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

The New Year has begun. I hope and pray that it will be a year of health, fulfillment and peace for all of us at Temple B'nai Abraham and around the world.

Sukkot and Simhat Torah

Sukkot, the fall harvest festival, is called *z'man simhateinu* — "the season of our joy". And for good reason. On cool autumn evenings, we get to eat outside in the *sukkah* and we get to wave the *lulav* and *etrog* (one of our members makes a wonderful *etrog* marmalade after the holiday). As if that weren't enough, we also celebrate *Simhat Torah* — "the rejoicing of the Torah", when we finish reading the Torah and begin immediately at the story of creation. We dance and sing with all of our Torahs during the seven processions, everyone member of the congregation receives an *aliyah* on that day, there is a special *aliyah* for the children and two special *aliyot* where we honor two members as we read the very last words and the very first words of our sacred scroll. On Sunday, October 16, we will hold our *Hol Ha'Moed Sukkot* service and the Religious School children will join us as we waive the *lulav* and *etrog* during *Hallel* and agin as we march around the sanctuary near the end of the service. The congregation is invited to join with our Religious School children for Pizza in the Hut (*sukkah*) afterwards. And on Thursday evening, October 20, we will have our *Simhat Torah* service, with refreshments for all. And as a special treat we will unroll a Sefer Torah and take a "Tour of the Torah".

Adult Education — Women in the Bible

In mid-December, we will be having a series of programs led by Rabbi Jill Hammer, Ph.D. The subject will be Women in the Bible. Dr. Hammer will be with us for four programs — on Friday evening; *Shabbat* afternoon following services; Saturday evening, with *Havdalah*; and again on Sunday morning. There will be a dinner on Friday evening, lunch on *Shabbat* afternoon and refreshments on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The Saturday evening program will be held at the home of our President and her husband, Jo Robin and Michael Gould. I will lead additional sessions on this topic beginning after the first of the year.

While the schedule is not yet completed, I will be holding a weekday afternoon adult education program. The format will be flexible and I am happy to address topics that are of interest or concern to you. I look forward to your suggestions.

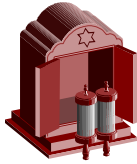
Synagogue Music

Music always enhances my spirituality during services and I believe that it enhances others' spirituality as well. Jean Lawrence has been working with me to discover melodies that might invigorate our services. I would like to convene a group of interested individuals to learn some of these melodies — new ones, as well as old — that we could introduce into, or re-emphasize in, our services. Please joins us and contact me by phone or email to let me know of your interest.

I wish each of you and your families a happy, healthy, peaceful and sweet 5772, and may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for another year.

Shannah Tovah u'Metukah,

Rabbi Michael G. Kohn



**Calendar Events
October 2011**

1 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

2 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School

9:30 AM Jewry Duty

Noon – Tashlich at Hubbard Park

4 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

6 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

7 Friday

6:00 PM Kol Nidre Services

8 Saturday

8:30 AM Yom Kippur Services with Yizkor

10:00 AM Jr. & Jr.Jr. Congregation

4:00 PM Mincha

5:30 PM Neila

7:05 PM Shofar Sounds

9 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School

9:30 AM Jewry Duty

10:15 AM Put up the Sukkah

11 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

13 Thursday

9:30 AM Sukkot Services

14 Friday

9:30 AM Sukkot Services

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

15 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

16 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School

9:30 AM Jewry Duty

17 Monday

7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting

18 Tuesday

No Religious School

20 Thursday

9:30 AM Shemin Atzeret Services with Yizkor

6:30 PM Simchat Torah Services

21 Friday

9:30 AM Simchat Torah Services

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

22 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

23 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School

9:30 AM Jewry Duty

10:15 AM Take down the Sukkah

25 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

7:30 PM Education Meeting

27 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

7:30 PM Board of Directors' Meeting

28 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

29 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

30 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School

9:30 AM Jewry Duty

From the President's Corner:

As we approach Yom Kippur, another chapter in the Book of Life will come to an end, and a new chapter begins. This statement applies to our synagogue as well. B'nai Abraham is celebrating its one hundred and twenty-third birthday. The task for the synagogue is to build upon its wonderful accomplishments. That is to create an institution that will more effectively meet its mission of enriching the lives of our congregants. I applaud those of the past and present who have worked so tirelessly to make this dream a reality.

Unfortunately for B'nai Abraham, as with any synagogue, to continue to meet its mission of enriching our lives, it takes money. Thus it is the challenge of our Temple community to provide B'nai Abraham with the resources it needs to meet those challenges of the present and the future. So I am asking each to be as generous as possible in our annual Yom Kippur Appeal.

May you have an easy fast.
From my family to you and yours,
L'shanah tovah,
Jo Robin Gould



Cemetery News

The Cemetery Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed toward the repair of the head and foot stones of the orphan stones. Thanks to a number of our members and non-members who received the letter, we were able to identify missing family for some of the orphan stones. We have updated our records with this information.

