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Important Dates

1 st Fall Shabbat 7:30pm	8/25
1 st Day of School 10am	9/7
Sisterhood Meeting 7:30pm	9/8
Tot Shabbat 6pm	9/19
Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm	9/24
Rosh Hashanah 9:30am	9/25
Rosh Hashanah 9:30am	9/26
Build the Sukkah 10am	9/28
Yom Kippur 6:15pm	10/3
Yom Kippur 9:30am	10/4

"The Temple Shofar"

August, 2014

Rabbi's Message

Over the past weeks of intensifying conflict in Israel and Palestine, I have periodically noticed myself humming a chant that is taken from one of the blessings in the weekday Amidah:

ולירושלים, העיר שלך, אתה עלול להפוך ברחמים

v'lirushalayim ir'kha b'rachamim tashuv

And to Jerusalem, your city, may you
turn with mercy

This prayer for the return of God's mercy to Jerusalem is part of a blessing that longs for a messianic future of peace and security. The vision of the traditional prayer is one in which the divine presence literally comes to dwell in a restored Jerusalem that is ruled again by the Davidic lineage. The Reconstructionist version of the prayer tones down some of the specific messianic language, but still retains the longing and hope for a future of peace and security in the land of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

When the prayer articulates this plea for the divine to mercifully return to Jerusalem, I hear it as a multilayered plea. For the rabbis who created the liturgy, Jerusalem was both a real geographic location and a symbol that represented the spiritual heart of a dispersed and frequently oppressed people. The past destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple was also a representation for the ongoing lived experience of brokenness and alienation that followed that loss in all

the lands of the Diaspora. A prayer for the restoration of Jerusalem, and for the palpable presence of a merciful God in its midst, was more than just a prayer for that geographic location. It was a prayer for restoration of broken Jewish hearts wherever they dwelled.

As the melody of this chant continues to echo through my mind, its meaning for me too is expansive. It is not merely Jerusalem and not only Jews that need restoration and mercy – the brokenness of the conflict wounds the innocent along with the guilty throughout the region, without respect for faith, ideology, or nationality; it reaches out beyond the borders of Israel and Palestine to manifest as acts of violence against innocents in distant lands.

Amidst spiraling hatreds, overwhelming devastation, and fear what can we do? For me, this chant serves as the core of my response. I am not a diplomat or a politician who can directly influence events. What I can do is tend to my own spiritual state so that I will not contribute to the escalation of hatred and violence. I meditate on God's attribute of mercy, which helps me to withhold my base urges to add venom to online "discussions" that do not actually seek to foster real dialogue. I try to put out into the world what I long to see in it – peace and kindness – rather than fear and rage. And I pray and yearn and hope for an end to this conflict.

Shalom,
Rabbi Pfau

Education Director's Message



“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.”

- Albert Einstein

I look forward to joining the B'nai Abraham community in the fall as the education director and rabbinic intern. I have been teaching at Germantown Jewish Center during the last school year and at Camp JRF last summer.

Growing up I developed a great love for Judaism because I found my home within a synagogue community and a love for the tradition that I share with my family. I am studying at RRC because I want to share and use my passion to create a fulfilling career. I am grateful to have great support at B'nai Abraham and from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

I am excited to serve as the education director because I value the community that synagogues create through Jewish tradition. I want to share my passion through my teachings and interactions with both the students and the congregants. I believe the rabbinic portion of the job will offer me the opportunity to really relate with the families of the synagogue and gain the valuable feedback that comes from a Jewish community.

During my childhood I found my spiritual home in my synagogue and my first religious community. This was largely due to friendships that I developed while being involved in programs at the synagogue. I later experienced the same effect as an adult when my husband and I joined our first synagogue together in New York City. We found lifelong friends through many of the opportunities that the synagogue offered through their adult education program.

I have been working and consulting with Rabbi Julie, Charlie Weiss and Liz Mitchell. We produced a very exciting curriculum that will look at Israel, which we mention in our prayers every Shabbat. We will examine what we think when we hear Israel and look at modern Israel culturally and historically.

I look forward to meeting as many people as I can throughout the next year and I hope I can provide not only an exceptional learning experience for your children as the education director but an engaging experience for the entire community through my work as the rabbinic intern.

Josh Krulwich-Klatt

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Tot Shabbat

Friday evenings, 6:00 PM

Coming Up: September 19th

Children ages 6 and under (siblings are welcome)



Tot Shabbat 2014-2015

This year will be an exciting year of new projects and new learning! Each month will address an individual theme with a paired craft. Children can take their craft home to remind them to practice Jewish values in and out of the synagogue. We hope you can join us!

