



THE SCRIBE

Monthly Newsletter of Temple B'nai Abraham
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From Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

Bat Mitzvah of Karissa Massicott

Karissa Massicott will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on *Shabbat* Morning, March 12. I know Karissa and her family would be delighted to see you that morning as she leads services, reads from the *Torah* and chants the *Haftarah* and takes her place as an adult member of the Jewish community.

Arba Parshiot — The Four Portions

This year being a leap year, our calendar includes both *Adar Alef* and *Adar Bet*. It is right around the month of *Adar* (*Adar Bet* this year) that we have the first of four special *Maftir* portions from the *Torah*, each of which is accompanied by a special *Haftarah*. The four are *Shekalim*, which occurs on the *Shabbat* just before, or on, *Rosh Hodesh Adar* (*Adar Bet* in leap years), and which refers to the half-shekel tax used to support communal sacrifices in the Jerusalem Temple; *Zachor*, which occurs on the *Shabbat* before *Purim*, and which commands us first, to remember, and then, to blot out the name of *Amalek*; *Parah*, which occurs on the *Shabbat* that is between *Purim* and *Shabbat HaHodesh*, and which is a reminder to purify ourselves before Passover; and, finally, *HaHodesh*, which occurs on the *Shabbat* that is just before, or on, *Rosh Hodesh Nisan*, and which reminds us of the details of Passover observance.

Purim

This joyous holiday will be observed on Saturday evening, March 19, with the reading of *Megillat Esther* ("the Megillah"). And on Sunday morning, March 20, please join us as we celebrate in Middletown with the members of Aduv Israel for a family Megillah reading, Purim Carnival, Purimspiel and other festivities. Please plan on joining us for this wonderful evening and morning of Jewish merriment. **But a word of caution.** Although the Talmud states that one is to drink on Purim until he (or she) cannot tell the difference between "cursed is Haman" and "blessed is Mordechai", recent authorities, even in the Orthodox community, recognize the danger this poses. The most recent authoritative code — the *Mishnah Berurah* (late 19th - early 20th century) — holds that one who drinks should drink only a bit more than one is used to. And that is only for one who would not be driving afterwards. Please, enjoy the holiday, but do endanger yourself or others.

Education

If one were to ask a rabbi what gives him or her the most satisfaction, those answers may well differ. However, a large percentage of rabbis, myself included, would answer that they derive the most satisfaction from our congregants' growth as Jews — from their acquisition of Jewish knowledge and their participation in *mitzvot*. Over the past 18 months, I have watched as our children and adults have eagerly learned about the classic texts of our tradition. To date they have learned about the *Tanakh* — the

Hebrew Bible, including the *Mikra'ot Gedolot* — known as the "Rabbi's Bible"; the *Midrash*, the *Mishnah*, the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmuds and the *Mishneh Torah*, and they have examined these texts in the classic Hebrew or Aramaic languages. And those of you who have attended Friday evening services have remarked about the poise and Hebrew skills as the students now are leading the entire service. We are now posting the Classic Texts series lectures and exhibits on our website. Take a look at what you may have missed and consider joining us for the remaining three classes — the Major Codes; Responsa; and the Zohar and Mystical Texts.

Shabbat Around the World

The second in our series of *Shabbat* Dinners from other lands will be held on Friday Evening, March 25. If you enjoyed the Moroccan Dinner last November, you know what a delicious and informative meal that was. Don't miss this next one which will offer the cuisine of Polynesia. And if you are willing to help us prepare this meal, please let Fred Zierler or myself know. We'd be delighted to have you join us.

b'Shalom,

Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

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Purim is Coming – Two Ways to Celebrate

Saturday, March 19th – 8:00 PM

**Celebrate with your Temple family
at Temple B'nai Abraham**

Get your costumes ready!

Listen to the Megillah!

**Participate in the Costume Parade
(for both children & adults)**

Make lots of noise!

Enjoy Hamantaschen!

