



Temple B'nai Abraham

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President – Betsy Ramos

The Temple Shofar
Rabbi - Julie Pfau

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood
President - Shira Lowry

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A message from the President



I want to welcome everyone back from the summer. We are excited to start the new year with Rabbi Julie! Please come out and welcome her at our first service on September 5. Rabbi Julie is very open to any new ideas so feel free to contact her with any of your ideas.

When you come to the temple, you should go into the backyard and check out our beautiful new shed! Everyone will agree that it's a tremendous improvement over the old shed. We also bought a dozen new chairs with cushions in the seat and the back. They're quite comfortable. Last, we are working on a fence between the temple and the tenant's backyard. That will give the tenant and the temple separate backyards.

On another note, as you've heard me say before, we need everyone's help to keep this temple operating. We will need people to volunteer their time to serve on the Board next year. If you feel

you would be able to do so, please let me know during the year so that we can transition the position easier.

We also need people to give generously in their pledges. The temple counts on your pledges to meet our budget. Another way to contribute is to buy supermarket gift cards. That program is run by Marsha and Joel Dowshen. It costs you no extra money and the temple makes 5% on every card that is purchased. Thus, as an example, if you buy \$200 in Shoprite gift cards, that would cost you \$200 but the temple makes a profit of \$10. That's an easy way for you to make a donation without spending any extra money!

I look forward to my last year serving as your President. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns at (609) 298-0437 or bramos@capehart.com.

Betsy Ramos
Temple President

ברוכים הבאים **NEW MEMBERS**

Lisa Cohen and Harry Phillips, and their daughter
105 W. Chestnut St., Bordentown, NJ 08505



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the Jewish Reconstruction Federation.
www.jrf.org

Shabbat Services for September



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
Trustees:	
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
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Financial Secretary	Rita Nissim
Record. Secretary	Ellen Wehrman
Corres. Secretary	Mimi Geller
Trustees:	
Susan Giachetti	Phyllis Chudoff
Elaine Trackman	Eileen Gale

Friday, September 5 (6 Elul 5768)

– Erev Shabbat Services at 7:30 p.m.

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 Julie.

Candle Lighting 7:06 p.m.

Saturday, September 13 (13 Elul 5768)

– Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30 a.m.

Kiddush luncheon follows hosted by Michael and Marcia Rosen in honor of Gerald Rosen's 80th birthday ~ Mazal Tov!

Friday, September 19 (20 Elul 5768)

– Erev Shabbat Services at 7:30 p.m.

Candle Lighting 6:43 p.m.

Friday, September 26 (27 Elul 5768)

– Erev Shabbat Services at 7:30 p.m.

Candle Lighting 6:31 p.m.

Monday, September 29 (29 Elul 5768)

– Erev Rosh Hashanah Service at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30 (1 Tishri 5769)

– First Day Rosh Hashanah Service at 9:30 a.m.

Honey and Challah hosted by Debbie Weiss and Elaine Trackman

– Tashlich at 12:30 p.m.

– Family Service at 6:00 p.m.

Social Action



Like a Hanukah miracle, somehow we had exactly the right number of boxes of granola bars donated to keep our contributions to the interfaith effort to help hungry families throughout the entire summer! In mid-August, the last 20 boxes were dropped off for distribution. Please keep this project in mind and bring a box of granola bars to the Temple in September when you come for services, Hebrew School, or meetings. Many thanks to all of our generous and thoughtful members!

Other non-perishable food items for the St. Mary's food pantry are also welcome! Our monthly meal delivery to the Pine Motel has also continued without interruption during the summer. Thanks to the Giachetti family, Robin Affrime, and Jill Popko for their help! All helping hands (and drivers) are welcome to join in on the last Thursday of every month.

Any questions about these projects, please call Marcy Schwartz at 324-0571.

YAHREZEITS

September 13

Bonnie Ross, mother of Jack Ross

Julius Lederman, father of Steven Lederman

Jerome Epstein, grandfather of Brian Epstein

September 19

Jack Bagan, father of Elaine Zeitz and husband of Bea Bagan

Deanne Klein, sister of Arlene Speiser

Anette Brewis, great aunt of Brian Epstein

September 26

Robert Klein, father of Ashirah Lazarus-Klein

Zelda Goldman, mother of Norman Goldman, founding Temple member family

Ida Goldman, 2nd wife of Hyman Goldman, founding Temple member family

Harry Roseman, father of Renee Harrison

Elinore Roth, mother of Elaine Trackman

STUDENT RABBI JULIE PFAU

For the first time in 5 years, Temple B'nai Abraham will welcome a new student Rabbi; JULIE PFAU. Rabbi Julie is a student, so her primary concern is her education and she may not always be readily available. Information from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, informs us she may not be called "Rabbi Pfau" until after graduation. So, Rabbi Julie is appreciated.

