



# Temple B'nai Abraham

Temple B'nai Abraham  
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**The Temple Shofar**  
Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood  
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Dear Temple B'nai Abraham Community,

After returning from their trip to Israel, Sid and Charyl Morginstin brought two beautiful Havdallah candles back as a gift for our Temple. These interwoven candles are used in a ceremony that occurs on Saturday night to mark the distinction between Shabbat and the rest of the week. Together with the spices and wine, the light of the candle is meant to ease the transition back to our regular lives.

The work week is the time when our lives get messy; one interest overlaps with the next. We can no longer just be with our family, friends and home community, but must also join up with the wider world. In looking at the light of the Havdallah candle, we are reminded of the complexity of this transition. Unlike Shabbat candles, which are separate entities, the Havdallah candle makes it impossible to distinguish where one candle begins and where another one ends.

Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionism, referred to this phenomena as living in two civilizations. Writing in the 20s and 30s in New York, he saw Jews struggling to come to terms with their American and Jewish identities. Was it possible to be both American and Jewish at the same time? Kaplan's answer was an emphatic yes. Like with the Havdallah candle, the intertwining of our lives makes us stronger, not weaker.

In today's world, this struggle is even more intense. With the advent of cell phones and computers, we are always in multiple places in any given moment. People interact not just on a local or national level, but on a global one as well. Technology has provided us great freedom, but also great Tsorus (to use the Yiddish word for troubles).

The days of a uniform Jewish community are no longer. While we are the Bordentown community, most of our members were not born in the area. We come from all different backgrounds and all different places. This is what makes us interesting.

In September, Temple B'nai Abraham will be exploring the Interfaith family with a program called Balancing the Jewish Interfaith Family, on Wednesday, September 13th at our Temple between 7:00 and 8:30 PM. Here we will explore issues relevant to families where one parent is not Jewish. We are delighted to also have Eve Coulson, a local expert on issues of outreach to help us in our exploration. While Temple B'nai Abraham is seen as a welcoming place to interfaith families, this is the first time we are focusing a specific program on the topic. I encourage you to come out, bring a friend, and lend your voice to this important discussion. A special thanks goes out to Betsy Ramos for conceiving the idea, and to Jill Popko, Stew Warren, and Rick Shain (our new Adult Ed. Chair) for spearheading the initiative.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you in September,  
Kol Tov  
Rabbi Alex

## Temple B'nai Abraham Officers for 5765-66

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## SHABBAT SERVICES, YAHRZEITS ONEGS

No Services in the month of August.

### Yahrtzeit for the month of August

#### August

August 5, Alice Mervish, mother of Shyrle Kushner  
August 6, Lou Rosenberg, father of Ellen Wehrman  
August 13, Abraham Kaiser, father of Eileen Gale  
August 11, Elaine Zeitz, wife of Carl Zeitz  
August 14, Louis Rosen, father of Gerald Rosen  
August 25, Norman Goldman, father of Bonnie and Jeff Goldman and father-in-law of Rhea Goldman

## AROUND THE TEMPLE NEWS

Temple B'nai Abraham and Sarah Seidel Sisterhood extend our condolences to Marcia and Michael Rosen on the passing of Marcia's mother Marion Greenblatt and to Mimi Geller on the passing of her brother, Joseph Ellis.

The Sisterhood thanks Josh Zeitz for donating a copy of his book *The Flapper*. The book cannot be taken out of the Temple but you may read it while visiting the Temple or waiting for your Hebrew School child(ren).

The Temple Board has been busy this summer overseeing the restoration of the inside of the Temple. You will be surprised at the new look and we hope you enjoy the beauty of our rooms. We were unable to save any of the wood or tin paneling. They turned out to be destroyed underneath. Both up and downstairs will be sheetrocked and painted.

Big thank you to a group of dedicated members who have helped with this project, either by sweat equity or their ideas to improve our Temple: The Temple Board, Bonnie Friedman, Robin Affrime, Sid Morginstin, Rhea Goldman and The Building Committee/

The Temple has obtained the services of a part-time Rabbi to help Alex with his heavy schedule. Julie Pfau will be substituting for Alex one weekend per month by leading Friday night services, along with teaching the b'nai mitzvah class one Sunday per month. We will have more information about Julie in our next newsletter.