Join us Sunday, March 20th

**Celebrate at Adath Israel Synagogue
in Middletown**

**9:00 AM – Family Megillah Reading
and Costume Contest**

About 11:00 – 1:00 – Purim Carnival

Purim-Spiel to follow the carnival

Lunch is available for a small charge

**This is open to ALL Temple B'nai
Abraham members, not just the
students and their parents.**



**CALENDAR EVENTS
MARCH, 2011**

1 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School
7:30 PM Education Meeting

2 Wednesday

7:00 PM Synagogue Skills
Class: Leading the Services

3 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

4 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening
Services

5 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning
Services

6 Sunday

No Jewry Duty
9:30 AM Religious School
10:15 AM Hadassah Board
Meeting/mini brunch

8 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

9 Wednesday

5:30 PM Cemetery Meeting
7:00 PM Synagogue Skills:
Torah/Haftorah/Megillah

10 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

11 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening
Services

12 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning
Services & Jr. Congregation
Bat Mitzvah of:
Karissa Massicott

13 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School
9:30 AM Jewry Duty
10:30 AM Adult Ed. Series:
The Tur, the Shulhan Arukh,
The Mishnah Berurah, etc.

14 Monday

7:30 PM Finance Meeting

15 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

17 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:00 PM Auxiliary – Purim
preparation

18 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening
Services

19 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning
Services
8:00 PM Purim Celebration
– **Megillah reading**

20 Sunday

9:00 AM Purim celebration
at Adath Israel Synagogue -
Middletown

22 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

23 Wednesday

7:00 PM Synagogue Skills
Class: Leading the Services

24 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:30 PM Board of Directors'
Meeting

25 Friday

6:30 PM Family Shabbat
Services followed by the
Congregational Dinner

26 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning
Services

27 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School
9:30 AM Jewry Duty

29 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

30 Wednesday

7:00 PM Synagogue Skills:
Torah/Haftorah/Megillah

31 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

**We are now working on the Religious School for the coming year.
If you have a child who will be in Pre-K or K beginning September, 2011,
please contact the Temple office with their name and age.**



College Scholarship Information

Applications for Temple Scholarships for **undergraduate and graduate** study, are available in the Temple office and must be picked up. **None will be mailed out.** All applications need to be returned to: Temple B'nai Abraham – College Scholarships, 127 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450 by **May 16, 2011.** The following scholarships are available:

Sarah Zietz Pierson
Sylvia Gross Wasserman
Sophie & Julius Barker
Rabbi Albert & Roselyn Troy
Evelyn & Abraham Grossman
Bernie Seiden
Max Cheikin
Jean Stern Aron

Pick up your applications as soon as possible so they may be **properly completed** and **sent in on time.** Parents, please be sure to read the cover of the application carefully in order to **fulfill all of the requirements.**

The Gladys and Arthur Weiss Temple Youth Scholarship for Camp and Travel to Israel

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide an incentive for Jewish youth to remain connected to Jewish life by affording them the opportunity to participate in cultural, social, religious, educational, or personal development experiences centered around a Jewish environment.

The following areas of interest for eligible program:

1. Jewish learning, e.g. Makom

2. Jewish Summer Camps, e. g. USY Summer, USY on Wheels, Laurelwood
3. Jewish Sports Camp, Maccabiah
4. Jewish Camps (programs) for the fine arts, March of the Living

A letter from the child should be sent to the Temple by **May 16th**, telling what they hope to gain from this experience.

The Jewish Federation of the Greater Meriden Area **IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE**

Thanks to your generous contributions, the Jewish Federation of the Greater Meriden Area will be able to award two types of scholarships this year:

1. Scholarships to children who will be participating in a summer camp or other program that enhances Jewish identity (i.e. Jewish Summer Camp; an organized trip to Israel etc.) and whose parents have been supporters of the Jewish Federation of Greater Meriden in each of the last three years. **To apply**, please stop in the Temple office for an application.

2. Scholarships to college and university students (**undergraduate**) who have been supporters or whose parents have been supporters of the Jewish Federation of Greater Meriden in each of the last three years.

To apply, please send a letter of request identifying yourself, your goals, which school you are attending and a brief description of your course of study.

Applications for either type of scholarship must be submitted no later than 5/16/2011 to:
Jewish Federation of Greater Meriden
127 East Main Street
Meriden, CT 06450

Bat Mitzvah Project

My name is Karissa Massicott. My Bat Mitzvah will be on March 12th 2011. My whole life I have had a love for animals. This is my inspiration for my Bat Mitzvah project.

