



# Temple B'nai Abraham

Temple B'nai Abraham  
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Dear Temple B'nai Abraham Community,

One of the starkest transitions in the Jewish calendar is between the final hours of Yom Kippur and the early preparation for Sukkot. At the end of Yom Kippur, we have been standing and praying with all our heart and soul for our personal and communal redemption. The Ne'ilah, or closing service on Yom Kippur, marks the completion of not only a 26-hour fast, but also 40 days of preparation that led up to the fast.

Exhausted and undernourished, we must immediately turn our attention to one of the happiest holidays of the Jewish year. "Z'man Simchatenu" or "time of Happiness," the Biblical name for Sukkot, is about recreating the journey of the Israelites through the wilderness, and imagining their first harvest of their newly found freedom. In many Jewish neighborhoods, the building of the Sukkah, or booth, begins as soon as one returns home from the break fast. The wonderful sounds of hammers and nails demonstrate a community excited to finally be able to start the New Year in earnest.

One of my favorite parts of this yearly ritual is the sense of freshness it can bring to our normal surroundings. While nothing in our homes may have changed a Sukkah brings out the best in what we already have. Most importantly, the building of a Sukkah encourages us to take chances with our surroundings, to not give into complacency. By accomplishing this relatively small project, we should have the confidence to experiment with something much more ambitious.

This summer, a large part of the B'nai Abraham community did just this. They set to work on a project to re-imagine what our synagogue building could look like. Under the leadership of the Temple board, led by Betsy Ramos and Eileen Gale, they forged ahead. This took intense planning and hours and hours of work. Unlike a Sukkah, which is only displayed one week per year, this is our home year round. After thirty years of no major renovation, it was time for a significant change.

I think that we can all agree that the final product is amazing. The space looks bigger and brighter, even the stained glass windows downstairs feel new. Suddenly, Hebrew School students have room to learn, our sanctuary is more prayerful, and the overall ambiance is warm and welcoming. A special thank you to Bonnie Friedman for her beautiful paint job both downstairs and up. As a congregant was overheard saying, it looks like a little slice of heaven in the sanctuary. My favorite new addition is the display case hand crafted by Victor Ramos, who did a majority of the heavy labor, and decorated with gifts by Shira Lowry. There you can buy children's prayer books, Mezuzot, and Menorahs.

On Sunday, October 15 at 12 PM, during Simchat Torah, the holiday where we celebrate the beginning of a new Torah cycle and the completion of the past year's cycle, we will dedicate the new look of our building. Please come and honor the hard work of all those who made this project possible.

As we say every Friday night during the evening service, "spread over us the shelter of your peace," a Sukkat Shalomecha.

Shanah Tovah,

Rabbi Alex

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**SHABBAT SERVICES, YAHRZEITS  
ONEGS**

Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> 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 **Light Candles 6:27PM**

**Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> Kol Nidre Yom Kippur Services  
6:30PM Light Candles 6:23PM**

**Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> Yom Kippur morning Services  
9:30AM Yiskor 12 Noon, Minchah & N'Elah 5:30PM  
followed by Break the Fast at 7:30PM.**

Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> **Sukkot Services** 7:30PM Oneg in  
Sukkot hosts Jennifer Carton and Marcy Schwartz/Shain. We  
will remember Nissim M. Nissim, father of Marty Nissim, Molly  
Schaffer, mother of Rhoda Kessler and Fred Gutstein.  
**Light Candles 6:15PM**

Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> **Tot Shabbat Services** Pot Luck  
Dinner 6PM Adult Services 7:30PM **Light Candles 6:04PM**

**Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> Simchat Torah Services 10 to 12  
Temple Rededication 12 to 1**

Saturday October 21 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am  
We will remember Mervin Groveman, Elsie Sternfeld, Mollie  
Piennek. Luncheon hostesses Aubry and Epstein Families

Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Services Rabbi Julie Pfau  
will lead. **Light Candles 5:44PM**

Friday November 3 Shabbat Services 7:30PM. We will  
remember Gertrude Herzog, mother of Madge Rosen and  
Walter Harrison, husband of Renee Harrison. Oneg Shabbat  
hostess Elizabeth Marsh in honor of Amanda and Sarah's B'nai  
Mitzvah **Light Candles 4:36PM**

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Morning Services,  
9:30am. B'nai Mitzvah of Amanda and Sarah Marsh

**Tot Shabbat News**

Tot Shabbat returns October 13, from 6:00 -7:30. Join us  
as we celebrate Sukkot in the Sukkah. After our usual  
pot luck dinner and abbreviated Shabbat service, the  
children will hear a special Sukkot story and make  
graham cracker sukkahs.

