



Temple B'nai Abraham

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“The Temple Shofar”

August, 2018

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Important Dates

Family Education Day	
Hebrew School	9/6
5:30pm-7:30pm	
Rosh Hashanah	9/9
7:30pm	
Rosh Hashanah 10am	9/10
Rosh Hashanah 10am	9/11
Lunch 11:30am	9/11
Kol Nidre 6:15pm	9/18
Yom Kippur 10am	9/19
Yom Kippur 6pm	9/19
Break the Fast	9/19
7:45pm	

Rabbi's Message

As summer is quickly drawing to a close, I am thinking ahead to the coming year and finding that the anticipation has a very different feel to it. For the past several years I have been living the rhythms of the Jewish calendar and the academic calendar. In addition to serving Temple B'nai Abraham as rabbi, I have always had another occupation in Philadelphia – usually educational in nature. In the beginning it was being a full-time rabbinical student, then it was being a full-time doctoral student, and for the last several years I have been working as an adjunct professor at various universities. This year I will be engaging in an entirely different kind of occupation in Philadelphia – I will be working as a chaplain resident at Einstein Hospital.

It feels strange to spend August engaging in new hire activities instead of finalizing syllabi. But it is exciting, and I have am more eager than usual to begin this new year. I applied for this residency program back in December and was accepted in January, so it feels like I have had a long wait and I have struggled with patience.

After my first year of rabbinical school, I obtained one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) by working as a chaplain intern at a children's hospital in Atlanta, GA. It was one of the more transformative experiences of my life, and it reminded me of exactly why I had chosen to go to rabbinical school. It was profoundly meaningful to be present with

so many children and their families, to accompany them through moments of crisis so that they would not feel alone.

Ever since that first unit of CPE, I have known that I would someday apply to do a one-year CPE residency program. At the time, I didn't imagine that it would be 12 years before I finally did! I almost applied for a residency at 3 other points along the way, but always seemed to end up going in a different direction. It is true that life does not always flow in a linear course or according to plan. So I haven't just been waiting since January – I have been waiting for this since August 2006.

I look forward to a year of intensely challenging but meaningful and transformative growth during this year as a chaplain resident. I also look forward to continuing my journey as the rabbi of this synagogue, and to sharing all this new growth with you as we come together for learning, life cycle events, and prayer!

May all of our journeys in the coming year bring us joy, deep connection, and transcendent moments where we encounter the holy.

Shalom,
Rabbi Pfau

Temple Donations



- In honor of Michael Shapiro's 70th birthday from Michael Scolaro and Randye Bloom
- in honor of Robin Affrime becoming a Bat Mitzvah from Anita Berson, Bonnie Goldman
- In honor of Eileen Gale becoming a Bat Mitzvah from Anita Berson, Bonnie Goldman
- In memory of Charyl Morginstin from Anita Berson, Bonnie Goldman
- In honor of Ethan Weiss being Member-of-the-Year from Anita Berson
- In honor of Jaden Weiss being Member-of-the-Year from Anita Berson
- In honor of Brandon and Gavin Rosenblatt from Stan and Glenda Saunders

Hebrew School & Sunday School

***“If you want
the present to
be different
from the past,
study the past.”***

***~Baruch
Spinoza***

Hebrew School and Sunday School - Save the Dates

Thurs., Sept. 6, 5:30-7:30pm: **Family Education Day**

Thurs., Sept. 13, 4:30-6:30pm: **First day of Hebrew School**

Sun., Sept. 16, 9:00-9:55am: **First day of Sunday school**

Fri., Oct. 19, 7:30-9:30pm: **Welcome Back Service**

note: no Hebrew school or Sunday school on Sun., Sept. 9 or Thurs., Sept. 20

Hebrew School & Sunday School



It's time to get ready for another year of learning here at Temple B'nai Abraham! This year's theme, Jewish Stories, will take us from stories in the Torah through folktales, historical stories, and stories of our own Jewish experiences. Through text study, interactive activities, and a spring field trip to Ellis Island, we'll use story as a lens to explore the ways in which Jewish people share values, thoughts, and experiences across space and time. And as always, we'll continue small group Hebrew instruction, Thursday afternoon student-led services, study of the words and meanings of prayers, and celebration of holidays throughout the year.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

Shalom,
Jill Ratzan

Sisterhood News & Announcements

Shalom Sisterhood Friends,

I hope you are having a healthy and fun summer. The days are certainly going by quickly.

