



Temple B'nai Abraham

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The Temple Shofar

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood

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At the beginning of the Passover Seder we are instructed to open our doors and recite, "Let all who are hungry -- come and eat. All who are needy -- come and join the Passover celebration."

Nowadays, most of us do not live in places where we can open our doors and find a stranger waiting to be fed. We say these lines from the Haggadah as a matter of habit, harkening back to a time when Jews lived in close proximity to one another and where people in search of a meal may very well have been wandering around outside. This year I ask that you take these lines seriously. After all, being a stranger and being in need is at the essence of what Passover is all about.

Forty five times in the Torah, more than any other commandment, we are told, "and you shall love the stranger, for you too were strangers in the land of Egypt." During the Passover Seder we remind ourselves that we were once not only strangers, but slaves, treated harshly by the Egyptians. We relive the experience of the Hebrew slaves, so as to ensure that we always have empathy for the "other," and that no matter our own situation, we are never the cause of another human beings suffering.

More than this though, our tradition teaches us to stand up for the rights of the downtrodden and open our hearts and our doors to those in need. How many times in our history have we cried out to the world and been ignored?

On April 30th, five days after Yom Hashoah, *Holocaust Memorial Day*, a rally is scheduled in Washington DC between 2-4 PM to stop the genocide in Darfur. For those of you are not aware, a genocide is occurring in the Southern Sudan. At least 2 million people have been displaced, and hundreds of thousands killed for no other reason than their race and religion. The Sudanese government has actively promoted a policy of destroying Darfur's non-Arab or African tribal populations.

The rally is part of the "Million Voices for Darfur" campaign to generate one million postcards for delivery to President Bush. A broad spectrum of prominent faith leaders, political figures, human rights activists, celebrities, survivors of the Holocaust and genocides in Cambodia, Kosovo, Srebrenica, Rwanda, South Sudan and Darfur, will be there to raise awareness of the situation.

We must pressure our government to take action to stop the bleeding. The rallying cry for this gathering is "Not on My Watch." I would encourage you to go to jrf.org or savedarfur.org to find out more and sign a postcard. There will also be busses going from the Philadelphia area if anyone is interested in coming that Sunday.

On this Passover, let us remember that slaves still exist in our world and that promoting freedom can be as simple as opening our doors and inviting in the stranger.

B'shalom, *Rabbi Alex*

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**SHABBAT SERVICES, YAHRZEITS
ONEGS**

Friday, March 31st Tot Shabbat Services 6PM
Adult Services 7:30PM We will remember William Trackman, father of Jay Trackman, Mildred Josephson, mother of Mark Josephson, wife of Sam Josephson.
 Light Candles 6:03PM

Friday April 7th Shabbat Services 7:30PM
We will remember Charles Herzog, father of Madge Rosen and Franca Epstein, mother of Rhea Goldman. Oneg Shabbat hosts Ellen Marsh and Debbie Schulkin.
 Light Candles 6:13PM

Wednesday, April 12th First Seder Light Candles 7:18PM
Thursday April 13th Second Seder Light Candles after 7:19PM

Friday April 14th Shabbat Services 7:30PM
We will remember Bess Light, mother of Patricia Light-Tolomeo and Jack Harrison, brother-in-law of Renee Harrison
 Light Candles 6:20PM

Friday April 21st Light Candles 6:27PM
Saturday, April 22, Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 AM We will remember Albert Dowshen, father of Joel Dowshen, Flora Grassian, mother of Rita Nissim and Ida Reichlin, Adult Ed to follow.

Friday, April 28th Tot Shabbat Services 6PM Adult Services 7:30PM. We will remember Belle Rosen, mother of Gerald Rosen, and Harriet Hicks, maternal grandmother of Sara Blann,
 Light Candles 6:34PM

Hebrew and Religious School Info

No Hebrew school on Thursday, April 13th and on Sunday, April 16th

Snack Assignments for the year

April Melissa Fatori
May Debbie Schulkin

"Parking on grassy area"

Many of us park on the grassy area next to the synagogue - those brave enough to risk losing a muffler. However, please do not park on this area when the ground is wet. It leaves deep ruts on the ground that have to be fixed and reseeded.