Our next Tot Shabbat services will be November 17  
when we learn about our synagogue, and December 15  
when we celebrate Hanukkah.

For more information about Tot Shabbat or to join our  
pot luck RSVP list call Sharon Dauber 291-9169 or email  
[sdauber@comcast.net](mailto:sdauber@comcast.net). Please also feel free to contact  
me should you be interested in contributing or leading a  
craft idea or story reading.

*Sharon Dauber*

**AROUND OUR TEMPLE NEWS**

Mazel Tov to Stan and Ronnie Zeichner on the birth  
of a new grandson, their first grandchild.  
Mazel Tov to Amanda and Sarah Marsh on their  
B'nai Mitzvah.

Join Sid Morginstin on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> at  
9:30am. and help build our Sukkah.

Items for the November newsletter must be submitted to  
Eileen Gale at [egale10@verizon.net](mailto:egale10@verizon.net) by October 18th..



## Rededication of Temple

Rededication will be on Sunday, October 15 at 12:00. 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.

Please come join us immediately following Simchat Torah services. We will have a short program which will include unveiling a plaque in memory of Elaine Zeitz and a rededication plaque. We will also have music by our very own Greg Rosen (a wonderful musician), and songs by our Hebrew School - and of course a few blessings by Alex. Following the program, we will have lunch and be entertained by a pianist who will play while we eat. It should be entertaining for all. We look forward to celebrating our new beginning with you!

## 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 Temple B'nai Abraham, String of Pearls, and JCC of Belle Mead. Call Abbie and Sam Shain for details. 324-0571

*Here are the activities planned for October and November:*

Saturday, October 14 The joint teen group (with String of Pearls and Kehillah Shalom) will host a party on Sat., Oct. 14 at 7:30. Place to be announced.

Sunday, October 29 2 – 4 PM Bowling RSVP by October 22

Saturday, November 11- 5 PM – 8 AM Shul In RSVP by November 4

Sunday, November 12

\*Wednesday, November 22 3-5:15 PM Volunteering at TASK RSVP by November 8

The United Jewish Federation Princeton Mercer Bucks has scholarships available for teen Israel summer trips. Deadline March 15, 2007. Please see Rabbi for more information.

## Social Action

Keep bringing in those **granola bars!** Another on-going project for Temple B'nai Abraham 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.

The bar and bat mitzvah class will be delivering hot meals to HomeFront motel residents the last Thursday of each month

The joint teen group is scheduled to serve food at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen on Nov. 22. Details will appear in the Nov. newsletter.

Snow removal help needed for temple

The temple needs to find someone to shovel its sidewalk and steps this winter. Does anyone know of a local teenager who might be willing to shovel snow? (We will pay them!) If so, please contact our building chair, Stan Zeichner, at 324-1772. If we can't locate someone, we will have to resort to a snow contractor, who will likely be much more expensive.

## 2005-2006 Host List for Oneg Shabbats Luncheons 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** Marc & Jennifer Weiskoff in honor of baby naming

**October 2 Break The Fast** – Reserve now.

**October 6,** Jen Carton and Schwartz/Shain Family

**October 21** Luncheon Aubry & Epstein Families

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** Amanda and Sarah Marsh B'nai Mitzvah Marsh Family

**November 10** Sandy SchwartzBird & Weiss Family

**December 1** Morginstin and Klepner Families

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** Luncheon Zeichner and Trackman Families

