



# Temple B'nai Abraham

Temple B'nai Abraham  
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**The Temple Shofar**  
Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood  
Co-Presidents  
Bonnie Friedman & Debby Weiss

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Dear Temple B'nai Abraham Community

The joke goes something like this – “A Jew is discovered on a desert island after years of living there by himself. During this time he was able to build an incredible infrastructure of buildings that looked remarkably like a real city. On the tour that he gave to his rescuers, they noticed that he had built not just one, but two synagogues. When asked about this, he replied, pointing to each of the buildings, “Yes, that is the one I go to, and that is the one I would never go to.”

In my day job, I work with communities that both epitomize and defy the stereotype expressed in the joke. As many of you may be curious about what I do when I'm not in Bordentown, I thought I would use my newsletter column this month to explain a little more about this.

The Philadelphia Jewish community is broken up into 7 different distinct neighborhoods or Kehillot: Bucks County, Delaware County, BuxMont, Chester County, Old York Road, Center City, and Lower Merion. While there are other distinct Jewish areas like North East and North West Philadelphia, these comprise the primary places of Jewish residences.

In my role as Director of Community Partnership for the Jewish Outreach Partnership, I work with the latter three, Old York Road, Center City and Lower Merion. In each, is a neighborhood organization called a *kehillah* that brings together all of the synagogues and Jewish organizations in the community. Effectively, these function as mini-Federations, whose sole purpose is to help bring the rabbis, synagogue professionals, and lay leadership together at the same table, to plan events that foster cooperation in each of the three neighborhoods.

Funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, this structure is only 3-4 years old and is still in its infancy about what it can accomplish. Already we have seen remarkable change in the dynamics of each of the communities. Groups that never would work together in the past now regularly meet and share ideas.

At B'nai Abraham we understand what it means to be isolated. For better or for worse, we do not have a larger Jewish community surrounding us. However, we are blessed to be part of a wonderful Jewish Federation in Mercer and Princeton, to be connected through to the Reconstructionist movement through JRF, and to have a supportive church community surrounding us. This November, we have a chance to support all three of these:

- On November 5, Jewish Family and Children's Services in Mercer County is holding a program called *YOURS MINE & OURS: A Community Program Exploring Interfaith Relationships* at the Friend Center at Princeton between 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM (see inside for more details).
- On November 9, we are holding our first Interfaith Dialogue of the year, an opportunity for Jews, Christians and Muslims to converse at the Methodist Church of Crosswicks at 7 PM.
- And, from November 9 to the 12<sup>th</sup>, JRF is holding its biannual Convention at the Hyatt in downtown Philadelphia. This is a great way to see what is going on in the larger movement. Go to [www.jrf.org](http://www.jrf.org) for more information and to register.

I look forward to sharing more with you about my day job and to continuing the project of building community in Bordentown.

B'Shalom,

*Rabbi Alex*

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### SHABBAT SERVICES, YAHRZEITS ONEGS

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

Friday November 10 Shabbat Services 7:30PM. We will remember Abraham Zackler, father of Marsha Dowshen, and Helen Roseman, mother of Renee Harrison. Oneg Shabbat hosts Sandy SchwartzBird and Weiss Family **Light Candles 4:28PM**

Friday November 17, **Tot Shabbat Services/Pot Luck Dinner 6PM, Adult services 7:30PM** We will remember Norman Lamonsoff, father of Karen Nissim, husband of Sheila Lamonsoff, Helen Schwartzberg, sister-in-law of Sandy SchwartzBird, Meyer Gale, father-in-law of Eileen Gale, Joseph Rothman, father of Robin Affrime, husband of Evelyn Rothman **Light Candles 4:22PM**

Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Services 7:30PM We will remember Issac Grassian, father of Rita Nissim, Sidney Klepner, father of Len Klepner, Pauline Zackler, mother of Marsha Dowshen, and Hyman Goldman and Jennie Rudenstein. **Light Candles 4:18PM**

Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> Shabbat Services 7:30PM We will remember Samuel Morginstin, father of Sid Morginstin. Oneg Shabbat hosts Morginstin and Klepner families. **Light Candles 4:15PM**

### AROUND OUR TEMPLE NEWS

Mazel Tov to Ronnie and Stan Zeichner on the marriage of their son Brian Dov Zeichner. The Chupa was at the Chabad Synagogue in Crown Heights. Dov is a rabbinical student at Hadar Hatorah Brooklyn.

Mazel Tov to Amanda and Sarah Marsh on their B'nai Mitzvah.

The Temple and Sisterhood communities extend our condolences to Charyl and Sid Morginstin on the passing of Charyl's stepfather.

### Tot Shabbat News

Tot Shabbat will meet on November 17, from 6:00 - 7:30. Join us as we celebrate Shabbat and learn about our synagogue. After our usual pot luck dinner and family friendly Shabbat service, the children will take a tour of our Temple and then make their own stained glass windows with torn tissue paper and clear contact paper. Since our stained glass windows are looking so beautiful it seemed like the perfect craft!

Our next Tot Shabbat services will be December 15 when we celebrate Hanukkah, and January 26 when we celebrate Tu B'shevat.

