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Important Dates

Family Education 10:00 am	2/1
Shiva Minyan 7:00 pm	2/5
Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Weiss 10:00 am	2/14
Sisterhood Meeting 7:30pm	2/16
Tot Shabbat 6pm	2/27

“The Temple Shofar”

February, 2015

Rabbi's Message

The Sefat Emet was a prominent Hasidic rabbi who lived in the latter half of the nineteenth century. His name was actually Yehudah Aryeh Leib Alter, but he became known as the Sefat Emet – named after the title of his collected commentaries, teachings and sermons on the *parashah*.

I recently discovered a teaching from the Sfat Emet that part of God's design for creation was that it was not a one time event. The world was designed so that there would be an abundance of new life on a daily basis, all waiting to be noticed and appreciated. Therefore, the Sefat Emet suggested that, each day, a person should take notice of at least one new thing. According to the Sefat Emet, taking notice of the abundance and newness of creation is of great benefit to a person, for “when one perceives something new, one merits feeling something new.”

In this instance, I think the Sefat Emet managed to express a principle that is psychologically sound as well as spiritually uplifting! Cognitive psychology is based on this principle, that changing patterns of thinking and ways of perceiving the world has an impact on emotional experience. We humans are holistic beings. Mind, body, spirit, emotions – all are intertwined with each other and in constant interaction with the world around us, and making a change in one dynamic of the self's interaction with the world will inevitably result in a shift in other areas.

It is easy to relate to the world in the same old ways, day after day. Routine

and habit are powerful and sometimes comforting forces. But sometimes they can keep us stuck. The beauty of the Sefat Emet's teaching is that it holds out hope that change can grow from small things. Making a point to notice newness and abundance in the world around us can shift how we feel. For example, it might remind us of the potential for inner renewal or bring a sense of appreciation and hope during a difficult time.

Amidst our synagogue services with their regular liturgy and repetition of prayers, it is especially important to keep an eye out for something new, a sentence that has previously gone unnoticed, even a single word that leaps out and connects to the present moment. Perceiving the prayers in a new way can add a new emotional and spiritual dimension to services.

It might sound strange to hear, but we are already thinking ahead to the High Holidays next fall, when we will begin using our new prayer books (exclusively, no jumping back and forth...). But in the life of a rabbi, these things have to be discussed and considered many months in advance... Therefore, when I saw the teaching from the Sefat Emet, I saw it through the lens of advance holiday planning. As we shift to a new machzor in the fall, there will be many new things to perceive, and it is my hope that people will find a feeling of renewal and new spiritual insights. Toward that end, I would like to solicit input from congregants to bring to our Religious Committee discussions about how to restructure services in the coming year. Please be in touch with me or Marcia Rosen to let us know about your experience of the holidays. We want to hear about which pieces resonate and where you see a need for renewal.

Shalom,
Rabbi Pfau

Sisterhood News & Announcements

We are all shocked and saddened by the loss of our Sisterhood member and recording secretary, Ellen Wehrman. Ellen was so full of life, it is hard to imagine our lives without her. We have all been touched by her in different ways- her interest in the world around her, her offer of assistance, her smile, her wonderful accent and expressions, her amazing teaching, and on and on- certainly our meetings and minutes will not be as interesting. We will miss her greatly, for she was significantly more than a "wee bit" of this community. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time and we pray that she rests in peace.

The January Sisterhood meeting was really enjoyable. We viewed one of the movies shown at the 2014 Rutgers Film Festival - The Sturgeon Queens-about the four generations of Russ and Daughters, an appetizing store on the Lower East Side. Thank you to our hostesses that evening, Susan Giachetti and Susan Roth. Sorry we did not see more of you at the meeting- as Bee Busch would say, "You were missed by your absence."

The next Sisterhood meeting is **Monday, March 9 at 7:30**. We will discuss The Ambassadors, by **George Lerner**. Randye has a copy that she is happy to lend- just let her know if you want to get on the waiting list. It is also available at the library and at bookstores.

Please contact Randye if you are able to help Debby Weiss with the oneg or kiddish when Ethan becomes a Bar Mitzvah on

February 13-14. Debby and Charlie hope that you will attend the service and share their joy.

