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Important Dates

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| Saturday Service- Rubin Carlis's Bar Mitzvah | 6/7 |
| Sisterhood Meeting Covered Dish | 6/9 |
| Congregational Meeting | 6/11 |
| Tot Shabbat | 6/13 |
| Saturday Service- Matthew Kunkler's Bar Mitzvah | 6/28 |

"The Temple Shofar"

June, 2014

Rabbi's Message

Over the past year, I have had a number of conversations with people who have expressed an interest in engaging in additional learning. Some have been hoping to brush up on their Hebrew reading skills, others have wanted to work on learning prayers in a more deliberate way, still others have expressed an interest in studying more about Reconstructionism. As conversations progressed, the idea of having an adult *b'nei mitzvah* class has come up.

For children in our congregation, *b'nei mitzvah* services are very personalized to each child and are filled to overflowing with visiting friends and family, and usually culminate with some kind of elaborate party... When adults celebrate a *bar/bat mitzvah*, it has a very different look. Generally, a small group of adults commit to a process of learning together over the course of a year or two, and this learning process culminates with the group leading services and celebrating together amidst the community.

I would like to find out the level of interest in having an adult *b'nei mitzvah*/confirmation class. One problem with just calling it a *b'nei mitzvah* class is that some people might feel excluded from deepening their Jewish learning and leadership skills because they already had a *bar/bat mitzvah* at an earlier stage of life. For some, the *bar* or *bat mitzvah* experience when they were 13 was superficial or alienating. Others may have had a positive experience but then forgot things with the passage of time. Joining in

a confirmation class is a way to deepen or rebuild one's connection to Judaism for those who have gone through a *bar* or *bat mitzvah*.

Once I have a sense of people's level of interest, I would be able to determine the content of the course. If most participants need to learn to read Hebrew, we might start with a year of Hebrew skill-building. The advantage of an adult class is that there isn't a looming deadline to complete the course...

The goal of any good learning is to stretch but not strain. So if you are interested in stretching your Jewish knowledge and building your Hebrew skills, please be in touch with me over the next month so that I can start thinking about what would best meet the needs of those who are interested.

Shalom,
Rabbi Pfau



On Saturday, May 24th Charlie Weiss represented Temple B'nai Abraham by presenting the invocation at the City of Bordentown Memorial Day Program.

Sisterhood News & Announcements

Sisterhood News:

The Sisterhood extends our sympathy to Marsha Caldwell and family on the loss of her father, Dr. Lawrence I. Silverman. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Thank you to Jeff and Phoebe Nissim, Barbara Nissim Streisfield, and Karen, Mia, and Corrine Nissim for a fabulous Sunday cooking event! About twenty of us learned a bit about Sephardic Jews, ate borekas, spanakopita, and fidello, and made borekas. Most importantly, we honored the memory of a longtime member of the Temple and Sisterhood, Lee Nissim. And while having fun and learning so much, we raised \$600 for the Sisterhood. A most productive day! Special thanks to Jeff who conceived the day and worked particularly hard preparing the food before the event. We all appreciate the efforts of the Nissim family.

Thank you to the Affrimes, Caldwells, Dowshens, Schwartz-Shains, Bloom-Scolaros, and Wehrmans for participating in the Passover Haggadah fundraiser. The Sisterhood received \$89.70 and we all have really terrific Haggadahs! It was a very easy way to make a little extra money. We expect to set up an account again next year, so if you missed this year you will have another chance.

Thank you to Susan Roth for her service as a Trustee this past year. We appreciate your willingness to serve with the Sisterhood Board.

Welcome to Robin Affrime, who has joined the Board as a Trustee. Please be sure to attend the "Member of the Year" service on Friday, June 20, when Steve and Robin Affrime will be honored for their decades of service to the Temple. Mazel tov, Robin and Steve!

Covered dish will be held Monday, June 9 at 6:15. You should have received your invitation by e-mail if you have given us an e-mail address. There is also a list of assignments in this newsletter (page 6). Please be sure to contact either Marsha Dowshen [298-5306] or Randye [298-6485] if you are unable to attend, are bringing a guest, or wish to change your assignment. We look forward to seeing all of you at this annual event.

See you at the covered dish!!! Randye

Sisterhood Donations

- In memory of Sam Halperin from Sid Morginstin
- In memory of Dr. Lawrence Silverman from Marcy Schwartz and Rick Shain.

Temple Donations

- Rhea Goldman, in memory of Frances Epstein
- Marsha & Joel Dowshen, in memory of Albert Dowshen
- Arlene Speiser, in memory of Arthur Fishman
- Patricia Light-Tolomeo, in memory of Bess Light
- Robin & Steve Affrime, memory in memory of Julia Affrime
- Randye Bloom & Michael Scolaro, in memory of Rita Hodes
- Marcia & Michael Rosen, in memory of Bernard Greenblatt
- Marcia & Michael Rosen, in memory of Belle Rosen
- Marcia & Michael Rosen, in memory of Leon Herzog
- Marie & Michael Rosenberg, in memory of Louis Rosenberg
- In memory of Dr. Lawrence I. Silverman from Elaine and Jay Trackman; Michael Scolaro and Randye Bloom; Marsha and Joel Dowshen; Eileen Gale and Art Guyer

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“The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give.”

