



Temple B'nai Abraham

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Dear Temple B'nai Abraham Community,

The last time I visited Israel was in the summer of 2001, just a month before September 11th. It was on the occasion of a friend from High School's wedding who had made aliyah a few years before. The ceremony took place on one of the most beautiful spots in the world, on the top of Mount Scopus, the campus of Hebrew University, overlooking East Jerusalem and the walls of the Old City.

Fighting had broken out eleven months before, in then, the most recent iteration of the Arab/Israeli conflict known simply as "Ha-Matzvav" or "the situation." Ostensibly, I was on a weeklong Reconstructionist Educators Mission that just happened to wrap up on the day of my friend's wedding. On this trip, we toured the many hot spots of the conflict and met with various politicians trying their best to explain what was happening on human terms. At that point, "the situation" felt hopeless. The bombing at the Sbarro restaurant in downtown Jerusalem had occurred only a week before and the whole country was in a state of shock. And rightfully so, the worst days of the bombings were just ahead, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv would become the primary targets of the terrorists.

While the last few years Israel has been in a state of relative peace, we are again in a time of crisis. My friend and his wife now have twins and I think of their safety, along with the many other members of my family in Israel who have been or will be called up for active duty. The American Jewish community has felt this pain directly. Our feelings are conflicted – "What can we possibly do to help? How can we take action?"

This past month, I helped organize a "Take Action for Israel" night at a Conservative congregation in Philadelphia. There, hundreds of people turned out to write letters, e-mail soldiers, call government officials, send care packages to kids in need, buy wrist bands and pins, and, most importantly, to raise money. All in all, we were able to raise over \$22,000 for Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and the Israeli government have come to the American Jewish community with the specific request of providing cash to: rebuild devastated homes, schools and businesses in Israel, renew the hope of the people of Israel and restore the northern communities of Israel. The United Jewish Communities (www.ujc.org), the largest Jewish fundraising group in the world, has taken on this lofty task with the hope of raising in excess of 500 million dollars.

If you are looking for a place to contribute, I would encourage to give directly to the "Israel Emergency Fund" either through the website of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (www.jrf.org) or through our local Federation – The Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey (www.jfedcnj.org). Every little bit will make a difference.

Sid Morginstin and Marcy Schwartz have put together a list of several other important charities dedicated to Israel that are included inside this newsletter.

We end Yom Kippur by proclaiming loudly "Hashanah Haba'ah B'Yerushalim," "Next Year in Jerusalem." When we say this prayer today, we do so by praying not only to go to Jerusalem, but to be able to go there at a time of peace.

Shanah Tovah and welcome to 5767,

Rabbi Alex

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SHABBAT SERVICES, YAHRZEITS ONEGS

Friday September 1st Shabbat Services 7:30PM Oneg
Shabbat host Schulkin Family in honor of Jeremy's Bar
Mitzvah. We will remember Bonnie Ross, mother of Jack Ross.

Saturday, September 2nd Shabbat Morning Services and
Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Schulkin. 9:30AM

Friday September 8 Shabbat Services 7:30PM We will
remember Julius Lederman, father of Steven Lederman, and
Jack Bagan, father of Elaine Zeitz.

Friday Septmber 15th Shabbat Services 7:30PM We will
remember Deanne Klein, sister of Arlene Speiser, Zelda
Goldman, mother of Norman, Ida Goldman, wife of Hyman
Goldman, and Harry Roseman, father of Renee Harrison

Friday September 22 **Eve of Rosh Hashana** Services
7:30PM We will remember Elinore Roth, mother of Elaine
Trackman, Charles Stein, uncle of Randy Bloom, Ruth Pierce,
mother of Ira Pierce

Saturday September 23 **First Day of Rosh Hashana.**
Services 9:30AM Family Services 6:30PM

Sunday September 24th **Second Day Rosh Hashanna**
9:30AM Tashlich services at River at 12 noon

Friday September 29th Shabbat Services 7:30PM Oneg
Shabbat host Weiskoff family in honor of baby naming. We will
remember Ida Kushner, mother of Sol Kushner, and Herman
Sternfeld, father of Mildred Josephson

Saturday October 1st **Kol Nidre Yom Kippur Services**
6:30PM

Sunday October 2nd **Yom Kippur morning Services**
9:30AM Yiskor 12 Noon, Minchah & N'Elah 5:30PM
followed by Break the Fast at 7:30PM.
Friday October 6th Sukkot Services 7:30PM Oneg in
Sukkot We will remember Nissim M. Nissim, father of Marty
Nissim, Molly Schaffer, mother of Rhoda Kessler and Fred
Gutstein.

