisraelnh.org. Thank you-- Rachel Dennis, coordinator.

Bar Mitzvah

The congregation is warmly invited!



Andre Duval

Saturday, August 24, 2024, 5:00 pm

My name is Andre Tykocinski Duval. I attend Marshwood High School. I do Track & Field throwing events; shot put is my best one. I also play soccer and futsal. I enjoy learning and relaxing at home with my brother. Judaism allows me to have a piece of my life that will never change.



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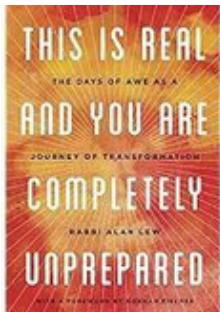
Elul Programs

During the month of Elul, several programs will be offered as we prepare for the High Holidays. Leaders and presenters will include Allison Miller, Rabba Kaya and rabbinic intern Reb Beni Summers, and Rabbi Shai Held. Details to follow in the September *Doorpost*.

Please mark your calendars for:

- Thursdays, August 29, Sept. 12, Sept. 19, book group via Zoom with Allison Miller
- Thursday, September 5, Rabbi Shai Held
- Sunday, September 22, 5:00 pm, Rabba Kaya and rabbinic intern Reb Beni Summers

Elul Book Group



Temple member, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, and Yoga - Meditation Teacher Allison Miller will lead a practice-oriented reading group in three sessions via Zoom.

Participants will discuss *This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared*. In this now-classic book, author Rabbi Alan Lew helps us understand the purpose in this annual passage towards our High Holidays, which has the potential to leave us deeply enriched and even transformed.

We will practice short, guided meditations to help us integrate what we are discovering. Prompts for journaling in between sessions will be offered. Together, we can deepen our experience of the upcoming holidays so that something new is awakened, bringing us into deeper connection with ourselves and one another. Register and find more information on the temple website calendar.

Seacoast Interfaith Choir

Do you like to sing with others? Seacoast Interfaith Choir will reconvene this fall for a new season of music and camaraderie in preparation for a concert at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 24, at North Church. Rehearsals will take place at the UU-South Church in Portsmouth at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays: Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19. Please sign up online via the website calendar (register for any session to be added to the mailing list).

Life Cycles

Our community offers sincere condolences to Jessica Bolker on the passing of her beloved mother, Joan Bolker.

We offer condolences to Ian Kaner on the passing of his beloved mother, Sharon Kaner.

The congregation also mourns the passing of several congregants in June and July. May their memory be a blessing.

- Gregg Pollack, beloved husband of Carmen Pollack.
- Harold Moldoff, beloved husband of Gloria Moldoff.
- Andy Diengott, beloved husband of Patty Diengott.



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Hebrew School

by Erik Martin, Head of School

Temple Israel Hebrew School
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Sept: 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28
 Oct: 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30
 Nov: 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30
 Dec: 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28
 Jan: 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29
 Feb: 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26
 March: 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29, 30
 April: 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30
 May: 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21

Grades K-2 meet Sat, 9-12
 Grades 3-7 meet Wed, 4-6 & Sat, 9-12
 Blue: School Days
 Red: No School

Enroll for next year!

Fall is just around the corner! Enroll your children for another year of rich learning and vibrant community. Visit your ShulCloud account to start the process today.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour of the school, please reach out to Erik Martin, Head of School at headofschool@templeisraelnh.org. He can also be reached at 603-436-5301, ext. 14.

Welcome Back Breakfast



Saturday, September 14, 8:30 am, Social Hall.

Join us on the first Shabbat of the school year to meet new families and catch up with ones you already

know over bagels, coffee, and juice. We've been hard at work this summer preparing for a wonderful school year and look forward to sharing our plans with you over a nosh. Breakfast will be served for all at 8:30 am before students are dismissed to their classes at 9:15 am.

Brit Mitzvah Orientation

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 5:30 pm, Social Hall.