After so many successful years at Temple B'nai Abraham, many of us may have forgotten the mistakes that Rabbi Alex made in his first year. It was a learning experience for him and it will be for Rabbi Julie as well. Please show her the same level of understanding and respect. If you notice that she missed something, or did something differently, please ask her about it, she is very friendly and always willing to talk. You may also discuss it with one of the members of the Religious Committee: Len Klepner, Mike Rosen, Jay Trackman, or Sid Morginstin. They can then talk to Rabbi Julie. Positive feedback is, of course, always welcomed!

On a different note: it may be helpful to know that much of what a Rabbi does, besides services and Hebrew school, is covered by your Temple dues and contributions. This includes normal Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation (extra work is NOT included), a baby naming at a regularly scheduled service, a funeral of a member, Shiva services of a member, and an unveiling for a member. If travel beyond a reasonable distance (25 miles from Bordentown) is required, compensation is customary.

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College has issued a set of guidelines for student rabbi's fees. These would apply if the event was not included in the rabbi's usual duties as mentioned above. These include the following: Funerals \$350, Weddings \$300-\$400, Unveilings \$150 - \$200. If you need the Rabbi for any of the above for a relative or friend, appropriate compensation is paid to the Rabbi. Please discuss this with the Rabbi.

In all cases, even if the item is covered, it is most appropriate that you offer the Rabbi an honorarium.

Teen Group

The joint teen group that TBA teens have been part of for the last few years with teens from String of Pearls and Kehillat Shalom will not be continuing this year. We hope to plan some events for the TBA teens as interesting opportunities come up (films, field trips, leadership building, etc.).

Stay Tuned!

ADULT EDUCATION

Participating in Adult Education activities is fun. You get to know your fellow Temple members a little bit better in a relaxed setting, learn some new things about Judaism and Jewish culture, and often get to nosh, too! This year at the Temple B'nai Abraham, we will continue to have our Jewish Film Series, which shows movies about Jewish life in the United States and elsewhere in the world. Also, if there is sufficient interest (at least six people per group), we will have classes and discussion groups on topic of interest to the Temple community. Rabbi Julie, for example, would be delighted to offer an Adult Bar Mitzvah/Bat Mitzvah class.

In several weeks, I will circulate a questionnaire to find out what sort of Adult Education events you would like to see organized this year. Please feel free, before I distribute the questionnaire, to send me your ideas for Adult Education activities either through e-mail at shainr30@hotmail.com or by telephone (609-324-0571). Some Temple members already have done so and I am grateful for your suggestions.

Let's make this a red letter year for Adult Education in our community!

Rick Shain
Adult Education Chair

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 & November 3, 10 & 17
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

New Year Card

Our very talented **Sandy Schwartz Bird** is designing a beautiful New Year card 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 Randy Bloom graciously compiles.

MISHEBERACH LIST

At Temple B'nai Abraham, our PRAYER FOR HEALING is done in a very special way, the Rabbi looks around the room and those in the sanctuary announce the names of those who need a special prayer for healing. If someone cannot attend the service, however, the names that they would have mentioned are missed. This unique process makes everyone present feel a special participation in the service but can be time-consuming and tedious for some.

Starting in September, we will be exploring perhaps doing this differently. If you desire a healing prayer to be said for someone, you may send the name(s) to Sid Morginstin along with your name. He will put a list together and the Rabbi will read the names from the Bima. Then she will ask for other names to be announced by those present.

The name will stay on the Misheberach List for ONE MONTH or unless you ask for it to be removed sooner. After a MONTH, you should submit the name again. Please let us know how you feel about this new process.

SARAH SEIDEL SISTERHOOD

The September meeting for the Sisterhood will be a week later than usual and will be on Tuesday, September 16th at 7PM. Please bring your favorite dessert or snack item to share with all. Temple members new and old are invited to join our Sisterhood. We look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

MEMBER SERMON PROGRAM

Some years ago, we explored a program where any member of our congregation could deliver the Dvar Torah on a Friday Night. Back by popular demand we will be beginning this program again this year!

Here is how it works: (1) Tell the Rabbi that you want to give the sermon, tell her the topic, and set the date. (2) About two weeks before the date, send a copy of the sermon to Rabbi Julie. (3) She will review the sermon for presentation format and any possible suggested Rabbinical improvements. (4) Incorporate the changes and on the designated night, deliver the sermon.