Tot Shabbat News

Tot Shabbat will meet on March 31 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to celebrate Shabbat and learn about Passover. Following our pot luck dinner and abbreviated service, the children will hear a Passover story and make a special frog craft. Tot Shabbat will meet again on April 28 when we learn about Israel, May 19 when we celebrate Lag B'Omer, and our last Tot Shabbat of the year will be June 9 when we learn about the Torah.

For more information about Tot Shabbat or to join our pot luck RSVP list, please speak to Rabbi Alex or call Sharon Dauber 291-9169. In addition, if there is anyone who would be interested in contributing or leading a craft idea or story reading we would love to hear from you. *Sharon Dauber*

Teen Group News

The teen group that joins young people from TBA, JCCBM and String of Pearls in Princeton continues to be active. On March 11, they attended a student performance of "Parade" at Princeton University. Upcoming events include rock climbing on April 8 and volunteering to serve food at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen on April 17. Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 12, when Temple B'nai Abraham will be hosting the teen group members and their families at a shabbat service.

Social Action News

Congratulations to the Hebrew School students for raising \$263.00 at their Purim Carnival for social action and tzedakah! In May, the Hebrew and Sunday School students will make sandwiches and put together bag lunches for the soup kitchen, with food purchased from money they raised.

Our food collection for the local food pantry as well as for the monthly grocery bag delivery is continuing well, thanks to the generosity of our members. Once a month we will deliver boxes of granola bars to contribute to the joint local congregational effort to supply needy families in the area with extra food. Please keep those donations coming!

On MONDAY, APRIL 17 the teen group will be volunteering at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen from 10:30 to 1:00. The Bordentown Regional School District does not have school that day, but some of the other districts do. Please call Marcy if you would like to help that day, as we might need a couple of adult volunteers to fill in.

Marcy Schwartz (324-0571)

Our First Ad

Bordentown Community Players presents the comedy
Incorruptible

Rancocas Valley Regional High School, Mt. Holly, New Jersey

April 21, 22, 28, 29 May 5, 6, 7

Showtime 8 PM; matinee on 5/7 at 2 PM

Adults \$15.00 seniors/students \$10.00

Buy tickets at door or for advance purchase, call Betsy Ramos

298-0437 or bramos@capehart.com

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.

April 7 Ellen Marsh & Debbie Schulkin
May 5 Arlene Speiser & Jennifer Carton
May 8 Ellen Wehrman and Pat Light-Tolemeo
May 26th Barman Family
May 27 Bar Mitzvah Daniel Barman
June 2 Hebrew School Graduation Hebrew School Families
June 9th Member of the Year Program Randye Bloom, Marsha Dowshen, Sandy SchwartzBird, Marcy Schwartz, Charyl Morginstin
June 12 Covered Dish Randye Bloom and Marsha Dowshen
June 16 Bonnie Friedman
June 17 **Brittany Friedman Bat Mitzvah,**
June 23
June 30 Sara and Michael Bergman
July 1st **Gary Bergman Bar Mitzvah**

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

AROUND THE TEMPLE NEWS

Mazel Tov to Carl Zeitz and son, Josh Zeitz on the publication of Josh's book "Flapper". Flapper, was published this past week and available in bookstores and from Amazon. Josh is a lecturer on American history and fellow of Pembroke College at the University of Cambridge and is a contributing editor at American Heritage. Visit his website at www.FlapperBook.com. We know Elaine is kvelling.

Passover Community Seder

We did not receive any volunteers for a chairperson for the Community Seder this year. Therefore, there will not be a Second Seder at the Temple. Passover is about opening our doors to let strangers in. This year might be the time to open your door to any of our Temple/Sisterhood members who have no family to celebrate the holiday and need a place to go the second night. Call Betsy Ramos (298-0437 or bramos@capehart.com) if you either need a place to go the second night or you are willing to host one of those families.

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: leadstamp@aol.com). (1) English name of deceased (2) Hebrew name of deceased. This is usually given as their Hebrew name and the Hebrew name of the parents; for example ITZHAK BEN AVRAHAM V'SARAH. 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. Sid will be able to get the date on the Hebrew calendar. DO NOT include payment. Once the plaque has been put up, you will be billed. Our plaque chairman, would like to order at least three plaques at a time.

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.