Is your child getting close to their simcha? Are you unsure of what to do, whom to call, or where to



find the best bagels? Come to the Brit Mitzvah* Orientation to find the answers to these important questions and more!

* "Brit Mitzvah" is an inclusive term that encompasses Bar/Bat/Kabbalat Mitzvah.

Parents of sixth and seventh grade students are encouraged to attend.

Jewish Arts & Music Fest



Sunday, August 25, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth. Don't miss out on this summer's biggest party! Shul Fest has become JAM Fest, a celebration of Jewish art, music, food, and culture for the entire community. Featuring live music and dance performances, food trucks, games, crafts, and more!

Sign up today at TIPNH.org/JAMFest



Graduation!

by Tammy Roberge, Preschool Director

On May 31, 2024, the Early Learning Center celebrated finishing the 2023 -2024 school year with four children graduating: Seraphina Ferrari, Harper Jiang, Ryan Zeng, and Colin Vessels. We wish them well in their kindergarten adventures this fall!

Our festivities began with Ellen McQueeney leading us in Israeli dancing, followed by Rabba Kaya leading us in song and blessings, and then the presentation of certificates. Finally, we enjoyed ice cream treats to launch our summer vacations.

We have two spots open in next year's class and are accepting registrations. Please tell your friends! Word-of-mouth is our most effective advertising.

Tammy Roberge and the ELC Team (Amy, Elian, Laura, Marge, Pat, Sharon, and Steve)



THE ELC IS HIRING FOR 2024-2025!

The ELC is looking for a part-time assistant teacher. If you might be interested, or know someone to recommend, please reach out. Education/background in early childhood education, OT, PT, or social work a plus. Call Preschool Director Tammy Roberge: 603-436-5301, ext. 23, or send an email to preschooldirector@templeisraelnh.org.

Donation Acknowledgments

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Annual Fund: Judy and John Craig in memory of John's father, Philip Craig. Trevor Law.

Selma Freedman in memory of her son, Mark Freedman, her mother-in-law, Gloria Freedman, and her mother, Annie Klaiman.

Cemetery Fund: Leonard Baer in memory of his mother, Gertrude Baer.

Cultural Endowment Fund: Barbara Levenson in memory of her grandparents, Barney and Bertha Levenson. Bruce Bierhans in memory of his father, Irwin Bierhans. Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman in loving memory of her father, Lawrence K. Stern. Barbara Levenson in memory of her father, Russell Levenson. Marilyn and Henri Quintal. Elaine and Jim Dolph in memory of Elaine's mother, Gertrude Kaplan.

Dinnerman-Rottenberg Educational

Endowment Fund: Peter and Jennie Dinnerman in memory of Peter's mother, June Dinnerman. Stan and Rita Robbins in memory of Stan's mother, Pearl Robbins. Steven and Deborah Paul in loving memory of Steven's parents, Evelyn Paul and Irving Paul. Joyce Meenes in memory of her father-in-law, Lewis Meenes, and in memory of her aunt, Pearl Savsovits.

Hebrew School Fund: David and Michelle Baer in memory of David's mother, Johanna Baer. Richard and Nancy Silverman in memory of Richard's aunt, Renee Silverman. Gail Spaien in memory of her parents, Fritzie and Albert Spaien. Judi Weisner in memory of her mother, Pearl Robbins. Denise Levin in memory of her mother, Shirley Vaughn.

Institutional Operating Endowment Fund:

Robert Zimman in memory of his mother and father, Phyllis and Barry Zimman. Gloria Moldoff in memory of Phillip Moldoff and in memory of Sam Fisher. Phyllis Heilbronner in loving memory of her husband, Hans Heilbronner. Bert and Deb Freedman in memory of Bert's brother, Mark Freedman.

In loving memory of Harold Moldoff: Lorri and Gordon Owades. Barbara Corrente. Marlene and Al Rubin. Bert and Deb Freedman. Karen and Joseph McDowell. Andrea and Bill O'Brien. Denise Glicklin, Temple Isaiah's Angel Network. Laura and Michael Rubin and family. Connie and Dudley Fulton.

