The joke goes something like this – “A Jew is discovered on a desert island after years of living there by himself. During this time he was able to build an incredible infrastructure of buildings that looked remarkably like a real city. On the tour that he gave to his rescuers, they noticed that he had built not just one, but two synagogues. When asked about this, he replied, pointing to each of the buildings, “Yes, that is the one I go to, and that is the one I would never go to.”

In my day job, I work with communities that both epitomize and defy the stereotype expressed in the joke. As many of you may be curious about what I do when I’m not in Bordentown, I thought I would use my newsletter column this month to explain a little more about this.

The Philadelphia Jewish community is broken up into 7 different distinct neighborhoods or Kehillot: Bucks County, Delaware County, BuxMont, Chester County, Old York Road, Center City, and Lower Merion. While there are other distinct Jewish areas like North East and North West Philadelphia, these comprise the primary places of Jewish residences.

In my role as Director of Community Partnership for the Jewish Outreach Partnership, I work with the latter three, Old York Road, Center City and Lower Merion. In each, is a neighborhood organization called a kehillah that brings together all of the synagogues and Jewish organizations in the community. Effectively, these function as mini-Federations, whose sole purpose is to help bring the rabbis, synagogue professionals, and lay leadership together at the same table, to plan events that foster cooperation in each of the three neighborhoods.

Funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, this structure is only 3-4 years old and is still in its infancy about what it can accomplish. Already we have seen remarkable change in the dynamics of each of the communities. Groups that never would work together in the past now regularly meet and share ideas.

At B’nai Abraham we understand what it means to be isolated. For better or for worse, we do not have a larger Jewish community surrounding us. However, we are blessed to be part of a wonderful Jewish Federation in Mercer and Princeton, to be connected through to the Reconstructionist movement through JRF, and to have a supportive church community surrounding us. This November, we have a chance to support all three of these:

• On November 5, Jewish Family and Children’s Services in Mercer County is holding a program called YOURS MINE & OURS: A Community Program Exploring Interfaith Relationships at the Friend Center at Princeton between 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM (see inside for more details).

• On November 9, we are holding our first Interfaith Dialogue of the year, an opportunity for Jews, Christians and Muslims to converse at the Methodist Church of Crosswicks at 7 PM.

• And, from November 9 to the 12th, JRF is holding its biannual Convention at the Hyatt in downtown Philadelphia. This is a great way to see what is going on in the larger movement. Go to www.jrf.org for more information and to register.

I look forward to sharing more with you about my day job and to continuing the project of building community in Bordentown.

B’Shalom,

Rabbi Alex
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SHABBAT SERVICES, YAHREIITS
ONEGS

Friday October 27th  Shabbat Services Rabbi Julie Pfau
will lead. Light Candles 5:44PM

Friday November 3 Shabbat Services 7:30PM. We will
remember Gertrude Herzog, mother of Madge Rosen and
Walter Harrison, husband of Renee Harrison. Oneg Shabbat
hostess Elizabeth Marsh in honor of Amanda and Sarah’s B’nai
Mitzvah Light Candles 4:36PM

Saturday November 4th Shabbat Morning Services,
9:30am. B’nai Mitzvah of Amanda and Sarah Marsh

Friday November 10 Shabbat Services 7:30PM. We will
remember Abraham Zackler, father of Marsha Dowshen,
and Helen Roseman, mother of Renee Harrison. Oneg
Shabbat hosts Sandy SchwartzBird and Weiss Family
Light Candles 4:28PM

Friday November 17, Tot Shabbat Services/Pot Luck
Dinner 6PM, Adult services 7:30PM We will
remember Norman Lamonsoff, father of Karen Nissim,
husband of Sheila Lamonsoff, Helen Schwartzberg,
sister-in-law of Sandy SchwartzBird, Meyer Gale, father-
in-law of Eileen Gale, Joseph Rothman, father of Robin
Affrime, husband of Evelyn Rothman Light Candles 4:22PM

Friday November 24th Shabbat Services 7:30PM We will
remember Issac Grassian, father of Rita Nissim,
Sidney Klepner, father of Len Klepner, Pauline Zackler,
mother of Marsha Dowshen, and Hyman Goldman and
Jennie Rudenstein. Light Candles 4:18PM

Friday December 1st Shabbat Services 7:30PM We will
remember Samuel Morginstin, father of Sid Morginstin.
Oneg Shabbat hosts Morginstin and Klepner families.
Light Candles 4:15PM

AROUND OUR TEMPLE NEWS

Mazel Tov to Ronnie and Stan Zeichner on the
marriage of their son Brian Dov Zeichner. The
Chupa was at the Chabad Synagogue in Crown
Heights. Dov is a rabbinical student at Hadar
Hatorah Brooklyn.

