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Important Dates

Sisterhood Meeting 7:30pm	3/9
Morning Services 10am	3/14
Tot Shabbat 6pm	3/27
2nd night Seder	4/4

"The Temple Shofar"

March, 2015

Rabbi's Message

Rosh Hodesh Nisan, the beginning of the month of Nisan, will fall on March 21st this year. The month of Nisan is most well-known for being the month in which we celebrate Passover. But there is another Jewish association with this month – there is a special blessing to be said during it. With the coming of Spring, we begin to look for budding and flowering trees. During Nisan, when seeing a flowering tree for the first time, this blessing is said:

*Baruch atah adonai eloheyenu melekh
ha-olam she-lo chisar b'olamo k'lum
u'vara vo b'riot tovot v'ilanot tovim
l'hanot ba-hem b'nei adam.*

*Blessed are you, YHVH our god ruler
of the universe: Your universe lacks
nothing, and You created in it good
creatures and good trees that people
may find pleasure in them.*

The Nissan blessing will be particularly meaningful for me this year. As I convalesce at home after surgery, I have been watching the fitful approach of Spring through the window – days of snow and sleet have been alternating with days of sunshine. I have been thinking ahead with great anticipation for the day when I will be able to walk outside again, and for the day when I will see blossoms on the trees. I am blessed to know that it will not be long before these things happen, and I have been blessed with your prayers and messages and assistance at this time.

I would like to share with you another blessing – a *misheberach* I wrote that has some affinity with the traditional blessing for the month of Nisan. The traditional

misheberach prayer takes many forms for different occasions. It asks the one who blessed our ancestors to bless us – when we come up for an aliyah during the Torah service, when we are sick, when we celebrate a milestone in our lives. The one I have written is general enough to be used on any occasion, and it uses natural imagery to talk about God's working in our lives.

*May THE SOURCE that blessed the entire
world
and filled it with diverse and abundant life
bless _____.*

*May THE PROCESS OF GROWTH grow
through the soil of your spirit and life
so that your spirit will flourish, and your
life will yield lavish fruits and blossoms.*

*May you be open to THE PROCESS OF
GROWTH
and may your soil/self be generously cared
for, nurtured, and watered.*

*May every good seed that has been plant-
ed in your life
sprout, delicately begin to bloom, and then
blossom.*

*May you delight in this growth, and may it
strengthen you,
and may its produce emanate abundantly
to the world for blessing.*

And let us say: Amen.

I offer this blessing for all of you this month – may you all be cared for and nurtured, may you discover much beauty in your lives and experience delight. I know that I have been so blessed because of you.

Shalom,
Rabbi Julie

Sisterhood News & Announcements

The Sisterhood will discuss *The Ambassadors*, by George Lerner, at the meeting held Monday, March 9 at 7:30. This novel moves between fragile relationships in New York and upheaval in Rwanda. Jacob Furman has always chosen the call of duty over his wife, Susanna, and their son, Shalom. When Jacob is deployed to Rwanda, Susanna and Shalom are left to contemplate his absence. Susanna buries herself in her work, searching for the biological roots of human language. Shalom struggles in search of his identity and seeks purpose among a group of musicians. We follow the complexities of family and war- contemplating the parameters of marriage as well as hopelessness of genocide. Please join us even if you have not read the book. The more the merrier!

We should also be making lunch bags for the soup kitchen at this meeting in honor of Purim. Be ready to spread the peanut butter and jelly and fill the bags.

Mazel tov to Debby and Charlie Weiss!! Ethan did an amazing job leading services and reading from the Torah- we are so proud of him!!

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Shivah minyan held for Ellen Wehrman. It was a wonderful celebration of our dear friend's life. Special thanks to those who provided food and assisted in set-up and clean-up: Phyllis Chudoff, Marsha Dowshen, Eileen Gale, Bonnie Goldman, Rhea Goldman, Mak Keiffer, Patricia Light-Tolomeo, Joanne Lutz, Liz Mitchell, Charyl Morginstin, Marcy Schwartz, and Debby Weiss. [I hope that is everyone- I apologize if I forgot anyone- let me know and I will include your name next month. Randye]

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.