Julie Pfau – Part Time Rabbi

We have a new part-time rabbi this year, to assist Alex.
Since Alex has a full-time job, in addition to working as
our rabbi, we hired Julie Pfau to lead Friday night
services one time per month and to teach the b'nai
mitzvah class that Sunday. This will give Alex one
weekend off per month. Julie lives in Philadelphia and is
a rabbinical student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical
College. We look forward to attending services with her.

**Baby Sitting will be available at morning services
only on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.**

Tot Shabbat News

Tot Shabbat services will re-start October 13 with a
Sukkot celebration in the Sukkah, weather permitting.
Our services start at 6:00 with candle lighting, prayers
and a pot luck dinner. Following the meal, Rabbi Alex
leads us in a tot friendly service, complete with Jewish
story and related craft. We will also have our Temple's
Terrific Twins, Sam and Abbie Shain, returning to help us
with this year's activities. All tots and families are
welcome to join us. To do so give me a call or send an
email and you can be added to our RSVP list.

The following is a list of this year's meeting times.

November 17, 2006
December 15, 2006
January 26, 2007
February 23, 2007
March 30, 2007
April 20, 2007
May 18, 2007
June 8, 2007
L'Shanah Tovah! (Happy New Year!)
Sharon Dauber

President's Message

Temple dues

For those that have not yet paid your dues, please remit promptly. They were due on August 1. If payment is not received, you will not be sent high holiday tickets. If you need a special financial arrangement, please contact me, Betsy Ramos, and I will be happy to discuss these with you. 609-298-0437 or bramos@capehart.com

Temple Renovations

It's been a very hectic, but exciting summer, with all of the renovations taking place at the temple. It turned out to be more work than I expected. However, the results have made it all worthwhile. This facility will be one that we can be proud of once it is all finished. The Board hired my husband, Victor Ramos, a contractor with over 20 years experience to do the renovations. While he was paid to do the upstairs and downstairs renovations, he donated his labor to renovate the bathroom. The only cost to the temple for the bathroom was the materials. The project turned out to me somewhat challenging due to the difficulties in renovating a 100 year old building. It turns out that this building doesn't have one level floor, plumb wall, or square corner. So, if you see trim not quite lined up, an extra piece of wood placed in the new display case, or a tile not quite flat, we know about it! That's just because accommodations had to be made for a floor that is uneven or slopes or walls that are not plumb.

As for the decor, we chose "historical" colors of blue and gold to fit with what would be appropriate for this historic building. We also used a color scheme, dark enough to be user friendly to our children so we would not have to worry about fingerprints, but still colorful. The board hired our co-sisterhood president, Bonnie Friedman, who has a painting business, to do all of the faux painting. You will see that some of the walls are faux painted, again to make them more kid friendly. I'd like to thank Bonnie for all of her patience in working with us to make color selections.

We will be done with the major portion of the renovations before our services start up this fall. However, there are other items that we will still be working on through the fall such as replacing the air conditioners, door to the kitchen, and replacing the tables and chairs. We didn't forget about these items, just didn't have the time to complete them yet.

I would like to make a special thanks to Eileen Gale who has worked tirelessly with me all summer on these renovations. Her help has been invaluable.

AROUND OUR TEMPLE NEWS

Mazel Tov to Jeff and Phoebe Nissim on the marriage of their daughter Amy to Jeff Kagan.

Mazel Tov to Berny and Arlene Speiser on the birth of a new grandson.

Kudos to Betsy Ramos for her enthusiasm in spear heading the Temple renovations.

Our thanks to Jeff Nissim and Sid Morginstin for providing our temple with wine.



Rededication of Temple

We are planning a rededication on Sunday, October 15 at 1:00. That day is also Simchat Torah. Being a day to rejoice, we felt this would be a perfect opportunity to celebrate our newly renovated facility. There will be more on the rededication in the next newsletter but please hold the date.