I will be collecting donations of pet food, towels, blankets, toys etc. that I will donate to the local Humane Society. I would appreciate it if you would help me save innocent animals.



I will also be selling bracelets and taking donations. I will donate the profits to a zoo in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Money for the Cats in the Israel Zoo



Mazal Tov - מזל טוב

To **Sue & Roy Massicott** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Karissa** on Saturday, March 12th. The Massicott family invite the congregation to join them as they celebrate their *simcha*.



To **Edith and Paul Baron** who each celebrated their 90th birthday recently. Edith celebrated on December 30th and Paul on January 24th.

To **Rich Katz** on being honored as “Sportsman of Distinction” by the Meriden Sports Reunion.

Happy Anniversary to our couples celebrating an anniversary during the month of March:

- 4th – Anita & Martin Hillman
- 15th – Myrna & Leo Bichunsky
- 17th – Linda & Allen Caplan
- 18th – Marsha & David Grossman
- 25th – Phyllis & Bernie Frydenberg

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating a birthday during the month of March:

- 2nd – Herman Sochin
- 5th – Lynn Saltz
- 6th – Marcia Cheikin (95th)
- 7th – Sue Massicott
- 7th – Rabbi Michael Kohn
- 8th – Dan Steiner
- 10th – Ben Eisner
- 10th – Robert Miller
- 19th – David Hayford
- 20th – Bennett Dunn
- 20th – David Goodman
- 20th – Muriel Berson
- 21st – Raisa Filler
- 22nd – Janice Weiss
- 22nd – Estelle Limon
- 23rd – Shari Turner
- 23rd – Arline Kaller
- 24th – Arthur Weiss (97th)
- 24th – Katrina Axelrod
- 24th – Barry Blocher
- 26th – Harriet Meisel
- 27th – Susan Croog
- 29th – Greg Radin

Happy Birthday to our next generation:

- 5th – Matthew Arnold
- 8th – Ethan Burwick
- 17th – Lilian Filler
- 17th – Emily Ball
- 21st – Philip Axelrod
- 26th – Michael Weiss

Hadassah Education Night Thursday, April 7, 2010

A panel discussion is planned on the topic of Current Trends in Healthcare, led by three nurses whose areas of expertise are different, yet often intersect. We are fortunate to have within our Hadassah chapter, Debbie Kaye, BSN and Deborah Broadley, BSN, MSN, APRN. Their colleague, Joanne Erickson, BSN, MSN, will join them in the presentation. They look forward to answering questions, hearing your thoughts, although personal medical questions cannot be addressed in this forum.

Debbie Kaye is a 1979 graduate of UConn with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has worked in a variety of clinical settings, including working as head nurse at the Jewish Home for the Aged, and then in acute care at UConn Health Center, WW2 Veterans Memorial Hospital and VMMC with experience in orthopedics, med-surg, cardiac care and oncology. In 1995, she transitioned into utilization review, and discharge planning, becoming a case manager. She then worked for Medspan, an HMO and almost 10 years with a major disability insurance company as a case manager. Most recently, Debbie returned to clinical practice as a Care Manager at Gaylord Hospital, assisting patients and families with discharge planning, obtaining resources and utilization management.

Deborah Broadley holds a BSN and MSN from Graceland University and is an APRN, a nurse practitioner, board certified in Family Practice. She currently works for Internal Medicine Associates and provides care for their patients at the hospital, at Westfield Care and Rehab, and for one floor of residents at Masonicare. She also has years of experience working as an operating room nurse, and in oncology, holding a certification to administer chemotherapy. She is currently enrolled in a doctoral program.

Joanne Erickson is currently the Director of Continuum Services at Masonicare. She holds a BSN and MSN, and in her earlier days worked in a variety of clinical settings such as pediatrics, surgical, critical care, and infection control in hospital settings. However, her path turned toward care management, utilization review, and

community health programs. Prior to joining Masonicare, while working for the Connecticut Alliance for Integrated Care for a number of years, she worked in program development, implementation and management of healthcare systems, quality assurance and designing strategies to guide patients through the health care continuum. She has a broad prospective of healthcare systems, and how they can work cooperatively to bring quality care to the community.

