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Important Dates

1 st Day of School 10am	8/30
1 st Fall Shabbat 7:30pm	9/3
Tot Shabbat 6pm	9/11
Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm	9/13
Rosh Hashanah 9:30am	9/14
RH—Lunch & Learn 11:00 am	9/15
Build the Sukkah 10am	9/20
Yom Kippur 6:15pm	9/22
Yom Kippur 9:30am	9/23

“The Temple Shofar”

August, 2015

Rabbi's Message

This year, August 16th will correspond to the beginning of the Jewish month of Elul – the month of preparation for the *Yamim Nora'im*, the Days of Awe. There are several traditions for Elul that can help facilitate our spiritual preparation – those who attend weekday davening (prayer) will begin to hear the blast of the shofar, many read Psalm 27 on a daily basis, and we are called to begin the inner and interpersonal work of *teshuvah*, of repentance and transformation.

Psalm 27 is a powerful inspiration for the transformative work we are called to at this time. It begins by affirming:

THE ETERNAL is my light and
my salvation; whom then should
I fear?
THE ALMIGHTY is my living
source of strength; before
whom should I tremble?

It is a fitting daily affirmation as we embark on the process of *teshuvah*, since transformation can be frightening. Sometimes we might fear the response of others to our overtures. But often, it isn't people we fear, but stepping into the unknown. When we let go of our familiar habits, traits, routines – what will take their place, and who will we be? How can we seek transformation without fear? Psalm 27:4 offers a lovely vision for the process:

One thing have I asked of God,
one goal do I pursue:
to dwell in THE ETERNAL'S
house throughout my days,
to know the bliss of THE SUB-
LIME, to visit in God's temple.

Instead of allowing our attention to be captured by fear, uncertainty, and the discomfort of change, we can turn our gaze gently toward the goal. As we align our spirits and actions with a sense of holiness, we can experience moments when we feel ourselves visitors with God in a secure and peaceful sanctuary. Transformation truly can be lovely.

One of my spiritual mentors once shared a poem with me that I think speaks to this vision. The poem is called “Fluent,” by John O'Donohue:

I would love to live
Like a river flows
Carried by the surprise
Of its own unfolding.

In *kabbalah*, a Jewish mystical tradition, water symbolizes God's loving aspect. As we move through our lives and contemplate *teshuvah*, we can envision being carried along by streams of divine love. We can strive to cultivate a sense of trust in that flow, so that each bend in the river, each current and eddy, and even the occasional rapid, can be greeted with a sense of anticipation and curiosity.

As we enter Elul and move toward the Days of Awe, I invite you to examine yourselves with curiosity and surrender to the loving flows that would transform you. May it be a *shanah tovah u'metukah*, a good and sweet new year, for each of you. And may your visits to God's sanctuary bring you peace!

Shalom,
Rabbi Pfau



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.
- 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.

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

- Albert Einstein



Some of the teen teachers with Liz Mitchell and Issac Gold on a summer kayak trip!



Tot Shabbat

Friday evenings, 6:00 PM
Coming Up: September 11th
Children ages 6 and under (siblings are welcome)

Tot Shabbat 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!

Sisterhood News & Announcements

Sisterhood News:

Covered dish was lovely! We thoroughly enjoyed the repast and company. Thank you to Ellen Benowitz for providing a moving and meaningful installation of officers.

Please add your recipes to the cookbook as soon as you can. We are making a push to have all of the recipes in and ready for the publisher by the end of the year and publication by the Spring. 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.

Due to the dates of the High Holidays, the first Sisterhood meeting will be held in late September or early October- we will get the date out in the next newsletter.

I will be putting together the host list for Onegs and Shabbat lunches. If you have a preference for a month, please let me know and I will make every effort to meet your request.

Have a great rest of the summer, Randye

**Check the September newsletter for Break-the-Fast information- this year September 23rd and the list of assignments for Onegs and Sabbath lunches.

The Sisterhood extends its sympathy to Phyllis Kamer at this sad time. We always enjoyed having Iz at covered dish and other events- he always had a ready smile and really enjoyed a good time. He will be missed.

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Memorial & Sisterhood Donations

Sisterhood Donations:

- Get well to Iz Kamer from Phoebe and Jeff Nissim, Eileen Gale, Charyl and Sid Morginstin, Rita Nissim, Rhoda and Henry Kessler
- In memory of Louise Thompson from Eileen Gale
- In memory of Ellen Wehrman from Rhea Goldman, Mary Lou Delahanty
- Get well to Karen Nissim from Elaine and Jay Trackman, Charyl and Sid Morginstin
- In memory of Jeffrey Manheimer and Paul Ackerman from Barbara and Jeff Streisfeld
- Rejoicing with Curtis and Kim Aubry on Rachel's Bat Mitzvah from Eileen Gale

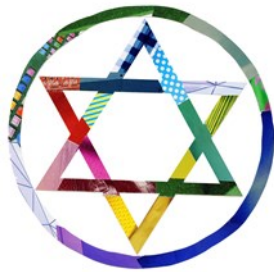
Thank you:

Thank you to Bonnie Goldman and Steve Lederman for donating a piece of art that denotes Noah's ark in a most interesting and fun way. The work belonged to Steve's mom, Ruth Lederman. Please check it out the next time you are in the community room.

