From the Rabbi

Happy New Year! We have now come part way through the holiday season, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur having just passed. I'd like to send a special thank you to all who participated in the High Holy Day services and to all who helped out in other ways around the synagogue during the High Holy Day season. You certainly made the experience richer for me, and from having spoken to many of you, I understand that it made it much nicer for other members of the synagogue community as well.

I must also thank you all for the positive feedback you have given me and for the warm welcome into the B’Nai Abraham community. It is wonderful to be a part of this community, and I look forward to the time we will spend together.

We now turn our sights to the festival of Sukkot, when we commemorate both our wanderings in the desert after leaving slavery in Egypt and our later experience as farmers in the land of Israel. In both of these settings, our ancestors built small temporary booths or huts which they decorated with fruit, vegetables and other vegetation to symbolize their joy at receiving God’s bounty. We, too, build small huts and decorate them with growing things, and with colorful paper cut-outs to symbolize our joy on this holiday. We hope to benefit not only from the bounty of the natural world, but also from the harvest of friendship, warmth and community returned from the seeds we have sown.

We will celebrate the beginning of the eight-day festival of Sukkot on Friday night, Oct. 1 at 7:30PM. I wish you all a joyous Sukkot!

Rabbi Judy Kummer
1993 HIGH HOLIDAY PLEDGE MESSAGE

The period of time surrounding Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur is when we look back upon the past year and pray for the future. We look inward into our souls to determine if during the past year we were as righteous as we could have been. We also pray that the coming year will be a good one.

As a community, we should do the same. We should focus on our accomplishments and plan to improve our short comings.

This past year was good in some respects and not so good in others.

We, unfortunately lost some members. Temple B'Nai Abraham experienced the full cycle of life events. Some controversies arose -- and, hopefully, will soon be resolved.

Three of our youngsters celebrated their coming of age in their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. New members are continually joining our ranks. Thanks to the heroic efforts of Fay Josephson our building renovation program is well under way.

Many members, especially those on the board, have contributed their time and efforts. A special thank you goes to the brave souls who cleaned out the basement. Others were on the Rabbi Search Committee, the Hebrew School Committee, and the various fund raising committees. We owe all of them a debt of gratitude.

As some of you know, Rose Meltz left a substantial amount of money to Temple B'Nai Abraham.

Charyl and I donated new High Holiday prayer books in memory of my parents. And thanks go to Sue Beck for typing the labels.

After many long years, both of our Torah scrolls were inspected. Necessary repairs were made to the "larger". The "smaller" one will be repaired this spring.

As a community we are growing. The growth is slow.

That is where we stand now. What of the future?

My goal as your president is to make Temple B'Nai Abraham physically, fiscally and spiritually sound. This is no simple task. The Board of Directors will need the help of each and every member.

As to being physically fit, the building will be made structurally sound and be brought as close to the current fire and safety regulations as possible. Most of the changes already completed are quite visible. Others are in the basement -- for those of you courageous enough to venture down. Many more improvements are being planned.

As to being fiscally fit, the Rose Meltz funds were a godsend. I have asked the Board of Directors to consider establishing an endowment with the majority of the funds. Though we would rather have her with us, she will be remembered in the endowment. We must not use these funds for the short term. No one should even think of reducing their annual contributions. These funds are a strong foundation for our future as Jews and as a congregation. The Meltz funds are our children's and grand-children's inheritance.

Last years' fund raiser and the recent dues increase helped greatly. My goal is to have six month's operating funds in reserve by the end of my term as your President. This should give us a
cushion against any unexpected problems.
Yes, we are getting better physically and fiscally. We still have a long way to go. This journey will not be easy. It will not be inexpensive. Your help will be needed. When asked to do something, please comply. When we reach our goal, we will have a building that we can be proud of. We will have a strong financial base for future growth.

The third goal I have -- and here I tread into Rabbi Kummer's bailiwick -- is to make us more spiritually sound. Without this, the first two goals are meaningless. We must all strive to increase our awareness of ourselves as Jews. Having a beautiful building and loads of money will mean nothing unless we use it for its purpose. We should strive to participate more in Temple religious events.

I have asked Rabbi Kummer and Jay Trackman to do whatever to take to re-establish Saturday morning services -- at least once a month -- and to increase attendance at our other services and religious functions. Many more religious functions will be scheduled. I ask that each one of us resolve to attend at least one Sabbath evening service a month.

As the pledge cards are being distributed, please be generous. Remember, your gift to Temple B'Nai Abraham is really a gift to yourself and your children.

Thank you and have a healthy and prosperous 5754.

