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Temple Beth Abraham
Annual Meeting
June 7
4:00 PM

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (14 Sivan)	2 (15 Sivan) Exec Board Meeting 6:30 PM	3 (16 Sivan) BABA 8:00 PM	4 (17 Sivan) Torah Study 10:30am	5 (18 Sivan) CL: 8:02 Jonah Savage Bar Mitzvah Family Service 7:00 PM	6 (19 Sivan) Havdalah 9:03 Beha alotecha Jonah Savage Bar Mitzvah Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
7 (20 Sivan) Federation Annual Meeting 10:00 AM Manchester - Honoring Michael Rosenblum our Keter Shem Tov Recipient TBA Annual Meeting 4:00pm	8 (21 Sivan) Ritual Committee 8:00 PM	9 (22 Sivan) School Committee 8:00 PM	10 (23 Sivan) Sisterhood B.O.D. 8:00 PM	11 (24 Sivan) Torah Study 10:30 AM	12 (25 Sivan) CL: 8:06 Services 8:00 PM	13 (26 Sivan) Havdalah 9:09 Shelach Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
14 (27 Sivan)	15 (28 Sivan) Finance Committee 6:30 PM	16 (29 Sivan) Full Board Meeting 6:30 PM	17 (30 Sivan) Lifelong Learning 8:00 PM	18 (1 Tammuz) Torah Study 10:30 AM	19 (2 Tammuz) CL: 8:09 Services 8:00 PM	20 (3 Tammuz) Havdalah 9:12 Korach Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
21 (4 Tammuz)	22 (5 Tammuz)	23 (6 Tammuz)	24 (7 Tammuz)	25 (8 Tammuz)	26 (9 Tammuz) CL: 8:10 Services 8:00 PM	27 (10 Tammuz) Havdalah 9:13 Chukat Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Keter Shem Tov Award Presented
28 (11 Tammuz)	29 (12 Tammuz)	30 (13 Tammuz)				

A Question of Community

In our lexicon of Jewish living, among the top five words is surely “community.” It’s such a lush word. It encompasses a feeling of friendliness beyond our friends. It brings to mind the ways people respond when someone nearby is sick or mourning – or celebrating. It’s that sense of being connected to people just because they are Jewish.



Rabbi Spira-Savett

As my own philosophy of life and Judaism have taken shape, community was at the center long before I had clarified my ideas about Torah and observance. Yet the more I think about it, the more it’s clear to me that “community” in our day and age is also a set of questions. In fact,

one of the reasons I chose to serve at Beth Abraham is to understand and figure out about questions of community, such as:

What does “community” mean in a congregation that spreads from Billerica to Manchester, from Jaffrey to Plaistow?

What does “community” mean in a place where so many people have joined recently? You may not know, for instance, that almost one-third of the households in Beth Abraham have joined in the seven years since I arrived.

What does “community” mean for people who choose to live in neighborhoods where it takes twenty minutes to get to a school or a supermarket?

How does the culture of consumer choice shape the way we think about “community”? We no longer commit to an entire album, but download the track we want. How does that affect our relationships to people and our sense of duty?

What does “community” mean to people who embody Robert Putnam’s observation about “bowling alone?” Dr. Putnam, from Harvard’s JFK School of Government, wrote a book with that name. He noted that more people bowl than ever before, but fewer people join bowling leagues. This is true of almost every kind of social phenomenon. People do things together when they want to, but do not generally commit long-term to groups.

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Do you know how many times SHALOM is used in bible? Find the answer within this message.



President
Lisa Bonneau

The Hebrew word **SHALOM** is understood around the world to mean “peace.” However, “peace” is only one small part of the meaning. “Shalom” is used to both greet people and to bid them farewell. Hebrew words go beyond their spoken pronunciation. Each Hebrew word conveys feeling, intent and emotion. It is with this feeling of contentment, well-being and harmony, that I say Shalom. It has been a wonderful two years and the time to pass the baton is near. It is my great fortune to have had the opportunity to be your President



and now I bid you farewell, but this is not goodbye. For our paths will continue to mingle as I am not going anywhere, home is where the heart is and my heart is right here at Temple Beth Abraham.

We have all turned **connections into relationships and this has been an essential part of “engagement”**.

On Yom Kippur this past year to help us feel connected I asked you to share one of your *tzit tzit* (*fringes on talit*) with someone sitting near to you. While we were connected, we took a moment to think about our prayers for the community and the world this year. Being connected like this, in a physical way, was powerful. May we all connect

together on our journey with passion, respect, and care for each other.