This is open to all Temple B'nai Abraham members. *The only restriction: nothing political.*

Oneg Shabbat and Sisterhood Hosts

Look for a more complete Oneg list in the October Newsletter

To be considerate of all providing Onegs and attending Services, if you are unable to attend and provide refreshments on the date that is assigned to you, please take the responsibility to switch with someone. Please note that any leftover food must be removed from the Temple and not left in the refrigerator. Please inform Mimi Geller of the change in hosts at 298-1557

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

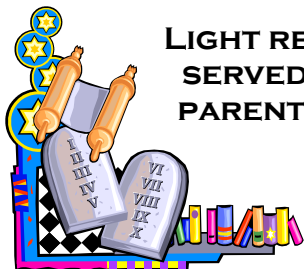
Temple B'nai Abraham Memorial Plaques can be purchased for \$250. To order a plaque you need to provide the following information *in writing* to the Religious Chairman (Sid Morginstin):

1. English name of deceased loved one.
2. Hebrew name of deceased loved one. *If you do not know this, the religious chair and the Rabbi can help you with an appropriate name.*
3. Date of death as MONTH-DAY-YEAR.

You can be billed when the plaque is received. Plaques are ordered from the supplier when there are at least four plaques requested. This may take some time, however, if you would like your plaque earlier, you may request this and we will do everything we can.

HEBREW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 14TH
10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
SERVED AND THERE WILL BE A
PARENT MEETING WITH RABBI
JULIE.

JOIN US FOR AN
EXCITING YEAR!

PLEASE CALL SUSAN GIACHETTI
609-259-7348 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Yahrzeit List

A card is provided by the Temple to all members of our congregation who have asked to be reminded of the anniversary of a loved one's death (Yahrzeit). These reminders are mailed about one month prior to the Yahrzeit. If you would like to be included in this tradition, and also have the name listed in the newsletter and read at services, please provide the following information in writing to the Religious Chairman (Sid Morginstin):

1. English name of the deceased loved one
2. Date of death as MONTH-DAY-YEAR
3. Relationship to you

Please understand that often the actual date of the Yahrzeit falls during the week. It is the custom at Temple B'nai Abraham to mark this on the closest Friday night or Saturday morning service. The reminder card that you receive will have the Friday date. Please be sure to check the service schedule online or in the newsletter in case the services are on Saturday that week.

*The Shain/Schwartz family
invites all Temple members to an
open house immediately following
Taschlich on Tuesday, September 30*

DONATIONS

Temple

In Memory of

Elinore Roth, mother of Elaine Trackman, from Jay and Elaine Trackman

Edith Trackman, mother of Jay Trackman, from Jay and Elaine Trackman

Elaine Zeitz, wife of Carl Zeitz, from Carl Zeitz
Abraham Zeitz, father of Carl Zeitz, from Carl Zeitz

Elaine Zeitz from Randye Bloom and Michael Scolaro

Bea Bagan from Randye Bloom and Michael Scolaro

Norman Goldman from Jeffrey Goldman

Jack Roth, father of Elaine Trackman, from Jay and Elaine Trackman

The Temple and Sisterhood community sends condolences to the **Bagan Family** on the passing **Bea Bagan**, **Elaine Zeitz's** mother, and a sisterhood member.

Sisterhood

In Memory of

Mary Fama Scolaro, mother of **Michael Scolaro**, from Eileen Gale, Elaine and Jay Trackman, Rita and Marty Nissim, Renee Harrison, Phyllis and Is Kamer, Charyl and Sid Morginstin, and Phyllis Chudoff

Get Well

Marcel Nissim, from Charyl and Sid Morginstin and Phyllis and Is Kamer

Happy Birthday

Gerald Rosen for his 80th birthday from Eileen Gale, Rita and Marty Nissim, and Elaine and Jay Trackman

Harriet Gould, from Phyllis and Is Kamer

Rejoicing with you

Phoebe and Jeff Nissim on the grand opening of your new store, from Elaine and Jay Trackman
Gert and Victor Bonatti-Zotta on the birth of their 11th grandchild, Amanda Granaldi

Tot Shabbat

Our Tot Shabbat Program will continue this Fall with Rachael Schwartz and Karen Nissim co-chairing this wonderful program for our Temple Tots. The first Tot Shabbat will be on **September 26, 2008 at 6:00 PM.**



Please contact:

Rachael Schwartz at
(609) 324-7762,

eslrachel@verizon.net,

or Karen Nissim at

(609) 298-4843,

neiln64@aol.com,

with your questions and to
RSVP.