Kiddush Fund: Irene Levy in memory of her husband, Robert Levy. Roberta Issokson in memory of her brother, Arthur Dinerman. Arlene Brewster.

Music Fund: Ellen and Paul Orseck in loving memory of Dr. Ronald Portman.

In loving memory of Andy Diengott: "Uniters Group" via Robin Meadows. Jane and Howard Breslau. Stan and Rita Robbins. Stephen and Carol Meirovitz. Richard Robbins and Sally Cohen. David and Diane Sawin. Jodi Raphael and Carol Silverston.

Rabbi's Fund: Mikhail Klarov. Betty Wachtel in loving memory of Samuel and Ida Reeback. Patty Diengott in loving memory of Andy Diengott. Barbara Gutin in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Eva Gutin. Jeff and Stacey Segil in memory of Jeff's brother, Neil Segil, and in memory of his mother, Debby Segil. Nancy Simches and Charles Mann in memory of Harold Moldoff.

Donations, continued

Tikkun Olam Endowment - Sanford Roberts Fund for Social Justice: Phyllis Heilbronner in memory of Harold Moldoff. Jewel Davis in memory of her brother, Eugene Davis. Gloria Moldoff in memory of her grandmother, Mollie Fisher, and in memory of her mother, Cecilia Woolfson. Ellen Farber in memory of her brother, Lawrence Filler. Helen Hanan in memory of her father, Nathan Hanan. Ellen Farber in memory of her father-in-law, Solomon Farber. Hebrew School's Kittah Gimmel class contribution. Amy and Steven Borne in honor of Seth Berg being awarded Eagle Scout! Alissa Gold in memory of her mother, Ethel Rose Gold.

Tzedakah Fund: Stan and Rita Robbins.

We also gratefully recognize gifts made to:

Hand in Hand Schools: Larry and Barbara Perl. Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt and Randy Spratt.

Jewish Arts & Music JAMFest: The NH Humanities Council awarded a major grant to support the August 25 festival.

The Early Learning Center received a **Child Care Workforce Grant** from the State of NH to support preschool operations and staff.

School Supply Drive

August 16 - 26, hosted by the Tikkun Olam Committee. Drop off in the Court Street lobby. Please add a backpack or other school supplies to your family's back-to-school list. We learned that Ocean State Job Lot encourages customers to buy a \$20 backpack to donate to a student in need. You receive a \$20 gift card in exchange. Win/win!

Tikkun Olam Committee

by Shelley Hartz

תיקון עולם

Tikkun olam in English means, "repairing the world." Temple Israel's Tikkun Olam Committee recognizes that the world is a big place, but we are working hard to make a difference in our synagogue community and the larger Seacoast community. We have a number of ongoing projects and are creating new opportunities to get active and engaged. Our annual projects include: Back to School supply drive, Purim food drive, winter coats and gift card donations, working with new immigrant families, Social Action/Justice Shabbat Service (New Immigrant Shabbat, Tikkun Ha-Nefesh) and partnering with community organizations including the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, Gather, and neighborhood churches.

The committee is also partnering with Family Programs to present two new and exciting programs - Reverse Tashlich on Sunday, September 29, 2024, and a Mitzvah Day at the Seacoast Science Center on Sunday, October 20, 2024. Stay tuned for details!

The Tikkun Olam committee is always looking for new members and new ways to engage with both our Jewish and larger communities. If you would like to join us, please reach out to me at TikkunOlam@templeisraelnh.org. Action starts with a conversation.

Service opportunity: Two recent Haitian immigrants need rides from their Dover home to Portsmouth work, drop off or pickup, 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Contact TikkunOlam@templeisraelnh.org to help.