We look forward to an evening of sharing and learning. We will also update you on the most recent news from Hadassah Medical Organization. Please join us at 7:15 for dessert and the program. This meeting is open to ALL.

HADASSAH'S CENTENNIAL STORY

“If we are Zionists...what is the good of meeting and talking and drinking tea? Let us do something real and practical—let us organize the Jewish women of America and send nurses and doctors to Palestine.”

HENRIETTA SZOLD ON FEBRUARY 24, 1912,
THE DAY HADASSAH WAS FOUNDED, TO 38
WOMEN GATHERED AT TEMPLE EMANUEL, N.Y.

And so they did. And here we are: Daughters and granddaughters and great granddaughters of those strong, committed, visionary, feet-on-the-ground women. What made them different? Why did the organization they started continue and thrive, when others of the time are long forgotten? *Because they were practical Zionists.* They dreamed of what could be in Palestine—and then they took off their gloves, rolled up their sleeves, opened their pocketbooks, and made it happen. They did send nurses to a bleak and barren Jerusalem...and laid the groundwork for Israel's healthcare system.

Today we stand with a prosperous, proud Israel. Like those pioneering women a century ago, *we are practical Zionists.* Today, because of you—Hadassah hospitals treat one million patients a year, and our medical research and trauma care are world renown. Today, because of you—Israel's earth is green, and youth become productive citizens and leaders, adding their strength to the land we love.



PURIM IS COMING! PURIM IS COMING!

The B'nai Abraham Auxiliary is offering a unique service as a fund-raiser for the Purim holiday. We will help you to fulfill the mitzvah of "**Shalah Manot**" (an assortment of edible treats sent to your friends and family).

For a donation of **\$5 for the first box**, and **\$3 for each additional box**, you can leave the preparation to us. Recipients may pick up their box at Temple B'nai Abraham beginning Friday, March 18th 9:00 – 2:30; Saturday, March 19th (at Purim Service) 8:00; Sunday, March 20th 10:30 – 12:30. We can ship boxes to your friends, family, and business associates anywhere in the U.S. for an additional fee of \$5.00 per box to cover the postage.

The order form is on the next page. Please return the form and your check by **Sunday, March 13th**, payable and sent to:
B'nai Abraham Auxiliary
127 East Main Street
Meriden, CT 06450

OR you may drop the form and your check off at the Temple office.

PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS & CHECKS BY SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011.

Please note:

1. In the case of duplicate orders, only one box will be sent. All persons sending boxes will be acknowledged.
2. **If you would like to send a box to anyone who sends one to you, please check off the RECIPROCATE box at the bottom of the order form. Checking off the RECIPROCATE box indicates that you agree to assume responsibility for payment of the extra boxes before delivery. We will bill you the amount owed. You can have automatic reciprocity for just \$12 with a minimum order of \$30. Otherwise the cost is \$5 per box.**

For additional information, or if you wish to help assemble and/or deliver boxes, please call Susan Massicott at 630-1947.

Please Return Order Form by March 13th

From: _____

To: B'nai Abraham Auxiliary
127 East Main Street
Meriden, CT 06450

Shalah Manot Order Form

Name	Address	Box Fee	Shipping Fee*
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Additional names may be added. I can not participate, but I wish to make a donation.			

Totals _____

*** Shipping Fee: \$5.00 per box**

Make checks payable to:
B'nai Abraham Auxiliary

_____ **Check here if you wish to reciprocate and will assume responsibility for payment before delivery.**

All items Kosher - Dairy
Hamantaschen – Pareve



2nd Shabbat Around the World Dinner

Friday, March 25, 2011

Service at 6:30 PM, led by
the children of our Religious School

Dinner immediately following services

Traditional Polynesian Shabbat Dinner

Featuring: Appetizers, salad, soup, entrée (meat and veggies, also kid friendly), (vegetarian option available).
and Polynesian desserts

Prepared in our kitchen by Rabbi Kohn and
friends of the kitchen!

Be a part of what promises to be a tastefully pleasant evening.

Reservations a must – Please return this form to
the Temple by Sunday, March 20th.

