



Temple B'nai Abraham

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Dear Temple B'nai Abraham Community

Some of my fondest childhood memories are going to the movies with my Dad. We would see the all the big Hollywood hits, planning out when the next one was arriving at the SamEric on 17th and Chestnut and the Yeadon (two theaters that have long since gone out of business). The movies were the place where I learned about action and adventure, about hope and possibility. They were a place of imagination and escape. However, they were also the place where I learned a lot about my Jewish heritage. Whether it was The Ten Commandments or Exodus, movies enabled me to travel to places I had not, as of yet, visited on my own and explore the emotions that my ancestors must have gone through in their many plights in the wilderness.

As a Jewish educator, I have often used movies in my classes to open up important discussions on different Jewish topics. Two of my favorites are: Gentleman's Agreement, (1947) starring Gregory Peck, about a reporter who poses as a Jew to learn more about Anti-Semitism, and An American Tail, Steven Spielberg's cartoon depiction of his grandparents' arrival from Russia. I love the scene when Gregory Peck's character is not permitted to enter a hotel because of his Semitic sounding name, or Fievel the mouse's arrival at Ellis Island and the characters he meets there.

This month we are officially starting Movie Nights at Temple B'nai Abraham. Rick Shain, our adult education chair, has organized a wonderful opening night program on Motzei Shabbat, February 10 at 7:30 PM. There we will be showing a Jewish Argentinean film called "Lost Embrace" directed by Daniel Burman. Marcy Schwartz, whose specialty at Rutgers University is Latin American Literature and Culture, will provide insight into our discussion. Here is a description of the film from www.imdb.com:

"This is Ariel's world: the small, slightly seedy shopping center in downtown Buenos Aires, where the Italian shopkeepers scream all day, the Koreans sell feng-shui and old Osvaldo sells nothing. Where Ariel's mother runs a lingerie shop and his brother deals in import-export. It's a comfortable little world, in spite of an undercurrent of malaise and uncertainty. Many young people are searching for their immigrant roots to obtain a coveted foreign passport, the key to a world full of promise. Ariel, however, wants more than a passport from Poland, where his grandparents fled to escape the Holocaust. He wants to understand. Why his father left his family shortly after his birth to fight a war in Israel. Why he never returned. And why this seems to leave his mother and brother indifferent...But the truth changes. And when Ariel's father returns, he brings with him new truths, a new story and, ultimately, a long-overdue embrace--one that had been lost for so long."

Come eat popcorn and learn more about a Jewish world that is often forgotten!!

February is a busy month, here are several other programs that are on our calendar:

1. A Tu B'Shevat Seder on Sunday, February 4 between 10 and 12 at Temple B'nai Abraham. This is a wonderful way to bring in the new year of the trees.

2. Temple B'nai Abraham will be hosting the Interfaith Dialogue Committee on Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 PM. Enjoy Turkish food and a discussion on "Sacred" by Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders. Please RSVP to rabbialex@jopp.org. Thanks again to Rick for organizing.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Alex

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**SHABBAT SERVICES, YAHRZEITS
ONEGS**

Friday January 26th . Tot Shabbat 6PM Pot Luck dinner.
Adult Services 7:30PM We will remember Rose
Goldberg, mother of Phyllis Kamer, and Harry Gutstein,
and Albert Reichlin . **Light Candles 4:52PM**

Friday February 2nd. Shabbat Services 7:30PM We will
remember Morris Herzog, brother of Madge Rosen and
Morris Miller, father of Ilene & Roslyn Miller. Oneg hosts
are Bonnie Friedman and Popko family.

Light Candles 5:01PM

Friday, February 9th

Light Candles 5:09PM

Saturday, February 10th. Shabbat morning services
9:30am. Luncheon hosts are Albanese and Ehrlich/Cook
Families.

Friday, February 16th. Shabbat Services 7:30PM Rabbi
Julie leads. We will remember Max Kessler, father of
Henry, Jane Black, mother of Leonard, Nathan Goldman,
father of Maxine & Philip , Rose Kaiser, mother of Eileen
Gale, Marion Bergman, mother of Michael Bergman.
Oneg shabbat hosted by Diane Weinberg, to honor our
Temple for her appreciation of attending our services.

Light Candles 5:18PM

Friday, February 23rd. Tot Shabbat/Pot Luck Dinner.
6PM. Adult services 7:30PM

Light Candles 5:26PM

Friday March 2nd. Shabbat Services 7:30PM We will
remember Arthur Fishman, father of Arlene Speiser,
Rose Klepner, mother of Len.