I hope we continue to engage you in significant relationships through your participation at Temple Beth Abraham. May we guide you to grow in your relationship with Judaism and demonstrate how Judaism is a path toward meaning and purpose, belonging and blessing. And if you don’t plan to count, Shalom (שלום) comes up around 120 times in the Bible.

It has been wonderful working with and I would like to thank all of our many volunteers, the Board of Directors, the staff and Rabbi Jon. Their engagement and passion these past two years have truly enhanced Temple Beth Abraham.

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A Question of Community continued...

What is it like to choose to live in a culture with all of the foregoing... and then to discover that “community” is more important to you than you realized?

These are some of the key twenty-first century questions about “community.” One of the alluring things about coming to Beth Abraham was my feeling that if we can answer these questions here, we’ll be able to teach something to synagogues all over America.

I realize that as a rabbi and an observant Jew, living in the “city” (Nashua), I can’t rely on my own experience to interpret yours. I’ve been looking around for some good sociology to read on the subject, and so far I haven’t found much, nor have my friends in the field of Jewish sociology.

I have been trying to sell our community as an ideal place for some scholar or graduate student to do field work on the questions I listed. Someone should get a Ph.D. in Beth Abraham studies...

Shalom continued...



Shalom, Chaverim!

**Shalom chaverim! Shalom
chaverot!
Shalom, shalom!
Le-hit-ra-ot, le-hit-ra-ot,
Shalom, shalom!**

**Farewell, good friends, farewell
good friends,
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet
again,
Shalom, shalom!**



*B’yedidut (In Friendship),
Lisa*

But in the meantime, I welcome your insights and reflections about the question I listed. I’d like to gather those observations so the synagogue leadership and I can learn from them.

I’ll never change my mind about the centrality of community. Instead, I want to be out there figuring out the shape of community for a new period in Jewish history.

And in the meantime, summer does not have to be a time when you stay on the porch instead of coming to evening minyan. We’ll be gathering all through the summer – for special Shabbat evening services outdoors, for Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations, for learning Torah. Send me your reflections on community, and be a part of it during these beautiful New England months.

I want to express my deep appreciation to Lisa Bonneau, our outgoing Board president. Lisa has been a partner for me and a leader for our community through her warm presence, her open heart, her organizational focus and her tireless work. We all say “*Todah Rabbah*” (many thanks) to Lisa for making us a stronger community through her two years of leadership.

L’shalom,

Rabbi Jon

Simcha Club

Children whose birthdays occur in the months of June & July will be honored at the Family Service on Friday, June 5 at 7:00 PM. A special birthday dessert will be served to the children at the Oneg Shabbat. We ask the parents (or grandparents) to send a donation of \$9.00 per child to help defray the cost of refreshments. Please make checks payable to TBA Sisterhood and send or drop them off at the Temple office (mark the envelope “Simcha Club”). Be sure to include the names and birth dates of your children. Donations are always welcome and will be acknowledged in the next bulletin.



We look forward to seeing the families of the following children:

June: Gavin Belesca, Kayden Duchano, Shelby Goldstein & Margot Stafford

July: Zachary Harrigan, Benjamin Palmer, Owen Wolff, Arielle Schenkman, Noah Weiss, Caleb Richmond, Elle Monfried, Philip Berke, Dahlia Garnick, Sarinah Spira-Savett, Zoe Harrigan, Ava Sharpe, Ethan Gaffney, Hannah Rothenberg and Ellen Hunt.

June Service Schedule

Services are held every Friday evening at 8:00 PM (unless otherwise noted), Saturday at 9:30 AM and Monday – Thursday at 7:30 PM.

SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

June 5

Family Service & Simcha Club
7:00 PM

June 5 & 6

Jonah Savage Bar Mitzvah

June 27

Keter Shem Tov Award presentation during Services

Oneg, Kiddush and Flower Sponsors

June 5 & 6

The Savage family in honor of
Jonah's Bar Mitzvah

June 27

Kiddush Lunch in honor of
Keter Shem Tov awardee
Michael Roseblum

Community News

Condolences to:

- Kerry Schneider on the loss of her beloved mother, Clarice Schoenberger

Congratulations to:

- Eileen B. Freedman and Helen Honorow on being named as 2 of the 25 Extraordinary Women in the Nashua area by The Telegraph
- Best wishes to all our High School and College graduates and their families (see listing in this bulletin).

