



Temple B'nai Abraham

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Dear Temple B'nai Abraham Community

The Hebrew word for summer is Kayitz, coming from the root Ketz meaning end. Summer is the time when we complete the work of the past year, wrapping up loose ends, and preparing for the year ahead. Summer is also the time where we hopefully get a chance to relax and unwind. With this in mind, I would like to dedicate this newsletter column to one of my favorite summertime activities... "Reading for Pleasure."

My organization, the Jewish Outreach Partnership, through a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, is currently searching for a book that the entire Jewish community would read starting in November 2007. While I have not directly worked on this project, I have been privy to some of the discussions on which book to choose. Here are a few of the possibilities that I also recommend for your summer reading list:

1. *Address Unknown* by Katherine Kressman Taylor – This wonderful 40-page novelette will literally take you to 20 minutes to read and is the tale of the relationship between a Jewish American and a German. Originally published in 1938, Taylor foreshadows the events of the Holocaust and the overall impact of racism in her tale of friendship, betrayal, and, eventually, revenge. Not to give too much away because it is only 40 pages, I will only say that the book will spark discussion well beyond the Holocaust and is very feels very contemporary, almost 70 years later.

2. *The World to Come* by Dara Horn – I have already spoken about this terrific novel, several times in services. Horn, a 29 year-old mother and professor of Yiddish literature, is already the author of two novels (amazing!!!). This, her second one, is based loosely on the true story of a Chagall painting that was stolen in 2001 from the Jewish museum in New York during a singles event. It is at once a mystery, an historical accounting of Chagall and the extermination of Yiddish authors in Russia under Stalin, and a love story.

3. *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss – Similar to *The World to Come*, this is by a young, ambitious female author, who incidentally happens to be married to Jonathan Safran Foer (*Everything is Illuminated*). The book is about a 14 year-old girl's search to finding a cure for her mother's loneliness after the death of her father. Her search involves the translation of a book called *The History of Love* that her father gave her mother when they were beginning their relationship.

Thank you to another wonderful year at B'nai Abraham. I look forward to starting a new year – my fifth – in September. Mazel Tov to Rhea Goldman, our Member of the Year. Please come out to support her on Friday, June 29.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Alex

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**SHABBAT SERVICES, YAHRZEITS
ONEGS**

Friday June 1 – Shabbat services, 7:30PM Rabbi Julie leads. We will remember Genevive Maza, aunt of Sandra Cohen & we will remember George Groveman.

Light Candles 8:04PM

Friday, June 8 – Tot Shabbat/Pot luck dinner, 6PM, Adult services 7:30PM. We will remember Edith Trackman, mother of Jay Trackman, Fannie Bloom, Mat. Grandmother of Peter Reichlin

Light Candles 8:09PM

Friday, June 15 – Shabbat services, 7:30PM. Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Osman Family in honor of Bat Mitzvah of Hanna Osman

Light Candles 8:12PM

Saturday, June 16 – Shabbat morning services, 9:30AM. Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Osman.

Friday, June 22 – Shabbat services, 7:30PM. We will remember Aaron Cohen, grandfather of Sandra Cohen.

Light Candles 8:14PM

Friday, June 29 – Shabbat services, 7:30PM, **Rhea Goldman, Member of the Year Oneg Shabbat in her honor. Host families Gerry and Madge Rosen and Is and Phyllis Kamer.** We will remember Anna Harrison, mother-in-law of Renee Harrison, Bernard Black, father of Leonard Black, Jack Roth, father of Elaine Trackman, Joseph Josephson, father of Sam Josephson, Oscar Wasserman, father of Linda Bowker, Samuel Reichlin, grandfather of Peter Reichlin, and Solomon Schaffer, father of Rhoda Kessler.

Light Candles 8:15PM

AROUND OUR TEMPLE NEWS

Wednesday, June 13	Congregational Meeting
Monday, June 11	Sisterhood Covered Dish
Saturday, June 16	Bat Mitzvah Hannah Osman
Friday, June 29	Member of Year Award

The Temple and Sisterhood communities extend our condolences to the Rossos Family on the passing of Norene's mother, Evelyn Fischer.