**December 11 Sisterhood Meeting** Nina Glanz & Ellen Wehrman

**January 5** Phyllis Chudoff and Affrime Family

**January 20** Luncheon Giachetti and Kobrin Families

**February 2** Bonnie Friedman and Popko Family

**February 10** Luncheon Albanese & Ehrlich-Cook Families

**March 9** Shira Lowry & Berny & Arlene Speiser Family

**March 16** Liebman B'nai Mitzvah- Betsy Ramos

**March 26 Sisterhood Meeting** Patricia Light-Tolomeo & Bonnie Goldman

**April 13** Marty & Rita Nissim and Neil & Karen Nissim

**April 28** Luncheon Fechtner and Fattori Families

**May 4** William & Roni Goldberg and Brian & Bethann Goldberg

**May 12** Luncheon Madge & Jerry Rosen and Marcia and Michael Rosen

**June 11** Covered Dish Randye Bloom & Marsha Dowshen

**June 15** Osman Family in honor of Bat Mitzvah

**June 29** Member of the Year Rhea Goldman and Iz & Phyllis Kamer

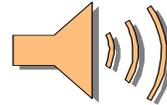
## NOTE

If an Oneg is canceled due to inclement weather, your responsibilities may be moved to another date. If the date assigned to you is not a good date for you, **YOU** are responsible for finding a replacement.

## From the Temple President:

Being a small community, it's important that we all help in some way. We rely on volunteers to keep this synagogue functioning and to be able offer the services and programs that we provide. If you have not yet volunteered for helping on a committee, please consider doing so - even if you've served on the board in the past - we could still use your input. It's a great way to be get to know people in the community. There are committee forms downstairs, on the cabinet, under the tv. Please put your completed form in the box on the cabinet.

Betsy



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.**

## 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.

## Donations

### Temple

#### Yahrtzeit

##### *In Memory of:*

**Nissim M. Nissim** from Marty and Rita Nissim

**Elinor Roth** from Jay and Elaine Trackman

**Charles Stein** from Randye Bloom and Michael Scolaro

#### Elaine Zeitz Building Fund

Bea Bagan

### Sisterhood

##### *Rejoicing with You*

**Berny & Arlene Spleiser** on new grandson Eli Preston Sid and Charyl Morginstin

**Stan and Ronnie Zeichner** on new grandson, first grandchild for Stan

Marty and Rita Nissim

Jay and Elaine Trackman

**Anniversary Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Al Oran**

Iz and Phyllis Kamer

##### *Get Well*

**Marcy Schwartz**

Sid and Charyl Morginstin

Eileen Gale

**Mildred Shemesh**

Jay and Elaine Trackman

The Yom Kippur Booklet fundraiser went very well. We collected \$821 even though we had fewer members participate because some people contributed more than \$2.00 per name. A big thank you to everyone who participated- I really appreciate your support of this project. Randy

The Temple is looking for a mason or contractor that can repair our steps on the entrance to the building and the house next door. If you know of anyone, please let Stan Zeichner know as soon as possible. We also are looking for someone to install two air conditioners in the sanctuary upstairs. Because of the location of the existing units, we would need someone who could replace them in the same spot, high in the ceiling, and this is not an ordinary easy job to do.

Thank you to the Smulian Family for the beautiful flowers adorning the bima during the High Holiday Services.

Thank you to Sandy SchwartzBird and Bonnie Friedman who so kindly have designed cards for our New Year and Joy and Sorrow.

Thank you Rita Nissim, Shira Lowry and Eileen Gale for arranging Break the Fast this year.

Kim Aubry has volunteered to chair the annual Passover Second Seder this year. Please call Kim to offer your help. Thank you Kim.

**The Sisterhood is looking for the family who donated the beautiful rose pattern dishes and milk glass dishes we have had for many years. We would like to make room in our cabinets and no longer use the dishes. If you would like them returned, please let us know. If no one claims them we will offer them to our members.**

### Hebrew and Religious School Notes

During the start of the year, the school will focus on the theme of Torah. The students will learn about the Torah and each individual book. The students will work at creating a Hebrew School Torah that will contain different Midrashim (Torah stories) that the students will create about stories from the torah. The Sunday School will focus on stories of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs

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Why not consider using it for an ad for your business or for an event you may participate in. And help out the Temple at the same time.