Sid Morginstin

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The Temple and Sisterhood community extend our condolences to Liz Klepner on the loss of her father.

Congratulations to Danny Lutz for making the Dean's list at Carnegie Mellon last spring. Mazel Tov Joanne and Ted.

Great Job, Well done, Mazel tov, Marvelous, Wonderful, Kvell, Kvell, Mom and Dad Affrime and Caldwell. Josh Affrime and Marissa Caldwell did a wonderful performance as our Shafar blowers this year, stepping in for Jay Trackman who is on the mend from his recent surgery. Thank you young people, hope to see you again.

Speaking of wonderful offsprings – Linda Bowker's young son Jonathan was a tremendous help in setting up for the Break-the-fast dinner. The ladies thank you and want you to know we welcome you to any sisterhood functions where help is needed. Of course, we don't want to abuse your bedtime so maybe in a few years.

Thank you to Sam Josephson for seeing that our Torah cover and table cover were cleaned for the holidays.

The break-the-fast dinner was very successful, with a smaller group, thanks to Randy Bloom, Eileen Gale, Rita Nissim, Linda Bowker, Jonathan too, Rita's daughter Robin, and the many good cooks. The community break-the-fast is a very warm way to end the Holy days.

The new High Holy Day prayer books are a wonderful addition to our congregation. Some comments heard; "It was a delight to be able to sing along with the transliterations for some of the readings and prayers." Thank you Sid and Charyl.

Did you catch the picture of our members "casting away our sin" at the Bordentown Beach. The photo was in the Sunday Trenton Times. Also, our Rabbi, Judy, was published in the Bordentown Register recently.

Jay Trackman sent warm thanks to all of the community of our Temple and Sisterhood for the good wishes and concerns during his recent surgery and recovery. "I am as good as new."

Rose King sends along her thanks for the well wishes she received during her recent hospital stay. Rose is now home and back to her everyday activities.

Some more thanks –

Fay Josephson, Sisterhood president thanks Rose King, Bee Busch, Sue Beck and Eileen Gale for hostessing the Sept. 10th sisterhood meeting. It was a thorough meeting covering most topics as necessary to avoid further discussion. Our Thanks to all who attended. Now we can leave the next 3 meetings for social activities.

Sincerely, Fay

News of importance and interest:

Due to the fact we now have an insect problem in the kitchen (due to lack of garbage removal) we ask that all members be sure all food garbage is disposed of properly. All garbage is to be in plastic bags and placed near the front sidewalk behind the wrought-iron gate. Do not put garbage behind the Temple. Collection is Tuesday and Friday. So sisterhood trash can be placed at the curb after each meeting. Please do not remove the new white garbage can from the kitchen. Place the plastic bags into the outdoor containers.

Steve Affrime is working on cataloging our library. Some prayer books are quite old and he thinks valuable. Steve is enjoying this project.
If you need to call the Rabbi, let the phone rings 8 times until it picks up. Please do leave a message.

Hebrew School News:

Hebrew School will meet on Sundays and Wednesdays. The school calendar is:

Oct. 1 - Family Shabbat Service - celebration of Succoth at 7:30 pm. Oneg hostesses are Robin Affrime, Marsha Caldwell and Linda Bowker.

Oct. 10 - Family Shabbat Service in honor of Simchat Torah at 7:30 pm. Sid and Charyl Morginstin will be the Oneg hostess and host.

Nov. 5 - Family Shabbat Service beginning at 7:30 pm.

Nov. 12 - no Friday evening service is planned. Saturday service will begin at 9:30 am. Kiddush will follow. Marcia Rosen will Hostess.

December 10 - Family Shabbat Service beginning at 7:30 pm.

December 11 - Saturday Evening Adult Hanukah Party (proposed.)

December 12 - Hebrew School Hanukah Party

Additional plans for the school year will be presented in January of 1994.

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The Spaghetti Dinner has been changed to Saturday, Nov. 13th. Entertainment has been planned. Details will be included in the November Newsletter. Please send your reservations and checks to Rhoda Kessler at 5 Valley Forge Rd. Bordentown by Nov. 6th. The cost is $10 and the time is 7PM. Rhoda is taking phone reservations at 298-8565.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

In memory of Norma Goldman

Co-workers of Maxine Goldman from Fox and Lazo
Martha and Donald Wirth
Wirth Lumberama
Helen Gayzik
Marsha and Joel Dowshen
Fay and Mark Josephson
Nancy and Carmen Iandolo
Joanne and Ted Lutz

In memory of Sylvia Goldman

Fay and Mark Josephson

In memory of Alice Mervish

Fay and Mark Josephson

The Sisterhood meeting will be on Oct. 11th at 7:30 pm. We are thrilled to welcome Kathy Finch, past president of Bordentown Historical Society. She will present a slide show of historical treasures housed at Gilder House on Crosswicks Street. Items donated by prominent families of the past, and furniture, paintings and decorative ware purchased by the Society will be highlighted. Due to the unusual treat, we ask everyone to be prompt. We will begin at 7:30 pm sharp. Alphonse LeJambre, local antique aficionado and learned historian will accompany Mrs. Finch and add his colorful commentary. Hostess for the night is Joanne Lutz.

