

# Temple B'nai Abraham

Temple B'nai Abraham  
President – Betsy Ramos

## The Temple Shofar

Rabbi Alex Lazarus

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood  
Co-Presidents-Bonnie Friedman  
Debbie Weiss

**5765-5766**

**November**

**2005-2006**

After a wonderful High Holidays at B'nai Abraham we have much to be thankful as a community. As the rabbi, I have the privilege and honor of overseeing our services and getting a bird's eye perspective on the intricate web of caring that makes us who we are. I see a group of committed individuals who see our Temple as an opportunity to do good not only in our community, but also in the larger world.

Here is an excerpt from my Kol Nidre talk that I would like to leave you as we embark together in the Jewish year 5766:

"At Temple B'nai Abraham we believe in the concept of family. We are all proud to be part of a community that places as a priority visiting houses of mourning, supporting those that are ill, and being present in each other's lives. Our entire professional leadership consists of myself as the rabbi, Avi as the High Holiday cantor, and my sister, Aria, as a Hebrew school teacher. Therefore, we must rely on each other to tend to the basic needs of the community.

I am always amazed at the generosity that we show one another and the synagogue in general. From vacuuming the floor to taking out the trash, there is an endless list of things that need to be taken care of in order to make this community run smoothly and feel like home. I can look around the room today and am confident that almost everyone here has done at least one thing to make Temple B'nai Abraham better. To all the wonderful elves, I want you to know that your actions do not go unnoticed.

The former president of the rabbinical college and current director of the RRC Ethic's Center, Rabbi David Teutsch writes the following in his new book *Spiritual Community: The Power to Restore Hope, Commitment and Joy*:

'In community we find strength in what we give, receive, and share. And in a strong community, we share a great deal - life rhythms, values, and a way of living. That kind of sharing infuses life with meaning and richness not found any other way. Through community my kids have become friendly with dozens of adults who live lives worth emulating. They are surrounded by people concerned about their welfare, people who celebrate their development and correct their misbehavior. Community also means dinner invitations, shared festival celebrations, friendships, and roots. I sought out community for shared Jewish living. Only the passage of more than thirty years has shown me how much greater and how much more diverse than I ever imagined are the gifts that community living bestows.'

Creating and maintaining the type of community that Rabbi Teutsch is describing is not an easy task. It is much easier just to let members come and go as they please, never requesting or requiring anything from them. As he writes about in his book, 'community would be more attractive to many people if somebody else did it for them. But it doesn't work that way. The community is mine only if I act like a member of it. The more activities I do in the community, the more interpersonal connections I share, making each activity all the more meaningful.' He continues, 'Through my community, I savor friendships, celebrations, insights, spiritual renewal, opportunities to be helpful to others, and I receive support for my family and myself as well as - dare I say it - meaning for my life.'

As I look around the room today, I know that Temple B'nai Abraham is such a community, a community where people can find meaning and connection well beyond any individual program that we have in our synagogue ."

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah (a sweet new year),  
Rabbi Alex



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	<b>Jill Popko</b>
	<b>Susan Giachetti</b>

**Friday, November 4th Shabbat Services**

**7:30PM** Oneg hostess Phyllis Chudoff and Robin Affrime  
Light Candles 4:35PM

*Friday Nov. 11th* Light Candles 4:26PM

**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Morning Services 9:30AM**

We will remember Walter Harrison, husband of Renee, and Gertrude Herzog, mother of Madge Rosen. Luncheon hostess Madge Rosen and Marcia Rosen **Adult Ed to follow**

**Friday, November 18h, 6:00PM Tot Shabbat Services,**

Regular services 7:30PM  
Light Candles 4:21PM

**Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Services 7:30PM**

We will remember Helen Roseman, mother of Renee Harrison, Abraham Zackler, father of Marsha Dowshen, Meyer Gale, father-in-law of Eileen Gale, Helen Schwartzberg, sister-in-law of Sandy SchwartzBird  
Light Candles 4:17PM

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Shabbat Services 7:30pm**

We will remember Hyman Goldman, father of Norman Goldman, Joseph Rothman, father of Robin Affrime, Issac Grassian, father of Rita Nissim, Sidney Klepner, father of Len Klepner, Jennie Rudenstein, mother of Mildred Leary,  
Light Candles 4:14PM

**Hebrew and Religious School Info**

No Hebrew school on November 10<sup>th</sup> & 13, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Snack Assignments for the year

November	Shira Lowry
December	Betsy Ramos
January	Linda Osman
February	Bonnie Friedman
March	Deena Kobin
April	Melissa Fatori
May	Debbie Schulkin

**Adult Education Program**

Adult Ed will meet on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> after services and lunch and on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>. at 1PM.