For more information about Tot Shabbat or to join our pot luck RSVP list call Sharon Dauber 291-9169 or email 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*



## Rededication

### Rededication:

A wonderful and beautiful time was had by all who attended the rededication on October 15th. Our Hebrew School students entertained us with some songs, as did our the very talented Greg Rosen who played a moving rendition of Hatikvah on his trumpet. Bordentown City Mayor Collum and Bordentown Township Member Bruce Hill spoke, as did State Assemblyman Joe Malone. Mr. Malone presented a Resolution from the State, commemorating our 90th year and rededication of our temple. The plaque will have a special place on the walls of our temple. We also unveiled a special plaque in memory of Elaine Zeitz. It has been placed over the sisterhood Judaica display case. Thanks again for all who made this day possible.

## 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

Activities for Teen Group in November:

There are two events to look forward to in November for the teen group:

Nov. 18-19: Shul-In held at the temple in Belle Mead

Nov. 22: Volunteering at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen for the evening meal (3:30 p.m.)

Coming attractions:

Dec. 3: eating tour of New York City

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.

## Jewish Film Festival

The seventh annual Rutgers New Jersey Jewish Film Festival will be held Nov. 9-19 at the Regal Cinema in North Brunswick. Award-winning international films are shown. For details, go to <http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu>.

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

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

**November 10** Sandy SchwartzBird & Weiss Family

**November 13 Sisterhood Meeting** Randye Bloom & Marsha Dowshen

**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 Fechter and Aubry Families

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

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

**June 11 Sisterhood 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.

Temple B'nai Abraham and Sarah Seidel Sisterhood will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive on December 27, 2006 at the Carlslake Community Center, Senior Services Room, 209 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, from 2:30 to 8:30 PM. this is an annual event that the Jewish community sponsors at this time because of the decline in blood donations during the holiday season. Please tell your family and friends about the blood drive and encourage them to participate. We will meet our goal if each family makes itself responsible for one pint of blood. Please call Randye, 298-6485, to volunteer to distribute posters, make phone calls, or make an appointment to give blood on December 27. Let's work together to make this drive a success. Thank you. *Randye Bloom*

## 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.

### 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.**

**Thank you** to all the volunteers who helped make our annual Break the Fast a wonderful event to end our High Holidays. Elizabeth Marsh, Karen Nissim, Charyl Morginstin, Phyllis Chudoff, Renee Harrison, Rita Nissim, Shira Lowry and the many bakers, and other helpers I may have forgotten.

### Passover Seder

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

## Hebrew and Religious School Notes

The November theme is Jewish Heroes. The beginning of the month the students will learn about Biblical heroes and learn how they can relate to their every day lives. The students will also learn about local leaders who helped the community and how they can be heroes themselves. The Sunday School will focus on superheroes – becoming their own and working on different ways that they can help other people.

## Donations

### Temple

#### Yahrtzeit

##### *In Memory of:*

**Molly Schaeffer** from Rhoda and Henry Kessler  
**Nathan Schwartz** from Phyllis Chudoff  
**Helen Roseman** from Renee Harrison  
**Walter Harrison** from Renee Harrison  
**Gertrude Herzog** from Madge and Gerald Rosen  
**Isaac Grassian** from Rita and Marty Nissim  
**For various relatives** from Robert Gershowitz

### Sisterhood

##### *Rejoicing with You*

**Elaine Trackman** Happy Birthday from Phyllis & Iz Kamer  
**Ellen Wiener** Happy Birthday from Phyllis & Iz Kamer  
*Get Well*

**Marty Nissim** from Iz and Phyllis Kamer

##### *In Memory of*

**Charyl Morginstin's stepfather Paul Goldfarb**  
Jay and Elaine Trackman  
Renee Harrison  
Iz and Phyllis Kamer  
Eileen Gale  
Neil and Karen Nissim  
Nina Glanz

## HIGH HOLIDAY PLEDGES

Robert Gershowitz  
Randy Bloom and Michael Scolaro  
Eileen Gale  
Phyllis Chudoff  
Marty and Rita Nissim  
Sheila Lamonsoff  
Michael and Melissa Fattori  
Bonnie Goldman and Steven Lederman  
Stan and Ronnie Zeichner  
Rick Shain and Marcy Schwartz  
Scott and Danielle Parmenter  
Lynette Lazarus  
Jeffery Goldman  
Kevin Smith

### Knitters wanted

Do you want to knit, crochet and like company while working on a project? Then we have a group for you. Join with your fellow temple/sisterhood members for knitting/crocheting and camaraderie. A marvelous group of ladies are going to get together to learn, re-learn and gather new patterns on a periodic basis (probably bi-weekly or monthly). We are beginners, intermediates and advanced (the heavy trenders) and invite you to roll that yarn with us. Dates and times are to be decided with most likely a January begin date. Call Betsy Ramos, 298-0437 or Eileen Gale, 291-0220, to sign up for our gatherings.

