

Temple B'nai Abraham

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“The Temple Shofar”

March, 2015

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Important Dates

- Shabbat Morning Service 10am 3/12
- Sisterhood 3/14
- Tot Shabbat 6pm 3/18
- Game Night 6:30 pm 3/22
- Lunch & Learn 11am 4/2

Rabbi's Message

In Exodus 34:20, sandwiched amidst the recitation of an assortment of laws, there is a statement translated by the JPS as "None shall appear before Me empty-handed" - a passage that simply seems to ask the community to bring tangible offerings. But the word translated as "empty-handed" (reiqam) actually just means "empty" - an alternative translation that could bring additional depth of meaning to the statement. "None shall appear before Me empty" sounds like a call to bring, not just tangible gifts, but even more to bring our full selves to our engagement with the holy. We do not need to empty

ourselves of our struggles, difficult feelings, questions, or challenges. Our joys and our sorrows, our faith and our doubts - we are called to bring it all and offer it. It is bringing the fullness of our being, our authenticity, that enriches our synagogue community. I look forward to hearing your thoughtful insights, deep questions, and sometimes challenges each week - whether it be in our Torah discussions during Shabbat services, at adult education sessions, or Hebrew School classes!

Shalom,
Rabbi Pfau

TBA Website

Please go to the Temple B'nai Abraham website at www.bnai-abraham.org to view the latest calendar of events, subscribe to our announcements and newsletter as well as find useful information about our community.



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

**- Ralph Waldo
Emerson**

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.

Tot Shabbat

Friday evenings, 6:00 PM

Coming Up: March 18th

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

The next Sisterhood meeting will be Monday, March 14 and we will show the movie, "Fill the Void." After a young Hasidic woman dies in childbirth, her 18-year-old sister is asked to cancel her upcoming marriage to a promising young man and marry her widowed brother-in-law instead. The movie and discussion should be quite interesting. I hope that you will be able to attend.

If you are able to volunteer to be a host at the March 14 meeting, please contact Randye. Thanks so much.

We are doing well with the cookbook- about 185 recipes so far, but we need about another 60 recipes!!! So please send me your recipes and they will be entered. ALL Temple and Sisterhood members are encouraged to submit recipes. We will reach out to you if you do not send us recipes voluntarily- we know who you are :).

If you have any temple tablecloths that you took home to wash, please remember to return them to the temple. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you March 14 at the Sisterhood meeting, Randye

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Donations

Please contact us at info@bnai-abraham.org to make a donation or contribution.

Lunch & Learn - Saturday 4/2 at 11:00am

Please join us for a discussion led by Rabbi Julie. Lunch will be sponsored but contributions are welcome.

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.

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

Game Night—Tuesday 3/22, 6:30pm



This is an informal venue to play games and socialize outside of the context of services. Please feel free to bring Jewish or non-Jewish friends who love games, and anything (dairy/vegetarian) you might want for munchies! If enough people come, we can have multiple tables of people playing different games. There will be several options of card and board games to play, but if you have a particular game you'd like to play and introduce to people, feel free to bring it. We'll see what grabs people's interest!

At January's Game Night we had two Mah Jongg tables, and one table with alternative kinds of games (StarFluxx and the DC Comics Deck Builder Game, we ran out of time and didn't get to Magic). One of the Mah Jongg players referred to this third gaming table as a Big Bang Theory table because of the nature of the games and the conversation. Players from all tables brought treats, and it was fun to see everyone and do some visiting no matter what table they were at!

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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.

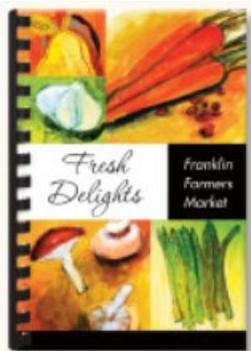
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Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class



Rabbi Julie has agreed to teach an adult B'nai Mitzvah Class. Some people will be working on learning to read Hebrew while others will be working on learning prayers. We hope to have a group B'nai Mitzvah ceremony sometime in the fall of 2016 or spring of 2017; the date has not yet been decided. If you are interested in participating in the class please contact Rabbi Julie at rabbijulie@gmail.com or Robin Afrime at raffrime@gmail.com. The participants learning Hebrew are meeting on Sunday for the month of October. The focus on prayers will begin in December on Thursday 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17/15 from 2:30 until 4:00. If you are working and this time of day isn't possible for you, please, still get in touch so we will know of your interest and could possibly make accommodations. I know I am excited at the idea of learning from Rabbi Julie how to correctly say the prayers, and to chant a portion of the Torah.

Temple Cook Book Update



The temple cookbook has been making a lot of progress over the last few months. Many members have been adding their family's cherished recipes, while others have been securing valued recipes from our last cookbook by typing them in to the program. We would like to close the recipe gathering. If you have a recipe(s) that you would like included, you can self type them into www.typensave.com. As a contributor you can use the user name: TBAS and password: plate294 (no space between plate and 294). Click on **Add Recipes**. Then you will be able to add, spell check, preview and save your recipes. Check the recipe writing tips for measurement abbreviations. If you do not feel comfortable adding the recipes yourself, but would like your special dishes included please email or call [Randye rendelfendel@gmail.com](mailto:Randye.rendelfendel@gmail.com) or 298-6485; or Robin raffrime@gmail.com or 499-1761, and we'd be happy to put them in for you.

Yahrzeits for Winter/Spring 20156

Note:	We are in a leap year, so there are 2 months of Adar: Adar I and Adar II. If a yahrzeit date falls within Adar I, the yahrzeit is repeated within Adar II.
Week of March 4 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 Rebecca Shemesh, Mother of Marty Nissim Ida Gerson Caster, Grandmother of Marsha Caldwell
Week of March 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nathan Goldman, Father of Maxine & Philip Goldman Rose Kaiser, Mother of Eileen Gale
Week of March 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selma Levitsky, Great-Aunt of Brian Epstein Rose Klepner, Mother of Len Klepner
Week of March 25 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, Mother of Jeffrey and Bonnie Goldman
Week of April 1 st	<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 April 8 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 April 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mildred Josephson, Mother of Mark Josephson Haskell Hait, Father of Lauren Mann Mary Bird, Mother-In-Law of Sandy Schwartzbird Frances Epstein, Mother of Rhea Goldman Charles Herzog, Grandfather of Michael Rosen, Father of Madge 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

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

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.)*
March, 2015 ~ Adar I—Adar II 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School	29	1	2	3 4:30 pm Hebrew School	4 7:30 pm Shabbat Services Oneg sponsored by Gale/ Barman	5
6 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School	7	8	9	10 4:30 pm Hebrew School	11	12 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Services Oneg sponsored by Epstein/ Weiskott
13 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School 10am Board Meeting	14 7:30pm Sisterhood Program 	15	16	17 4:30 pm Hebrew School	18 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	19
20 9 am Sunday School 10 am Hebrew School	21	22 6:30pm Game Night 	23	24 4:30 pm Hebrew School Purim פּוּרִים	25 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	26
27 No Hebrew School	28	29	30	31 No Hebrew School	1	2  11:00 am Lunch & Learn