



Temple B'nai Abraham

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Rabbi's Message

For those of you who did not hear it first hand on Erev Rosh Hashanah here is a little snippet of my talk. The entire talk, along with others I gave during the High Holidays are included on-line at bnai-abraham.org. Thanks to Brian Epstein for making this possible.

On Erev Rosh Hashanah, when we remember the speed of the creation of our world, and, in doing so, we understand fully how infinitely small we are in such an overwhelmingly, large universe. This universe, that one day long ago, we might even have been able to hold in our hands, seems so impossibly beyond the scope of human thinking.

During the High Holidays we are supposed to carry two pieces of paper in our pockets. On one is written, "I am but dust." On the other, "for me the world was created." We remember God forming Adam, the first man, from the dust in the world. And, we also remember God's breath nestled inside of our body, creating human beings in the image of our creator.

In truth, our actual birth and lives are not so different from that of the universe. I say this as an expectant dad, well versed on the many stages of life inside the womb. If you have not heard yet, Ashirah and I are pregnant and due in the beginning of February.

At home, Ashirah and I have many books describing pregnancy. How at one point, all of us in this room could fit in a single Hebrew letter. For a full fifteen seconds after conception, we are, literally, a one-celled organism. Then, over the course, of just a few weeks we begin to take shape as a human life. By the fifth week, we have the beginnings of a heart. Our central nervous system and muscle and bone formation are beginning to take shape. By the tenth week, the fetus now actually looks like a baby, more than an inch in size, and weighing .18 grams. As tiny as an olive, but with eyes, ears, nose, and even fingers.

While the most exponential changes occur in our first nine months in the womb, we never stop growing and changing until our deaths. The definition of life and the definition of the universe, is constant and continual growth.

No matter how old we are today, can we imagine our selves that small again?

No, we cannot. Just like we cannot imagine all the matter in the universe condensed to the way it was at creation.

However, by sitting in that moment - that very first moment – even for just tonight, we know without a doubt, that anything is possible.

We are no longer here with our wounds and regrets, but fresh, new again. Before we even begin the process of Teshuvah, repentance and personal reflection, we must remember that sacred moment of creation.

We sit in it, holding the fragile pre-universe, that Tohu Vavohu, the fifteen-seconds of our own one-celledness and we just enjoy. There is nothing to do or say, just to be. For a moment, forget about the pounding of our chests that we will do throughout the holiday, and remember only the pounding in our chests. That of our heart and lungs, all the things that happen without our even being aware of them.

Yes, we are here in the sanctuary of B'nai Abraham, but we are also here as a dot on the landscape of earth, in the galaxy of the Milky Way. "Vayihi Erev Vayihi Boker, Yom Echad" "It was evening, it was morning, Day one." The first day of the year 5768.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Alex



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Yahrzeits

October 5th

Mervin Groveman past temple member

October 12th

We will remember Paul Goldfarb, step-father of Charyl Morginstin, Mollie Piennek, sister of Mike Grannick, Elsie Sternfeld, mother of Mildred Josephson

October 26th

We will remember Gertrude Herzog, mother of Madge Rosen, Walter Harrison, husband of Renee Harrison

November 2nd.

Abraham Zackler, father of Marsha Dowshen, Helen Roseman, mother of Renee Harrison

We hope and pray for the recovery of our loved ones and friends every Friday night during Sabbath eve worship. If you know someone dear to you, who is in need of our congregation's prayers, please tell Rabbi Alex or any board member.



Shabbat Services and New Year Schedule for September

Friday October 5th 7:30PM Oneg Shabbat hosted by Albanese Family in honor of Brandon Snyder's Bar Mitzvah **Light Candles 6:13**

Saturday October 6th 9:30AM Brandon Snyder Bar Mitzvah

Friday October 12th Tot Shabbat/Pot luck dinner 6PM, Adult services 7:30PM, **Light Candles 6:02**

Friday October 19th 7:30PM Shabbat Services **Light Candles 5:51**

Friday October 26th 7:30 Shabbat Services **Light Candles 5:42**

Friday November 2nd Tot Shabbat/Pot luck dinner 6PM, Adult services 7:30PM, **Light Candles 5:33**

Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat met in September to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. In addition to our potluck dinner and service, the children heard the story, "It's Shofar Time!" by Latifa Berry Kropf and iced their own cupcakes for dessert.

Future Tot Shabbat services will be October 12, from 6-7:30 when we learn about Noah's Ark, and November 2 when we learn about the Jewish calendar.