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

- Anon

Temple Donations



Randy Bloom & Michael Scolaro - Yahrzeit of Rita Hodes, Memory of Anne Goldfarb
Henry & Rhoda Kessler- Yahrzeit of Trudie Urken
Michael Rosenberg - Yahrzeit Louis Rosenberg
Michael Ehrlich memorial - Howard Awrich
Phyllis Busch & Ilene Miller Yahrzeit of Bee Busch
Rhoda & Henry Kessler in memory of Solomon Schaffer
Brian & Maribeth Epstein - Yahrzeit Harry Brewis, Yettie Epstein, Estelle Epstein
Eileen Gale - Yahrzeit Robert Gale + Temple Cards
Rhea Goldman -Memory of Edna Elias
Renee Harrison -Yahrzeit Anna Harrison
Arlene Speiser - Yahrzeit of Berny Speiser
Elaine & Jay Trackman - Yahrzeit of Edith Trackman
Elaine & Jay Trackman - Yahrzeit Jack Roth
Eileen Gale - Yahrzeit Abraham Kaiser
Brian & Maribeth Epstein - Yahrzeit Ethel Shipe

Marcy Schwartz and Rich Shain - Yahrzeit donations memory of:
Julie Kwait
Joan Sandusky
Celia Schwartz
Sam Shain

Memory of Dorothy Rosen Cook:
Karen Borg
Warren, Joanne and Chuck Rednor

Get well to Karen Nissim from Anita Berson

In Honor of Rachel Aubry Becoming a Bat Mitzvah:
Anita Berson
Elly & Nathan Kraines

In Honor of Robin Affrime's Retirement:
Vicki & Richard Parkin
Charles & Lynn Lax
Janice & Paul Ordog
Eileen Gale and Art Guyer
Donna and Cole Schleper
Linda Kerekes
Paul and Janice Ordog,
Lynn and Chuck Lax

In Honor of Brian Epstein Named Member-Of-The Year:
Eileen Gale and Art Guyer
Anita Berson

In honor of the birth of Mindy Fink's grandson from Anita Berson
In honor of Rabbi Julie from Andrew Segal and Ellen Mazur

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

-Helen Keller



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.

Yom Kippur Booklet

TEMPLE FUNDRAISER- If you would like to have your family and friends included in the community booklet for Yom Kippur, please complete the form below and send it with your check, made **payable to Temple B'nai Abraham**, to Randye Bloom, 514 Reeder Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505. Each name is a minimum of \$2.00. All names must be submitted in writing to ensure proper spellings and designations. Forms and checks must be received by **August 1**.

An example of what a listing looks like:
Randye E. Bloom & Michael Scolaro, Jr.

honor: Jef, Emily, & Kori Bloom
Palma Harwick

remember: Selma & Julius Bloom
Mary & Michael Scolaro
Pauline & William Hodes
Minnie & Joseph Bloom
Rita Hodes & Charles Stein
Michael D. Burns
Elaine B. Zeitz

This example would cost \$32.00.

Please include the following names in the community booklet:

HONOR

REMEMBER

Name(s) of donor(s) as it is (they are) to appear in booklet:

Check enclosed \$ _____

Yahrzeits for Summer 2015

Week of August 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louis Rosen, Grandfather of Gerald Rosen Marty Nissim, Husband of Rita Nissim Irving Speiser, Father of Bernie Speiser
Week of August 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benjamin Epstein, Great- Grandfather of Brian Epstein Celia Schwartz, Mother of Marcy Schwartz Selma Bloom, Mother of Randye Bloom Norman Goldman, Father of Bonnie & Jeff Goldman
Week of August 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Week of August 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonnie Ross, Mother of Jack Ross Julius Lederman, Father of Steven Lederman Arthur Coleman, Father of Lenny Coleman Jerome Epstein, Grandfather of Brian Epstein Jack Bagan, Father of Elaine Zeitz
Week of September 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anette Brewis, Great-Aunt of Brian Epstein Pearl Fishman, Mother of Arlene Speiser Samuel Densky, Father of Sharon Coleman Zelda Goldman, Mother of Norman Goldman Deanne Klein, Sister of Arlene Speiser Ida Goldman, Wife of Hyman Goldman Rose King, Friend of Sandy Schwartzbird
Week of September 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harry Roseman, Father of Renee Harrison Elinore Roth, Mother of Elaine Trackman Frank Schwartz, Uncle of Phyllis Chudoff
Week of September 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herman Sternfeld, Father of Mildred Josephson
Week of September 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ida Kushner, Mother of Sol Kushner Bea Schwartz, Aunt of Phyllis Chudoff Fred Gutstein, Husband of Lillian Gutstein Molly Schaffer, Mother of Rhoda Kessler Nissim Nissim, Father of Marty Nissim

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

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 2015-16

October 10 th
November 14 th
December 5 th
January 9 th
February 13 th

March 12 th
April 2 nd
May 14 th
June 4 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.)*
September, 2015 ~ Elul—Av—Tishrei 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>August 2014</p> <p>10 am School Registration & Family Education</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>September 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:30 pm Hebrew School</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 pm Shabbat Services</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>No Hebrew School</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:30 pm Hebrew School</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 pm Tot Shabbat</p> <p>7:30 pm Shabbat Services</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>No Hebrew School</p> <p>Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30 pm Services</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah 9:30 am Services</p> <p>2:00pm Tashlich</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah 11:00 am Lunch & Learn</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:30 pm Hebrew School</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 pm Shabbat Services</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9 am Sunday School</p> <p>10 am Hebrew School</p> <p>10 am Set up Sukkah</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Yom Kippur 6:15 pm Kol Nidre</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Yom Kippur 9:30 am Services</p> <p>6:00 pm Ne'lah</p> <p>7:45pm Break the Fast</p>	<p>24</p> <p>No Hebrew School</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 pm Shabbat Services</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9 am Sunday School</p> <p>10 am Hebrew School</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>October 1</p> <p>4:30 pm Hebrew School</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 pm Tot Shabbat</p> <p>7:30 pm Shabbat Services</p>	<p>3</p>