Mazel Tov to Amanda and Sarah Marsh on their
B’nai Mitzvah.

The Temple and Sisterhood communities extend
our condolences to Charyl and Sid Morginstin on
the passing of Charyl’s stepfather.

Tot Shabbat News

Tot Shabbat will meet on November 17, from 6:00 -
7:30. Join us as we celebrate Shabbat and learn
about our synagogue. After our usual pot luck
dinner and family friendly Shabbat service, the
children will take a tour of our Temple and then
make their own stained glass windows with torn
tissue paper and clear contact paper. Since our
stained glass windows are looking so beautiful it
seemed like the perfect craft!

Our next Tot Shabbat services will be December 15
when we celebrate Hanukkah, and January 26
when we celebrate Tu B’shevat.

For more information about Tot Shabbat or to join
our pot luck RSVP list call Sharon Dauber 291-
9169 or email sdauber@comcast.net. Please also
feel free to contact me should you be interested in
contributing or leading a craft idea or story reading.

Sharon Dauber
Rededication

A wonderful and beautiful time was had by all who attended the rededication on October 15th. Our Hebrew School students entertained us with some songs, as did our the very talented Greg Rosen who played a moving rendition of Hatikvah on his trumpet. Bordentown City Mayor Collum and Bordentown Township Member Bruce Hill spoke, as did State Assemblyman Joe Malone. Mr. Malone presented a Resolution from the State, commemorating our 90th year and rededication of our temple. The plaque will have a special place on the walls of our temple. We also unveiled a special plaque in memory of Elaine Zeitz. It has been placed over the sisterhood Judaica display case. Thanks again for all who made this day possible.

CALLING ALL TEENS!!!

The joint temple teen group gathers post-bar and bat mitzvah students for activities, field trips, films and service projects throughout the year. The participating temples are Temple B’nai Abraham, String of Pearls, and JCC of Belle Mead. Call Abbie and Sam Shain for details. 324-0571

Activities for Teen Group in November:

- Nov. 18-19: Shul-In held at the temple in Belle Mead
- Nov. 22: Volunteering at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen for the evening meal (3:30 p.m.)
- Dec. 3: eating tour of New York City

The United Jewish Federation Princeton Mercer Bucks has scholarships available for teen Israel summer trips. Deadline March 15, 2007. Please see Rabbi for more information.

Social Action

Keep bringing in those granola bars! Another on-going project for Temple B’nai Abraham is our monthly contribution of 20 boxes of granola bars for grocery bags delivered to the HomeFront motel residents. Food donations are always needed for the local food pantry as well.

Jewish Film Festival

The seventh annual Rutgers New Jersey Jewish Film Festival will be held Nov. 9-19 at the Regal Cinema in North Brunswick. Award-winning international films are shown. For details, go to http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu.

2005-2006 Host List for Oneg Shabbats Luncheons and Sisterhood Meetings

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NOTE

If an Oneg is canceled due to inclement weather, your responsibilities may be moved to another date. If the date assigned to you is not a good date for you, YOU are responsible for finding a replacement.

Temple B’nai Abraham and Sarah Seidel Sisterhood will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive on December 27, 2006 at the Carslake Community Center, Senior Services Room, 209 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, from 2:30 to 8:30 PM. this is an annual event that the Jewish community sponsors at this time because of the decline in blood donations during the holiday season. Please tell your family and friends about the blood drive and encourage them to participate. We will meet our goal if each family makes itself responsible for one pint of blood. Please call Randye, 298-6485, to volunteer to distribute posters, make phone calls, or make an appointment to give blood on December 27. Let's work together to make this drive a success. Thank you. Randye Bloom
Programs and Services Available to Temple and Sisterhood Members

Sisterhood Joy and Sorrow
Cards of sympathy, good cheer, or mazel tov, are available through Sarah Seidel Sisterhood at a cost of $2.50 minimum. Contact Rita Nissim at 298-5357.

Temple Joy and Sorrow
Cards of sympathy or good wishes are available through Temple B’nai Abraham at a cost of $5 minimum. Contact Sharon Dauber at 291-9169.