To all those people in our community who are ill we wish you a complete & speedy recovery

Jonah Savage Bar Mitzvah

Jonah Savage, son of Alyse and Chris Savage, brother of Debrah and Lewis Snapper will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 6 Jonah looks forward to sharing Parashat *B'ha alote'kha* with the congregation. Jonah has attended Hebrew School at TBA since Kindergarten. He is passionate about his Jewish heritage and looks forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah. He is a 7 grade student who attends World Academy. Jonah enjoys theatre, traveling and history. We invite everyone to join us during our simcha.



BABKA HAPPENINGS

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3. Book: Marek Halter's Zippora

July 1 Planning Meeting:

(1) BABKA Yearly Calendar Established

(2) Book Titles for Upcoming Year Chosen by Participants; Please Come with Two Titles to Suggest

August: No Meeting



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FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN REPORT

Toda Rabah (many thanks)! As the end of the fiscal year approaches (June 30), donors are still contributing to our campaign. As of this writing, we have reached 77% of our goal (\$30,895 out of \$40,000)! The generosity of our contributors has been fantastic. There is still time to help us achieve our goal. You can contribute on line or by mailing or delivering a check to the temple office. Donors will be recognized in the next bulletin.

Thanks again,

*Alan Green and Anita Hazard for
the Fundraising Committee*

2014-2015 Porter Award and Ruach Ivrit Award Recipients

Each year Temple Beth Abraham Religious School awards students from each grade with the prestigious Porter Award. Ellen Zucker, daughter of Arlene Levenson



Director of
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Heidi N. Lovitz

and granddaughter of Philip Porter, shared with us the history of the award and why it is so important to her family and our community.

“About a hundred years ago, Philip Porter made his way to America from the Ukraine, after several years as a halutznik in Israel. He started off selling foodstuffs for an existing company. Through hard work and determination, he eventually had a large wholesale grocery business of his own. A great portion of his success was donated to Temple Beth Abraham. During “free time”, he could be found at the synagogue participating in services and programs or as a mover and shaker on the board. He was a key player in the building of Temple Beth Abraham on Raymond Street and donated the land that the school is on as well. He was a believer in a strong Jewish education and leading a Jewish life. Years after his death, his daughters started the Porter Awards in memory/honor of their parents.”

Each student has her/his individual strengths that are shared in the classroom and community. Every child has an equal opportunity to receive this award, as it's not given only on the basis of academic achievement. The guidelines for the award also encourage us to recognize students who display great effort, who ex-

emplify the spirit of Judaism and those who have shown significant improvement. In addition to the awards given to our students, the Porter Fund also supports staff continuing education and helps with tuition assistance.

Here is what our faculty has shared about the progress and accomplishments of our deserving students this year.

Mitkadem Hebrew for Youth Session One - Elsa Vig

Elsa has shown great strength of character by persevering through challenging Hebrew skills. She came into the Hebrew Lab with a positive attitude, ready to work and used her time wisely. Elsa asks for help when needed and lets us know how we could assist her. For these reasons and more, we are pleased to present this first ever, award for *Mitkadem* work. Congratulations!

Mitkadem Hebrew for Youth Session Two – Caleb Richmond

Caleb has only been with at Temple Beth Abraham for one short year, but he has made one big impression! Caleb has shown steady progress this year in his work and has taken his work seriously. Caleb has a great sense of humor and works well with his fellow classmates. He has shown strength of character in his dedication and perseverance. We are pleased to present this award for *Mitkadem* work.

Kitah Gimel – Jodi Watterson

Morah Rina Scharf writes. “In every class there is more than one deserving student to qualify for the Porter Award which makes it difficult to choose just one. This year's recipient,

Jodi Watterson, is an outstanding student. She's polite, well-behaved and always comes to class prepared. Jodi's work is impeccable and she is always eager to do her assignments. She often requests additional work for home. She has a curious mind and a thirst for learning. Additionally, Jodi is a loyal friend who willingly helps her classmates when they encounter difficulty. She is a role model for the entire class.