### Sarah Seidel Sisterhood Chanukah Candle & Gift Wrap Sale

45 Multi Color Candles \$5.99

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### The Temple is on the Bordentown Historical Walking Tour

Temple B'nai Abraham will be one of the stops for the annual Bordentown Historical Society Holiday Rout on December 9 from 5 to 9 PM. The Holiday Rout committee projects about 500 to 600 people will participate in the festivities. With such a large number of participants, we have to keep things relatively simple, but we are very excited to be able to showcase our beautiful old building and our culture. Randy Bloom, Rhea Goldman, Charyl and Sid Morginstin, and Elaine and Jay Trackman have started the planning, but would love to have more ideas and volunteers. We are in need of hosts/hostesses throughout the evening to talk about our Temple and building, and to work in the kitchen getting light refreshments on trays and out to the social room (no baking required). We also would like to have a display of interesting and different menorahs and dreidels. Please bring your menorahs and dreidels to the Temple by December 8th (with your name on the bottom) and they will be available for you to pick up December 10- well in advance of Chanukah. We will have a handout available that tells the history of the Temple and information about some of the religious symbols that will be seen. Please contact any of the committee members to volunteer your services or offer suggestions for the evening. It is sure to be a fun evening and a great opportunity for us to reach out to the greater Bordentown community. Don't forget to bring your menorahs and dreidels to the synagogue! Thanks.

### Sarah Seidel Sisterhood Meeting November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Please join the Sisterhood on Monday, November 13th at 7:30pm for a flower arranging demonstration led by Karen Nissim. Everyone will be able to bring home a personally designed autumnal arrangement! The fee for the class is \$25 per person. Please contact Karen at 298-4845, or Debby Weiss at 208-2084, [debby@jande.org](mailto:debby@jande.org) to let us know that you will be joining us so we may bring the appropriate quantity of supplies. **RSVP is a must** and need to be made by Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Hostesses for the evening are Randy Bloom and Marsha Dowshen.

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Birthday Bash

We're still planning on having a birthday bash sometime next spring to celebrate our 90th birthday. We're working on the date and still need committee members to work on this event. If you are willing to help, please contact Charlie Weiss at 609-802-2766 or [charlie@jande.org](mailto:charlie@jande.org).

*Betsy Ramos*

Interfaith Dialogue

Jewish Family and Children's Service Presents:

Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006

A Community Program Exploring Interfaith Relationships  
This program is open to non-Jewish and Jewish individuals, young couples, married couples with children, grandparents, community professionals and lay leaders to address interfaith family issues. Its purpose is to encourage healthy intergenerational interfaith families. It will be at the Friend Center, Olden and William Streets in Princeton. Fee is \$18/person, \$25/couple.

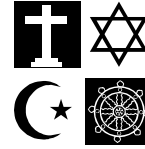
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Project Reemployment  
10am to 1PM at the Hickory Corner Library, 138 Hickory Corner Rd. in East Windsor. No Fee  
Pre-registration is required by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Debra Levenstein at 609-987-8100

November 2, 2006

A Jewish Bereavement Group  
1:00 to 2:15PM at The Jewish Center, 435 Nassau St. Princeton, NJ. Contact Debra Levenstein.

For any information on these and other programs presented by Jewish Family and Children's Service, Contact Debra Levenstein at 609-987-8100.



November 9 at 7 p.m.

Speakers:

The Rev. Larry Smith,  
Pastor of the Dorthea Dix Community,  
sharing insights into  
Unitarian Universalist participation  
in Interfaith Dialogue

& Mr. Salim Manzar, Executive Director  
of the Princeton Advisory Group  
sharing about dire  
relief and redevelopment needs  
in his native Pakistan  
in the wake of last year's earthquakes

Meeting at

The Crosswicks United Methodist Church,  
Church Street and Ward Avenue,  
Crosswicks, New Jersey  
For information, call: (609) 324-9800

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Items for December newsletter due by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**November**  
**Cheshvan-Kislev 5767**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
October 29  Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 Hebrew School 10:30 to 12:30			1	2  Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	3  Shabbat Services 7:30PM B'nai Mitzvah Amanda and Sarah Marsh <b>Oneg hosts the Marsh Family</b>	4  Shabbat Morning 9:30AM Services <b>B'nai Mitzvah Amanda and Sarah Marsh</b>
5  Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 Hebrew School 10:30 to 12:30	6	7	8	9  Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM <b>Greater Bordentown Interfaith Dialogue 7PM JRF Convention</b>	10  Shabbat Services 7:30PM Oneg shabbat hosts Sandy Schwartz/Bird and Weiss Family  <b>JRF Convention</b>	11          <b>JRF Convention</b>
12  <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b>  <b>JRF Convention</b>	13  <b>Sisterhood Make your own holiday flower decoration Hosts Randye Bloom &amp; Marsha Dowshen</b>	14          <b>Please RSVP</b>	15	16  Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	17  Tot Shabbat/Pot Luck dinner 6PM Adult Services 7:30PM	18  Shul-in for Teens at Belle Mead
19  Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 Hebrew School 10:30 to 12:30	20	21	22  <b>Bordentown Interfaith Thanksgiving Services</b>	23  <b>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</b>	24  Shabbat Services 7:30PM	25
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