~ Walt Whitman



Congregational Meeting: **Wednesday, June 11th, 7:30 pm**

One of the benefits — and obligations — of being a member of a smaller congregation is reflected in the opportunity to have an influential voice, to contribute to a vision, and to support your fellow congregants.

Our congregational meetings are a critical part of the process that keeps our synagogue operating with its unique brand of democracy. I urge everyone not to underestimate the importance of your individual contribution, to embrace this responsibility, and to please attend our annual meeting.

Thank you,

Charlie Weiss
President



Supermarket Gift Card Program

It is always the season for sharing and giving. Please share with the Temple by purchasing your gift cards from Acme or ShopRite for your New Year's celebration.

Please make checks payable to **Temple B'nai Abraham** and send to: **Marsha Dowshen / 502 Farnsworth Ave., Bordentown, NJ 08505 / (609) 298-5306**. Your cards will be sent to you the same day.

Tikkun Olam / Social Action

TBA continues to make meaningful contributions to hunger relief in our area, and YOU can be part of it! Here are ways to help:

- Donating boxes of granola bars or cans of tuna or chicken for our monthly contribution to grocery bags for motel residents.
- Any non-perishable food items are welcome for the St. Mary's Food Pantry, just place them in the baskets at the temple.
- We deliver hot meals prepared by the Friends Meeting in Crosswicks to the Pine Motel on the first Thurs. of every month.

All of these efforts are interfaith collaborations with area worship centers. Together we can make a difference!

Thank you to Robin and Steve Affrime, the Weiss family, the Kunkler family, Marcy Schwartz, Rick Shain and Ellen Wehrman for their continued help with meal delivery.

Let's plan ahead for the summer! Temple may not be so active in July and August, but hunger knows no season. So please bring in a few extra items in the coming months so we can keep up our commitment to the interfaith effort at hunger relief. We will make sure that all donated food is delivered to the St. Mary's food pantry and to the motel residents. For the motel grocery bags, remember that our items are granola bars and canned tuna or chicken. Thank you for your support! It really does make a difference.

**“Deeds of
giving are the
very
foundations
of the world.”**

**~ Jewish
saying derived
from the
Mishna, Pirkei
Avot 1:2**

Yahrzeits for Summer 2014

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| Week of June 6 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harry Brewis, Great-Great- Grandfather of Brian Epstein |
| Week of June 13 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Groveman, Father-In-Law of Seena Groveman |
| Week of June 20 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genevive Maza, Aunt of Sandra Cohen Robert Gale, Husband of Eileen Gale Bernard Fink, Father of Mindy Fink |
| Week of June 27 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estelle Epstein, Grandmother of Brian Epstein Claudette Fishmann, Mother of Linda Osman Joan Sandusky, Sister of Marcy Schwartz Bernard Speiser, Husband of Arlene Speiser |
| Week of July 4 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aaron Cohen, Grandfather of Sandra Cohen |
| Week of July 11 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna Harrison, Mother-In-Law of Renee Harrison Yettie Epstein, Great- Grandmother of Brian Epstein Solomon Schaffer, Father of Rhoda Kessler Joseph Josephson, Father of Sam Josephson Jack Roth, Father of Elaine Trackman |
| Week of July 18 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Kwait, Sister of Marcy Schwartz Sam Shain, Father of, Rick Shain Max Light, Father of Patricia Light-Tolomeo William Keiner, Father of Lillian Gutstein Ethel Shipe, Great-Grandmother of Brian Epstein Abraham Zeitz, Father of Carl Zeitz |
| Week of July 25 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lester Bird, Father-In-Law of Sandy Schwartzbird |
| Week of August 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beatrice Busch, Mother of Phyllis Busch Bernard Shain, Father of Betsy Ramos Lulu Cohen, Grandmother of Sandra Cohen Alan Benson, Brother of Charyl Morginstin |
| Week of August 8 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice Mervish, Mother of Shyrl Kushner Louis Rosenberg, Father of Ellen Wehrman Norma Goldman, Mother of Maxine & Philip Goldman Louis Rudenstein, Father of Mildred Leary |
| Week of August 15 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaine Zeitz, Wife of Carl Zeitz Abraham Kaiser, Father of Eileen Gale Louis Rosen, Grandfather of Gerald Rosen Marty Nissim, Husband of Rita Nissim |
| Week of August 22 nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irving Speiser, Father of Bernie Speiser Benjamin Epstein, Great-Grandfather of Brian Epstein Celia Schwartz, Mother of Marcy Schwartz Selma Bloom, Mother of Randy Bloom |
| Week of August 29 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norman Goldman, Father of Bonnie & Jeff Goldman |

Old Prayer Books & Kippot

Old prayer books, Talle-sim, kippot, or other religious items that are no longer needed should be buried. Please place these items into the box (by the sanctuary stairs). Items will be brought to the local Chabad House for burial. \$5 donations are appreciated.