Kitah Dalet – Benjamin Rothenberg

Morah Susan Silver writes, “Benjamin has demonstrated a strong determination to succeed in his Jewish studies at Temple Beth Abraham. As Benjamin's Dalet class prepared for many weeks for their class Shabbat, he showed conviction in learning his Hebrew blessings, prayers, and songs. As a result of his strong effort and dedication, he has shown tremendous improvement and a willingness to learn and succeed. Also, Benjamin deserves to be commended on his creativity. With Benjamin's Minecraft fascination and ability, he was able to design and build a 3-D structure of a synagogue on his family computer. Benjamin is a very bright boy who has displayed the goals of high academic achievement, high level of effort, the spirit of Judaism, and high improvement overall. For these criteria, as well as for his energy and determination as he moves ahead in his Jewish education, he is our Dalet class recipient of this year's Porter Award!”

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Highlighting Student Accomplishments continued...

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Kitah Hai – Leslie Buchin

Morah EJ Cohen writes, “Leslie is inquisitive and attentive while always being prepared for class. She is an active participant who makes room for others to be involved.”

Kitah Vav – Jake Davidson

Moreh Scott Feldman writes, “As a teacher, it’s exciting to see a ‘spark’ in a child. Whether it’s from understanding, success, or simply enjoyment of classroom activities, that spark is what makes teaching the pleasure that it is. In Jake, I was able to see that spark clearly multiple times -- during his reading of *Keter Ivrit*, his exceptional preparation for our class service, and during other times even when he didn’t think it was “cool” be to enjoying himself in class. That display of interest, and promise of potential, make me glad to offer the Porter Award to Jake Davidson.”

Kitah Zayin – Matthew Dagan

Matthew Dagan has had a terrific year, maturing as a student and a young man in many ways. He has been particularly attuned when we talk about *tzedakah*, reflecting with empathy about people’s need and feelings. He thinks creatively about how to look at problems in the wider world. Matthew is a good listener, a person whose calm and thoughtful manner influences the whole class. He has drawn on his ear for music to develop his skills in Hebrew, learn to chant new prayers, and prepare for his upcoming Bar Mitzvah. It has been a pleasure to study with him and watch him as he develops toward becoming a young Jewish adult.

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Ben Goodman, son of Bill and Jane, from Hollis-Brookline High School, attending University of Pennsylvania

Peter Brooks, son of Stephanie Brooks and John Viliasas, from Bishop Guertin, attending College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA

David Welin Grossman, son of Kasia and Daniel, from Nashua High School North, attending University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

Jacob Marshall, son of Toby & Jason, from Billerica Memorial High School, attending UMass Lowell’s criminal justice program.

James Alavosus, son of Diana Huff, from Gann Academy, attending Yeshiva University.

Rose Willow Hegfield, daughter of Laura and Gordon, from Souhegan High School, attending Lesley University

Alan Haskell, son of Louis and Sasi-karn, from Fork Union Military Academy, attending Brandeis University

Hannah Lewis, daughter of Lisa and Dion, from Souhegan High School, attending University of Vermont

Max Snapper, grandson of Lew & Debbie Snapper, from Warde High School in Fairfield, CT., attending Michigan State University

Shoshana Sernik, daughter of Sharon and Enrique, third in class from Mer-rimack High School, spending a year in Israel on NATIV program. Will be attending Columbia/ LIST in NY to to study biochechemistry & Jewish studies upon her return.

Ryan Trager, son of Ellen and Michael, from Windham High School, attending University of Connecticut

Alyssa Labitt, daughter of Ellie Schwartz and Bruce Labitt, from Nashua High School North, attending Temple University

Molly Feldmann, daughter of Marcia and Bob, from Londonderry High School, attending Rochester Institute of Technology, in NY, where she will be majoring in Computer Science

Jeff Mason, son of Tiina and Barry, from Souhegan High School, attending Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, to study Actuarial Science

William C. Barry, son of Bill Barry & Helen Honorow, from Nashua High School North, attending the University of New Hampshire-Honors Program Durham

Gabriella Foster, daughter of Mar-issa Baltus and Joe Foster, from Nashua High School South, attending Colby College

Amanda Droutman, daughter of Diane and Andrew, from Nashua High School North, attending Endicott College to study biology in preparation for dental school



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COLLEGE GRADUATES

Gregory Hilston, son of Stacy and Ed, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from UNH. Hired by BAE into their Masters Program

Josh Kern, son of Sheryl Rich Kern, Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering with a Concentration in Technological Entrepreneurship, from Northeastern University

Jonathan Mildenberg, son of Les Mildenberg & Ida Stanger, Master of Arts from Yale University

Emma Wolper, daughter of Noreen Leibson and Mitch Wolper, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Lesley University