Mazel Tov to Rhea Goldman, member of the year.
Mazel Tov to Hannah Osman on her Bat Mitzvah

Tot Shabbat News

Tot Shabbat met in May to celebrate Shavuot. In addition to our potluck dinner, service and story, the children used Jewish shaped cookie cutters with Crayola Model Magic to make Jewish shapes. It was a craft so enjoyable that even the adults couldn't resist.

Our final Tot Shabbat will be on June 8, when we celebrate Shabbat and learn about Havdallah. The children will hear the story "Dinosaur on Shabbat" and make a related craft.

Because this will be the last service before break, I want to thank all the families who come and contribute their time, energy, and pot luck selections to the success of our group. Thank you to Rabbi Alex, who contributes his enthusiasm, wisdom and patience in leading our service. Also many thanks are due to the Temple's Terrific Twins, Samantha and Abbie Shain. In addition to reading our stories and assisting with crafts, they put everyone's mind at ease by helping with the children.

This has been another wonderful year of building Jewish memories with family and friends. It's heartwarming to see the children greeting their Tot Shabbat friends with hugs and cheers, excited for each family-friendly service.

We will begin anew in September. Until then, I wish all a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Sharon Dauber

**Congregational meeting June 13th at 7:30PM.
We encourage all to attend. Policy is decided at
these meetings. Your input is greatly appreciated.**

Social Action

Lunches for TASK: On Sunday, May 20, the Hebrew School students, with help from teens from the Ellisdale Methodist Church, made 80 lunches of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen! The soup kitchen serves hot meals to 300-400 people twice a day and patrons are also offered a bag lunch for the next day for children's school lunches or for adults to take to work. Our students did a terrific job and their efforts will be much appreciated!

We have few weeks and events left before we have a break for the summer. Please try to bring a box of granola bars to contribute to our interfaith food donation. Every month, a grocery bag of non-perishable foods is delivered to families in need, and the granola bars are our temple's contribution. Your donations in the next few weeks will help us to maintain our presence there throughout the summer.

We will continue to deliver hot meals (prepared by the Crosswicks Methodist Church) to the Pine Motel residents on the last Thursday of each month. A big thanks to Ellen Wehrman for her help with transportation. Anyone interested in helping during the summer months, please contact Marcy at 324-0571.

Many thanks to Elaine Trackman for her volunteering at the St. Mary's food pantry and for bringing our donations there for those who need help.

Marcy Schwartz

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

June 11 – Sisterhood Covered Dish Randy Bloom & Marsha Dowshen

June 15 – Osman Family in honor of Bat Mitzvah

June 29 – Member of the Year Gerald and Madge Rosen and Is & 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.

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 his/her/their name(s) 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 Gregorian (English) calendar. After 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.

Knitting Group

The Knitters will return in the fall. Plan your fall/winter projects in the next two months and join us for our monthly get-together.

Donations

Temple

Yahrtzeit

In Memory of

Gertrude Urken, sister of Henry Kessler, from Henry and Rhoda Kessler

Ann Zeitz from Carl Zeitz

Joseph Harrison from Renee Harrison

Leon Herzog, brother of Madge Rosen, from Gerry and Madge Rosen

Bess Light from Patricia Light-Tolomeo and Ralph Tolomeo

Thank you to Marcia Rosen for the donation of the cost of our new Torah in memory of your mother, Marion Greenblatt.

Sisterhood

In Memory of

Evelyn Miller from Randye Bloom & Michael Scolaro
Joy and Sorrow

Happy birthday greetings to Evelyn & Seymour Streisfeld from Jeff & Barbara Streisfeld.

Get well wishes to Florence Lubowitz from Jimmy & Betty Schwartzberg.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Mimi and Bill Bloom on becoming grandparents from Randye Bloom and Michael Scolaro.

Congratulations to Amy Kagan upon receiving her Master's Degree in Social Work by Rita and Marty Nissim

Teen Weekend Retreat

Abbie and Sam Shain participated in a Reconstructionist teen weekend retreat at the camp in the Poconos at the end of April. They hope that more teens from B'Nai Abraham will join in the teen group activities, next year, and attend the retreat. Read on for their response to the experience:

After attending the recent No'ar Hadash Teen Kallah, we really wanted to share the experience with all of you. It began with a short Shabbat service and then kosher dinner, where we hung out with Jews our age from all across the US and Canada. Each day, we completed several activities related to the theme of "as the world turns," where we investigated changes on the individual, community, and global level. There was a group of juniors and seniors called the va'ad who led these programs, something which we hope to join when we are old enough. The activities were fun and not too serious. The programs were very imaginative, especially the first annual Noar Hadash olympics, led completely by a high school senior. Everyone was really friendly, enthusiastic, exuberant, and just fun. Also, the food was delicious. The climax of the event was saying good-bye to the seniors who will be unable to come back, next year. It was certainly emotional. The fact that all of the seniors were literally crying about how much they would miss the kallahs and that teens traveled from across the country and Canada proves how rewarding the kallah was (we teared up, too). Honestly, we cannot convey to you in words what a wonderful experience that we had meeting these people and investigating our heritage. We definitely can't wait to attend next year's kallah – hopefully, with some friends from TBA!

Sam and Abbie Shain

Murder at the 4 Deuces – a successful \$\$\$\$ raiser!

Thank you ALL who participated, either as a character, a guest, a committee person, or a baker. A great time was had by 35 gangsters, molls, flappers, and aristocrats who helped bring over \$500.00 to our Temple's coffers. The Temple was transformed into a speakeasy by our crafty artist, Elaine Trackman; food, other than the delicious desserts brought by various members, was bought and prepared by Phyllis Chudoff; decor was handled by Elaine, Phyllis, Debby Weiss and Eileen Gale. A few non-members – Flossie, Betsy Ramos's friend and Julie, Sheri Haines's friend – contributed their talents, as well as temple members, Charlie Weiss, the murder victim, Rhea Goldman, Elaine and Jay Trackman, Sheri Haines, the murderer, Vic and Betsy Ramos, Michael Rosen, Sid Morginstin, Stan Zeichner, Robin Affrime and Eileen Gale. A very big thank you to all who stayed and helped with the clean up. It made the job so much easier.

Your chairladies, Debby Weiss and Eileen Gale

A message from Debby Weiss to the Sarah Seidel Sisterhood Members

Before taking my leave, I want to acknowledge with deep thanks your many kindnesses to me during the two years that I worked with the Sarah Seidel Sisterhood. My role as co-president has been challenging but rewarding. Thank you for helping me get acclimated and then succeeding with a group of extraordinary women.

So many people have devoted just as much time as I have in getting the sisterhood programs going as well as supporting the temple. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your cooperation, patience and enthusiasm.

I look forward to continuing as a member of the Sarah Seidel Sisterhood.

Sincerely

Debby Weiss

Message from Our Temple President

Another year has almost come to an end. Almost all of the renovations approved by the congregation last year, have been completed (and a few that were not on the list!), except for the new doors. The board is still working on replacing the doors. The cost of the renovations is approximately \$33,000 to date, within the budgeted projection of \$35,000 - \$45,000. Next year, the only major renovation we're projecting is to replace both the temple's and the tenant's front steps.

Next year's budget does not include a fee increase over last year, except that the Board is recommending the discontinuance of the supermarket gift card assessment program. (We are not discontinuing the program, only the assessment. It's still a great fundraiser for the temple.) We were hoping that it would generate far more income than was received. The temple will meet its budget with the additional assessment monies, but will be under its budget for income if all of the monies received from such assessment have to be returned. Thus, our budget proposes just converting the assessment monies into dues for next year. As for those who purchased the required amount under the program and would be entitled to a refund or credit for this coming year's dues, they will be given a choice to have the money returned in the form of a credit to their dues (or a refund if they don't join, this year), or to donate the money to the temple.

Just a reminder: the 5% profit that the temple earns on the gift cards you purchase is a donation and can be treated as a charitable donation on your tax returns!

I am happy to report that Alex, Julie, and Aria are all returning next year.

Below is the proposed slate of officers for next year:

President	Betsy Ramos
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Religious VP	Mike Rosen
Financial VP	Kim Ehrlich
Secretary	Jen Carton

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Have a great summer!

Betsy Ramos
President

SARAH SEIDEL SISTERHOOD

Our next meeting will be the annual Covered Dish dinner on June 11th at 6:15PM. Check out the list of dishes you are assigned. In addition to your covered dish, please bring granola bars to contribute to our interfaith food donation. This will help keep our presence during the summer months.

Flower arrangements for the tables will be made by Karen Nissim and available for purchase after the dinner.