Response with Help for Israel

As a community we share the concern and horror at the recent crisis in the Middle East. Despite the cease-fire of Aug. 14, much rebuilding, relocating and emergency assistance is still needed. Below you will find a list of organizations and individuals helping with refugee relief and other assistance in northern Israel to consider for donations.

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
They have an active Emergency Response Team working in northern Israel

United Nations Relief and Works Agency Operations

Through the Jerusalem Post
<http://info.jpost.com/C002/Supplements/CharitableFunds/>

Through Arutz Sheva <http://www.ezermizion.com/e/310/31.htm>

The United Jewish Communities (UJC - www.ujc.org) Israel Emergency Fund. This is a global effort to raise 300-500 million dollars to give directly to the Israeli Government.

The American Friends of Magen David Adom (ARMDI) - www.afmda.org. This purchases ambulances and medical supplies for Israel

Sid Morginstin's nephew in Israel is directly working with refugees and welcomes donations. Contributions should be sent to Sid with a note indicating that the donation is for this community, and he will make sure the funds reach the cause.

Also check the names the Rabbi has mentioned in his letter this month.

CALLING ALL TEENS!!!

The joint temple teen group gathers post-bar and bat mitzvah students for activities, field trips, films and service projects throughout the year. The participating temples are B'Nai Abraham, String of Pearls, and JCC of Belle Mead. Please watch the newsletter for upcoming events and meetings.

Social Action

Food delivery: During the summer months, volunteers from TBA continued to deliver food prepared by the Crosswicks Methodist Church to motel residents. A big thanks to all who participated! We will continue to contribute to this hunger relief effort once a month.

Keep bringing in those **granola bars!** Another on-going project for TBA is our monthly contribution of 20 boxes of granola bars for grocery bags delivered to the HomeFront motel residents.

Food donations are always needed for the local food pantry as well.

A volunteer is needed to deliver the granola bars at the end of every month.. All this requires is picking up the boxes of granola bars we are collecting and at the end of the month deliver them to a church just down the street. Call or e-mail Betsy or the Rabbi and let them know you are interested in helping out with this worthy project.

Information on Aliyahs and Yahrzeits from Sid Morginstin

Following is how the Aliyahs for the High Holidays are given to members of the Temple:

The first choice goes to present and past board members. After that I select members who I recall seeing more or less regularly at services. Guests, as a rule, do not get an Aliyah.

The revised YAHRZEIT list will be posted at the Temple shortly. Please check it to make sure the data for your loved one is correct. If changes are needed, please call me (298-2801) or send in writing to PO Box 8101, Trenton, NJ 08650 or email at Sidmorgy@verizon.net.

The YAHRZEIT date is based upon the Hebrew date of death. The secular date will vary each and every year. Each August I take the book with the 150-YEAR CALENDAR home and update the computer Yahrzeit Database. The Database has the Hebrew date of death (MONTH & DAY). I add in the equivalent Secular dates for the upcoming year and the nearest Friday. If the Yahrzeit should fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or Monday, I enter the preceding Friday. For Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, I enter the subsequent Friday. If you can not make the designated date, it is OK to say Kaddish on the closest Friday (or Saturday). It is traditional that one makes a donation to the temple on the Yahrzeit in memory of your loved one. For more information on the dates, go to Hebcal.com.

Would you like to have a portable dishwasher? The Temple is looking for a new home for ours. Call us by the end of the week.

Candle Lighting Times for September 2006

September 1st 7:14
September 8th 7:02
September 15 6:51
September 22 6:39
September 23 after 7:35
September 29th 6:27



Hebrew School Open House will be September 10th from 10 to 12. Light refreshments will be served.

New Year Card

Bonnie Friedman, Co-President of Sisterhood, is designing our New Year card this year for our Temple B'nai Abraham and Sarah Seidel Sisterhood communities to greet each other during the High Holidays. If you wish to participate the cost is only \$5.00. Please send your check to Rita Nissim, 5 Germantown Rd., Bordentown, NJ 08505 by September 4th. This card is not to be confused with the Yom Kippur Memorial booklet that Randy Bloom compiles.



