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Important Dates

Shabbat Morning Services 10:00am	1/10
Sisterhood Meeting 7:30pm	1/12
Tot Shabbat 6pm	1/16

“The Temple Shofar”

January, 2015

Rabbi's Message

Welcome Staff!

I wanted to take a moment to welcome two additions to our Hebrew School teaching staff – Cantor Carla Boscoe-Reynolds and Sharon Davis. I encourage all parents to take some time to introduce yourselves to our new teachers when you come to pick up your children from school.

Cantor Carla has already begun teaching on Thursday evenings. She has a BA in Music Education, is an invested Cantor with the Reform movement, and has previously served as a principal and as a teacher in both Reform and Conservative congregations. Her musicality and love of prayer make her an excellent fit for our students and for the Thursday night format, and our students are already benefitting from her years of experience. It has already been a pleasure for me to do some melody swapping with her, and I have enjoyed seeing our students learning new songs and sharpening their recognition of Hebrew letters and vowels.

Starting in January, Sharon Davis will be joining our Sunday morning teaching staff. Sharon has a BS in Early Childhood Education and certifications in pre-school and in K-8 education. She brings decades of experience teaching in Jewish and secular contexts, and she has a warm and inviting manner with the children. Sharon will be taking over the K-2 Sunday School class and will also teach the older students as they engage with learning about Israel.

Sharon and Cantor Carla will bring a new dynamic to our religious school, and I am looking forward to the rest of the year with them on board. Much thanks go to members of our synagogue board and to the education committee for so much hard work as we have gone through the process of searching for this additional much-needed teaching support!

Lunch & Learn

December's Lunch & Learn program was quite successful, and several members expressed a desire to have more such events in the future. I was delighted to be able to share some of the fruits of my educational activities with members of the Bnai Abraham community. It is wonderful to teach a large group of interested, engaged, critical thinkers! (And without all the drama about grades...!) The religious committee had scheduled a second Lunch & Learn program for June, but based on popular response, we may add an additional session in March.

Our initial session was a broad outline of the historical context for the development of the Hebrew Bible. For a future session, I thought I might teach about *Nevi'im* - the books of the prophets – texts that don't always receive a great deal of attention during Shabbat services, but that are full of fascinating characters and can be understood as unique and diverse responses to tumultuous historical events. We could also study a book from *Ketuvim*, the writings section of the Tanakh – for example: an adult study of the book of Esther could offer adults a different way to connect with Purim, or we could study Job or Ruth. However, topics for upcoming sessions are not yet determined, so please be in touch with me if there is a subject that you have been eager to learn about in more depth.

Shalom,
Rabbi Pfau

Sisterhood News & Announcements

There will be a Sisterhood meeting on Monday, January 12.

After a short meeting, we will view the film, *Fill the Void*- after her sister dies in childbirth, a young Orthodox Jewish woman's family pressures her to marry her brother-in-law rather than entering into an arranged marriage with a man closer to her age. The running time is 90 minutes, so the meeting will start at 7:30 sharp- try to get there a few minutes early.

We will pick our book for the March meeting and then see the movie. I hope you are submitting your recipes- bring

them to the meeting if you do not have time to enter them yourself.

Happy 2015- see you very soon!

Randye



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Memorial & Sisterhood Donations

- In memory of Gladys Siegler, mother-in-law of Sena Siegler from Randye Bloom and Michael Scolaro and Phoebe and Jeff Nissim
- In memory of Lois Miller, mother of Sharon Trackman, from Phyllis and Is Kamer, Fran and Karen Sutter
- Happy Birthday to Mimi Geller from Phyllis and Is Kamer, Rita Nissim, Charyl and Sid Morginstin
- In memory of Ruth Lederman, mother of Dr. Steve Lederman, from Renee Harrison, Phoebe and Jeff Nissim, Phyllis and Is Kamer, Elaine and Jay Trackman, Charyl and Sid Morginstin
- In memory of Stewart Cohen from Phoebe and Jeff Nissim.