Daniel Cielinski, son of Amy and Martin Cielinski, JD (law degree) from Suffolk University Law School

Morgan Talbott, granddaughter of Lew & Debbie Snapper, Masters in Speech Pathology from St. John's University

Ilanna Keyslay, daughter of Nancy and Ralph, Masters of Science in Information Technology from Quinnipiac University

Eddie Zaremba, grandson of Betty & Sam Tobias, Master of Science in Education and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Disabilities Studies

Melissa Lovitz, daughter of Heidi and Peter, Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Family Studies from UConn, continuing on to Brown for Masters in Urban Education Policy

Hayley Zedeck, daughter of Shari and Steven, Bachelor of Science in Sport Management with minors in Video Production, Communications and Business, from Drexel University

Shoshana Foster, daughter of Marrison Baltus and Joe Foster, B.A. in Classical & Medieval Studies from Bates College

Jacob Pastor, son of Jeffrey Pastor and Donna Rosenstock, Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Keene State

RUMMAGE SALE HIGHLIGHTS and HELPERS

Seeing old and meeting new Sisterhood, Temple, and community members and socializing in the Gallery while enjoying delicious lunches.

Cleaning-out and donating no-longer needed items; working to sort, display and sell articles; "shopping" to fill agency requests, and re-packing unsold items to be delivered to local agencies helping the less-fortunate.

Helping shoppers find items they need but can only afford in a re-sale situation or who appreciate value.

Donating unsold items to appreciative area non-profits.

Earning funds to help the Sisterhood, Temple and local social agencies.

This is a lot of giving and doing which feels fantastic for all these reasons. If you helped in any of these ways, (or others such as advertising, shopping, cooking and baking, planning...) please accept my thanks! If you weren't able to help for this sale, please consider saving donations and/or helping at the Temple in the fall. You will be so glad you did!

Ricki Klopfer



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Hayley Sack, daughter of Barry & Deb, Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management from the Peter T. Paul School of Business & Economics at the University of New Hampshire

Daniel Droutman, son of Diane and Andrew, Bachelor of Science in health sciences from Utica College, continuing on to doctoral physical therapy program

Michael Rosenblum to Receive the Keter Shem Tov Award



Temple Beth Abraham is proud to honor Michael Rosenblum with our Keter Shem Tov award for 2015. The award will be presented at services on June 27, followed by a Kiddush luncheon.



Michael has made TBA his second home. He has served the congregation in numerous roles including years on the Temple Board of Directors. He has been past president, past treasurer (many terms), member of multiple committees, and still volunteers his time on the Finance and Fundraising committees. He is a local resident who helps with a *minyan* whenever needed both at Temple Beth Abraham and Temple Israel in Manchester. He has been and continues to be very involved with the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, as past president, he was instrumental transitioning the Manchester Federation to New Hampshire Federation.

His accomplishments are merely a reflection of his sterling character. He never seeks the bright light of recognition. He prefers to work quietly in the background ensuring that the Temple grows and prospers. He addresses issues in an ethical manner, works to solve problems, has excellent follow through, respects confidentiality and, in general, is just a fine person who is truly deserving of receiving the Keter Shem Tov Award.

Orville Wright once said, “The airplane stays up because it doesn’t have the time to fall.” That is Michael all the way, not only is he busy helping others, but he is also in that plane helping others. Michael has a passion for flying, it has been a hobby of his for 35 years and he has been volunteering for Angel Flight for around 10 years. This is a nonprofit charitable organization of pilots that arrange free air transportation for any medically related need and is financially supported primarily by pilots who fly the missions. When one of our congregants was diagnosed with cancer and in the hospital preparing for surgery, Mike flew to Ithaca to bring her daughter home so they could see each other before surgery. “I will never forget that he volunteered his time and plane so I could see my daughter. His compassion and his ability to step up with no desire for reward is one part of what makes a decent and humble person.”

Michael grew up in the Bronx and we will forgive him for being a Yankees fan. He does root for the Patriots. He also loves photography; he is always picking up the camera to take pictures at TBA occasions and especially life cycle events. He is the Executive Vice President of the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association responsible for Finance and Administration, and has been with them for over 26 years.