If you need any additional information, or would like to volunteer to help clean up or set up, please contact Josh Krulwich-Klatt at: joshuakrulwich@gmail.com.

Sisterhood News & Announcements

Covered dish was a huge success!! It was so good to see so many of our "Sisters." We enjoyed great company, good food, and, as an added bonus, an interesting discussion lead by Rabbi Julie about what is a blessing. We learned the requirements of a blessing and how our perspective has changed over thousands of years- much to think about. It was the perfect end to the 2013-2014 year.

During the next year we need to make a push to get the cookbook ready for the publisher. That means that each of you needs to provide at least FIVE recipes to the effort. Go to www.typensave.com and insert the user name TBAS and the password plate294. If for any reason you are unable to use the computer, please send the recipes to Randye. We need lots of recipes to choose from in order to be sure that we have a good variety of foods. Please submit your recipes by

AUGUST 15. We will have a cookbook meeting shortly after that. If you are interested in participating in the meeting, please contact Robin Affrime or Randye. Let's move this project FORWARD!!

The next sisterhood meeting will be held Monday, September 8, 2014. Come out to enjoy each others company.

Have a great rest of the summer, Randye

**Check the September newsletter for Break-the-Fast information- this year October 4th and the list of assignments for Onegs and Sabbath lunches.

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Memorial & Sisterhood Donations

- In memory of Dr. Lawrence I. Silverman from Susan and Marvin Zaveloff, Charyl and Sid Morginstin, Marcy Schwartz and Rick Shain, Irene Harrison
- Get well to Phyllis Kamer from Randye Bloom and Michael Scolaro
- Get well to Mimi Geller from Eileen Gale
- Rejoicing with Steve and Robin Affrime, Members-of-the-Year, from Eileen Gale and Art Guyer, Rita Nissim

Upcoming Oneg Services

Please join us on Friday, September 12th for a Oneg following evening services.

"What the caterpillar perceives is the end, to the butterfly is just the beginning."

- Anon

Temple Donations

- In memory of Dr. Lawrence I. Silverman from Phyllis Chudoff, Robin and Steve Affrime,
- In memory of Marian Silverman from Elaine and Jay Trackman, Robin and Steve Affrime, Randy Bloom and Michael Scolaro, Phyllis Chudoff, Marsha and Joel Dowshen, Eileen Gale and Art Guyer
- In memory of Jerry Geller's brother from Eileen Gale and Art Guyer
- In memory of Marc Rose from Michael Scolaro and Randy Bloom
- In memory of Flora Smelkinson from Linda Bowker and Jonathan Bowker
- In memory of Trudie Urken from Rhoda and Henry Kessler
- In memory of Bee Busch from Phyllis Busch
- In memory of Bob Gale from Eileen Gale
- In memory of Joseph Harrison from Renee Harrison
- In memory of Anna Kaplan, Samuel Kaplan, Irving Kaplan from Sheila Lamonssoff
- In memory of Claudette Fishman from Linda and Mark Osman
- In memory of Edith Trackman from Elaine and Jay Trackman
- In memory of Jack Roth from Elaine and Jay Trackman
- In memory of Solomon Schaffer from Rhoda and Henry Kessler
- In memory of Sam Shain, Celia Schwartz, Julie Kwait, Joan Sandusky from Marcy Schwartz & Rick Shain
- In memory of Bernard Shain from Betsy ramos
- Get well to Mimi Geller from Phyllis Chudoff, Anita Berson
- Rejoicing with Ray and Cindy Cantor on the birth of their second grandchild from Eileen Gale and Art Guyer
- Rejoicing with Marcy Schwartz and Rick Shain on the college graduations of Sam and Abbie, from Robin and Steve Affrime
- Rejoicing with Ray and Cindy Cantor on the birth of their granddaughter from Eileen Gale and Art Guyer
- In honor of the birth of Aaron, son of Adam Woldow and Sonia Sharma from Elaine and Jay Trackman
- In honor of Robin and Steve Affrime, Members-of-the-Year, from Anita Berson, Elaine and Jay Trackman, Eileen Gale and Art Guyer

***“Alone we can
do so little;
together we can
do so much.”***

-Helen Keller

Tikkun Olam / Social Action

Please help us continue our hunger relief efforts in the wider community! There are three ongoing projects, and no contribution is too small!