As this is a New Year, we are exploring new subjects and crafts. I would love to get some food crafts going this year and if anyone feels comfortable enough in the kitchen to lead such an activity, I am sure it would be fun. Please let me know if you have such an interest.

For more information about Tot Shabbat or to join our pot luck RSVP list call Sharon Dauber 291-9169 or email sdauber@comcast.net. Sharon Dauber

Thank you Karen Nissim for ordering the beautiful flower arrangements for the High Holidays.



Membership Drive for 2007-08

As an incentive for our members to find new members to join the temple, the board has approved the following: for every new member referred to the temple, you will receive \$100 off of your dues the first year they join. Please have the new member indicate that you referred them to obtain the benefit of this promotion.

Teen Group

Soon the teen group will be having events. All post-bar/bat mitzvah students are welcome. Please contact Marcy Schwartz if your children are interested in participating. marcy_schwartz@hotmail.com or 324-0571



With our School

Snacks for 2007-2008

September	Susan Giachetti
October	Debbie Weiss
November	Deena Kobrin
December	Jill Popko
January	Shira
Lowry	
February	Debbie Reyes
March	Kim Aubry
April	Linda Osman
May	Jen Carton

Snack suggestions: Juice, Water bottles, Baked chips, Pretzels, Cookies, Fruit, Veggies

On Thursday, October 4th, the Hebrew School will celebrate Simchat Torah

Knitting-Crafting Group

Thank you ladies who came out for the knitting/craft group on September 24th. We talked, we shared, we worked on our projects. Join us for our next group meeting on October 22 at 7:30PM at the temple.. All are welcome; no fees, no dues, just yourselves and project. Contact Betsy at 298-0437 or Eileen at 291-0220. for information.

SARAH SEIDEL SISTERHOOD NEWS

We welcome new members to our Sisterhood: Ronnie Bradbury, Jennifer Carton's mom, Jennifer Carton, and Loretta Klein, Susan Giachetti's mom.

Thank you Phyllis Chudoff for making the lovely curtain for the bathroom.

Thank you Shira Lowry for hosting the first dinner party meeting at your home. Everyone enjoyed the Hamish feelings and the delicious dinner.

Thank you Karen Nissim and her committee for the wonderful Break the Fast.

Thank you Elaine Trackman and Renee Harrison for the challah and honey cakes after Rosh Hashanah services

MOVIE NIGHT!

Get ready to laugh out loud! On Monday, October 8th, at 7PM, we will watch the movie "Keeping Up With the Stein's". This hysterically funny movie about competitive Bar Mitzvahs, with an all-star cast, is one laugh after another. This event will be held at the Rutgers's EcoComplex at Columbus Road (right near the entrance to 295 exit 52), across from Liberty Lake. There's plenty of room to bring a friend or your favorite Bar or Bat Mitzvah student! (The movie is PG13 for brief nudity and "situations not appropriate for younger children") Hope to see you there!

Come to our "Jewelry & Judaica" party on Monday, November 12th. 7PM.

We hope you will enjoy this opportunity to visit with your friends, see a presentation on a large selection of beautiful jewelry, and have the opportunity to order these wonderful pieces for yourself or for holiday gifts. There will also be a terrific selection of Hanukah gift items and gift wrap to purchase. We would like to invite all temple members to join us, even if you are not a member of Sisterhood. On-site gift wrapping will be available for Hanukah items purchased that night!

**Please note if you have keys to the temple:
Make sure the door is locked when you exit
the building. It has been found to be
unlocked on a few occasions**



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Temple B'nai Abraham and Sarah Seidel Sisterhood Embroidered Tablecloth

The Embroidered tablecloth is very delicate and is used on special occasions during the year. Phyllis Chudoff has taken on the task of embroidering names on the cloth

All Temple and Sisterhood members can add their names to the cloth. Contact Phyllis at 499-3217

To make things easy, you can email Phyllis with the names you wish to have embroidered on the tablecloth. pchudoff@hotmail.com

Donation is \$5.00 to the Sisterhood and can be mailed to the temple. Please write in memo Sisterhood tablecloth.

Around our Temple News and Notes

Mazel Tov to Phyllis Bush and Ilene Miller (former members of Sisterhood and Temple) on their joining in a Civil Union. We wish them a long and happy life. Their address is 1863 Mill Creek Road, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Mazel Tov to the Albanese and Snyder Family on the Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Snyder.

Mazel Tov to Maribeth and Brian Epstein. Maribeth received her Board Certified Behavior Analyst Certificate after an intense 2 year program. She also has a Masters degree from State college of NJ (Trenton State) and Brian finished his Masters degree from Capella University in Information Technology, specializing in Information Security.