Torah Prayer Books (Chumashim)
For those interested in purchasing a torah prayer book in honor of or in memory of someone, the cost is $75. If interested, please call or e-mail Betsy Ramos. You may also sponsor our existing Siddur at a cost of $35.00.

General donations
For anyone interested in making a general donation to the synagogue that does not fit into any of the above categories, of course, the synagogue will be happy to accept the donation. You may send a check to Temple B’nai Abraham, P.O. Box 245, Bordentown, NJ and indicate whether it is for a special occasion and whether you would like the synagogue to send an acknowledgment to someone. If it is a non-temple member, please provide their name and address.

Memorial Plaques
Memorial plaques are available at $200 each. To order, please send the following information IN WRITING to Sid Morginstin, plaque chairman, (PO Box 8101 Trenton NJ or e-mail Sidmorgy@verizon.net. (1) English name of deceased (2) Hebrew name of deceased. (3) Date of death in the English calendar. Once the plaque has been put up, you will be billed. Plaques will not be moved from one board to another.

Cat’s Meow Temple Collectors plaque
Sarah Seidel Sisterhood has available the Cat’s Meow Collectors plaque of our Temple for sale at $10.00. The plaques are imprinted on the back with the date of our establishment, and signed by the artist. Contact Eileen Gale at 291-0220.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our annual Break the Fast a wonderful event to end our High Holidays. Elizabeth Marsh, Karen Nissim, Charyl Morginstin, Phyllis Chudoff, Renee Harrison, Rita Nissim, Shira Lowry and the many bakers, and other helpers I may have forgotten.

Passover Seder
Kim Aubry has volunteered to chair the annual Passover Second Seder this year. Please call Kim to offer your help. Thank you Kim.

Hebrew and Religious School Notes
The November theme is Jewish Heroes. The beginning of the month the students will learn about Biblical heroes and learn how they can relate to their every day lives. The students will also learn about local leaders who helped the community and how they can be heroes themselves. The Sunday School will focus on superheroes – becoming their own and working on different ways that they can help other people.

Donations

Temple

Yahrtzeit
In Memory of:
Molly Schaeffer from Rhoda and Henry Kessler
Nathan Schwartz from Phyllis Chudoff
Helen Roseman from Renee Harrison
Walter Harrison from Renee Harrison
Gertrude Herzog from Madge and Gerald Rosen
Isaac Grassian from Rita and Marty Nissim
For various relatives from Robert Gershowitz

Sisterhood

Rejoicing with You
Elaine Trackman Happy Birthday from Phyllis & Iz Kamer
Ellen Wiener Happy Birthday from Phyllis & Iz Kamer
Get Well
Marty Nissim from Iz and Phyllis Kamer
In Memory of
Charyl Morginstin’s stepfather Paul Goldfarb
Jay and Elaine Trackman
Renee Harrison
Iz and Phyllis Kamer
Eileen Gale
Neil and Karen Nissim
Nina Glanz

Supermarket Gift Cards.

Please remember to purchase Supermarket gift cards for the Acme, Shop Rite and Marazzos. This fundraiser is ongoing throughout the year. The gift cards are purchased at dollar for dollar value. The Temple receives 5% making this is a great way to support our temple. Contact Joel Dowshen and he will see that you will receive them in a timely manner. 298-5306.

PLEASE NOTE: You can send your checks directly to Joel Dowshen at 502 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505 with your order amount and supermarket noted.
HIGH HOLIDAY PLEDGES

Robert Gershowitz
Randye Bloom and Michael Scolaro
Eileen Gale
Phyllis Chudoff
Marty and Rita Nissim
Sheila Lamonsoff
Michael and Melissa Fattori
Bonnie Goldman and Steven Lederman
Stan and Ronnie Zeichner
Rick Shain and Marcy Schwartz
Scott and Danielle Parmenter
Lynette Lazarus
Jeffery Goldman
Kevin Smith

Knitters wanted

Do you want to knit, crochet and like company while working on a project? Then we have a group for you. Join with your fellow temple/sisterhood members for knitting/crocheting and camaraderie. A marvelous group of ladies are going to get together to learn, re-learn and gather new patterns on a periodic basis (probably bi-weekly or monthly). We are beginners, intermediates and advanced (the heavy trenders) and invite you to roll that yarn with us. Dates and times are to be decided with most likely a January begin date. Call Betsy Ramos, 298-0437 or Eileen Gale, 291-0220, to sign up for our gatherings.

