

Temple B'nai Abraham

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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	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”

September, 2015

Rabbi's Message

Shanah tovah! We stand poised on the edge of a new year, and this year in particular holds much to look forward to, as there are a number of exciting changes coming to Temple B'nai Abraham!

This year will be our first year using only the Reconstructionist Maḥzor throughout the High Holidays. That's right – there will be no switching back and forth this year! In keeping with the new prayer book, there will also be some changes in the structure of services. So, on the whole, our High Holidays services will be more streamlined and flow more smoothly. The Reconstructionist Maḥzor should feel more familiar to those who attend services during the year. It has more transliteration, contemporary adaptations to the liturgy, and poetry and contemporary readings interspersed with the prayers. I'm told it is a bit heavier than other prayer books for the High Holidays, so now would be a good time to start doing some strength training for a good spiritual workout during the Days of Awe!

On the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, we will be having a Lunch and Learn program rather than a traditional service. This program will be an opportunity to learn in-depth about the Kol Nidre prayer. Kol Nidre is an iconic Jewish prayer that Jews flock to hear once per year – it even draws people into the synagogue who wouldn't set foot in it the rest of the year. But this prayer has a complicated history both within the Jewish community and in relationship with a broader non-Jewish world. At times, antisemites have used it as “evidence” of supposed Jewish untrustworthiness. The wording of the prayer has been modified and disputed over time as a result of these and other factors. Some Jewish theologians have even urged abandonment of the prayer. As contested as the prayer has been, it remains one of the most beloved prayers during the Days of Awe. On the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, we will learn more about the history of this prayer and study the text of the prayer together. I hope this Lunch and Learn is a chance for

people to engage with the Days of Awe in a different way than we have offered in the past.

Beyond the Days of Awe, our synagogue leadership has been thinking about ways to engage people with the community beyond our typical Friday and Saturday services. One idea that we will be implementing is a monthly game night. We are hoping it will provide a chance for community members and guests to connect socially and build relationships, as well as just having a fun evening! Please be in touch with a board member if you have additional ideas for programming that you would like to see implemented. We will also be expanding our Adult Education offerings this year – there will be a few Lunch and Learn programs through the year, and we will begin our first Adult B'nei Mitzvah class!

This year I will be focusing on making home visits to our synagogue members whose health makes it challenging to attend services regularly. I am looking forward to connecting with more of our members this way, and offering support and encouragement as well as a chance for Jewish engagement outside of synagogue. If you are a member who has difficulty getting to services, it is possible that I don't know about your situation, so please give me a call or send me an email to let me know about your situation!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Education Director and Tot Shabbat Coordinator, Isaac Gold! We are excited to have Isaac join us this year to educate the children in our community! Isaac brings a background in education, a passion for music, and a connection with Israel and with the Hebrew language to our Hebrew School. I am looking forward to the ways he will deepen our students' engagement with learning this year.

On the whole, I am excited about what this year has in store. I hope that as many of you as possible are able to take advantage of the new (and old) opportunities for spiritual, educational, and social connections. I wish us all *k'tivah v'hatimah tovah* – a good writing and sealing for the coming year!

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.

***“Write it on
your heart that
every day is the
best day in the
year.”***

***- Ralph Waldo
Emerson***

Greetings

Greeting from the Klepnars: Heard from Len and Liz Klepner and happy to report that all is well. Steve graduated from college this past May and obtained a graduate teaching assistantship in the Music Education Department at Castleton University, where he will earn a Master's Degree. This summer was his second year as the brass instructor for the 7th Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps of New London, Connecticut. Liz is the Vermont State Director for a company that works with health care providers to improve outcomes and reduce costs. Len is a substitute teacher in the Rutland region and does other consulting work. So good to know that they are all well. They send fond greetings to the Temple community.

Tot Shabbat

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

Tot Shabbat 2015-16

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

We send sincere sympathy and prayers to Sisterhood member, Sonia Fenick, and family for the loss of Larry. May his memory be a blessing. [An aside, much of the silver that adorns our Torah scrolls was donated by the Fenick family.]

We also send sincere sympathy and prayers to Sisterhood member, Phoebe Nissim, who lost her sister, Margo Masciantoni, suddenly on August 18. Please take care.

We will not meet until October due to the High Holidays. The next Sisterhood meeting will be Monday, October 11 at 7:30. Hope to see you there.

Please get your recipes in for the cookbook- we want to cut off recipe entry in December. If you are unable to enter your recipes into the computer, please send them to Randye in hard copy. We are in the process of including recipes from the old cookbooks. It was interesting to see how tastes have changed as we remembered jello mold recipes and the use of canned mushroom soup!!

Have a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year!

~ Randye

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Memorial & Sisterhood Donations

Sisterhood Donations:

- In memory of Isadore Kamer from Joanne and Ted Lutz, Barbara and Jeff Streisfeld, Robin and Tony Zak, Catherine Colaizzo, Anne and Tom Cody, Charyl and Sid Morginstin, Marcy Schwarz and Rick Shain, Renee Harrison, Karen and Frances Sutter, Phoebe and Jeff Nissim, Marlene and Sid Lavine, Susan Giachetti
- Rejoicing with Robin Affrime on her retirement from Rita Nissim and Marcy Schwartz and Rick Shain



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

- Anon

Healing List

The Healing List been cleared of all names from last year. Please send me any names you would like to have on the list. egale10@verizon.net.