Light Candles 5:34PM

AROUND OUR TEMPLE NEWS

Get well to Lee and Marcel Nissim. We were sorry to
hear about your injuries.

Movie night at the Temple, Feb. 10th at 7:30pm with real
popcorn. Join us for a family night out.

Tot Shabbat News

Tot Shabbat met in January to celebrate Tu B'Shevat,
the birthday of the trees. The children heard the story
"It's Tu B'Shevat" by Edie Stoltz Zolkower, sang happy
birthday to the trees, and made a special tree craft.

Tot Shabbat will meet again on February 23 when we
celebrate Purim and join together for our pot luck dinner,
child friendly service, story and craft.

Future Tot Shabbat services will be held on March 30
when we celebrate Passover and April 20 when we
celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day.

For more information about Tot Shabbat or to join our pot
luck RSVP list call Sharon Dauber 291-9169 or email
sdauber@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL TEENS!!!

In Jan. the teen group had a movie night and a vegetarian gourmet cooking class, events hosted at homes of teens from Kehillat Shalom in Belle Mead and String of Pearls in Princeton. Upcoming events include ice skating on Feb. 4, dinner and an improv comedy show on Feb. 17, and fondue and comedy on March 10. Please call Abbie and Sam Shain (324-0571) for further details.

Social Action

Many thanks to all for contributing boxes of granola bars for our temple's contribution to grocery bags distributed monthly to families in motels. Keep those granola bars coming! Any items for the food pantry are also welcome, and will be delivered to St. Mary's food pantry as they accumulate.

The Hebrew School bar and bat mitzvah class continues to deliver freshly prepared meals once a month to families at the Pine Motel. This is a rewarding task as we hear the appreciation in people's voices and the smile of surprise on their faces as we arrive with dinner. Thanks always to Ellen Wehrman for her help with this activity. Occasionally we need an extra driver to help pick up and deliver meals -- please contact Marcy at 324-0571 if you would like to join us or fill in when needed.

A donation was made to the organization of Bordentown area houses of worship for emergency services from the funds the students raised at the last Purim carnival. Great work by our Hebrew School!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the St. Mary's Community Food Pantry Hours are Mon., Wed. and Fri. 2:00-3:00 and Tues. and Thurs. 9:00-10:00. Signing up for only one hour per week would be a big help! Please call Bob Jacobs at 298-0494 or Kathy Hughes at 324-1696 if you are interested.

Marcy Schwartz

Blood Drive

We collected 45 pints of blood at the December 27 blood drive [our goal was 50 pints]. Thank you to Mimi Geller, Rhea Goldman, and Debby Weiss who volunteered to make phone calls. Special thanks to Temple members who donated blood: Robin Affrime, Steve Affrime, Randy Bloom, Joel Dowshen, Marsha Dowshen, and Bernie Speiser. Thank you Randy Bloom for chairing this once again. Great job.

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

February 2 Bonnie Friedman and Popko Family
February 10 Luncheon Albanese & Ehrlich-Cook Families
February 16 Guest Oneg host, Diane Weinberg
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 & Rona Goldberg and Brian & Bethann Goldberg
May 12 Luncheon Madge & Jerry Rosen and Marcia and Michael Rosen
June 11 Sisterhood Covered Dish Randy 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.

Community Passover Seder

Temple B'nai Abraham's Community Seder is April 3 at 6pm. That is only 2 1/2 months away. The community is welcome plus any guests. The Seder will be catered; therefore, we will need to know who will be attending by March 1. The cost will be in the next newsletter.

Volunteers are needed for setting up the seder, serving and cleaning up.

Please let Kim know how you would like to participate.

If you know now that you are coming please email me at kimaubry@gmail.com or call me at 609-841-8965, don't wait until March 1.

If you have any questions or special requests please let me know.

Thanks so much. *Kim Aubry*

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.

Hebrew and Religious School Notes

The students will focus on nature and Judaism's view on the world around us. The students will participate in a Tu B'Shvat Seder and begin preparing for our Purim carnival. The students will also think of ways that they can help the environment. They will also create songs about the story of Purim to be performed at the Carnival.

Fundraising

We need to raise \$2000 to meet our fundraising budget for the year. We are looking for ideas for fundraising, as well as people to help out. Please contact Betsy Ramos with any ideas and/or if you're willing to help. Her no. is 609-298-0437 or e-mail bramos@capehart.com.