Michael’s list of achievements and honors is incredibly long. However he would probably tell you that his best accomplishments are his two outstanding daughters that he has raised with his wife Stephanie Wolf- Rosenblum. Raissa, who lives in Israel with her husband Uzi and their son Yonaton Ben Uzriel and their younger daughter Ariel, who lives in London with her husband Arriel. Michael loves what his first grandson calls him, Saba Mike or Saba Sababa- which means **awesome** grandfather.

Michael is the extraordinary example of an outstanding, respected Jewish leader to whom *Tikun Olam* (repairing the world) is a way of life. Temple Beth Abraham is blessed to have him as a member of our Synagogue family. He is truly deserving of the Keter Shem Tov Award. *Yasher Koach*, Michael! May your strength be enriched.

Those interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Judy in the office by the end of May. If you would like to make a donation in Michael’s honor online, follow this link – <http://www.tbanashua.org/payment.php>

Something to Think About

As most of you are making your summer travel plans, Buzz and I have done our spring/summer 2015 travel. I am writing from Scottsboro, Alabama. By the time you read this, we will just be getting home from a month long road trip around the United States. Yes, a month together in the car... and still happy. We have seen family and friends and chatted with strangers. We've marveled at the awesome beauty of our National Parks (Arches, Bryce, Zion, and Grand Canyon) and cringed at the poverty we have seen



Elaine Brody

in some areas. Some places surprised us. I expected Oklahoma to be one flat plain. Instead we were pleased to find rolling hills. I was pleased to be able to walk and breathe at the same time in high altitude locations. We learned that parts of Arkansas and Mississippi produce most of the rice in this country. In Alabama, we caught up with our good friends, Carl and Sandy Greenbaum, who are between "gigs" as National Park volunteers. They are on their way from Florida to Grand Teton Park in Wyoming.

Before you move completely into

summer mode, make time to attend the TBA Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 7. Learn what has been going on all year and what the plans are for the future. The Strategic Planning Committee has been working since October and a first draft plan will be discussed at the meeting. We will set out some goals and action steps and you should be part of the discussion. Who knows, you might want to join the process going forward.

That's all. Think about it: family, friends, travel, beauty, commitment. There's something for everyone.

*L'hitraot,
Elaine*

SOUTHERN NH JEWISH MEN'S CLUB

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club proudly announces its newly installed board officers and board members for 2015-2016. Mark Dickens replaces outgoing President Mike Lipkind, whereas, Mike Lipkind assumes the dual role of Immediate Past President and Treasurer. Adam Wolff steps in as Vice President, and Don Gorelick rounds out the board officers as Secretary. Members-at-large include Shaike Artsy, David Fox, Robert Pill, Steven Zedeck and James Moon. Installation of the newly formed board takes place this summer.

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club has been operational since 1982 meeting monthly for Sunday brunches. The mission has been loosely based on building a brotherhood of like-minded men who wish to share their commitment

and values to those in the greater NH Jewish community. The SNHJMC has provided quality programming such as a town hall-style political event each fall, which allows participants to submit questions via a moderator. Another example of quality programming would be the annual children's breakfast, which this year featured a science exhibit designed to both educate and entertain young minds. And of course, no year is complete without the generous donation of Kiddush cups for each area bar and bat mitzvah. In addition to these generous gifts, the SNHJMC's Bruce Retchin-Neil Goren Fund provides assistance to young people studying in Israel. Such gifts are made possible by generous donations.

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club has been a non-profit organization serving all of southern

NH's Jewish communities regardless of synagogue membership for over thirty years. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our Men's Club please contact our President, Mark Dickens, via email: president@snhjmc.org or visit our website at www.snhjmc.org.

Adult Education and Programming

Come for any session or many! No previous background necessary.

Torah Study With Rabbi Jon

Thursdays, June 4, 11, and 18 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Kabbalah With Eitan Zeira

Saturday, June 20 at 12:30 PM

At Congregation Betenu

Yom Yerushalaim 2015

Shalom Israel Festival Street Festival

by Mike Harris

This year on 17 May 2015 the popular Shalom Israel Street Festival took place, in conjunction with the Jason Schenker Memorial Walk-a-thon, on the anniversary of the liberation of the ancient city of Jerusalem. As in past years, the festival featured a wide variety of activities representative of activities past and present that one might encounter on a visit to Israel. The large attendance at the festival, which draws members and non-members alike, once again attracted many local Israeli families as well as people from most of the communities in southern New Hampshire and nearby towns in Massachusetts.