I have a list of important dates that will be coming up this summer and into the fall. Please jot them into your calendar for your reference.

Wednesday night at 7:30 on **August 22nd Flow Painting/wine and cheese Fundraiser \$25.**

One of our resident artists, **Sandy SchwartzBird** will be our instructor. Reservations required raffrime@gmail.com or 609-499-1761. Women, men and teens are welcome, as are guests. Our next Tefillot Shalom, **Prayer Quilt meeting will be August 24th at 1:00** in the TBA all purpose room. All are invited. Please RSVP raffrime@gmail.com or 609-499-1761.

- **Tuesday September 11th 10 AM Rosh Hashanna services, 11:30 Lunch and Learn sponsored by the Rosen Family.**

- **6PM September 19th Yom Kippur services followed by Break the Fast chaired by Karen Nissim. If you intend to be present for dinner, contact Karen at KarenNissim@aol.com by September 10th.**

- Wednesday September 26th will be our first Sisterhood meeting of the new year. **Phyllis Chudoff will help us to make gift bags.** Hostesses for the evening will be **Patricia Light Tolemeo** and **Susan Zaveloff.**

- Friday night **September 28th** the Oneg will be sponsored by **Stan and Ronnie Zichner.**

- On **Friday night October 5th**, in honor of **Molly Cook's Bat Mitzvah**, the Friday night Oneg will be sponsored by the **Erhlich/Cook family.**

- There will be a **Hebrew School Shabbat on Friday night October 19th.** The Oneg that night will be sponsored by the **Mitchell and Mann Families.**

- On **November 17th** there will be a **Lunch and Learn at 11AM.** The luncheon will be sponsored by **Ken Sandler and the Bloom/ Scolaro Family**

- Our November **sisterhood meeting** will be **Monday night November 19th**, and back by popular demand, **Karen Nissim** will be showing us how to make a **beautiful and lush flower arrangement** for our Thanksgiving tables. For more information, as the event approaches look to the newsletter. The hostess for the evening will be **Linda Osman.**

- **Saturday December 1st** will be a Shabbat service at 10AM. The luncheon will be hosted by the **Epstein and Julie Affrime Families.** Also on **December 1st** will be our long awaited **Trivia Night Fundraiser.** The evening will begin at 7:00 and will include wine, cheese and snacks. Begin now to form your teams of up to six people. Teens and adults welcome. RSVP at any time, raffrime@gmail.com and attyosman@verizon.net. For more information, as the event approaches look to the newsletter.

The **December 11th Sisterhood meeting will be Super Foods, Super Health!** Our program will be introduced by **Dr. Steven Lederman and Bonnie Goldman.** There will be fabulous information about healthy eating and a hands on experience on how to make your cooking healthier. For more information as the event approaches look to the newsletter. RSVP would be welcome raffrime@gmail.com so that we know how much food to have available for the cooking experience. There will be no charge for the event and all are welcome.

On Friday night **December 14th**, there will be an **Oneg** after services. It will be **hosted by Shira Lowry and Betsy Ramos.**

There will be more information to come in the September newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at sisterhood and at Temple this coming year.
Robin Affrime



"Do not be wise in words -be wise in deeds."

