



# Temple B'nai Abraham

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**President – Betsy Ramos**

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**The Temple Shofar**  
**Rabbi Julie**

JULY/AUGUST

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood  
**President - Shira Lowry**

2008

## A message about our Temple



Temple B'nai Abraham is a small but diverse Jewish community located in historic Bordentown, New Jersey. Our community is both progressive and traditional, enjoying a rich Jewish heritage and history. We are a Reconstructionist congregation and are open and welcoming to all who join.

Records of the Jewish community in Bordentown date back beyond the 1830's, when local Jews played an important part in the town's history. Moses Wolf, a Jewish tailor and clothing store owner, was elected mayor in 1874 and served through 1877.

As the Jewish Community grew and became more active, a group of energetic residents formed the "Bordentown Hebrew Association" in 1917. Their stated intent was "to hold and maintain services for the worship of God and the promotion of good fellowship according to the tenets of the Hebrew faith..." It also gave its corporation the power to build a synagogue and Hebrew school.

In July of 1918, the Bordentown Hebrew Association purchased our temple – the double house at 58-60 Crosswicks Street. By that same fall, the residence was converted to a Shul, and High Holy Day services were conducted there for the first time. In December, 1918, the "Bordentown Hebrew Women's Association" was formed to serve as an auxiliary to the men's group. A Hebrew scholar from Jerusalem was hired in 1921 to serve as resident spiritual leader and Hebrew teacher.

Today, the tradition continues at this same location with our temple serving as synagogue, sanctuary, community center, Hebrew school, and in some cases, the Rabbi's residence.

### About our Rabbi

Julie is in her second year as a rabbi at Temple B'nai Abraham. Julie is currently finishing her rabbinical studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia and will graduate in 2 years.

For her undergraduate studies, she attended Augustana College where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. Julie received a Masters degree in Jewish Studies from Emory University. Since college, Julie has worked as a teacher in religious schools and as a B'nai Mitzvah tutor. She has also worked as a chaplain in a children's hospital, nursing home, and for hospice patients. Since she is not ordained yet, she is to be called Rabbi Julie.



Temple B'nai Abraham is affiliated with the Jewish Reconstruction Federation. [www.jrf.org](http://www.jrf.org)

## Candle Lighting Times

August 1st – 7:55 PM  
 August 8th – 7:47 PM  
 August 15th – 7:38 PM  
 August 22nd – 7:28 PM  
 August 29th – 7:17 PM



There are no services during the month of August.

**First Shabbat service will be Friday, September 5th**  
 A chocolate themed Oneg, hosted by Betsy Ramos and Rhea Goldman, will follow the service. Everyone is encouraged to attend and welcome our new Rabbi.

### Temple B'nai Abraham Officers

President:	Betsy Ramos
Executive VP:	Stan Zeichner
Religious VP:	Sid Morginstin
Financial VP:	Michael Rosen
Recording Secretary:	Shiri Haines
Corres. Secretary:	Robin Affrime
<b>Trustees:</b>	
Religious School Chair	Susan Giachetti
Membership Chair:	Rhea Goldman
Building Chair	Eileen Gale
Adult Education Chair:	Rick Shain

### Sarah Seidel Sisterhood Officers

President	Shira Lowry
Vice President	Debby Weiss
Treasurer	Marcy Schwartz
Financial Secretary	Rita Nissim
Record. Secretary	Ellen Wehrman
Corres. Secretary	Mimi Geller
<b>Trustees:</b>	
Susan Giachetti	Phyllis Chudoff
Elaine Trackman	Eileen Gale

### Tot Shabbat

Our first Tot Shabbat service of the year will be September when we celebrate Selichot, the receiving of the Torah. Join us as we celebrate the day the people of Israel received the Torah. Parents will be notified of the first service.



Our group is always open to new members and new ideas. For more information about Tot Shabbat call Sharon Dauber 291-9169 or email [sdauber@comcast.net](mailto:sdauber@comcast.net)

## Yahrzeits

- August 8 Lester Bird, father-in-law of Sandy Schwarz
- August 8 Beatrice Busch, mother of Phyllis Busch
- August 8 Bernard Shain, father of Betsy Ramos
- August 8 Lulu Cohen, grandmother of Sandra Cohen
- August 15 Alice Mervish, mother of Shyrle Kushner
- August 15 Louis Rosenberg, father of Ellen Wehrman and Louise Thompson
- August 15 Norma Goldman, mother of Maxine & Philip
- August 15 Elaine Zeitz, wife of Carl Zeitz
- August 22 Louis Rosen, father of Gerald Rosen
- August 22 Abraham Kaiser, father of Eileen Gale
- August 29 Celia Schwartz, mother of Marcy Schwartz
- August 29 Selma Bloom, mother of Randye Bloom
- August 29 Norman Goldman, father of Bonnie and Jeff Goldman and father-in-law of Rhea Goldman

## With our School



**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION WILL BE SEPTEMBER 14TH. PARENTS & CHILDREN ARE TO ATTEND.**

## SOCIAL ACTION

While Temple B'nai Abraham may take a break in the summer from services and Hebrew School, unfortunately hunger in the community does not take a rest. We still rely on your help!

During the month of August, please try to drop off boxes of granola bars or any food items for the food pantry. Call Marcy Schwartz at 324-0571 for the drop off location. Because of the economy, food pantry donations are very low all over the country, yet the demand is growing. We will make sure that your donations are delivered to the food pantry and help serve those in need.