Hebrew School Open House will be September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12.

## BALANCING JEWISH INTERFAITH FAMILY

**On September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the Temple will host a Jewish Interfaith Program at 7PM**

Join your fellow Temple members and invited community to discuss the important issues facing Jewish Interfaith families. The guest speaker will be Eve Coulson.

## 2005-2006 Host List for Oneg Shabbats and Sisterhood Meetings

The list for the new year will be posted in the September issue.

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 will be the start of services for the 2006-2007 year. Check the September newsletter for details.

## Programs and Services Available to Temple and Sisterhood Members

### Sisterhood Joy and Sorrow

Cards of sympathy, good cheer, or mazel tov, are available through Sarah Seidel Sisterhood at a cost of \$2.50 minimum. Contact Rita Nissim at 298-5357.

### Temple Joy and Sorrow

Cards of sympathy or good wishes are available through Temple B'nai Abraham at a cost of \$5 minimum. Contact Sharon Dauber at 291-9169.

### Torah Prayer Books (Chumashim)

For those interested in purchasing a torah prayer book in honor of or in memory of someone, the cost is \$75. If interested, please call or e-mail Betsy Ramos. You may also sponsor our existing Siddur at a cost of \$35.00.

### General donations

For anyone interested in making a general donation to the synagogue that does not fit into any of the above categories, of course, the synagogue will be happy to accept the donation. You may send a check to Temple B'nai Abraham, P.O. Box 245, Bordentown, NJ and indicate whether it is for a special occasion and whether you would like the synagogue to send an acknowledgment to someone. If it is a non-temple member, please provide their name and address

### Memorial Plaques

Memorial plaques are available at \$200 each. If you would like to order one please send the following information IN WRITING to Sid Morginstin, plaque chairman, (PO Box 8101 Trenton NJ or e-mail:). (1) English name of deceased (2) Hebrew name of deceased. If you do not have the Hebrew names, provide the English names. The Rabbi and Sid will do their best to get Hebrew names. (3) Date of death in the English calendar. . DO NOT include payment. Once the plaque has been put up, you will be billed.

### RELIGIOUS ITEMS BURIAL

No doubt we all have old kippot, prayer books and what ever else sitting in our homes. I am often asked what should be done with them? The proper course of action is to bury them in a cemetery. If you have any of these, please place them in a small box labeled "TO SID: FOR BURIAL". Place the box in the temple (or, drop it off at my house: 849 East Drive Bordentown -- leave it by the BACK door). Once I get a large enough accumulation, I will bring it to Rabbi Leverton of the Chabad of the Windsor for burial. On the kippot: The rule is, once it has been used, it must be buried. If a kippah has never been used it may be thrown out. On books: Nowadays with recycling, one might think that it would be better to place the books with our paper recycling. I did raise this point to a couple of rabbis. All stated that the books must be buried..

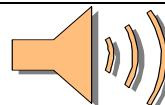
*Sid Morginstin*

### Cat's Meow Collectors plaque

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood has available the Cat's Meow Collectors plaque of our Temple for sale at \$10.00. The plaques are imprinted on the back with the date of our establishment, and signed by the artist. These plaques were sold at The U and I Book Store for many years. Contact Eileen Gale at 291-0220 for your plaque.



RABBI, IT'S STILL TOO HOT TO HAVE SERVICES UPSTAIRS. WAIT UNTIL NEXT SATURDAY



Hear Ye Hear Ye

### Supermarket Gift Cards.

Please remember to purchase Supermarket gift cards for the Acme, Shop Rite and Marazzos. This fundraiser is ongoing throughout the year. The gift cards are purchased at dollar for dollar value. The Temple receives 5% making this is a great way to support our temple. Contact Joel Dowshen and he will see that you will receive them in a timely manner. 298-5306.

**PLEASE NOTE: You can send your checks directly to Joel Dowshen at 502 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505 with your order amount and supermarket noted.**

### Sarah Seidel Sisterhood

The Sisterhood is still collection recipes for a cookbook. Please send your recipes to the Sisterhood or bring to the first meeting using these guidelines:

Do not mix meat and dairy, no pork or shellfish. If possible, submit kosher recipes.