~Jewish Proverb

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Corresponding Secretary
Patricia Light-Tolomeo

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Sisterhood Donations

- Rejoicing with Robin Affrime and Eileen Gale on their B'not Mitzvah from Renee Harrison
- Rejoicing with the Weiss family from Robin and Steve Affrime
- Get Well Renee Harrison from Eileen Gale, Phyllis Chudoff and Robin and Steve Affrime
- Get Well to Sharon Coleman from Eileen Gale and Robin and Steve Affrime
- In Memory of Charyl Morginstin from the Affrime Family
- In Memory of Phyllis Trackman from Phyllis Kamer

Tot Shabbat



*“You never
soar so high
as when you
stoop down
to help a
child or an
animal.”
~Jewish
Proverb*

Tot Shabbat Dates School Year 2018-2019 (5779) Temple B'nai Abraham

Programs run 6:00pm-7:30pm and include a preschool-friendly service, a pizza potluck dinner (dairy/vegetarian), and a craft. For more information please contact Education Director Jill Ratzan at jratzan@bnai-abraham.org.

September 28
October 12
November 16
December 7
January 11
February 15
March 15
April 12
May 3 (Bring a Friend)
June 7

Member of the Year

Thank you for the honor of naming us as Member of the Year and acknowledging our participation at Temple B'nai Abraham. We were mentored by some terrific teens and hope that we have inspired the next generation of volunteers. We really enjoy our time with our TBA family.

Thank you again,
Ethan & Jaden Weiss

Tikkun Olam / Social Action

Social Action -- Hunger Relief

Please make a donation of food for the food pantry or our interfaith hunger relief efforts this month! Our neighbors need our support throughout the year. Items we need:

**granola/cereal/breakfast bars
canned tuna/chicken**

other non-perishable food items and toiletries are also welcome.

We continue to deliver a hot meal to the residents of the Pine Motel on the first Thurs. of the month. Many thanks to Robin and Steve Affrime, Phyllis Chudoff, and Judy Schimmel for their on-going commitment to this important service. If you would like to join us (about an hour of your time, only once a month), please call Marcy: 609-324-0571.

Gratefully yours,
Marcy Schwartz



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**. Or email Randye Bloom [\[mikerandy@gmail.com\]](mailto:mikerandy@gmail.com)

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 a minimum of \$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 \$ _____



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.

**“Where there is
too much,
something is
missing.”**

~Jewish Proverb

Joy and Sorrow Cards

For a donation of \$5.00, we can send a card on your behalf for a birth or birthday, anniversary, mitzvah or get well or sorrow. Please contact Rita Nissim for details (609) 298-5357.

Cemetery Plots for Sale

I know that this is unusual, but our plans have changed, so we have two cemetery plots for sale in Bordentown Cemetery. These are perimeter plots so that one plot is in the Temple's cemetery and the adjacent plot is on the non-Jewish side. When we purchased the plots in 2013, we were told that they were the last "inter-religious married" plots available. The cost is what we paid for them in 2013- \$1500 for both. If you are interested in purchasing these plots please contact Randye at 609-298-6485 or mikerandy@gmail.com.



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to keep our temple running. There are big and small roles you can participate in. We need board members, newsletter writers, web hosts, membership, fix-it help, garbage can collection, oneg sponsors, b'nai mitzvah volunteers, etc.

Please contact Brian for more information at info@bnai-abraham.org.