All are welcome to partake in the class.

Thank you Andrew and Ronnie Smulian for the beautiful flowers that adorned our bima during the High Holidays.

Thank you Rita Nissim and her committee for putting together a wonderful Break the Fast this year.

## **Tot Shabbat News**

Tot Shabbat met in September to celebrate the High Holidays. After our usual pot luck dinner and abbreviated Shabbat service, the children heard the story "Happy Birthday World" by Latifa Berry Kropf and then decorated their own pretend shofars with Jewish stickers. **Our next Tot Shabbat will be November 18 from 6:00-7:30** when we focus on Shabbat with a special story and craft.

Our Tot Shabbat Hanukkah party will be on December 23 from 6:00-7:30. In addition to our usual service we will have some special Hanukkah activities for the children to learn about and enjoy this fun time in the Jewish calendar.

For more information about Tot Shabbat or to join our pot luck dinner, call Sharon Dauber 291-9169.

## **Social Action**

The Bordentown Food Pantry needs help! During the month of November, the temple will be collecting food for the area food pantry. Please bring canned goods and other non-perishable items to services and Sunday/Hebrew School.

We're looking forward to making bag lunches for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen in December.

Join the bar/bat mitzvah class on the last Thurs. of each month for HomeFront meal delivery to area motels. Any questions or new project ideas for social action, please call Marcy Schwartz at 324-0571

## **High Holiday Donations/Pledges**

In honor of Bonnie, Brittany and Madison Frideman from Richard & Theda Friedman  
Eileen Gale  
Neil & Karen Nissim  
Bob Gershowitz  
Jerry & Madge Rosen

## **Building committee**

We have filled all of the slots for the building committee which will be charged with investigating and making recommendations to the congregation as to the issues of expansion/improvements to our facility. The following individuals have volunteered to be on the committee: Sharon Dauber, Glenn Schulkin, Sid Morginstin, Eileen Gale, Robin Affrime, Rhea Goldman, Carl Zeitz, and myself. Thanks all who have volunteered.

If anyone in the congregation has any ideas as to these issues, please feel free to discuss them with any of the members of the committee or myself. I can be reached at 609-298-0437 or bramos@capehart.com. *Betsy*

## **Around our Temple and Sisterhood**

An updated membership list is being worked on and will be mailed to you within the next month. Please check it over to make sure we have your correct address, phone number and e-mail address.

The Temple and Sarah Seidel Sisterhood extend condolences to Joanne and Ted Lutz and family on the passing of Ted's mother Miriam Lutz.

Thank you Phyllis Kamer for the Honey cakes the members enjoyed after the first and second day of Rosh Hashana.

## **A Note from Carl Zeitz**

My family sends very warm thank you to the congregation for all the kind thoughts and generous donations in memory of our beloved Elaine. *The Zeitz Family*

**Break the Fast** – to all who attended the Break The Fast, we thank you and hope you had a very good time. Rita sends her very sincere and hardworking helpers, Charyl Morginstin, Is and Phyllis Kamer, Madge and Jerry Rosen. Please consider volunteering next year to serve on the committee so that we can keep this tradition going. *Rita Nissim*

**Yom Kippur Community Booklet:** The Yom Kippur Community Booklet collected \$784.00 for the Temple. Thank you to everyone who participated to make this a successful fundraiser. *Randy Bloom*

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

Please find your name and date. It is your responsibility to find substitutes if you cannot attend your date.