If it is recommended for something, ie Passover, make a note such as: Good for Passover, Good for Rosh Hashanah, Goes great with fish.

Ask friends and family for recipes as well. Ideally, one recipe per person.

The recipe must be typed or handwritten clearly and on an 8 1/2 x 11 paper.

# Donations

## Temple

*In Honor of:*

**Madge and Gerald Rosen's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** - Jay and Elaine Trackman

*In Memory of:*

**Marion Greenblatt, mother of Marcia Rosen**

Linda Bowker  
Jennifer Carton  
Eileen Gale  
Jay and Elaine Trackman  
Andrea Browne  
Michael and Sharon Dauber  
Ted and Joanne Lutz  
Susan Schomer  
Barry & Cheryl Fulmer  
May K. Lazer  
Robert & Linda Perry  
Victor & Lynn Wasserman  
Henry & Margaret Guggenheim  
Carol O'Connell  
Warren & Johanne Rednor  
Charles Rednor  
Genevieve & Milt Warsaw  
Arthur & Marilyn Levine  
Adele Levy  
Janet W. Mills  
Steven & Carol Csogi  
Mary Wexler  
Maryellen Rust  
Sidney & Linda Gilman  
Doris Gorman  
Systems & Technology  
Elizabeth Orlandi  
Catherine Gardiner  
Julie Leslie  
Judith Lanhardt  
Rita Ricci-Fowler  
Esther T. Levy

A Chumashin has been purchased in Marion's memory by Gerald and Madge Rosen

## Elaine Zeitz Building Fund

Carl Zeitz

## Yahrtzeit

*In Memory of:*

<b>Ann Zeitz</b>	Carl Zeitz
<b>Edith Trackman</b>	Jay and Elaine Trackman
<b>Jack Roth</b>	Jay and Elaine Trackman
<b>Anna Harrison</b>	Renee Harrison
<b>Solomon Schaffer</b>	Rhoda and Henry Kessler
<b>Oscar Wasserman</b>	Linda Bowker
<b>Louis Rosen</b>	Gerald and Madge Rosen
<b>Max Light</b>	Paricia Light-Tolomeo
<b>Elaine Zeitz</b>	Randy Bloom & Michael Scolaro
<b>Bernard Shain</b>	Betsy Ramos
<b>Abraham Zeitz</b>	Carl Zeitz
<b>Abraham Kaiser</b>	Eileen Gale
<b>Norman Goldman</b>	Bonnie Goldman, Jeffrey Goldman

## TOT SHABBAT COLLECTION

*In Honor of:*

**Birth of Harley Madison Weiskott, daughter of new Temple Members Mark and Jennifer Weiskoff**

Michael & Sharon Dauber

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Marcia Rosen

## Sisterhood

*In Memory of:*

**Jerry Brandt**

Barbara & Jeff Streisfeld  
Phoebe & Jeff Nissim

**Susan Byrne** Sid & Charyl Morginstin

**Joseph Ellis, brothe of Mimi Geller**

Sid & Charyl Morginstin  
Phyllis & Is Kamer  
Rita & Mary Nissim  
Elaine & Jay Trackman  
Renee Harrison  
Eileen Gale

**Marion Greenblatt**

Marsha & Joel Dowshen  
Nina Glanz  
Jay & Elaine Trackman

**Louis Winarsky**

Michael Scolaro & Randy Bloom

**Bebe Hossack**

Barbara & Jeff Streisfeld

*Rejoicing with You*

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dr. and Mrs. D. Lipkin**

Renee Harrison

**Farewell to Michael & Sara Bergman**

Marsha & Joel Dowshen  
Sid & Charyl Morginstin

**Happy Birthday Ceil Guowitz**

Phyllis & Is Kamer

Remember our soldiers in Iraq with a prayer every night. Also, keep Israel in your heart and prayers. Many incorrect information is heard on the tv. Find a station that will be pro Israel to hear what is really happening. One of them is not a station that begins with C and ends with N. Thoughts from your editor and are not the opinions of the Temple Board or members.

Items for the September 2006 issue must be submitted to Eileen Gale at [egale10@verigzon.net](mailto:egale10@verigzon.net) by August 20. This will be a very informative newsletter and WILL BE OUT by August 28<sup>th</sup>.