Welcome new members Debbie & Diego Reyes and their 3 children, Andrea, Zachary and Elizabeth.

Did you get a chance to watch the 325th Anniversary Parade on Sunday, September 30th. Our Hebrew and Sunday school group made a great presentation of our Temple. Thank you Jeff Goldman and Sandy SchwartzBird for driving the children in your Classic cars.

Social Action

The International Jewish Film Festival run by the Rutgers Jewish Studies program will be held Nov. 4-11 at the Regal Cinema in North Brunswick. It is easy to get to on Route 1 and all films have English subtitles. Check out the link:

<http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu/events/film07/index.shtml>

Marcy Schwartz will be introducing the Brazilian film "The Year My Parents Went on Vacation" on Sunday afternoon Nov. 11.

Thank you, Robin Afrime and Susan Giachetti, for help with meal delivery to the Pines Motel. We still collect granola bars for distribution once a month and food for the food pantry. Thanks to all who contribute.

High Holiday Pledges

Sheila Lamonsoff in Memory of Samuel Kaplan, Anna Kaplan
Marty and Rita Nissim
Shiry Lowry
Rhea Goldman
Stan and Ronnie Zeichner
Phyllis Chudoff

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 his/her/their name(s) and address

Memorial Plaques

Memorial plaques are available at \$200 each. To order, please send the following information **IN WRITING** to Sid Morginstin, plaque chairman (PO Box 8101, Trenton NJ or e-mail Sidmorgy@verizon.net. (1) English name of deceased (2) Hebrew name of deceased. (3) Date of death in the Gregorian (English) calendar. After the plaque has been put up, you will be billed. Plaques will not be moved from one board to another.

Cat's Meow Temple 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. Contact Eileen Gale at 291-0220.

Gift Card Program

Please contact Marsha and Joel Dowshen 298-5306 to get your gift cards. Easy as ordering pizza.

Book Review will be soon. Start reading The Faith Club.

Robin Affrime and Stan Zeichner are busy working to bring our 90th birthday celebration to you on November 17th. We hope to see you all there.

Donations

Temple

In Memory of

Mollie Schaffer from Rhoda and Henry Kessler
Nissim M. Nissim from Marty and Rita Nissim

Donation to Temple from Lee and Marcel Nissim, former members who now live in Florida

Donation in honor of Eileen Gale from Dr. Kenneth and Mrs. Elaine Kellick

Sisterhood

In Memory of

Robert Levin from Renee Harrison

Joy and Sorrow

Mazel To

Mazel Tov to Phyllis Bush & Ilene Miller from Randye Bloom and Mike Scolaro, Rita and Marty Nissim and Eileen Gale

In Honor of

Sisterhood from Sid and Marlene Levine



90TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY!!!!

Save the date! We will be celebrating our 90th anniversary on November 17, 2007 at the American Grill, Rt. 130, Hamilton from 6:00-10:30pm. From 6:00-7:00, we will have cocktails (cash bar) and cold h'or deuvres. Dinner with a DJ is from 7-10:30. Menu will be soup or salad and a choice of one of three delicious entrees - wild king salmon, fillet mignon, or vegetable medley over pasta. Special cake for dessert. Price will be \$75/person. Besides being a wonderful excuse for a party, this will also be a fundraiser for the temple. Invitations will be mailed soon. All temple members and sisterhood members will be invited. Feel free to bring a guest. It'll be 10 more years (our 100th) before we have another reason for a big party, so don't lose this opportunity to have fun. Please come out and have a great time.