**November 4** Services Robin Affrime & Phyllis Chudoff

**November 12** Luncheon Madge Rosen & Marcia Rosen

**November 14** Meeting Robin Affrime, Eileen Gale, Rhea Goldman High Tea, Book Review

**December 17** Luncheon Rita Nissim & Karen Nissim

**December 30** Chanukah Aubry & Epstein Families

**January 13** Susan Giachetti & Deena Kobrin

**January 21** Luncheon Joanne Lutz & Elaine Trackman

**February 4** Luncheon Zeichner & Fattori Families

**February 10** Tu B'Shvat Betsy Ramos & Elizabeth March

**February 13** Meeting Patricia Light-Tolomeo & Ellen Wehrman Yoga Class

**March 6** Meeting bonnie Goldman & Rhea Goldman Woman's Space

**March 18** Luncheon Albanese & Bergman Families

**April 7** Shira Lowry & Debbie Schulkin

**April 22** Luncheon

**May 5** Arlene Speiser & Jennifer Carton

**May 8** Meeting Linda Osman & Renee Harrison Game Night

**May 27** Luncheon

**June 2** Hebrew School Graduation Hebrew School Families

**June 12** Covered Dish Randy Bloom and Marsha Dowshen

**June 16, & 17** Brittany Friedman Bat Mitzvah, Bonnie Friedman

**June 30** Member of the Year

If Oneg is cancelled due to inclement weather, your responsibilities may be moved to another date.

## **Sarah Seidel Sisterhood**

The next meeting of the Sisterhood will be on November 14<sup>th</sup>. at 7:30pm. The program will be a book review on *The Queens Fool* by Phillippa Gregory and will also include a semi-High Tea presented by Robin Affrime, Eileen Gale and Rhea Goldman. Elaine Trackman will be our book program moderator. We hope to see all of you at this delightful evening of food and entertainment. Please read *The Queen's Fool* to partake in the discussion.

### **Sisterhood Meeting and Event Dates**

November 14	High Tea/Book Review
December	Blood Drive
January 9	Sisterhood Meeting
February 13	Yoga
March 6	Women's Space Speaker
May 8	Sisterhood Meeting-Game Night
June 12	Covered Dish

When you host an Oneg or Sisterhood meeting, please bring your favorite recipe in writing along with any brief commentary on it to be included in our end of the year COOKBOOK fundraiser.

We hope you enjoyed the New Year Card designed by our own Sandy SchwartzBird. If you did not send in your \$5.00, please do so to Rita Nissim, 5 Germantown Road, Bordentown, NJ 08505, along with your Sarah Seidel Sisterhood dues, if they have not been paid also.

Thank you, *Rita Nissim*

The Temple has seen some new faces during the high holidays and Friday night services. We welcome all newcomers and guests into our Temple and extend an invitation to take part in all our programs, including Sarah Seidel Sisterhood. Please join us for our High Tea and book review on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

# Donations

## Elaine Zeitz Building Fund

### *In Memory of:*

#### **Elaine Zeitz**

The Josephson Family  
Joel and Marsha Dowshen  
Michael & Sara Bergman  
Jan & Mark Scherbekow  
Richard Shain & Marcy Schwartz & family  
Mary Beth Lonergan & Lorraine J. Gray  
Kate Williamson and Susan Preston

## Temple

### *In Memory of:*

#### **Selma Bloom, mother of Randy Bloom**

Harriet, Douglas & Brad Barksdale  
Steven & Mary Ellen Rathbun  
The Josephson Family  
Joel & Marsha Dowshen  
Michael & Marcia Rosen

#### **Ellen Rosenberg**

Louise Rosenberg Thompson & Family  
The Josephson Family  
Joel & Marsha Dowshen  
Jeffrey Goldman & Shirley Littleford

#### **Sherman Gould**

The Josephson Family

#### **Miriam Lutz**

Jay and Elaine Trackman

## Yahrtzeit

### *In Memory of:*

Walter Harrison – Renee Harrison  
Helen Roseman – Renee Harrison  
Charles Stein – Randy Bloom  
Nissim Nissim – Marty Nissim

## Sisterhood Joy and Sorrow

### *In Memory of:*

#### **Elaine Zeitz**

Jeff & Phoebe Nissim  
Tom & Susan Giachetti  
Mark & Jan Scherbekow  
Cumberland Medical Associates, P.A.  
Kenneth & Barbara Blair