Upcoming Yahrzeits 2018

Week of July 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max Light, Father of Patricia Light-Tolomeo • William Keiner, Father of Lillian Gutstein • Ethel Shipe, Great-Grandmother of Brian Epstein • Abraham Zeitz, Father of Carl Zeitz • Lester Bird, Father-In-Law of Sandy Schwartzbird
Week of July 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay Trackman, Husband of Elaine Trackman • Beatrice Busch, Mother of Phyllis Busch • Bernard Shain, Father of Betsy Ramos • Lulu Cohen, Grandmother of Sandra Cohen
Week of July 20 ^h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isadore Kamer, Husband of Phyllis Kamer • Alan Benson, Brother of Charyl Morginstin • Alice Mervish, Mother of Shyrle Kushner • Louis Rosenberg, Father of Ellen Wehrman and Member of the Congregation
Week of July 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norma Goldman, Mother of Maxine & Philip Goldman • Bernie Goldberg, Uncle of Marcia Rosen • Louis Rudenstein, Father of Mildred Leary • Elaine Zeitz, Wife of Carl Zeitz • Abraham Kaiser, Father of Eileen Gale
Week of August 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louis Rosen, Grandfather of Gerald Rosen • Marty Nissim, Husband of Rita Nissim and Father of Neil Nissim • Irving Speiser, Father of Bernie Speiser
Week of August 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benjamin Epstein, Great-Grandfather of Brian Epstein • Celia Schwartz, Mother of Marcy Schwartz • Selma Bloom, Mother of Randy Bloom • Norman Goldman, Father of Bonnie Goldman and Father of Jeff Goldman
Week of August 24 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 August 31 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anette Brewis, Great-Aunt of Brian Epstein • Pearl Fishman, Mother of Arlene Speiser • Erwin Mann, Father of Steven Mann • 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

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 \$40. 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.

Healing List

The Healing List has a new chair. Please send any names to Rhea Goldman at rsegoldman@comcast.net. Kindly email Rhea with any additions and subtractions to the list below.

Denise & Cookie Bartashnick
 Sue Beck
 Ellen Benowitz
 Al and Anni Belonzi
 Bruce, Charles, Dave, Arlene & Marianne Bird
 Gloria Branson
 Claire Campellone
 Jim Collins
 Mike Criniti
 Gail Cummings
 Stephanie Des Santos
 HelenMarie Dolton
 Jodi Eichler-Levine
 Harriet Eisner
 Rick Farnkopf
 Tom Frascella
 Merle Galdsden
 Heidi Gasperi
 Susan Giachetti and family
 Geri Goldberg
 Jeffrey Goldman
 Rhea Goldman
 Frank Gonzalez
 Ronnie Goudie
 Ian Green
 Renee Harrison
 Michael Hirsh
 Lillain Ippolito

Sandy Jones
 Agnes Jones-Tucker
 Sharon Kaiser
 Harriet, Allan & Crystal Kanefsky
 Andy & Eileen Kish
 Michael Kish
 David Kols
 Joe Kramer
 Rosemarie Kramer
 Rindy Lasus
 Maxine Lavine
 Penny Lawres
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 Steve Lederman
 Stephanie Ledgin
 Sally Levites
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 Grace Long
 Annette Mayo
 Gloria McCarty
 Patricia McIntyre
 Gloria McLarty
 Harvey Morginstin
 Alice Meltzer
 Julie Mitchell
 Paul Mitchell
 Terry Neuman
 Rita Nissim

Mia Nissim
 Christine O'Mara
 Toni Peroutka
 Matt Pey
 Alex Pinkus (Rita's grandson/Afghanistan)
 Rhonda Rabin
 Yaron Reinhold
 Rick Rucker
 Michael Scalero
 Kathy Schwartz
 Liz, Jorie, Lori, Emma & Anna Schwartz
 Lenny, Eric, Joel & Andrea Schwartzberg
 Sandra Segal
 Carleen Smith
 Jean and Joseph Sladkus
 Rick Stanics
 William Starrs
 Phil Tascone
 Elaine Trackman
 Les Trackman
 Walter Walk
 Louise Warren-Grooms
 Annette Weiss
 Jane Valery
 Ellen Vogel
 Ronnie & Stan Zeichner
 Yossi Zeichner
 Eric Zott

High Holidays



Sunday, Sept. 9th—Erev Rosh Hashanah Services 7:30pm
 Monday, Sept. 10th—Rosh Hashanah Services 10am
 Tuesday, Sept. 11th—Rosh Hashanah Program 10 am
 Tuesday, Sept. 11th—Rosh Hashanah Lunch 11:30 am

Tuesday, Sept. 18th—Kol Nidre Services 6:15pm
 Wednesday, Sept. 19th—Yom Kippur Services 10am
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