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Arts Review Team

by Deborah Levine

Raising Funds for Israeli Schools



On June 23, 2024, the Arts Review Team hosted a successful benefit art auction, raising \$4600 to support Hand in Hand schools, a nonprofit network of bilingual K-12 schools which brings together thousands of Jewish and Arab children, teens, and families across Israel. Our donation is planned to support music and arts programs in these schools.

Dubbed “Interfaith Bidding for Peace,” the local event engaged congregants of Temple Israel, Newington Town Church, UCC, and South Church, Portsmouth. In addition to bidding on artworks and other items, attendees enjoyed a performance by the Unity Band featuring “Shalom/ Salaam.” Those gathered were led in “Dances for Universal Peace” by Julie Serrano, and in prayer and song by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman. Participants also created their own peace mandalas, ate a delicious Israeli lunch catered by Dahab Falafel, and learned more about Hand in Hand’s programs, including the role of alumni as peace emissaries in their communities and campuses across Israel.

According to founder Lee Gordon, “Almost every family in Hand in Hand—Jewish and Arab alike—knows someone or knows of someone who was murdered, wounded, or taken hostage in the Hamas attacks on October 7, 2023... In the midst of this pain and fear, Hand in Hand

students, parents, and community members come together daily and engage in both learning and also serious, deep and meaningful dialogue and discussion. It is not always easy, but Hand in Hand has created a model of what Israel can and should look like, where its Jewish and Arab citizens can live in equality, coexistence and partnership.”



Scenes from Interfaith Bidding for Peace: volunteers open the event, viewers browse, Deborah introduces the theme. Next page: the Unity Band performs.

In the face of the continuing war in Gaza, our local event brought together people of many faiths to take a small action as a bridge towards peace. Thanks to the generosity of local artists and community members, there are still a number of artworks available for sale to support this important effort. Contact the Temple Israel office to view the exhibit, which will remain on display in the Social Hall through September 15, 2024.

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Fall Exhibit

With the approach of the High Holidays, we are planning an exhibit featuring individuals, groups, and families engaged in activities as well as in a more contemplative mode.

Congregant Aimee Margolis, who recently exhibited “Faces in the Trees” in a Hampton group show, stated, “I try to project secrets of the soul that can be seen or unseen... these secrets of the spirit are usually left unsaid.”



We welcome the work of other sculptors, artists, and photographers to inspire and elevate us this fall. Please email ArtsReview@templeisraelnh.org to indicate an interest in having your work included!

Percussion Classes with John Felice

Marimba classes meet on Mondays at 10:00 am, in the Chapel.

Hand drumming meets on Thursdays at 3:30 pm, in the Chapel. To sign up, please email ArtsReview@templeisraelnh.org.

Both groups were proud to perform at Sanctuary Arts in Eliot, Maine on July 29.

Sisterhood

by Rachel Dennis, Sisterhood Chair

We have planned many events for the summer and fall, and hope you will join the fun.



Save the date to hear author Joan Leegant on Sunday, September 15, at an event co-sponsored with the Temple Israel Book Club. Joan will discuss her recent prize-winning book, *Displaced Persons*. Paperbacks are available for purchase at the temple office, \$18.00. **This title will also be featured in the “One Book, One Hadassah” program for August!** Joan will be in conversation with Hadassah Magazine’s executive editor Lisa Hostein, via Zoom, August 22 at 7:00 pm. Free and open to all. Register [online](#).

On Sunday, October 6, we will meet at Adams Point in Durham, NH, for a hike at 10:00 am. Rain date: October 27.

We continue to knit hats and scarves for Israeli soldiers. A mini film festival is in the works, too.

For more information, please email me at Sisterhood@templeisraelnh.org. I look forward to seeing you at a Sisterhood event soon.

Shem Tov Award

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Temple Israel members since 2009, Emma and Walter Rous contribute in many ways.

Diplomatic and even-handed, Emma has led Temple Israel's Israel Affairs Committee for ten years. This successful initiative, launched by Rabbi David Senter z"l, promotes dialogue about Israel and Israeli current events in ways that reflect and respect diverse perspectives within our congregation while affirming support for the ideals upon which Israel was founded.

