



# Temple B'nai Abraham

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President – Betsy Ramos

5769 NISAN-IYAR

## The Temple Shofar

Rabbi - Julie Pfau

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood  
President - Shira Lowry

APRIL 2009



In the interest of increasing her accessibility, Rabbi Julie has reserved times each week when she will be available for your phone calls and to respond to your non-emergency communications. Those times are:

**Sundays 8:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Mondays 8:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Thursdays 3:45 - 4:30 pm**

For urgent and time sensitive communications, please note this in the subject line of emails and leave a voicemail as well. Rabbi Julie will be checking phone messages each day, and, in case of an emergency, will respond in a timely manner.

## Congregational Meetings

Our Annual Congregation Meetings will be held on

**Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

&

**Tuesday, June 16, 2009**

**both at 7:30 pm.**

At the first meeting, we will be distributing the proposed budget for the coming year, as well as the slate of officers. The Board will be proposing a slight dues increase to reflect a \$10/year increase in JRF dues. We have not yet prepared the budget but are hoping we can balance it without any other increases.

We will also be proposing a new Board position, called Past President. Please come out to the meetings to express your views concerning the Temple.

We would love to hear them.

Betsy Ramos  
Temple President

## Welcome to Our New Members:

### Sharon & Leonard Coleman

116 Ridgway Drive  
Bordentown, NJ 08505  
(609) 447-0128

### Melanie & Todd Kunkler

19 Sagamore Lane  
Bordentown, NJ 08505  
(609) 298-0540

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## SUPERMARKET GIFT CARD PROGRAM

It has been a slow year for gift cards. Please contact Marsha Dowshen 298-5306 to get your grocery store gift cards for Acme and ShopRite and support Temple B'nai Abraham every time you shop.



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

### Temple B'nai Abraham Officers

President:	Betsy Ramos
Executive VP:	Robin Affrime
Religious VP:	Sid Morginstin
Financial VP:	Michael Rosen
Recording Secretary:	Shiri Haines
<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

## Shabbat Service Dates and Times



### Friday, April 3

Learners Minyan at 7:00 pm  
Shabbat Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 10

Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m.  
Shabbat Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 17

Shabbat Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 25

Shabbat Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.

### Shabbat Candle Lighting Time

Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:06
Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:13
Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:20
Friday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:28

## April Oneg Shabbat and Sisterhood Hosts

**Friday, April 3** 7:30 PM  
Erev Shabbat Oneg – *Erlich/Cook Family*  
**Saturday, April 25** 9:30 AM  
Shabbat Morning Service Oneg - *Bonnie Friedman*

If you are unable to serve on the date assigned to you, you are responsible for finding a substitute. Please inform the Sisterhood President that another person/family will take your place (Shira Lowry (609) 440-9753 [shira.lowry@berwickoffray.com](mailto:shira.lowry@berwickoffray.com))

## SOCIAL ACTION NEWS



Dear Friends,

Last month, we had over 60 grocery bags which we delivered last Monday. The motels are so full that even with 60 bags, we did not have enough.

We were able to have three vehicles, one each with the meals, grocery bags, and hygiene products, and one woman at the Pines (I believe she has a young son) came out to get the hygiene products, and she said to us, "Am I the only one who cries when you all come?", and I realized that she isn't. We see tears of appreciation each time we go out. For all of you who are continuing to give in this economy, thank you very much from all the folks in the motels. They really appreciate it. If anyone knows of any other churches or organizations who might be interested in also contributing, please don't be shy in asking. In order to keep up with 60 full grocery bags, we need a lot of groceries each month. So far we have had plenty, but more would always be welcome. If you have any questions or would like to help with food delivery or any other social action activity, please call Marcy at (609) 324-0571.

A big thank you to the Sunday and Hebrew School students for their great work on March 22, when we prepared 80 lunches of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, juice and fruit for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen! Thank you to the Osman family for their help with monthly food delivery to the Pine Motel. Keep those boxes of granola bars coming!

## Save the Date! Upcoming Shabbat Morning Services

April 25<sup>th</sup>                      May 16<sup>th</sup>  
June 20<sup>th</sup>

# SISTERHOOD NEWS

**"My Cookies are better than Your Cookies"** Contest  
A Sarah Seidel Sisterhood Fundraiser

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood has started a cookie baking contest to raise money for the Temple. **October 1, 2009** is the day of the contest. We are in the creating and formulating stage of the fundraiser.