Break the Fast will be Sunday October 2nd. All are invited to participate at the close of Yom Kippur services. The cost is \$10.00 per adult, children 6-12, \$5.00, with children under 5 free. You will be asked to provide a prepared covered dish and to help set up or clean up. Volunteers are also needed to help organize the dinner. **Reservations must be made to attend.** Please call Rita Nissim at 298-5357 by September 10th.

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood first meeting will be September 18, at 8PM

This will be basically a "Get re-acquainted" and rejoice in the new surroundings evening. "Bring your Favorite Dessert" for sharing. We are all hostesses for the evening and your participation in cleaning up is very much appreciated.

All Temple female members are invited to join the Sisterhood, and becoming involved or just having conversations with other women in our Temple. Please note the new time and we look forward to having a wonderful year with everyone.

2005-2006 Host List for Oneg Shabbats and Sisterhood Meetings

September 1 & 2 Jeremy Schulkin Bar Mitzvah - Schulkin family
September 18 Sisterhood Meeting – Bring Your Favorite Dessert to share
September 23 & 24 Honey cake & Wine – Eileen Gale and Shira Lowry
September 29 Weiskoff Family
October 2 Break The Fast – Reserve now.

Donations

Temple

Chumashim in Memory of Marion Greenblatt
Betsy and Victor Ramos
Michael and Marcia Rosen

Yahrtzeit

In Memory of:
Harry Roseman Renee Harrison

Sisterhood

In Memory of:
Joseph Ellis, brother of Mimi Geller:
Randy Bloom & Michael Scolaro
Rejoicing with You
Bernard & Arlene Speiser on birth of new grandson:
Elaine and Jay Trackman
Eileen Gale
Get Well
Dick Nitzberg Renee Harrison

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

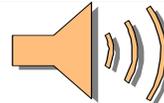
Abraham, P.O. Box 245, Bordentown, NJ and indicate whether it is for a special occasion and whether you would like the synagogue to send an acknowledgment to someone. If it is a non-temple member, please provide their name and address

Memorial Plaques

Memorial plaques are available at \$200 each. 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 English calendar. Once 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.



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.

Bordentown Community Players

presents the Neil Simon comedy

The Gingerbread Lady

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

Oct.13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28

Showtime 8 PM; matinee on Oct. 22 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

To place an ad in the newsletter, send copy to Eileen Gale at egale10@verizon.net. Send your payment for \$25.00 to the Temple.

Items for the October newsletter must be submitted to Eileen Gale at egale10@verizon.net by September 20th.



BALANCING THE INTERFAITH JEWISH FAMILY PROGRAM

Together with Eve Coulson, a local interfaith family consultant, we will explore issues related to raising children and facing the challenges of Jewish interfaith families

**Come join us
Wednesday, September 13, 2006
7:00 PM
Temple B'nai Abraham
58 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, NJ
www.bnai-abraham.org**

**For more information or to RSVP (by Sept. 11):
Contact Rick Shain – 609-324-0571,
shainr30@hotmail.com**

No fee for admission • open to members and nonmembers

September
Elul 5766 – Tishrei 5767

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Shabbat Services 7:30 Oneg host Schulkin Family in honor of Jeremy's Bar Mitzvah	2 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Schulkin
3	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	9
10 Religious School Open House 10 to 12	11	12	13 Balancing the Jewish Interfaith Family Program with Guest Speaker Eve Coulson 7PM	14 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	15 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	16
17 Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 10:30 to 12:30	18 Sarah Seidel Sisterhood "Get Re- Acquainted" Dessert Evening 8:00PM	19	20	21 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	22 Rosh Hashana Services 7:30PM	23 Rosh Hashana Morning Services 9:30AM Evening Family Services 6:30PM Baby Sitting Available for Morning Services
24 Rosh Hashana Morning Services 9:30 Tashlich 12 noon	25	26	27	28 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	29 Shabbat Services 7:30PM Baby Naming Oneg host Mark & Jennifer Weiskoff in honor of baby naming	30
October 1 Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 6:30PM	October 2 Yom Kippur 9:30PM Baby Sitting Available in AM Yizkor 11:30am Evening 5:30PM Minchah/Ne'Leh Break the Fast	October 3	October 4	October 5 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	October 6 Shabbat Services 7:30PM Sukkot Oneg	October 7