Shalom,

Your newsletter crew!!!
The Prophecy of Peace

... in the end of days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills. ... And He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide concerning mighty nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, and none shall make them afraid...

MICAH, CHAPTER IV

A Common Obligation

Not until the creation and maintenance of decent conditions of life for all men are recognized and accepted as a common obligation of all men and all countries—not until then shall we, with a certain degree of justification, be able
HOSTESS LIST FOR SISTERHOOD MEETINGS
93-94

September
October 11
November 8
December 13
January 10
February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9
June 18

Eileen Gale
Joanne Lutz
Yelena Uzlanyer
Arielle Speiser
Sonia Fenick
Jessica Barman
Phoebe Nissim
Olivia Sacks
Lee Nissim
Covered Dish/Installation
Joanne Lutz

Each person listed is to chair the event; she may get whatever help she needs, as assignments in the past have not always been fruitful.

Meetings start at 7:30 pm.
Donor Brunch will be June 12 - Eileen Gale, as donor chairman, will handle the details.

HOSTESS LIST FOR ONEG SHABBAT'S SPONSORED BY SISTERHOOD

September
October 8
November
December
January
February
March
April
May
June

Eileen Gale, Bee Busch, Sue Beck, Rose Kin
Cheryl Morganstien - Simchat Torah
Marcia Rosen
Elaine Trackman
Marsha Dowshen
Rhoda Kessler
Robin Affrime
Shyrle Kushner
Mimi Geller
Fay Josephson-10th Anniversary

As with Sisterhood hosting, the person listed will chair and get someone to help them. If you cannot be there, you must find a replacement.

Sisterhood Meetings

Hostesses should set up and arrange the tables for the meeting room and remove any trash from the building after the monthly meeting. Trash pickup is Tuesday morning. Please place outside garbage cans at the curb.

Although the temple is now cleaned weekly, hostesses should keep the assembly room and kitchen neat and tidy. All utensils and serving pieces should be returned to their appropriate drawers and cabinets.

Please take home all leftover food after the meeting. No food should be left in the refrigerator, except for Hebrew School items.

The kitchen is usually stocked with staple items such as sugar, tea bags, coffee (decaf), and paper products; however hostesses should check supplies and inform the House Committee of low supplies. Also available for hostesses' use are tablecloths, serving pieces and the automatic drip coffeemaker. The buffet or serving table should be attractively arranged, and hostesses are encouraged to spruce up the table with any centerpiece or flowers.
Ingredients in cookies and crackers brought into the shul should be checked to assure usage of vegetable oil or shortening. Sunshine is always Kosher.

Sisterhood hostesses are responsible for finding a partner if they cannot make the night assigned to them.

**ONEG SHABBAT**

The Oneg Shabbat is set up with the Rabbi for each month. Check with her or him at least four weeks in advance. We need time to announce which Friday night we will be having an Oneg. Sisterhood reimburses Oneg Shabbat expenses up to $20.00. Members wishing to be reimbursed should submit bills to our Treasurer. Families celebrating special "simchas" have traditionally sponsored the Oneg Shabbat and have accepted full financial responsibility for it.

Hostesses should supply refreshments for after services, and arrange an attractive table. Please keep these refreshments simple.

Hostesses are to tidy up after Oneg Shabbat, remove garbage from the building and place it near front sidewalk, behind wrought iron gate. Follow the guidelines for Sisterhood meetings.

**SPECIAL OCCASIONS: BAR OR BAT MITZVAH, WEDDINGS, ETC.**

Special attention should be given to the presentation and appearance of the refreshment table, and the assembly room. Our guests should have an impression of an attractive and friendly atmosphere. Special occasions at our synagogue represent not only you and your family, but our entire Jewish community.

You must supply your own wine and liquors, and are responsible for cleaning after your occasion. It can be arranged through the House Committee for special cleaning before your event.

Temple B'Nai Abraham has had a long tradition to host the Rabbi on occasion at his/her convenience. If you would like to invite the Rabbi, please do. Many warm friendships over the years have occurred.