*** Guests are encouraged to attend!

Polynesian Shabbat Dinner Reservation

Family Name _____

_____ Adults @ \$12.00 \$ _____

_____ Children of Religious School Age (4 and up) @ \$8 \$ _____

_____ Children under 4 Free

Yahrzeits during the month of March

Mar. 1	Fred Rubenstein	Mar. 19	Joseph Nichols
Mar. 2	Lena Moslowitz	Mar. 20	Charles Pierson
	Minnie Levitt		Dorothy E. Miller
	Mollie Silver	Mar. 21	Sidney Friedman
	Michael Melton	Mar. 22	Abraham Goldstein
Mar. 3	Louis Tonkonow		Faye Lovett
	Ruth Sugarman	Mar. 23	Gladys Rosenberg
Mar. 4	Abraham Berson		Harry Goldstein
	Ida Dina Arlook		Rose Zellman
Mar. 5	Sally Alderman	Mar. 25	Julius Levine
Mar. 6	Ida Cheerman	Mar. 26	Minnie White
Mar. 10	Jacob Gottlieb		Fannie Levitch
Mar. 11	Isaac Grossman	Mar. 27	Rose Israel
	Bess Perry	Mar. 28	Anna Weinberg
Mar. 12	Geraldine Turover		Beatrice Kolbin
	Chester Trueheart	Mar. 29	Gertrude Wilder
	Allan Kaye		Alexander Gluzman
Mar. 14	Lenore Winkleman		Doris Kaye
Mar. 15	Nehuma Simonowsky	Mar. 30	Charles Cohen
Mar. 16	Benjamin Daniels		Herman Angel
Mar. 17	Anna Buchman		Gussie Menus
	Isaac Shweky		Frederick Theriault
	Lillian Sierra	Mar. 31	Abraham Rosen
Mar. 18	Belle Semack		

A Candle or Yahrzeit Light should be lit at sundown the night before these dates.

Tzedakah to perpetuate the memory of a loved one is a Mitzvah.
Your contribution to the Yahrzeit Fund would be greatly appreciated



תודה רבה - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR VARIOUS FUNDS

Yahrzeit Fund: In Memory of:

Shirley Stuart by Hannah & Charles Forster
Michele Zimmitti by Hannah & Charles Forster
Nathan Mautner by Jo Robin & Michael Gould
Harry Meisel by Harriet Meisel
Minnie Levitt by Arlene & Morton Weyler
Bernard Levitt by Arlene & Morton Weyler

General Temple Fund

In Memory of **Alan Katten** by Lois Poplar.
In Memory of **Barry Koslow** by Muriel Berson.
In Memory of **Dr. Gil Goldenberg** by Muriel Berson and family. (2 cards sent)

Torah Restoration Fund

In Memory of **Barry Koslow** by Ruth Kahn.
In Memory of **Barry Koslow** by Dottie & David Elkin.
In Memory of **Barry Koslow** by Susan Croog.
In Memory of **Barry Koslow** by Adrienne & Jon Palley.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of **Bernard Nitkin** by Elly & Al Lowell.

Kiddush Fund/Lunch and Learn

In Memory of **Leon Kruk** by Linda & Jack Winkleman.
In Memory of **Alan Katten** by Linda & Jack Winkleman.

June Bogatz Children's Library

In Memory of **Faye Kaplan** by Helene & Howard Koenig.
In Memory of **Norman Bogatz** by Rabbi Dana Bogatz.
In Memory of **Rose Pierson** by Rabbi Dana Bogatz.

Auxiliary Fund

In Honor of **Karissa Massicott**, on her Bat Mitzvah, by her parents, Sue & Roy Massicott.
In Appreciation of **Linda Caplan** by Sue & Roy Massicott.
In Memory of **Ruth Warner** by Sue & Roy Massicott.

Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund

In Memory of **Martin Lable** by Dottie & David Elkin.

Bernie Seidon Scholarship Fund

In Memory of **Jerry Bloom** by Wally & Yetta Seidon.

It is with sorrow we inform you
of the passing of:

Barry Koslow
Husband of Elayne Koslow

Martin Lable

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבילי ציון וירושלים.
May the Lord comfort and sustain
all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

רפואה שלימה

Get Well Wishes to:

Estelle Schupack
Phyllis Sochin
Dorothy (Dottie) Levine
Marianne Smith