If you would like to contribute your skills and talents to this, we would love to have you. Here are just some of the things we need:

1. Companies/people to be sponsors, to be an in-kind sponsor, donate prizes.
2. Someone that is technically skilled for website development.
3. People to promote and share this with friends
4. Ideas from bakers or people who enter contests

Contact if interested or have questions or ideas: Kim Aubry at [kimaubry@gmail.com](mailto:kimaubry@gmail.com), call 609-499-3158 or Shira Lowry at [shira.lowry@berwickoffray.com](mailto:shira.lowry@berwickoffray.com) or 609-324-0072.

## DONATIONS

### In Memory of

Michael Walton Pfau from *Robin & Steve Affrime, Evelyn Rothman, Phyllis Chudoff, Eileen Gale, Elaine & Jay Trackman, Phyllis & Is Kamer, Rita & Marty Nissim, Phoebe & Jeff Nissim, Charyl & Sid Morginstin, Marcy Schwartz & Rick Shain*

Pearl Courchene from *Phyllis and Is kamer*

Ray Gorelick from *Elaine & Jay Trackman, Rita & Marty Nissim*

Irving Epstein and Sylvia Goldman from *Rhea Goldman*

Sheldon Potraker from *Phoebe & Jeff Nissim*

Betsy Ramos' cousin from *Eileen Gale*

Sylvia Goldman from *Bonnie Goldman*

Leonard Greenblatt from *Michael and Marcia Rosen*

Max Kessler from *Rhoda and Henry Kessler*

### Get well

Elizabeth Klepner from *Eileen Gale, Sid & Charyl Morginstin, Elaine & Jay Trackman, Rita & Marty Nissim*

Marcel Nissim from *The Nissim Families*

Shyrl Kushner from *Phyllis and Is Kamer*

Rejoicing with you on the birth of Isabella Mitchell from  
Marcy Schwartz and Rick Shain

Our condolences to the Konigsberg-Steinhouse Family on  
the loss of Janice's mother

## Jewish Heritage Night

at the

### TRENTON THUNDER

July 8<sup>th</sup>

7:05 pm

VS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FISHER CATS



**\$10.00 per ticket**

Thunder T-Shirts to the first 1,000 fans 18+  
Please contact Charlie Weiss at (609) 802-2766  
or [charlie@jande.org](mailto:charlie@jande.org) for tickets by June 8, 2009.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Chocolate Seder on April 5 10:00-noon  
This will be a combined program for Sunday  
and Hebrew School

Hebrew/Sunday School Spring Break  
April 9-April 19th classes resume on April 23

Snack List for Hebrew School:  
April (after Passover) - The Saltstein Family  
May - The Deitch Family

## YAHREZEITS

### April 3

Mildred Josephson, mother of Mark Josephson, and wife of Sam Josephson  
Charles Herzog, father of Madge Rosen  
Frances Epstein, mother of Rhea Goldman

### April 10

Bess Light, mother of Patricia Light-Tolomeo  
Jack Harrison, brother-in-law Renee Harrison

### April 17

Albert Dowshen, father Joel Dowshen  
Ida Reichlin, mother of Peter Reichlin, and long time Temple member  
Flora Grassian, mother of Rita Nissim

### April 24

Belle Rosen, mother of Gerald Rosen  
Harriet Hicks, maternal grandmother Sara Blann

## TOT SHABBAT NEWS

We start the evening with candle lighting, *kiddush*, and *motzi*, and then share a meal together before moving into a short service, a story, and an activity. The children enjoy the continuing adventures of Sammy Spider as he learns (with them) about Jewish life and rituals. And, of course, every Tot Shabbat ends with time for crafts or games.



Anyone who wants to stop by and experience the fun of Tot Shabbat is welcome, and be sure to tell anyone you know who might be interested in coming. Here are the upcoming dates and themes:

**April 10th – Passover**

**May 22nd – Shavuot**

**June 12th – Israel**

**Please contact:** Karen Nissim: (609) 298-4845  
neiln64@aol.com or Rachael Schwartz:  
eslrachel@verizon.net to RSVP.



## Time for Spring Cleaning!

Spring is in the air, and that means it's time to get ready for the Yard Sale that Sisterhood has planned for **Sunday, May 17th** – the same day as the Bordentown Street Fair.