Sisterhood would like to thank Randye Bloom for her wonderful donation of guest passes to Grounds for Sculpture. Not only did everyone have a fabulous time, but we raised some funds! For anyone who has not yet visited Grounds for Sculpture, it is a "must do." The entire establishment is so beautiful and amazing and local!

Thank you Eileen Gale. for hosting a fantastic breakfast board meeting.

Annual Covered Dish Supper
Monday, June 11, 2007
6:15PM

If you cannot attend, are unhappy with the dish that you are assigned, or are bringing a guest (\$5.00), please make a quick phone call to Randye Bloom (298-6485) to let us know – that is the only way to make the covered dish a successful meal for all who attend. Thank you.

Robin Afrime	blintzes
Kim Aubry	your choice
Randy Bloom	ice, milk
Phyllis Chudoff	macaroni & cheese casserole
Sharon Dauber	chocolate chip cookies
Mary Lou Delehanty	cheese and crackers
Marsha Dowshen	your choice
Melissa Fatori	appetizer of choice
Bonnie Friedman	deviled eggs
Eileen Gale	kugel
Mimi Geller	one of your delicious desserts
Susan Giachetti	eggplant parmesan
Nina Glanz	sour cream twists
Bonnie Goldman	anything chocolate
Rhea Goldman	salad of choice
Renee Harrison	plain tuna salad
Phyllis Kamer	green salad
Deena Kobrin	seltzer
Shyrle Kushner	your choice
Shelia Lamonsoff	dessert
Marlene Lavine	your choice
Patricia Lite-Tolomeo	Greek salad
Shira Lowry	appetizer of choice
Charyl Morginstin	brownies
Karen Nissim	asparagus
Rita Nissim	spinach soufflé
Linda Osman	hummus and pita
Freda Pollack	appetizer of choice
Jill Popko	fruit salad
Betsy Ramos	two gals of iced tea & fresh lemons
Madge Rosen	stuffed celery
Marcia Rosen	cheesecake
Evelyn Rothman	rugelach
Debbie Schulkin	your choice
Marcy Schwartz	tabouli
Bettie Schwartzberg	assorted olive bar
Sandy SchwartzBird	main course with salmon
Abbie Shain	guacamole and chips
Samantha Shain	guacamole and chips
May Silver	bread and butter
Arlene Speiser	plain tuna salad
Elaine Trackman	quiche
Yelena Uzlyaner Masoti	applesauce
Ellen Wehrman	baked pasta dish of choice
Debra Weiss	whitefish salad

PLEASE BRING APPROPRIATE SERVING DISH AND UTENSILS

TEMPLE FUNDRAISER – It is time to compile the community booklet for Yom Kippur that lists the names of family and friends whom you wish to honor or remember on that day. The cost to list each name is \$2.00. If you would like to have your family members and friends included, please complete the form below and send it with your check (made **payable to Temple B’nai Abraham**) to Randye Bloom, 514 Reeder Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505. All names must be submitted in writing to ensure proper spellings and designations. Forms and checks must be received by **August 1**. This is the only notice or reminder that you will receive so please clip it from your newsletter. Thank you.

An example of what a listing looks like follows:

Randye E. Bloom & Michael Scolaro, Jr.
honor: Mary F. Scolaro
Brett Wilson & Jeffrey Bloom
Emily Chelsea Bloom
Kori Johanna Bloom

remember: Julius & Selma Bloom
Michael Scolaro
Pauline & William Hodes
Minnie & Joseph Bloom
Rita Hodes & Charles Stein
Michael D. Burns
Andrew S. Zysman
Sal Cuccia

This example would cost \$34.00.

Please include the following names in the community booklet:

HONOR

REMEMBER

Name of donor as it is to appear in booklet:

Check enclosed \$ _____

June
Sivan -Tammuz 5767

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shabbat Services 7:30PM Rabbi Julie leads	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Tot Shabbat/Pot Luck dinner 6PM</i> Adult Services 7:30PM	9
10	11 Sarah Seidel Sisterhood Covered Dish 6:15PM	12	13 Temple Congregational Meeting 7:30PM	14	15 Shabbat Services 7:30PM Oneg Hosts Osman Family in honor of Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Osman	16 Shabbat Services 9:30AM Bat Mitzvah Hannah Osman
17	18	19	20	21	22 Shabbat Services 7:30PM	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Shabbat Services 7:30PM Member of the Year Rhea Goldman G. Rosen and I. Kamer family hosts	30