See you March 9, Randye

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Sisterhood Fundraiser

On May 2nd, Temple B'nai Abraham will again host singer/songwriter, Denise Moser. If you attended her last concert at TBA in 2013, you will remember that she has a beautiful voice which she applies to her clever and melodious songs. Besides writing and singing her songs, Denise Moser is a writer of flash fiction, creative writing workshop facilitator, and a cantorial singer. Her intention as a writer is to tell the unflinching truth (but not always the facts) and to touch people's kindred places – to create bridges from heart to heart. You can hear some of her songs, watch videos and read her blog at her website. denisemosermusic.com. We look forward to hosting Denise again, so save the date. More information will follow in our next newsletter.

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

- Anon



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

-Anon

Temple Donations

- In memory of Ellen Wehrman from Eileen Gale and Art Guyer, Michael Scolaro and Randy Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Speicher
- In memory of Libby Coleman from Eileen Gale
- To Debby and Charlie Weiss in honor of Ethan becoming a Bar Mitzvah from Eileen Gale, Anita Berson

Sisterhood Donations

- Donations in memory of Ellen Wehrman: Susan Giachetti, Karen and Francis Sutter, Jay and Elaine Trackman, Jeff and Phoebe Nissim, Rita Nissim, Phyllis and Is Kamer, Marcy Schwartz and Rick Shain, Charyl and Sid Morginstin, Marlene and Sid Lavine, Ellen Wiener, Robin and Tony Zak, Renee Harrison, Betsy Ramos, Elliot Madans, Herbert Straus and family, Sheila Lamonsoff, Anita Berson, Jean Scattergood
- In memory of Lois Miller from Dr. and Mrs. Sid Lavine
- In memory of Phyllis Ilyefalvi from Sid and Charyl Morginstin
- Happy Birthday to Rhoda Kessler from the Kamers
- Happy Birthday to Rhoda Kessler from the Kamers
- Happy birthday to Bonnie Goldman from the Kamers
- To Debby and Charlie Weiss in honor of Ethan becoming a Bar Mitzvah from Marcy Schwartz and Rick Shain, Rita Nissim
- In memory of Libby Coleman from Michael Scolaro and Randy Bloom
- In memory of Doris Saias from Jeff and Barbara Streisfeld
- In memory of Ellen Wehrman from Bonnie Goldman and Steve Lederman



Tikkun Olam / Social Action

Please help us continue our hunger relief efforts in the wider community! No contribution is too small!

- Any contributions of non-perishable foods are welcome
- 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.



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: 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.

Yahrzeits for Winter 2015

Week of March 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Brewis, Great-Grandfather of Brian Epstein • Leonard Greenblatt, Brother of Marcia Rosen • Ruth Killian, Daughter's Mother-In-Law of Sharon Coleman • Sylvia Goldman, Wife of Norman Goldman
Week of March 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abe Kaufman, Grandfather of Phyllis Busch • Leslie (Leah) Cantor, Mother of Paul Cantor • Irving Epstein, Father of Rhea Goldman
Week of March 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Shemesh, Mother of Marty Nissim • Ida Gerson Caster, Grandmother of Marsha Caldwell • Arthur Fishman, Father of Arlene Speiser • William Trackman, Father of Jay Trackman
Week of March 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mildred Josephson, Mother of Mark Josephson • Mary Bird, Mother-In-Law of Sandy Schwartzbird • Frances Epstein, Mother of Rhea Goldman • Charles Herzog, Grandfather of Michael Rosen

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

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.

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.

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

B'nai Mitzvah



We would like to thank everyone in the Temple and Sisterhood community who helped us during Ethan's Bar mitzvah. Especially Randye Bloom & Michael Scolaro, Marcy Schwartz & Rick Shain, Robin & Steve Affrime, Eileen Gale, Mindy Fink, Kim Aubry and Susan Giachetti. Your support made Shabbat even more special and meaningful. Thank you.

~~ Debby, Charlie, Jaden & Ethan 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
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.)*
March, 2015 ~ Adar 5775—Nisan 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 1 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School	2	3	4	5 No Hebrew School	6 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	7
8 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School 10:15 am TBA Board Meeting	9 7:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	10	11	12 4:30 pm Hebrew School	13	14 10:00 am Shabbat Services
15 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School	16	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
29 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School	30	31	April 1	2 4:30 pm Hebrew School	3	4 2nd Night Seder