*To help get ready for this exciting event, here is a list of items the experts say will sell the best at Yard Sales:*

1. Clothes (especially children's clothes)
2. Power Tools (saws, drills, sanders)
3. Sporting Equipment (golf clubs, workout equip.)
4. Bicycles (especially ones ready to ride)
5. Electronics (stereos, computers)
6. Toys (not broken)
7. Appliances & Household Items (refrigerators, irons, dishes)
8. Furniture (chairs, tables, beds)
9. Books (especially children's books)
10. Gardening Equipment
11. Jewelry (watches, rings)
12. Clean Linens, bedding

More information to follow next month!

## ADULT EDUCATION

WITH RABBI JULIE

During our Learner's Minyan on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be a chance to talk about your questions and concerns, as well as to share your own experiences. We will start at 7:00 pm and have half an hour of learning before the start of our Shabbat service.

**Next Learner's Minyan date: May 8<sup>th</sup>**

### Our Condolences

As you know, Rabbi Julie recently lost her father. We thought you would like to view his obituary, which is retyped below. In addition to the scholarship fund, Rabbi Julie indicated that any congregants interested in making a donation could also donate to the temple or the sisterhood. Anyone who would like to send her a sympathy card should send it to: Julie Pfau, c/o RRC, 1299 Church Road, Wyncote, PA 19095.

Betsy Ramos  
Temple President

#### Obituary:

Michael Walton Pfau (3/14/45-3/12/09) died in Norman, OK after a brief illness. Michael's life and career expressed his passion for research, argumentation and teaching. After graduating from Bloomington HS, he served in the US Air Force, earned his BA and MA from the University of New Hampshire, and later obtained his PhD from the University of Arizona. Dr. Pfau impacted the lives of countless students – especially those he worked with at Alexander Ramsey HS in Roseville, MN (71-75); Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD (75-93); the University of Wisconsin in Madison (93-01); the University of Oklahoma (01-09); and a multitude of debate institutes and tournaments. Wherever he taught, he channeled his unflagging energy to motivate and inspire students to reach their goals. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ginger Nelson Pfau; son, Michael (Amanda) and grandchildren, Anika and Callan; daughter, Julie Pfau; sisters Shirlene Merrill and Kelly Kuehn, as well as a multitude of beloved family members, friends, academic colleagues, and former students. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Vivian Pfau. Visitation at Morris Nilsen Chapel (612-869-3226), March 17, 6-8 pm. Services at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 8443 2nd Ave S, Bloomington, MN, March 18, 11 am. Burial at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. So that he will still open doors for students even after his death, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Oklahoma Foundation (100 Timberdell Rd, Norman, OK 73019) for the Michael Pfau Scholarship Fund.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Hebrew School 4:30 – 6:30 pm	3 <u>Adult Ed Learner's Minyan</u> 7:00 pm  <u>Friday Night Services</u> 7:30 pm <i>Oneg by Erlich/Cook Family</i>	4
5 Sunday and Hebrew School Chocolate Seder 10:00 am – 12:00 noon	6	7	8 <i>Erev Passover</i>	9 <i>Passover I</i>  Passover Seder 6:00 pm  No Hebrew School	10 <i>Passover II</i>  <u>Tot Shabbat</u> 6:00 pm  <u>Friday Night Services</u> 7:30 pm	11 <i>Passover III</i>
12 <i>Passover IV</i>  No Sunday or Hebrew School	13 <i>Passover V</i>	14 <i>Passover VI</i>	15 <i>Passover VII</i>	16 <i>Passover VIII</i>  No Hebrew School	17  <u>Friday Night Services</u> 7:30 pm	18
19  No Sunday or Hebrew School	20	21 <i>Yom Hashoah</i>	22	23 Hebrew School 4:30 – 6:30 pm  Temple Board Meeting 7:00 pm	24 <i>Rosh Hodesh I</i>	25 <i>Rosh Hodesh II</i>  <u>Shabbat Morning Services</u> 9:30 am
26 Sunday School 9:00 - 10:00 am Hebrew School 10:00 am – 12:00 noon	27	28 <i>Yom Hazikaron</i>	29 <i>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</i>	30 Hebrew School 4:30 – 6:30 pm  <i>Food Delivery</i>		