In his opening remarks, Rabbi Spira-Savett emphasized the theme of Jerusalem, which once again after many years was unified as the capital of Israel on this date forty-eight years ago. Haywood Gelman accentuated the occasion by singing Naomi Shemer's prophetic song 'Jerusalem of Gold' (Yerushalaim shel Zahav), a song that had become popular in the days leading up to the Six Days War just prior to the recapture of

Jerusalem. Festival goers were treated to dance (Od Lo Ahavti Dai) and song (Am Yisrael Hai) by the children of the Sunday school following which everyone joined in singing HaTikva, the Israeli

national anthem. In the 'Jerusalem transformed' TBA space Haywood Gelman and the Raymond Street Klezmer band provided more music and songs of Jerusalem. David Gallant was Kol Israel (Voice of Israel) host and DJ and provided the music for Israeli dancing lead by Sharon Sernik. At Kikar Zion (Zion Square) Sara and Sam Brest once again treated the community to Israeli style falafel street food. At Yad VaShem, Noah Weiss sold his beautiful photography to help raise funds for the Nashua Holocaust Memorial. The USY sold their famous ice cream and members lead the crafts of the Israel Museum Youth wing such as mosaics, kova temble and others. Kitah Zayin (seventh grade) provided a connection to Israeli soldiers and our Rabbi pro-



vided us with a video and slides from Israel. The Shuk (market) gift shop was open as well and thanks go to all our patrons.

Outside in the beautiful weather there were many activities for children of all ages including an archeological 'Kotel' dig with Ben Goodman and Sharon Sernik. Mike and Moshe continued our tradition of an old style kumzitz (Israeli style campfire) complete with roasted potatoes, Turkish coffee and singing.

The festival organizing committee would like to extend thanks to the Temple Beth Abraham community and Sisterhood and to all who helped and contributed support to our annual Israel Festival.

See you next year.

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Symbols, Symbols Everywhere

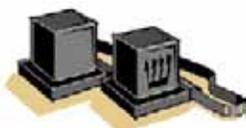
Judaism abounds in symbols. We find them in Torah, in our sanctuary, and in the larger community. Where did these symbols come from? What do they mean? What is their relevance?

The *Shema* prayer is the source for several symbols. (See [Signs and Symbols](#) for more details.)

- We place a *mezuzah* on the doorposts of our homes. This is a *mitzvah* from the *Shema*. It is a constant reminder of G-d's presence and *mitzvot*.



- A *tallit* is the prayer shawl worn over clothes during morning and afternoon prayers, as well as all prayers on *Yom Kippur*. It represents fidelity and observance. Wearing a *tallit* fulfills the *mitzvah* of wearing *tzitzit* as described in the *Shema*.



- *Tefillin* are meant to remind us of G-d's *mitzvot*. We bind them to our head and our arm, committing both our intellect and our physical strength to the fulfillment of the *mitzvot*. The *Shema* commands us to bind the words to our hands and between our eyes.

• The *Magen David*, or Star of David, also means Shield of David. It doesn't have any religious significance but is most commonly associated with the Jewish people. Historians place its origins with King David (possibly due to the design of the shield he used in battle) and Kabbalists give meaning to the two triangles and six points. (See [Does the Star of David have Religious Significance in Judaism](#).)



- The *menorah* is a very familiar symbol seen in synagogues and is one of the oldest symbols of the Jewish faith. It has seven branches and was originally the candelabrum placed by the Israelites in the Tabernacle and later in the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, we see the menorah on the emblem of the State of Israel.

• The [lamp over the ark](#) in today's synagogues, called the *ner tamid* (literally, the continual lamp; usually translated as the eternal flame), symbolizes the *menorah*.



- The nine-branched *menorah* or *chanukkiyah* used on Chanukkah is commonly patterned after this *menorah*, because Chanukkah commemorates the miracle that a day's worth of oil for this *menorah* lasted eight days.



- There are many symbols in Judaism that you can investigate on the Internet. Just type the word into Google or another search engine. Here are a few to get you started:

✧ For [short descriptions at Buzzle](#):

- Hamsa – Chai – Shofar – Kippah – Four Species – Torah Scroll – Dreidel

✧ For items with [longer descriptions](#):

- Pomegranate – Shabbat Candlesticks – Kiddush Cup – Lion of Judah – Twelve Tribes of Israel - Miriam's Cup

If you'd like to see how well you know your Jewish symbols, try the [game found here](#). (This is a suggestion from the New South Wales, Australia, Board of Jewish Education.) Have fun!

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