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood Chanukah Candle & Gift Wrap Sale

45 Multi Color Candles $5.99

Set of 4 Beautiful designs of Chanukah wrapping paper
Each roll is 50 sq. ft $12.99

Call or email your order to Shira Lowry by October 31st. Don’t worry about payment until delivery. Phone Shira at 324-0072 or shira@eksuccess.com.

The Temple is on the Bordentown Historical Walking Tour

Temple B’nai Abraham will be one of the stops for the annual Bordentown Historical Society Holiday Route on December 9 from 5 to 9 PM. The Holiday Route committee projects about 500 to 600 people will participate in the festivities. With such a large number of participants, we have to keep things relatively simple, but we are very excited to be able to showcase our beautiful old building and our culture. Randye Bloom, Rhea Goldman, Charyl and Sid Morginstin, and Elaine and Jay Trackman have started the planning, but would love to have more ideas and volunteers. We are in need of hosts/hostesses throughout the evening to talk about our Temple and building, and to work in the kitchen getting light refreshments on trays and out to the social room (no baking required). We also would like to have a display of interesting and different menorahs and dreidels. Please bring your menorahs and dreidels to the Temple by December 8th (with your name on the bottom) and they will be available for you to pick up December 10- well in advance of Chanukah. We will have a handout available that tells the history of the Temple and information about some of the religious symbols that will be seen. Please contact any of the committee members to volunteer your services or offer suggestions for the evening. It is sure to be a fun evening and a great opportunity for us to reach out to the greater Bordentown community. Don’t forget to bring your menorahs and dreidels to the synagogue! Thanks.

Sarah Seidel Sisterhood Meeting

November 13th, 2006

Please join the Sisterhood on Monday, November 13th at 7:30pm for a flower arranging demonstration led by Karen Nissim. Everyone will be able to bring home a personally designed autumnal arrangement! The fee for the class is $25 per person. Please contact Karen at 298-4845, or Debby Weiss at 208-2084, debby@jande.org to let us know that you will be joining us so we may bring the appropriate quantity of supplies. RSVP is a must and need to be made by Nov. 8th. Hostesses for the evening are Randye Bloom and Marsha Dowshen.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Birthday Bash

We’re still planning on having a birthday bash sometime next spring to celebrate our 90th birthday. We’re working on the date and still need committee members to work on this event. If you are willing to help, please contact Charlie Weiss at 609-802-2766 or charlie@jande.org.

Betsy Ramos
Jewish Family and Children’s Service Presents:

Sunday November 5th, 2006
A Community Program Exploring Interfaith Relationships
This program is open to non-Jewish and Jewish individuals, young couples, married couples with children, grandparents, community professionals and lay leaders to address interfaith family issues. Its purpose is to encourage healthy intergenerational interfaith families. It will be at the Friend Center, Olden and William Streets in Princeton. Fee is $18/person, $25/couple.

November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
Project Reemployment
10am to 1PM at the Hickory Corner Library, 138 Hickory Corner Rd. in East Windsor. No Fee
Pre-registration is required by Nov. 1st. Contact Debra Levenstein at 609-987-8100

November 2, 2006
A Jewish Bereavement Group
1:00 to 2:15PM at The Jewish Center, 435 Nassau St. Princeton, NJ. Contact Debra Levenstein.

For any information on these and other programs presented by Jewish Family and Children’s Service, Contact Debra Levenstein at 609-987-8100.

Interfaith Dialogue

November 9 at 7 p.m.
Speakers:
The Rev. Larry Smith, Pastor of the Dorthea Dix Community, sharing insights into Unitarian Universalist participation in Interfaith Dialogue
& Mr. Salim Manzar, Executive Director of the Princeton Advisory Group sharing about dire relief and redevelopment needs in his native Pakistan in the wake of last year’s earthquakes

Meeting at
The Crosswicks United Methodist Church, Church Street and Ward Avenue, Crosswicks, New Jersey
For information, call: (609) 324-9800

(Sponsored by Temple B’nai Abraham, Bordentown; The United Methodist Church, Crosswick; & The Dorothea Dix Unitarian Universalist Community, Crosswicks.)

Thank you to these restaurants for your donation of delicious food for our Rededication on October 15.
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