Again, thank you for caring for those who have passed before us.

Schedule of Holiday Services

Sunday, Oct. 2nd Noon
Tashlich at Hubbard Park

Kol Nidre

Friday, Oct. 7th 6:00 PM

Yom Kippur

Saturday, Oct. 8th 8:30 AM
Jr. & Jr. Jr. Congregation 10:00 AM
Mincha Services 4:00 PM
Neilah Services 5:30 PM
Shofar Sounds 7:05 PM

Sukkot

Thursday, Oct. 13th 9:30 AM
Friday, Oct. 14th 9:30 AM
6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

Thursday, Oct. 20th 9:30 AM
Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor
Simchat Torah 6:30 PM

Friday, Oct. 21st 9:30 AM
Simchat Torah
6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

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Auxiliary News

As we all prepare for the upcoming holiday, I hope you plan to start the year off right by joining Temple B'nai Abraham's Auxiliary. This wonderful committee provides many diverse programs throughout the year to meet the needs of our members, both young and old. Our events include religious, educational, social, recreational, and community service activities. We already have 18 programs planned for the coming year. We welcome new members and ideas. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every other month, at 7:30 pm, in the temple library. This committee is an integral part of the synagogue and provides funding for the onegs and other holiday celebrations. Please become a member of this committee...it will enable you to support your temple, while enjoying many fun events.

Make sure you plan on attending our up-coming programs in this New Year. We will start with Pizza in the Hut on Sunday October 16th; our Simchat Torah program on Thursday, October 20th, the Hayride on Sunday November 6th and the Military Whist on Saturday November 19th. Look in the Scribe or call the temple office for more information on these exciting events.

We are also looking for volunteers to help both assemble the sukkah on Sunday October 9th, and disassemble the sukkah on Sunday, October 23rd. A few volunteers will make both the processes go quickly, so please consider partaking of this mitzvah. Please call the Temple office (203-235-2581) and let Linda know which week you will be able to help.

Looking forward to enjoying Auxiliary programs with you,
L'Shana Tovah,
Susan Massicott
Auxiliary Chairperson

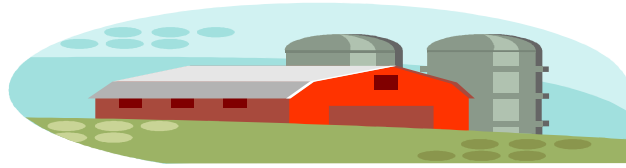
Auxiliary 2011 - 2012 Calendar Individual Membership \$12.50 Family Membership \$25.00

Meeting Dates: Thursday - 7:30 pm

September 1st, 2011
November 3rd, 2011
January 5th, 2012
March 1st, 2012
May 3rd, 2012

Events:

Wed., September 28th - Rosh Hashanah Dinner
Sunday, October 9th - Build Sukkah
Sunday, October 16th - Sukkot Program
(Pizza in The Hut)
Thurs., Oct. 20th - Simchat Torah – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 23rd - Take down the Sukkah
Sunday, November 6th - Hayride – 1:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 19th - Military Whist – 7:00 p.m.
Sundays, Dec. 11th & 18th - Chanukah Gift Fair
Tues., Dec. 13th & 20th - Chanukah Gift Fair
Sunday, December 18th - Latke Party
Sat., Jan. 7th - Adult Duck Pin Bowling 7-9 pm
(snow date January 28th)
Tuesday, February 7th - Tu B'Shvat Sedar
Sunday, Feb. 12th - Family Bowling – 1:00 pm
Sun., March 4th - Assemble Shalach Manot Boxes
Monday, March 5th - Sunday, March 11th -
Pick up Shalot Manot Boxes
Wednesday, March 7th - Purim Service/Oneg
Sat., March 10th - Military Whist – 7:30 p.m.
Sun., April 29th - Auxiliary Brunch – 10:30 am
Sunday, June 10th - Annual Meeting – 10:30 am
Friday, June 15th - Awards Night



**Temple B'nai Abraham's
Auxiliary Hayride
Sunday November 6th, 2011
1:00 pm
Norton's Fruit Farm
450 Academy Rd. Cheshire
\$8.00 a person**



Fee includes a half hour hayride, pick your own apples,
donut holes and apple cider.

RSVP to Susan Massicott 203-630-1947
by November 4th, to save your spot.



Military Whist Card Party

Saturday, November 19th

7:00 PM

Come and enjoy an evening of card playing, conversation, snacks and delicious desserts at Temple B'nai Abraham. Bring your friends and family members to this Semi-Annual Event. We will teach you this very easy and fun card game.