We signed up for the personalized Hagaddahs again- there is information and a sample Hagaddah at the Temple. It's the easiest fundraiser- so if you need Hagaddahs, please check it out.

Cookbook recipes still welcome and needed. Send them to Randye if you are not comfortable using the cookbook website.

Blood drive: The blood drive was a success since we made our goal of 19 pints. Special thanks to the members of the Temple community who came out to support the drive: Robin Affrime, Randye Bloom, Marsha Caldwell, Joel Dowshen, Marsha Dowshen, Melanie Kunkler, Sid Morginstin, and Rachel Schwartz. Your support is greatly appreciated! Special thanks to Rhea Goldman for making calls to get people on the schedule- a huge help!

A huge thank you to Doug Demeter, of Chesterfield Mechanical, who came out to fix the bathroom faucet and did NOT charge us! If you need a plumber, his number is 291-1041. We should support someone who is so generous to us.

Have a good month and stay warm,
Randye

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

- Anon

Tot Shabbat



Friday evenings, 6:00 PM
Coming Up: February 27^h

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.

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

- Albert Einstein



Family Education

Please join us on Sunday morning, February 1st at 10:00am for a Family Brunch and Learn program in place of a regular Sunday Morning Hebrew School. The Philadelphia Branch of the Anti-Defamation League will be sending facilitators to lead guided conversations on recognizing and responding to anti-Semitism in a constructive way. This program is open to the entire congregation, not just Hebrew School families and their will be a separate facilitator for the Hebrew School children.

While not required, it would be appreciated if you can RSVP if you plan on attending so that we can plan for the right number of people.

To RSVP, or for any further information, please contact Kim Ehrlich at 609-858-8555 or kimrehrlich@gmail.com. We hope you can join us!





Temple Donations

- In memory of Richard Hersh from Elaine and Jay Trackman
- In memory of Edward Caldwell and Minnie Kleger from Marsha and David Caldwell
- In memory of Rebecca Gale from Eileen Gale
- In memory of Max Kamer from Phyllis and Isadore Kamer

Sisterhood Donations

- In honor of Ellen Wehrman from Michael & Marie Rosenberg

Tikkun Olam / Social Action

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

-Anon

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.

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***

Obituary for ELLEN WEHRMAN

Ellen Rosenberg Wehrman BORDENTOWN Ellen Rosenberg Wehrman died peacefully on Jan. 20, 2015. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Ellen Rosenberg, and her sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Norman Stetson. Born in 1934 in Glasgow, Scotland, Ellen moved to the United States in 1957 and married John H. Wehrman in New Haven, CT. They resided in Bordentown for more than 50 years and loved the charm of this small town. Ellen is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, John H. Wehrman; son, John H. Wehrman II and daughter-in-law, Karen; son, Paul Wehrman and daughter-in-law, Janice; sister, Louise Thompson and brother-in-law, William; brother, Michael Rosenberg and sister-in-law, Marie; grandchildren, Zachary and Karly Wehrman, and Kyle and Chelsea Wehrman. Ellen is also survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as many family members and close friends in Scotland and many friends in the Bordentown Community. After graduating from Craiglockhart College in Edinburgh, Scotland, Ellen continued her education at Trenton State College, where she earned her teaching certificate. Ellen was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Virginia, Princeton, Yale, Oxford universities, as well as universities in China, Japan, Chile, India, and Russia. She had a passion for learning about cultures from around the world and then sharing those experiences with her students, and anyone else that she came in contact with. Ellen was employed by the Prince George's County (MD) School District for four years and the Bordentown Regional School District for 40 years. Ellen recently served on the Bordentown Regional School District Board of Education. She was a member of the Bordentown Historical Society, the Bordentown Education Foundation, Bordentown Shade Tree Commission, Stuart First Friday Gathering at the Stuart Country Day School, Present Day Club of Princeton, past member of the St. Mary's Board of Education, past member of the Bordentown Library Board of Directors, a member of the Sarah Seidel Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham, and a faithful supporter of the Poor Clair's Ministry and Divine Word Seminary, and active in many other civic organizations in and around Bordentown. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 45 Crosswicks St., Bordentown. Relatives and Friends are invited to attend her viewing on Friday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bordentown Home for Funerals, 40 Crosswicks St., Bordentown. Interment will follow at Bordentown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ellen's name to a charity of choice.