Among Walter's gifts to our community have been photographs taken both at home and abroad, sharing images of joyful events and celebrating the wonders of the natural world. Walter has also been a devoted member of the Yiddish class, to which he contributes his broad knowledge of Jewish culture and Hebrew language.

Together and separately, Emma and Walter's kindness, involvement, and spirit of adventure delight us all.

The Shem Tov (good name) awards were created by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire to recognize volunteers from organization across the state who have provided outstanding service to the Jewish community.

Meet Your New Board: Sophia Sassoon, Director

Sophia Sassoon, her husband Nathan, and their son Noah have been TIP congregants since moving to Portsmouth in 2022.



Sophia and her family

Sophia hails from a Portuguese Sephardic family but grew up in Western Africa, where her family ran a pharmaceutical distribution business. She lived in Africa, Europe, and in Asia before moving to Philadelphia in 2008 to pursue graduate studies. Sophia is a pharmacist by training; her husband, Nathan, is a pharmacist and biomedical scientist. Together, they run their own pharmaceutical and biotech consulting business.

Sophia is a proud mother to 10-year old Noah, a TIP Hebrew school student. Sophia is looking forward to supporting the TIP congregation through her tenure on the Board of Directors. In her free time, Sophia enjoys spending time with family and friends, cooking delicious Southern European fare, yoga, and traveling.

A note from the temple office: Watch for profiles of newly elected board members Samantha Seal, Director, and Robbie Warach, Financial Secretary, in upcoming issues.

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3. Rubin Jaffe, Jacob Eli Stein
4. Mayer Alkon, Myrtle B. Masow, Eddie Persin, Thelma Brumer, Myra Fine
5. Bernard Goodman, Francis Bailey, Libby Bratter, David Eskin, William Zinderman
6. Sarah Sack, Ann Epstein, Barbara Tober
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9. Joseph Levitt, David Singer, Dora Winer, Morton Lampert, Beatrice P. Weiner, Saul Wiseman
10. Gertrude Bernat, Benjamin Fleischman, Julia Kaplan, Harold Silverman, Anna Kushious, Anthony Blum, Irving Fain, Jennie Smith
11. Ethel Mark, Brian Moroze, Frank Cohen, Pearl Goldberg, Allen H. Toby
12. Lillian Benjamin, Maurice Dinnerman, Steve Selig, Harry Goren, Philip H. Miller
13. Sam Belinsky, David Fleischman, Celia Levy Pines
14. Israel Levy, Robert Spiers, Sam Schwartz, Jack Levy, Barnet Bordetsky, Sam Jacobs, Chester A. Kennon, Bella Jaffe
15. Samuel Gilbert Kushious, Harry Smith, Israel Bradbard, Samuel Bradbard, Benjamin Edelstein, Ruth Seligson, Shirley Jimison
16. Alice Forman, Melvin Goodman, Anna Zitomer, Sally Jacoby, Sarah Spack, Judy Pedell, Sadie Rockenmacher