We also continue to deliver hot meals to temporary residents of the Pines Motel on the last Thursday of every month. If you are interested in joining our crew for meal delivery, keep in mind the following dates: Aug. 28. We meet in Crosswicks around 5:00, and we are finished delivering meals by 6:15.

## New Year Card

Our talented Sandy SchwartzBird is designing the New Year card this year for our Temple B'nai Abraham and Sarah Seidel Sisterhood communities to greet each other during the High Holy Days. If you wish to participate the cost is only \$5.00. Please send your check to Rita Nissim, 5 Germantown Road, Bordentown, NJ 08505 by September 15th. This card is not to be confused with the Yom Kippur Memorial booklet that Randye Bloom compiles.

### Oneg Shabbat and Sisterhood Hosts

September 5 - **Oneg Hosts** – Betsy Ramos and Rhea Goldman

September 20 - **Shabbat Luncheon Hosts** – Michael and Marcia Rosen in honor of Gerald Rosen's 80th Birthday – MAZAL TOV!!!

*A complete list will be in an upcoming issue. If you are unable to attend and provide refreshments on the date that is assigned to you, it is your responsibility to switch with someone. Please remove any leftover food from the temple and not left in the refrigerator. Please inform Mimi Geller of the change in hosts at 298-1557*

### JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE PRESENTS:

#### JEWISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP FORMING

Following the death of a loved one each of us moves, in our own time and in our own way, through a process of grief, mourning and adjustment. But we do not have to grieve alone... This weekly group is designed to allow members to converse openly and support one another through the grief process. Open to any Jewish adult, regardless of affiliation, who has lost a spouse or life partner within the past 18 months

Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 10 and 17 at from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Beth El Synagogue  
50 Maple Stream Road  
East Windsor, NJ

This is free and welcome to all, but pre-registration is required by September 15, 2008

Facilitator: Riva Levy, MSW

## DONATIONS

### Temple

#### *In Memory of*

**Abraham Zeitz** from Carl Zeitz

**Elaine Zeitz** from Carl Zeitz

**Louis Rosen** from Gerald and Madge Rosen

**Leon Herzog** from Gerald and Madge Rosen

**Abraham Kaiser** from Eileen Gale

**Solomon Schaffer** from Rhoda and Henry Kessler

**Yettie Epstein** from Brian and Maribeth Epstein

**Benjamin Epstein** from Brian & Maribeth Epstein

**Selma Bloom** from Randye Bloom & Michael Scolaro

**Louis Rosenberg** from Ellen and John Wehrman

**Sam Shain** from Marcy Schwartz and Rick Shain

**Julie Kwait** from Marcy Schwartz and Rick Shain

**Celia Schwartz** from Marcy Schwartz & Rick Shain

**Oscar Wasserman** from Linda Bowker

**Bernard Shain** from Betsy Ramos

**Albert Dowshen** from Marsha and Joel Dowshen

#### *In Honor Of*

A Thank You to the temple and community for the honor of being chosen Members of the Year from the Shain-Schwartz Family

### Sisterhood

#### *In Memory of*

**Debbie Morginstin's brother Joel** from Sid & Charyl Morginstin

**Zygmunt Gendzel** from Karen and Frances Sutter

#### *Get Well*

**Julie Pfau** from Phyllis Chudoff, Robin and Steve Affrime, Rita and Marty Nissim, Elaine and Jay Trackman, Marcy Schwartz and Rick Shain, Charyl and Sid Morginstin

#### *Rejoicing with you*

**The Lowry family** from the Popko family in honor of Julia Grabenstein becoming a Bat Mitzvah

**The Giachetti family** from the Popko family in honor of Justin and Marisa Giachetti becoming B'nai Mitzvah

**Elaine and Jay Trackman** from the Popko family in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary

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**Thea Popko** from the Popko family in honor of Thea becoming a Bat Mitzvah

**The Giachetti family** from Randye Bloom and Michael Scolaro in honor of Justin and Marisa Giachetti becoming B'nai Mitzvah

**Alvin Putterman** from Phyllis & Is Kamer in honor of his birthday

**Sarah Seidel Sisterhood** from Marlene Lavine

**The Popko family** from Randye Bloom and Michael Scolaro in honor of Thea becoming a Bat Mitzvah



## AROUND OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

The Temple and community extend condolences to Marcy Schwartz and family on the loss of her sister Joan Sandusky

Temple and community Mazal Tov to:

Mimi Geller on the birth of her great grandson Bear Maxwell Geller.

Carl Zeitz on the engagement of his son, Nate to Alyson Grossman.

Take a look at the new shed located behind the Temple, we are excited by the additional clean and safe storage room.

### TEMPLE WISH LIST for the upcoming year...

New Front Steps

New Closet Doors



New Folding Doors

New Kitchen Sink

Painting in Kitchen

Cabinet Refacing

### New Addresses:

Shiri Haines  
86 New England Avenue  
Unit 42  
Summit, NJ 07901

Shyrle and Sol Kushner  
Bear Creek Assisted Living  
291 Village Rd. East  
W. Windsor, NJ 08550  
448-3479

*We are all happy to have Shyrle and Sol now living back in the area!*

### WELCOME New Sisterhood Member:

Mak Kieffer  
148 Farnsworth Avenue  
Bordentown, NJ 08505

Our new Shofar Editor is now Shiri Haines. Please send all contributions to her at [slhaines2@yahoo.com](mailto:slhaines2@yahoo.com)

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