Break Fast

Our annual Break-the-Fast will follow the final Yom Kippur service on **Thursday, October 9th**

Adults \$10.00

Children under 13 \$5.00

Please call or email Shira Lowry or Kim Aubry by Thursday, October 2nd to place your reservation and to receive your food assignment.

Shira Lowry (609) 440-9753 or
shira.lowry@berwickoffray.com

Kim Aubry (609) 499-4840 or
kimaubry@gmail.com

WELCOME

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2008

Wednesday, 10/01 9:30 AM
Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service

Friday, 10/03 7:30 PM
Erev Shabbat Service

Wednesday, 10/08 6:00 PM
Kol Nidre Service

Thursday, 10/09 9:30 AM
Yom Kippur Morning Service

12:00 NOON

Yizkor Service

5:00 PM

Afternoon & Neilah

Break Fast

Hosted by Kim Aubry and Shira Lowry

Friday, 10/17 7:30 PM
Erev Shabbat, *Oneg in Sukkah hosted by Giachetti & Osman Families*

Tuesday, 10/21 7:30 PM
Simchat Torah Service

Saturday, 10/25 9:30 AM
Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, 10/31 7:30 PM
Erev Shabbat Service

Sisterhood Budget
June 31, 2007 -
July 1, 2008

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Year
INCOME													
Dues	75.00	75.00	650.00	75.00	120.00		10.00					580.00	1,585.00
New Year Card	35.00	20.00	130.00	75.00	20.00	10.00						145.00	435.00
Joy/Sorow	122.50	32.50	20.00	82.50	47.50	25.00	22.50	62.50	22.50	65.00	60.00	157.50	720.00
Break the Fast			430.00	320.00									750.00
Gift Case/Candy Sales				65.00		714.65							779.65
Leon Seidel Trust						4,468.00							4,468.00
Progam						375.00			300.00	10.00		40.00	725.00
													0.00
													0.00
													0.00
													0.00
Miscellaneous													0.00
Income Totals	\$232.50	\$127.50	\$1,230.00	\$617.50	\$187.50	\$5,592.65	\$32.50	\$62.50	\$322.50	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$922.50	\$9,462.65
EXPENSES													
Leon Seidel Trust						4,468.00							4,468.00
House				56.78			30.62	19.98			116.66	12.58	236.62
Break the Fast				274.15									274.15
Shiva												53.90	53.90
Postage		41.00		49.20	25.83				41.00			8.20	165.23
Gift Case/Candy													0.00
Program	125.00						26.44	16.00	568.10			35.00	770.54
New Years Card/Printing				90.20									90.20
Teen Teachers Salary					2,000.00								2,000.00
taxes							25.00						25.00
													0.00
													0.00
Expense Totals	\$125.00	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$470.33	\$2,025.83	\$4,468.00	\$82.06	\$35.98	\$609.10	\$0.00	\$116.66	\$109.68	\$8,083.64
Total P&L	\$107.50	\$86.50	\$1,230.00	\$147.17	-\$1,838.33	\$1,124.65	-\$49.56	\$26.52	-\$286.60	\$75.00	-\$56.66	\$812.82	\$1,379.01

Bank Balances as of	09/02/08
Checking	
8 month CD - Matures 1/08	
8 month CD - Matures 1/08	
Savings	3,664.00
Total Bank Balance	\$3,664.00

SEPTEMBER 2008

ELUL 5768 – TISHRE 5769

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 L A B O R D A Y	2	3	4	5 FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES 7:30PM CHOCOLATE ONEG HOSTS BETSY RAMOS AND RHEA GOLDMAN EVERYONE IS INVITED TO WELCOME RABBI JULIE	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 SHABBAT SERVICES 9:30AM KIDDUSH HOST MICHAEL & MARCIA ROSEN IN HONOR OF GERALD'S 80 TH BIRTHDAY
14 HEBREW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION 10 AM - NOON	15 TEMPLE BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM	16 SARAH SEIDEL SISTERHOOD 7:00 PM	17	18 HEBREW SCHOOL 4:30 – 6:30 PM	19 FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES 7:30PM	20
21 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - 10:00 AM HEBREW SCHOOL 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	22	23	24	25 HEBREW SCHOOL 4:30 – 6:30 PM	26 TOT SHABBAT 6:00 PM ADULT SERVICES 7:30 PM	27
28 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - 10:00 AM HEBREW SCHOOL 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	29 EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE 7:30 PM	30 FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE 9:30 AM TASHLICH 12:30 PM FAMILY SERVICE 6:00 PM	OCTOBER 1 SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE 9:30 AM			