- Any contributions of non-perishable foods are welcome for the St. Mary's food pantry.
- Donations of granola bars and cans of tuna or chicken are welcome for the monthly grocery bags that are distributed to residential motels in the area. Each house of worship donates a large number of one or two items, and a grocery bag filled with food is delivered at the end of the month when food stamps and money get low.
- Come along for meal delivery: on the first Thursday of the month, we deliver dinners to the Pine Motel prepared by the Friends Meeting House in Crosswicks. It's very rewarding to have been collaborating with our friends and neighbors in the area for the past NINE YEARS (!) in these essential projects to help those in need.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and donated in the past and continue to do so.



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.

Fundraising

EXCITING NEWS!!

***“Deeds of giving
are the very founda-
tions of the
world.”***

***- Jewish saying de-
rived from the
Mishna, Pirkei
Avot 1:2***

We have finally begun the temple and sisterhood fundraiser cookbook. The first Temple B'nai Abraham cookbook was printed in the 1970s, the second in 1987, and now we will commemorate our centennial year. We are working with a company called Morris Press and have the ability to type recipes directly into the website with a specific password that denotes our project. Anyone will have the ability to type their recipes into the project and then a small committee will review the recipes and do final editing. This will help us avoid 6 brisket recipes and 20 brownie recipes. It is important that the book be well balanced with a variety of appetizers, vegetables, soups, salads, entrees, and desserts. We might also want to have a specific area for Holiday fare. If you are interested in working with Randye and Robin on this cookbook, please send us an email to let us know how you would like to help [Randye: mikerandye@gmail.com; Robin: raffrime@gmail.com].

If you have a recipe that you would like to be considered for the cookbook, go to www.typensave.com and insert the **username: TBAS** and the **password: plate294**. Anyone can contribute a recipe and we highly encourage you to put in reci-

pes from your treasured family traditions. A few guidelines: Recipes must be able to be made kosher so no pork, ham, or bacon, and the recipe cannot include both meat and milk together. That said, recipes can be adjusted to be made kosher. If you have a recipe that you would like to share, but aren't sure if it is kosher or how it can be adapted, please contact us. This is a labor of love and we will be more than happy to help you.

We encourage everyone in the Temple B'nai Abraham community to be a part of this fundraiser by contributing recipes. In order for this to be a successful fundraiser and to cover the first printing, each member or family of temple and/or sisterhood will be responsible for buying a minimum of 5 books that the member can either give as gifts or sell to friends and family. The exact cost per book is not yet determined, but we hope to keep it in the \$10.00 range. This cookbook will represent the entire Temple B'nai Abraham community and family and friends- so please join in and share your best recipes.

Yahrzeits for Summer 2014

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
Week of September 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnie Ross, Mother of Jack Ross • Julius Lederman, Father of Steven Lederman
Week of September 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur Coleman, Father of Lenny Coleman • Jerome Epstein, Grandfather of Brian Epstein • Jack Bagan, Father of Elaine Zeitz • Anette Brewis, Great-Aunt of Brian Epstein • Pearl Fishman, Mother of Arlene Speiser • Samuel Densky, Father of Sharon Coleman
Week of September 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zelda Goldman, Mother of Norman Goldman • Deanne Klein, Sister of Arlene Speiser • Ida Goldman, Wife of Hyman Goldman • Rose King, Friend of Sandy Schwartzbird • Harry Roseman, Father of Renee Harrison • Elinore Roth, Mother of Elaine Trackman

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.

Morning Services 2014-15

November 1 st
December 6 ^h
January 10 th
February 14 th Ethan Weiss' Bar Mitzvah

March 14 th
April 18 th Rachel Aubry's Bat Mitzvah
May 23 rd
June 13 th



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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.)*
August, 2014 ~ Av 5774
September, 2014 ~ Elul 5774-Tishrei 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	21	22	23	24	25 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	26
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31	September 1	2	3	4	5 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	6
7 10 am School Registration 11 a.m. Family Education	8 7:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	9	10	11 4:30 pm Hebrew School	12 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	13
14 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School	15	16	17	18 4:30 pm Hebrew School	19 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	20
21 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School	22	23	24 Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30 pm services	25 Rosh Hashanah 9:30 am Services 2:00pm Tashlich	26 Rosh Hashanah 9:30 am Services	27
28 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School 10 am Set up Sukkah	29	30	1	2 4:30 pm Hebrew School	3 Yom Kippur 6:15 pm Kol Nidre	4 Yom Kippur 9:30 am Services 6:00 pm Ne'lah 7:00pm Break the Fast