Temple B'nai Abraham 2007-2008 Oneg & Sisterhood Hosts List

Shabbat Services & Sisterhood Meetings	Date	Hosts
Shabbat Evening	Friday, September 7, 2007	Betsy Ramos & Shira Lowry
Sisterhood Board Meeting	Sunday, September 9, 2007	Rita Nissim's Home
Rosh Hashanah Family Pot Luck Service	Thursday, September 13, 2007	All Hebrew School & Tot Shabbat Families will be contacted separately
Sisterhood Program - Cooking Demo & Dinner	Monday, September 17, 2007	Shira Lowry's Home
Yom Kippur Break Fast	Saturday, September 22, 2007	Rita and Karen Nissim
Shabbat Evening - Sukkot	Friday, September 28, 2007	Morganstin & Klepner
Shabbat Evening	Friday, October 5, 2007	Snyder Bar Mitzvah
Sisterhood Program-Movie Night	Monday, October 8, 2007	Ellen Wehrman & Patricia Light-Tolomeo
Shabbat Evening	Friday, October 19, 2007	Cantor & Fattori Families
Sisterhood Board Meeting	Sunday, October 28, 2007	
Shabbat Evening	Friday, November 9, 2007	Marcy Schwartz & Epstein Family
Sisterhood Program – Holiday Fund Raiser and Jewelry Party	Monday, November 12, 2007	Sheila Lamonsoff & Debbie Weiss
Shabbat Service (Saturday AM)	Saturday, November 24, 2007	Jen Weiskot & Ehrlich-Cook Families
Shabbat Evening - Chanukah	Friday, December 7, 2007	All Hebrew School & Tot Shabbat Families will be contacted separately
Sisterhood Program	Monday, December 10, 2007	Sheri Haines & Debbie Reyes
Shabbat Evening	Friday, December 14, 2007	Saperstein Bat Mitzvah
Shabbat Service (Saturday AM)	Saturday, January 5, 2008	Ronnie Zeichner & Elaine Trackman
Sisterhood Board Meeting	Sunday, January 6, 2008	
Shabbat Evening	Friday, January 18, 2008	Goldberg & Goldberg Families
Shabbat Evening	Friday, February 1, 2008	Arlene Speiser & Randy Fechter
Shabbat Service (Saturday AM)	Saturday, February 9, 2008	Marcia Rosen & Madge Rosen
Sisterhood Program - Yoga	Monday, February 11, 2008	Mimi Geller & Rita Nissim
Sisterhood Board Meeting	Sunday, March 2, 2008	
Sisterhood Program - Passover Wine Tasting	Monday, March 10, 2008	Bonnie & Rhea Goldman
Shabbat Evening	Friday, March 14, 2008	Linda Osman & Phyllis Kamer
Shabbat Service (Saturday AM)	Saturday, March 29, 2008	Jessica Kaplow & Kim Aubry
Shabbat Evening	Friday, April 4, 2008	Rachel Schwartz & Robin Affrime
Shabbat Service (Saturday AM)	Saturday, April 19, 2008	Eileen Gale & Phyllis Chudoff
Sisterhood Board Meeting	Sunday, April 27	
Shabbat Evening	Friday, May 3, 2008	Grabenstein Bat Mitzvah
Sisterhood Program	Monday, May 12, 2008	Renee Harrison & Sandy SchwartzBird
Shabbat Evening	Friday, May 16, 2008	Ronnie Bradbury & Jen Carton
Sisterhood Board Meeting	Sunday, May 25, 2008	
Shabbat Evening	Friday, May 30, 2008	Giachetti B'nai Mitzvot
Sisterhood Program - Covered Dish	Monday, June 9, 2008	Randy Bloom & Marsha Dowshen
Shabbat Evening	Friday, June 13, 2008	Popko Bat Mitzvah

If you are unable to attend and provide refreshments on the date that was assigned to you, it is your responsibility to switch with someone. Please note that any left over food must be removed from the temple and not left in the refrigerator

Sisterhood Programs and Dates are all Tentative at this time.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3	4 Hebrew School 4:30 to 6:30 Simchat Torah Celebration 	5 Friday Night Services 7:30PM Albanese Family Host in honor of Brandon's Bar Mitzvah	6 Shabbat Services 9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Brandon  Snyder
7 Sunday School 9:30 to 10:30 Hebrew School 10:30 to 12:30	8 Sisterhood Meeting Movie Night 7PM Rutgers's EcoComplex at Columbus Road & 295, across from Liberty Lake	9	10	11 Hebrew School 4:30 to 6:30	12 Friday Night Services Tot Shabbat 6PM Pot Luck Dinner Adult Services 7:30	13
14 Sunday School 9:30 to 10:30 Hebrew School 10:30 to 12:30	15	16	17	18 Hebrew School 4:30 to 6:30 Temple Board Meeting at Jen Carton's 7:30PM	19 Friday Night Services 7:30PM Cantor and Fattori Families Oneg Shabbat hosts	20
21 Sunday School 9:30 to 10:30 Hebrew School 10:30 to 12:30	22 Knitting/Craft Get together at the Temple 7:30PM	23	24	25 Hebrew School 4:30 to 6:30 Food Delivery 5:15PM	26 Friday Night Services 7:30PM	27
28 Sunday School 9:30 to 10:30 Hebrew School 10:30 to 12:30 Sisterhood Board	29	30	31 	Nov. 1 Hebrew School 4:30 to 6:30	Nov. 2 Friday Night Services 7:30PM	Nov. 3

Special Events coming in November

Sisterhood Holiday Fund Raiser and Jewelry Party - November 12th

90th Anniversary Dinner Dance American Grill - November 17th