Siddur & Tallit Donations

A new siddur (prayer book) can be purchased in honor of or in memory of someone for \$35. A tallis (prayer shawl) can be purchased for \$60. Please contact Marcia Rosen at: mjanrosen@comcast.net

Memorial Plaques

Plaques are available for \$250. To order a plaque, send the following to TBA: Marcia Rosen, Plaque Chairman PO Box 245 Bordentown, NJ 08505 or: mjanrosen@comcast.net.

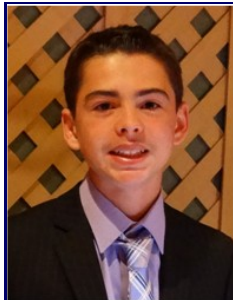
English name of loved one, Hebrew name of loved one and date of death in the English calendar. Once the plaque has been installed, you will be billed. Plaques will not be moved from one board to the other.



Tot Shabbat

Friday evenings, 6:00 PM
Coming Up: June 13th - Candle Lighting
Craft: Kid Candles

Includes candle lighting, potluck dinner, story time, a theme-related craft and songs. If you need any additional information, or would like to volunteer to help clean up or set up, please contact Robin Affrime at: affrime@gmail.com



B'nai Mitzvah

Rubin Carlis, son of Brian and Cathy Carlis, will be called to the Torah on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah June 7, 2014. Ruben is in 7th grade at Northern Burlington Regional Middle School, where he has achieved high honor roll, acted in the school play and is a member of the student counsel and track team. He enjoys baseball, hockey and running his own DJ Company (spindizzydj.com).

Mazel Tov on Rubin's accomplishment of achieving his Bar Mitzvah!



Matthew Kunkler will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on June 28. As part of his preparation, Matthew volunteered for a monthly meal donation project run by the synagogue. Matthew (along with his siblings) learned a great deal by giving to those in need, and gained an appreciation for the many privileges he has. Matthew is looking forward to his big day, and to celebrating with all his family and friends.

Mazel Tov on Matthew's accomplishment of achieving his Bar Mitzvah!



Monthly Oneg Hosts

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| June 6 th / June 7 th | Carlis Family in honor of Rubin's Bar Mitzvah |
| June 27 th / June 28 th | Kunkler Family in honor of Matthew's Bar Mitzvah |

ANNUAL COVERED DISH SUPPER
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014
6:15 pm

VERY IMPORTANT- YOU MATTER!! If you are unable to attend, are unhappy with the dish that you are assigned [we are open to other possibilities], or are bringing a guest [\$5.00], please let us know. Call Randye [298-6485] or Marsha [298-5306]. Thank you.

PLEASE BRING GRANOLA BARS, TUNA, OR OTHER ITEMS FOR FOOD PANTRY

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| Robin Affrime | blintzes |
| Kim Aubry | corn bread |
| Ellen Benowitz | dessert of choice |
| Anita Berson | dessert of choice |
| Randy Bloom | ice, milk, wine |
| Marsha Caldwell | spinach lasagna |
| Phyllis Chudoff | stuffed shells |
| Sharon Coleman | tuna salad |
| Marsha Dowshen | quinoa salad |
| Eileen Gale | deviled eggs |
| Mimi Geller | lemon squares |
| Susan Giachetti | eggplant parmesan |
| Nina Glanz | bread of choice |
| Bonnie Goldman | anything chocolate |
| Rhea Goldman | artichoke torte |
| Renee Harrison | your choice |
| Faith Hupfl | your choice |
| Phyllis Kamer | cookies |
| Shelia Lamonsoff | chocolate covered strawberries |
| Marlene Lavine | your choice |
| Patricia Light-Tolomeo | salad of choice |
| Shira Lowry | appetizer of choice |
| Judy Margulies | cheese, olives, and crackers |
| Yelena Uzlyaner Masoti | rugelach |
| Elizabeth Mitchell | stuffed celery |
| Charyl Morginstin | seltzer |
| Karen Nissim | appetizer of choice |
| Rita Nissim | frittata |
| Linda Osman | hummus and pita chips |
| Betsy Ramos | veggie pizza |
| Marcia Rosen | appetizer of choice |
| Susan Roth | Greek salad |
| Judy Schimmel | whitefish salad and crackers |
| Marcy Schwartz | rice dish |
| Sandy SchwartzBird | fruit salad |
| Elaine Trackman | cole slaw |
| Ellen Wehrman | main course with salmon |
| Debra Weiss | green salad |
| Susan Zaveloff | your choice |

PLEASE BRING APPROPRIATE SERVING DISH AND UTENSILS



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*Shabbat morning services begin at 10:00 a.m.
(when there are B'nai Mitzvah, services begin at 9:30 a.m.)*
June, 2014 ~ ~ Silvan, 5774/Tamuz, 5774

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 7:30 pm Shabbat Services | 7 9:30 am Shabbat Services Rubin Carlis Bar Mitzvah |
| 8 | 9 6:15 pm Sisterhood Covered Dish | 10 | 11 7:30 pm Congrega- tional Meeting | 12 | 13 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Services | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 7:30 pm Shabbat Services Member of the Year? | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 7:30 pm Shabbat Services | 28 9:30 am Shabbat Services Matthew Kunkler Bar Mitzvah |
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