#### **Sherman Gould**

Elaine & Jay Trackman  
Jeff & Phoebe Nissim  
Marcel & Lee Nissim  
Marty & Rita Nissim  
Sol & Shyrle Kushner  
Phyllis & Is Kamer  
Sid & Charyl Morginstin  
Renee Harrison  
Jeff & Barbara Streisfeld  
Henry & Rhoda Kessler  
Randy Bloom & Michael Scolaro  
Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Lavine  
Francis & Karen Sutter

#### **Ellen Rosenberg**

Nina Glanz  
Francis & Karen Sutter  
Phoebe & Jeff Nissim  
Ray & Rose King  
Richard Shain & Marcy Schwartz Family  
Steve Lederman & Bonnie Goldman  
Bordentown Library Association  
Michael and Marcia Rosen  
Marcel & Lee Nissim  
Robert Vogel

#### **Selma Bloom**

Richard Shain & Marcy Schwartz & Family

#### **Miriam Lutz**

Eileen Gale  
Sid & Charyl Morginstin  
Marty & Rita Nissim  
Bordentown Library Association  
Is & Shyrle Kushner  
Joel & Marsha Dowshen  
Is & Phyllis Kamer  
Henry & Rhoda Kessler

#### **Get Well Wishes**

To Jill Popko from Jay & Elaine Trackman,  
Marty & Rita Nissim  
To Evelyn Scharf from Streisfeld and  
Nissim Family

## WEDDING

### ***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 (Cumashim)**

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

#### **Super Market Gift Cards.**

Please remember to purchase Supermarket gift cards for the Acme and Shop Rite. 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.

**MAZEL TOV  
ALEX AND ASHIRAH ON YOUR**

#### **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.

### ***Notes of Interest***

United Jewish Federation Princeton Mercer Bucks has limited scholarship funds available for student programs/trips to Israel. All scholarship awards are based on financial need. Scholarship applications are processed through Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Mercer County. To receive an application, contact Edna at 609 987 8100 or ednas@jfcsonline.org

My friends and fellow worshippers at B'nai Abraham! Please come to the Lawrenceville School's Kirby Arts Center on either the 27th or 28th of October at 7:30 to see a production of "Guys and Dolls" offered by our music and drama programs, sponsored by the student theater organization. Cast of 50, orchestra of 36 conducted by yours truly, Kevin Smith. No tickets required, open seating, no charge!  
Shalom, *Kevin Smith*

#### **Procedure for Lighting the Shabbat Candles**

The woman (or young girls in the household) lights the candles, then spreads her hands out around the candles, drawing her hands inwards in a circular motion three times to indicate her acceptance of the sanctity of the Shabbat. She then covers her eyes and says the blessing:

**Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sheh Ki-de-sha-nu B-mitz-vo-sov Vi-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Sahbhos.**

She then uncovers her eyes to behold the Shabbat lights.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>  <b>Tishrei/ Cheshvan 5766</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  Rosh Chodesh	<b>3</b>  Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM  Rosh Chodesh	<b>4</b>  Shabbat Services 7:30PM Oneg Phyllis Chudoff and Robin Afrime hosts	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 10:30 to 12:30	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Hostesses Madge Rosen and Marcia Rosen Adult Ed to follow
<b>13</b>  <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b>	<b>14</b>  <i>Sisterhood 7:30pm High Tea, Book review Hostesses Rhea Goldman, Robin Affrime and Eileen Gale</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	<b>18</b>  <b>Tot Shabbat Services and Pot Luck Dinner 6PM Adult Services 7:30PM</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 10:30 to 12:30 Adult Ed 1PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Interfaith Service 7:00PM</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</b>	<b>25</b>  Shabbat Services 7:30PM	<b>26</b>  Blessing of New Month
<b>27</b>  <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>December 1</b> Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	<b>December 2</b> <b>Kislev</b> Shabbat Services 7:30PM Rosh Chodesh	<b>December 3</b>
<b>December 4</b>  Rabbi Alex and Ashirah's wedding <b>No Hebrew School</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	<b>9</b> Shabbat Services 7:30PM	<b>10</b>