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

- Anon

Healing List

The Healing List is starting anew. All names have been deleted and we ask if you want a name on the list to please email Eileen Gale at egale10@verizon.net—subject: “Healing List”. The list will be updated every two months. Thank you, Eileen

Temple Donations



- In memory of Lois Miller, mother of Sharon Trackman, from Eileen Gale and Art Guyer, Michael Scolaro and Randye Bloom
 - In memory of Ruth Lederman, mother of Dr. Steve Lederman, from Eileen Gale and Art Guyer
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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!

***“A good deed
brightens a dark
world.”***

-Anon

- 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 Cross-wicks.
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.

Special Thanks:

Thank you to the Kunklers for food delivery -- they've been coming through nearly every month! Thank you to Marcy Schwartz for all that you do!



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!!

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: mikerandy@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 recipes from your treasured family tradi-

tions. 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.

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

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

Host List for Shabbat Services 2014-2015

If you are unable to host on your date, please switch with someone else and let Randy know. You are responsible for finding a replacement. Thank you.

Date	Event	Host families
Sept. 12	Erev Shabbat Oneg	SchwartzBird/Chudoff
October 17	Erev Shabbat Oneg	Mitchell/Erickson
Nov. 1	Shabbat morning lunch	Affrime/Zeichner
Nov. 21	Erev Shabbat Oneg Sisterhood Shabbat	Marsha & Dave Caldwell In honor of Marsha's Parents
Dec. 6	Shabbat morning lunch & learn	Morginstin/Coleman
Dec. 12	Erev Shabbat Oneg	Berson/Fink
Jan. 10	Shabbat morning lunch	Schimmel/Eric & Kristi Schwartz
Jan. 23	Erev Shabbat Oneg	Carlis/Rosenthal
March 6	Erev Shabbat Oneg	Barman/Gale
March 14	Shabbat morning lunch	Epstein/Weiskott
April 10	Erev Shabbat Oneg	B. Goldman/R. Goldman
April 18	Shabbat morning lunch	Ehrlich-Cook/to be determined
June 13	Shabbat morning lunch & learn	Rosen/Kunkler
June 26	Erev Shabbat Oneg Member of the Year	Schwartz-Shain/Weiss

Hosts for Sisterhood Meetings

October	Lamonsoff/Margulies
January	Giachetti/Lowry
March	Benowitz/Roth
May	Light-Tolomeo/Wehrman
June	Covered dish

Yahrzeits for Winter 2015

Week of January 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ella Kessler, Mother of Henry Kessler Lawrence Bowker, Husband of Linda Bowker, Father of Jonathan Bowker Eudell Rod, Friend of Linda Bowker
Week of January 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evelyn Rothman, Mother of Robin Affrime Blanche Cantor, Mother of Ray Cantor
Week of January 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bernard Zeichner, Father of Stan Zeichner Julius Bloom, Father of Randy Bloom Jacob Epstein, Great-Uncle of Brian Epstein Shyrle Kushner, Mother of Ellen Benowitz, Wife of Sol Kushner Jennie Groveman, Mother-In-Law of Seena Groveman Ethel Speiser, Mother of Bernie Speiser
Week of January 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnie Gutstein, Mother of Herman Gutstein Rose Wasserman, Mother of Linda Bowker Ida Josephson, Mother of Sam Josephson Minnie Kaufman, Grandmother of Phyllis Busch Harry Gutstein, Father of Herman Gutstein Joseph Schwartz, Grandfather of Phyllis Chudoff
Week of January 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy Leslie, Friend of Marcia Rosen Rose Goldberg, Mother of Phyllis Kamer Morris Herzog, Brother of Madge Rosen, Uncle of Michael Rosen

Old Prayer Books & Kippot

Old prayer books, Tallit, 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 tallit (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

January 10 th
February 14 th Ethan Weiss' Bar Mitzvah
March 14 th

April 18 th
May 23 rd Rachel Aubry's Bat Mitzvah
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.)*
January, 2015 ~ Tevet 5775-Sh'vat 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 No Hebrew School	29	30	31	January 1 No Hebrew School	2 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	3
4 No Hebrew School	5	6	7	8 4:30 pm Hebrew School	9	10 10:00 am Shabbat Services
11 No Hebrew School	12 7:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	13	14	15 4:30 pm Hebrew School	16 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	17
18 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School	19	20	21	22 4:30 pm Hebrew School	23 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	24
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