Temple Donations



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

-Helen Keller



Memory of Isadore Kamer:

Robin and Steve Affrime
Rita Nissim
Rhea Goldman
Steven Lederman and Bonnie Goldman
Eileen Gale and Art Guyer
Elaine and Jay Trackman
Andrew Ross
Bruce and Myrna Falconer
Dr. Renee Hudecheck
Eleanor Nelson
Elizabeth Dill
Ellen Weiner
Newton and Sandra Parks
Rhoda and Henry Kessler
Susan Fuller
William and Carol Engel
Harry and Janet Williams
Phyllis Chudoff
Michael Scolaro and Randye Bloom
Sandy and Newt Parks
Ellen Weiner
Neil, Karen, Mia, and Corrine Nissim
Sheila Lamonsoff

Memory of Lawrence Fenick:

Elaine and Jay Trackman
Irene Harrison
Eileen Gale,
Randye Bloom
Andrew Segal
Ellen Mazur

Honor Of Jay Trackman's 85th Birthday:

Ellen Weiner

Yahrtzeit Donations:

Betsy Ramos, Yahrtzeit of Bernard Shain
Renee Harrison, Yahrtzeit of Harry Roseman
Marcia and Michael Rosen, Yahrtzeit of Louis Rosen
Rita Nissim, Yahrtzeit of Marty Nissim



Rosh Hashanna / Yom Kippur



לשנה טובה

*L'Shanah tovah
tikateiv
veteichateim!*

*May you be
inscribed and
sealed for a good
year.*



The Religious Committee is requesting volunteers for the aliyahot at the High Holiday services. We're trying to streamline some of the other things that we used to need volunteers for, and won't be giving out as many index cards as in prior years. Many of the readings are in English.

The second morning Rosh Hashanah service will be replaced with a Lunch and Learn at 11 am on Tuesday, September 15th. The topic will be an exploration of the Kol Nidre prayer in preparation for Yom Kippur services. Please let us know if you are attending so food can be prepared or ordered please contact Marcia: 609-298-2799 or email mjanrosen@comcast.net.

Please consider attending even if you've not had a chance to reply.

-Maria Rosen

Tashlich Service

A Tashlich service will be held directly following the service on Rosh Hashanah Day One. For those who are not able to attend that day, or who are physically unable to wait on an ambiguous start-time, an additional Tashlich service will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 9/17, which will insure involvement for Hebrew School children and families. (All of this assumes weather permitting of course...!)

Break the Fast

Temple B'nai Abraham and Sarah Seidel Sisterhood invite your family and you to join us for Break the Fast on Wednesday, September 23rd (around 7:45 p.m.). Each family attending is asked to bring a prepared covered dish, which you can sign up for with your reservation. You must also volunteer to help set up or clean up. *Cost is \$12.00 adults, children 6 - 12 \$6.00, and children 5 and under are free.*

Please contact Karen Nissim at karennissim@aol.com or Randye Bloom (609) 298-6485 with your reservations by September 20th. Please make your checks payable to Sarah Seidel Sisterhood.

Thank you and L'Shanah Tovah

Security System



Temple has new security system:

The Temple has added three outside cameras that monitor the front door, side parking lot, and back door. In addition, there is now a key fob system at the front door so that the door can remain LOCKED during Hebrew school and when there are services upstairs. There is a doorbell on the door with a camera and speaker so that we can see who is at the door and talk to them BEFORE unlocking the door and letting them in.

Randy has started to distribute the key fobs and will continue to do so over the next few weeks. If you do not wish to have a key fob, please remember that it may mean that you will need to ring the doorbell in order to enter the synagogue. That is totally up to you. The key fob is small and can easily attach to a key chain. Also note that we will have to charge you \$10.00 if you lose your fob since we have to pay for them.

Please also note that the doors will remain UNLOCKED for the High Holy Day services and other special events, such as Bar/Bat Mitzvahs because non-members attend these services. Key fobs will not be needed to enter the Temple on those days.

This system was installed just as a preventative measure- there have been NO security incidents at the Temple or threats of an incident. We realize that this is a big change and that it will take a few months to get used to the new procedure, but we are sure that the benefits are greater than the annoyance. Thank you.

Every member can have a key fob that will let them into the building essentially when you are able to enter now:

- Thursday- 3 pm to 7 pm
- Friday- 5 pm to 10 pm
- Saturday- 9 am to 1 pm
- Sunday - 8 am to 1 pm

Board members and others with a reason for it have total access [24 hr]. Each key fob is associated with a particular member and will indicate, on a computer program, who is entering the building and when.

“To the world you may be one person: but to one person you may be the world.”

-Dr. Seuss

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.

Yahrzeits for Summer/Fall 2015

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
Week of October 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mervin Groveman, Husband of Seena Groveman Elsie Sternfeld, Mother of Mildred Josephson Howard Sacks, Father of Faith Hupfl Paul Goldfarb, Stepfather of Charyl Morginstin
Week of October 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ray King, Friend of Sandy Schwartzbird Sol Kushner, Father of Ellen Benowitz Joseph Caldwell, Father of David Caldwell Bettie Schwartzberg, Mother of Sandy Schwartzbird
Week of October 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myrna Morris, Wife of Ron Morris Samuel Gerson, Grandfather of Marsha Caldwell Gertrude Herzog, Grandmother of Michael Rosen and Mother of Madge Rosen Walter Harrison, Husband of Renee Harrison

Old Prayer Books & Kippot

Old prayer books, Tallitim, 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>Tashlich Following services</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>Tashlich 6:00 pm</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 6:00 pm Ne'lah 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>