Shiva Minyan for ELLEN WEHRMAN

Please join us for a "Shiva Minyan" in memory of Ellen Wehrman on Thursday, February 5 at 7 p.m. at Temple B'nai Abraham. We will say our traditional prayers and celebrate Ellen's life. Please come to share your stories about this remarkable member of our community. Ellen's family is invited and those who are able will attend.

We will have refreshments after the service. Anyone who wishes to assist with the food should contact Randye at 298-6485 or mikerandye@gmail.com. If you need a ride to the Temple, please also contact Randye and she will reach out to find someone to pick you up. It is important that we all get together to support each other at this time. Hope to see you February 5.

Yahrzeits for Winter 2015

Week of February 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerry Urken, Father of Gail Gernamous • Morris Miller, Father of Ilene & Roslyn Miller
Week of January 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max Kessler, Father of Henry Kessler
Week of February 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathan Goldman, Father of Maxine & Philip Goldman • Rose Kaiser, Mother of Eileen Gale
Week of February 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selma Levitsky, Great-Aunt of Brian Epstein • Rose Klepner, Mother of Len Klepner

Old Prayer Books & Kippot

Old prayer books, Tallim, 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

Morning Services 2014-15

February 14 th Ethan Weiss' Bar Mitzvah
March 14 th

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

Memorial Plaques

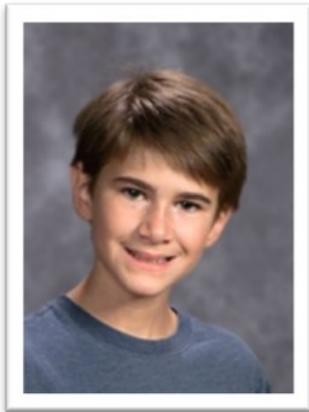
Plaques are available for \$250. To order a plaque, send the following to TBA: Marcia Rosen, Plaque Chairman PO Box 245 Bordentown, NJ 08505 or: mjanrosen@comcast.net.

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

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.

B'nai Mitzvah



Ethan has devoted much time and effort in recent years to volunteer work in the community. In addition to helping deliver meals to those in transitional housing since age 10, he has also found dedication in his passion for animals. For the last two years, Ethan has generously volunteered countless hours at the Animal Welfare Shelter in Voorhees, NJ. As the youngest of dozens of other volunteers who also visit regularly, Ethan has long since earned the respect of his colleagues there, and left his indelible signature on the lives of so many of the animals he loves. We are incredibly proud of Ethan, and endlessly in awe of his warmth, depth of humanity, and profoundly sweet nature. Anyone who knows him well understands that this is his true gift, and we are forever grateful. We hope you will attend this meaningful service and sharing this very special day with us. Warmest wishes, Debby & Charlie Weiss

Host List for Shabbat Services 2014-2015

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

Date	Event	Host families
Feb. 14	Erev Shabbat Oneg	The Weiss Family
Feb. 15	Shabbat morning lunch	Ethan Weiss's Bar Mitzvah
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

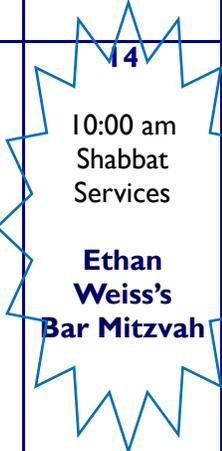
March	Benowitz/Roth
May	Light-Tolomeo
June	Covered dish



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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.)*
February, 2015 ~ Sh'vat 5775—Adar 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 1 	2	3	4	4:30 pm Hebrew School 7:00pm Shiva Minyan	6 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	7
8 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School 10:15 am TBA Board Meeting	9	10	11	12 4:30 pm Hebrew School	13 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	 14 10:00 am Shabbat Services Ethan Weiss's Bar Mitzvah
15 No Hebrew School	16  7:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	17	18	19 4:30 pm Hebrew School	20 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	21
22 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School	23	24	25	26 4:30 pm Hebrew School	27 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	28
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