Programs available to Burlington and Mercer Counties Temple members from the Mercer County-Bucks Jewish Federation

Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Mercer County 609-987-8100

Pre-Registration is required for these programs:

Project reemployment- Contact Shelly Brook No fee

New Mom's Group- Contact Debra H. Levenstein fee

Women Managing Change-Contract Shelly Brooks fee

Jewish Bereavement Group – Contact Debra H. Levenstein No fee

Social Skills for 6-9 year olds- Contact Paget Berger fee

Scholarship Opportunities

There are several scholarship opportunities for an Israeli trip and for college. Application deadline for college scholarships is May 1, 2006. Contact Wendy P. at 987-8100 or wendyp@jfcsonline.org. for information on the various scholarships and to request an application.

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 better yet, 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. In the past he has handled this for us.

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.

A Message from Sid Morginstin

Per proper etiquette, I should thank each person or family individually in writing for donations made on my behalf for this honor. Please excuse this lapse in etiquette and permit me to publicly thank all. Also let me express the thanks of Charyl and myself for the ad in the Bonei Kehilla booklet.

.A special thank you goes to Robin Affirme for the kind words in the last newsletter. However, I would be remiss if I did not amend one item. Rabbi Leverton of the Chabad of the Windsor assisted with the Torah. He aided me in the selection and picked the Torah up (in Brooklyn) when it was ready.

Today *Sid Morginstin*

SARAH SEIDEL SISTERHOOD

We are waiting for remittance from members who have not yet paid for Chanukah cards. Send to Rita Nissim at 5 Germantown Rd Bordentown NJ 08505.

Remember the cookbook.....

Please submit your recipes for the upcoming Sisterhood cookbook! Both members and non-members are welcome to participate. In fact, the more the better! Just remember to submit kosher recipes (no meat & milk, no pork or shellfish). Also, don't forget your favorite Passover recipe.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our discussion with Womanspace. This is a fantastic organization in our community that helps women and their children get the help and support they need when dealing with an abusive situation. The needs of Womanspace vary from household items (dishes, cleaners, linens, etc.) to clothing for women and children (underwear, socks, jeans, work clothes, etc.) to personal items (hair conditioner, feminine hygiene, etc.) to children's needs (books, cd players, games). They welcome donations of new items and ask that used items be donated to the Trenton Rescue Mission in their name,. A special thanks to Bonnie Goldman and Rhea Goldman for hosting our meeting and to our guest speaker Paula Figeroa-Vega. **The next Sisterhood meeting will be May 8th.**

Donations

Temple

In Honor of:

Sid Morginstin for Bonei Kehillah award

Jay and Elaine Trackman

Marty Nissim's 75th Birthday

Jay and Elaine Trackman

Sid and Marlene Lavine

Birth of daughter to the Nissim family

Sid and Charyl Morginstin

Yahrtzeit

In Memory of:

Max Kessler

Henry and Rhoda Kessler

Leonard Greenblatt

Michael and Marcia Rosen

Sylvia Goldman

Bonnie Goldman and Steven

Lederman

William Trackman

Jay and Elaine Trackman

Sisterhood

In honor of:

Marty Nissim's 75th birthday

Is and Phyllis Kamer

Good luck to Ellen Wehrman on retirement

Renee Harrison

Sid Morginstin for Boniei Kehillah Award

Renee Harrison

High Holiday Pledge

Is and Phyllis Kamer

THIS GOLDEN AGE

WALTER LIEBERMAN



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
March 26 Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 10:30 to 12:30	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	March 31 Tot Shabbat Services and Pot Luck Dinner 6PM Adult Services 7:30PM	April 1
2 Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 10:30 to 12:30	3	4	5	6 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	7 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	8
9 Religious School Passover Model Seder 10:00 to 12 noon	10 Sisterhood Board Meeting	11	12 Eve of Passover First Seder	13 First Day of Passover NO HEBREW SCHOOL	14 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	15
16 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	17	18	19	20 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM Yizkor Eighth Day of Passover	21	22 Services 9:30am Adult Ed
23 Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 10:30 to 12:30	24	25 Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day	26	27 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	28 Tot Shabbat Services and Pot Luck Dinner 6PM Adult Services 7:30PM	29
30 Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 10:30 to 12:30 Washington DC Rally						