Donations

Temple

Yahrtzeit

In Memory of

Morris Herzog by Gerry and Madge Rosen

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund by Sheri Haines in memory of her father **John Duker** and in honor of **Rabbi Alex** for his help and support after her fathers' passing.

General Fund by Sheri Haines in honor of temple members who attended "Shiva". "To my new B'nai Abraham Community for their love and support during this time."

Sisterhood

Get Well

Ray Gorelick by Phyllis & Is Kamer

In Memory of

Elaine Applebaum by Renee Harrison

In Honor of

Happy Anniversary Shirley and Sol Kushner by Elaine and Jay Trackman, Mimi Geller, Phyllis and Is Kamer

Knitters Group January 22nd, 2007

We are starting our Knitting Bee on January 22nd at the home of Temple president, Betsy Ramos at 7:30pm. All are invited to join the group, from the very beginner to the pros, and those inbetween.

If you already know how to knit, please bring your current project. If you want to learn, just bring yourself. Rhea Goldman and Eileen Gale will provide practice yarn and needles as well as some simple scarf and purse patterns for ideas.

You can get directions to Betsy's home when you RSVP to Betsy so we have an idea of how many to expect. Looking forward to "knitting/kibbitzing" with you.

(298-0437)

Eileen and Betsy



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Programs of Interest In February

Movie Night Feb. 10th 7:30pm in the Great Room of the Temple.

Those of you interested in the topic, please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 25 at 2:30 PM where our Temple will be hosting an Interfaith Dialogue Program including Turkish food and fervent discussion on a topic to be determined.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking for people to fill some of the slots on the temple board, particularly the treasurer position. Please consider volunteering to help. We are a small community and we all need to help in some way to keep this temple going. Even if you're a new member, please consider volunteering for the board. Please call Betsy Ramos 609-298-0437 or bramos@capehart.com to advise if you are interested in serving.

Betsy Ramos

SARAH SEIDEL SISTERHOOD NEWS

On March 12th, the Sisterhood will be holding a book review on the book *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. This is a story of women sharing their lives and a unique language that Chinese women created in order to communicate in secret, away from the influence of men

This editor found it difficult to get "into the book" for the first 100 pages. It took me a few months. Once I got through those pages, I couldn't put the book down. It is fascinating and wonderfully written. Please give it a chance.

Sisterhood is looking for a few energetic volunteers to explore the possibility of holding a Health, Fun and Fitness Fair. It's a fun family event where everybody gets to play, move, snack and learn about new ways to be healthier. If you are interested, please call Shira at 324-0072.

If anyone is interested in joining Sisterhood and/or becoming more involved by holding a position, please contact Debby at 208-2084.

Supermarket Gift Cards

In order to understand the financial benefit the Gift Card program has on the Temple we will now give you monthly reports.

"We have not had much activity since December. In order for this program to work for the Temple, we need your support. It is so easy to call or email Joel or Marsha and order the gift cards. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE GIVE IT A TRY." Temple Board.

It is a painless way for the Temple to make money. We hope more will start getting gift cards. Just give me a call 298-5306. It is so EASY!

Many thanks to all who make the effort to get the gift cards!

Marsha and Joel Dowshen

Temple B'nai Abraham and Sarah Seidel Sisterhood Embroidered Tablecloth

Many of our new members of both the Temple and Sisterhood have never seen our special embroidered tablecloth. The cloth was started many years ago and has been an ongoing fundraiser for the sisterhood.

The cloth is very delicate and is used on special occasions during the year. Phyllis Chudoff has taken on the task of embroidering names on the cloth

Donation is \$5.00 to the Sisterhood.

THIS SPACE COULD BE YOUR AD

***ITEMS FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER DUE BY
FEBRUARY 17.***

**February
Shevat-Adar 5767**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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4 Religious School 10 – 12 Tu B'Shavat Seder	5	6	7	8 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	9	10 Shabbat morning Services 9:30am Luncheon Albanese and Ehrlich-Cook Family hosts Movie Night 7:30PM
11 Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 Hebrew School 10:30 to 12:30	12	13	14	15 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	16 Shabbat Services 7:30PM Oneg host by guest Diane Weinberg	17
<i>No Religious School</i>	19	20	21	22 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM Mitzvah Run 5:15-6:30	23 Tot Shabbat/Pot Luck dinner 6PM Adult Services 7:30PM	24
25 Religious School 9:30 to 10:30 Hebrew School 10:30 to 12:30 Interfaith Committee Dialogue at TBA at 2:00PM	26	27	28	March 1 Hebrew School 4:30PM to 6:30PM	March 2 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	March 3