We are accepting ads at \$25.00 per issue and knowing our newsletter reaches not just the members, but anyone who reads our newsletter on line, well, just think of the possibilities..

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### *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](mailto:bramos@capehart.com)

### Jewish Family & Children's Service Programs

November 5, 2006 A Community Program

Exploring Interfaith Relationships 9:30am to

3:30pm at Friend Center, Princeton University.

Fee:\$18/person \$25/couple

For More information or Brochure, contact Debra Levenstein 609-987-98100 or [debral@jfcsonline.org](mailto:debral@jfcsonline.org).

Volunteer Chaplain Aides are needed at Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County. There are openings for trained lay visitors every weekday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Following the training and orientation process, an Aide may donate two to four hours each week to visit patients, offering them friendship and spiritual comfort. An 18-hour Training course will be offered at the hospital on October 25 and 27, from 8 to 5. If interested, please phone the Chaplain, Rev. Ellie Cowherd at 609-267-0700, extension 43281..

The Temple/Sisterhood membership list is being prepared at this time. We have new members to add and as soon as the holidays are over, the new list will be available

The Temple renovation committee reduced the size of the library in order to include more current books and those specially donated. If you would like any of the books that we will not be keeping, please check out the boxes in the kitchen. All books left after next month will be donated elsewhere.

**October  
Tishrei - Cheshvan 5767**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
1 Religious School Building Sukkah 9:30AM  <b>Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 6:30PM</b>	2 <b>Yom Kippur</b> 9:30AM Baby Sitting Available in AM Yizkor 11:30am Evening 5:30PM Minchah/Ne'Leh Break the Fast 7:30PM	3	4	5 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	6 Shabbat Services 7:30PM <b>Sukkot</b> Oneg hosts Jen Carton and Schwartz/Shain Family	7	
8 <b>No Religious School</b>  Sisterhood Board Meeting 7Pm	9	10	11	12 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	13 Tot Shabbat Pot Luck Dinner 6PM Adult Services  7:30PM	14	
15  <b>Hebrew School/Simchah Torah Services, 10AM Temple Rededication 12Noon</b>	16	17	18	19 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	20	21 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 Lunch Hostesses Aubry and Epstein Families	
22 <b>No Religious School</b>  Temple Board Meeting 7PM	23	24	25	26 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	27 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	28	
29 Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 Hebrew School 10:30 to 12:30	30	31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	Nov 3 Shabbat Services 7:30PM B'nai Mitzvah Amanda and Sarah Marsh Oneg hosts the Marsh Family	Nov. 4 Shabbat Morning 9:30AM Services B'nai Mitzvah Amanda and Sarah Marsh	

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM**

**(Please keep these guidelines and consult them if necessary)**

### **SISTERHOOD MEETINGS AND SHABBAT SERVICES**

Hostesses or host families set up and arrange the tables in the meeting room. The kitchen is usually stocked with sugar, tea bags, decaffeinated coffee, and paper products, however, check supplies and inform the Chair of House if supplies are low. Ingredients in cookies and crackers brought into the shul must be checked to be sure that only vegetable shortening is used and no meat is to be brought into the synagogue.

Although the temple is cleaned weekly, the meeting room and kitchen should be left neat and tidy after the function. All paper goods, utensils, and serving pieces must be returned to their appropriate drawers and cabinets. No leftover food should be left in the refrigerator – take it home. **ALL TRASH MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE BUILDING AND PUT INTO THE CONTAINERS AT THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING.**

Hostesses assigned to a particular meeting or host families assigned to a Shabbat service need to contact each other prior to the event to coordinate the duties. **If you are unable to serve on the date assigned to you, you are responsible for finding a substitute. Please inform the Sisterhood President that another person/family will take your place.**

Sisterhood reimburses Shabbat service 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.

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

The sponsoring family is responsible for the presentation and appearance of the refreshment table and the assembly room. Generally, the family has provided tablecloths and paper goods. In addition, you must supply your own wine and liquor. The kitchen and assembly room must be left clean and neat after the event and all trash removed from the building. If the temple requires special cleaning before your event, please contact the Chair of House.