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17. Fannie Gerber, Minnie Zeidman, Saul Berman, Anna Segal, Sherwood Spelke, Peggy Handlen, Max Flescher, Hilda Kleinhandl
18. Sylvia Brown, Irving Paul, Nathaniel R. R London, Sadie Medved
19. Nathan Handler, Flori Isselbacher, Gertrude Reinhart, Irma Dansky, Ida Stone, Berla Mae Grant, Jerry Borne
20. Charles Katz, Zelda Wagman Harrison, Thomas Peters, Rose Verner
21. Arthur Saklad, Max Isacoff, Albert Issokson, Sylvia Collier
22. David Jaffe, Miriam Fox, Bruce Samuels, Marlean Willensky, Hannah Landsman, Morton Rosenstein, Moshe Steber
23. Rose Cohen, Laurie Schwartz, Elsie Klein Glosserman, Curtis Most, Raymond Newton, Deborah Levine
24. Israel Belostock, Eli Brown, Max Cohen
25. Henry Gerber, Jeannie Daniels, Irwin Fischer
26. Zena Lang, Jeanette Rosenfield, Meyer Hiller, Lillian R. Rubin, Bertha Wolfson Shapiro, Bertha Stein, Allen Tartacower, Harriet Hirsch
27. Earle Fox, Sam Wiseman, Dorothy Bailey, Ivor Frank, Irene R. Lindy, Saul Smokler, James Troilo, Jim Wachtel
28. Isaac Blankenberg, Mollie Schuster Grossman, Alice Cohen, James Sagner
29. Benjamin Blankenberg, Leonard Rosenson, Eva Milton, William Hymanson
30. Perry Sussman, Monroe Albert, Martin Brown, Evelyn Karu
31. Eli Diamant, Max Goodman, Abram Kushious, Martin Karelitz, Virginia Lipman, Sidney Robbins, Max Goldstein, Muriel Goldblatt

Need to recite Mourner's Kaddish? Please join our minyan online or in person on Tuesday, Fridays, and Saturdays. See schedule on page 2. A prayer to say a personal Kaddish without a minyan is also available on our website or contact the office to receive it by mail or email.

Services & Events

Alternative Service, p. 3

Friday, 8/2, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Minyan led by Judy Craig via Zoom

Tuesday, 8/6, 5:30 pm

Traditional Service led by Lay Leaders

Friday, 8/9, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Shabbat Service led by Fran Berman

Saturday, 8/10, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

JFNH Annual Meeting in Bedford, NH

Sunday, 8/11, 6:00 pm

Tisha b'Av Gathering, p. 3

Monday, 8/12, 8:00 pm, Chapel

School Supplies Drive begins, p. 10

Drop off donations in Court Street lobby

Shabbes Tisch Community Potluck, p. 3

Friday, 8/16, 6:30 pm, Social Hall

Mah Jongg Luncheon and Game Play

Sunday, 8/18, 12:00 pm, Social Hall

JFNH Office Hours with Allyson Guertin

Tuesday, 8/20, 9:30 am, Library

Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat, p. 3

Friday, 8/23, 6:30 pm, Strawberry Banke

Bar Mitzvah of David and Andre Duval, p. 5

Saturday, 8/24, **5:00 pm start time**

Jewish Arts & Music JAM Fest, p. 11

Sunday, 8/25, 11:00 am, Strawberry Banke

Elul Book Group with Allison Miller, p. 6

Thursday, 8/29, 6:45 pm via Zoom

Shabbat Services led by Lay Leaders

Friday & Saturday, 8/30 & 8/31, Sanctuary

Meetings

Reminder: Please log into your ShulCloud account to confirm dates on the website calendar.

CLASSES

Marimba Class led by John Felice

Mondays, 10:00 am, Chapel

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Grammar

Mondays, 4:00 pm, via Zoom

Beginner Prayerbook Hebrew Grammar

NEW CLASS SCHEDULE TBA, via Zoom

Intro to Biblical Hebrew Grammar

Tuesdays, 1:00 pm, via Zoom

Yiddish for Beginners, Shmoozatorium

Wednesdays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, no class 8/7

Advanced Torah Reading & Grammar

Thursdays, 10:30 am, via Zoom

Hand Drumming for Beginners

Thursdays, 3:30 pm, Chapel

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors, 7:00 pm, Tues., 8/20

Education, 7:00 pm, Thursday 8/29

Executive Committee, 7:30 pm, Weds. 8/14

House (in person), 6:00 pm, Thursday, 8/1

Ritual Committee, 7:00 pm, Tues., 8/27

Sisterhood, 9:30 am, No August meeting

Tikkun Olam, 7:00 pm, Thursday, 8/15

Committee meetings are being held via Zoom at this time unless otherwise noted.

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