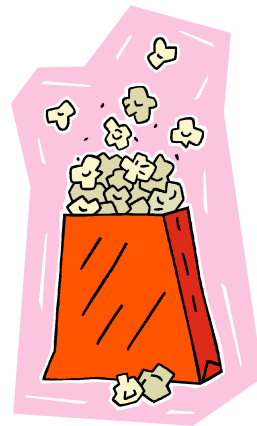
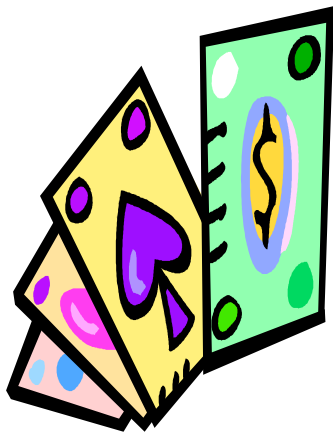
Win prizes (first and last place tables)
Come with a partner or a bring a full table or two
(4 players to a table)

**Please call Sue Massicott (203-630-1947) by
Wednesday, November 16th to reserve a table.**
Also, please let us know if you can bring your own bridge table.

Admission: \$10 per person

Babysitting will be provided at \$10 per child

A 50/50 raffle will be held



Yahrzeits for the month of October

Oct. 1	Charles Young Rebecca Gross Esther Groobert Harold Rischall		Ilka Krochmal Pearl Weinstein		Sylvia Ruth Cherniack Herschel Hyman
Oct. 2	Ruth Krentzman		Harry Silverman		Seymour Berson
Oct. 3	Lewis Palley Jennie Wolk	Oct. 13	Jonah Umansky Reuben Lable	Oct. 24	Hyman Arinofsky Oscar Gross
Oct. 4	Nathan Schiesel Maurice Harris	Oct. 14	Frances Palley Julia Loitz	Oct. 25	Ida Rischall Louis B. Horn
Oct. 5	Doris Brown Mary Kosofsky	Oct. 15	Elizabeth Umansky Jean Krakower	Oct. 26	Nathalie Ofshay Louis Friedman
Oct. 6	Lillian Cohen Betty Goodman	Oct. 16	Lena Daniels Louis Caplan		Fannie Kruh Harold Kaller
Oct. 7	Saul Alderman Jack Friedman Hermine Stern	Oct. 17	Hyman Fox Anna Libou Edward Koster	Oct. 27	Isaac Rovinsky Ida Kaplan Ann Grossman
Oct. 8	Isaiah Sirotta Anna Sirotta Marton Schwartz Marvin Gordon Berte Kessler Samuel Navon	Oct. 18	Mary Epstein Steinman Ida Glasser Florence Skigen William Smith	Oct. 28	June Bogatz Sadelle Chain Esther Weinstein Albin Hirsch Thomas Simonetta
Oct. 9	Rose Kalmanowitz Mae Reger	Oct. 19	Michael B. Cohen Robert Dunn Simeon Spear	Oct. 29	Samuel Kaufman Abraham Goodstein Irwin Bernstein Stanton Sirkin
Oct. 10	Saul Zietz Reuben White	Oct. 21	William Kogen Max Grossman Justine Risen	Oct. 30	Harry Groobert Harry Israel Samuel Moslowitz Ethel Friedman
Oct. 11	Clara Schiesel Ruth Levine	Oct. 22	Minnie Young Sarah Grossman Joseph Denoff Louis Kaplan	Oct. 31	Frances Schwartz Hyman Kaplan Pearl Tonkonow Irving Weiner
Oct. 12	Rabbi Albert Troy Beatrice Katz Nathan Ersoff	Oct. 23	Leah Grossman Ruth Robbins Anne Sheftel		

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.**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR VARIOUS FUNDS

Yahrzeit Fund: In Memory of:

Henry Krochmal by Paul & Joan Krochmal

Rose White by Arthur Weiss

Natalie Levine by Hilda Trueheart

Martin Trueheart by Hilda Trueheart

Rose & Joseph Levine by Fellis Jordan

Louis Caplan by Marcia Caplan

Ilka Krochmal by Paul & Joan Krochmal

Beatrice Katz by Richard A. Katz

General Temple Fund

Get Well Wishes to **John Scavone** by the Perry Family.

Wishing a Happy New Year to everyone by Joan & Joel Kronengold.

Chevra Kadisha

In Memory of **Julius Kirchheimer** by Jean & Marc Nemeth.

In Memory of **Julius Kirchheimer** by Cathy & Michael Burwick & family.

Harris Library

In Honor of the birth of **Ava Marie Liseo** by Hilda Trueheart.

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of **Morton H. Greenblatt** by Sarah Greenblatt.

Sophie & Julius Barker Scholarship Fund

In Memory of **Rhys Otter Kelly Holland** by Ahni & Kit Robinson.

Auxiliary

In Memory of **Diane Hofman** by Sue & Roy Massicott and family. (3 cards sent)

Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund

In Memory of **Diane Hofman** by Risa & Fred Zierler.

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