



THE SCRIBE

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From the Rabbi

Community

In my *Rosh Hashanah* sermon two years ago, I spoke about community. I said that today, the synagogue is the one place where community, in the full sense of that word, still exists in the Jewish world. This *Rosh HaShannah* and *Yom Kippur*, we saw an example of how wonderful our community can be. With the untimely and tragic passing of Hazzan Rabinowitz' beloved wife Sandy on the eve of *Rosh HaShannah*, we welcomed Cantor Stacey Sokol, who with only a few hours notice, drove from Long Island to Meriden to lead us so beautifully in our services. Members opened their homes to her for meals and made her feel as if she had been a part of our community for more than the two and one-half days that she was with us.

And on *Yom Kippur*, with heavy hearts, we welcomed back Hazzan Rabinowitz, who led us with passion through our services. And we, in turn, displayed a sensitivity to him that made him feel comfortable in what had to be a difficult and emotional time for him. This display of community was a wonderful way for Temple B'nai Abraham and those who call it their spiritual home to begin the new year.

Scholar Weekend

On the weekend of December 9-11, Temple B'nai Abraham will be presenting a special series of educational programs on "Women in the Bible". These programs will be presented by Rabbi Jill Hammer, Director of Spirituality at the Academy for Jewish Religion. Rabbi Hammer was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary and holds a doctorate in social psychology from the University of Connecticut. She received her BA from Brandeis University. Rabbi Hammer is the author of two books: *Sisters at Sinai: New Tales of Biblical Women* (Jewish Publication Society, 2001) and *The Jewish Book of Days: A Companion for All Seasons* (Jewish Publication Society, 2006). More information will be in the December Scribe.

Today Rabbah

It doesn't take a village, but it does take a lot of people to organize our High Holiday Services. As the Rabbi, I have been blessed to work with Barry Koslow z"l and Howard Levine as Ritual Chairs. The amount of hours, email, phone calls and meetings they devote to those services and those during the remainder of the year are incalculable. Even with High Holiday Cantors, our services would not have been as meaningful without the participation of those who made the effort and devoted the time to learn the special High Holiday *nusah* (melodies) and *ta'amim* (biblical chant) --- Howard Levine, Ruth Borsuk, Jonathan Shweky, Marilynn Mazanek, Karissa Massicott, Susan Massicott, Deborah Katten, Sandra Steiner, Cathy Burwick, Chavah Levine Goldman, Richard Grossman, David Levine and Jack Shorr. There are many others who devoted time and effort to offer the honors, serve as ushers, and lead our Jr. and Jr. Jr. Congregation. And no list would be complete without the tireless work of Linda Caplan.

b'Shalom,

Rabbi Michael G. Kohn



**CALENDAR EVENTS
NOVEMBER 2011**

1 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

3 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

7:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting

4 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

5 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

9:45 AM Jr. Congregation

Turn clocks back 1 hour at night

6 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School

9:30 AM Jewry Duty

1:00 PM Auxiliary Hayride

8 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

10 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

7:30 PM Ritual Committee Meeting

11 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

12 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

13 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School

9:30 AM Jewry Duty

14 Monday

7:30 PM Hadassah Board Meeting

15 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

17 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

7:30 PM Board of Directors' Meeting

18 Friday

6:30 PM Family Shabbat Services

19 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

7:00 PM Military Whist Card Party

20 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School

9:30 AM Jewry Duty

22 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

25 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

26 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

27 Sunday

No Religious School

No Jewry Duty

29 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

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From the President's corner:

I'd like to take this time to thank those of you who assisted with assigning honors, readings, setting up the sanctuary, and assigning the ushers. I would like to especially thank Rabbi Kohn, Howard Levine, Cantor Stacy Sokol, Cantor Sidney Rabinowitz and all of those who participated in the services for providing our Temple community with High Holiday Services that our forbearers would be proud of, and we have become accustomed to. Remember that together we are responsible for our strength today and as we move into the future. If Temple B'nai Abraham is to provide this community with many more years of service then it will take a commitment on all of our parts to step up to volunteer time, support for our programs, social activities and/or our financial needs. If you have not sent in your donation to the Yom Kippur Appeal, it is not too late. If you would like to volunteer your time please consider becoming a member of Chevra Kadisha, adding your name to the list of members available to help make a minyan, chair a fundraiser, make calls, or drive a congregant to services. For more information on these or other ways you can support our community please call the temple office and give Linda your name, someone will be in touch with you with additional information.

Jo Robin Gould



תודה רבה

Thank you to Gloria and Fred Pannone for donating beautiful fall Rosh Hashanah flowers for the bimah in memory of Gloria's family.

Thank you to Anita & Marty Hillman for sponsoring the lovely white Yom Kippur flowers in memory of Anita's parents, grandparents and aunts

Someone New in the Office

There will now be two of us working in the Temple office – both part-time. To clarify the rumor which is circulating – I am not retiring! I am reducing my hours so Allen and I can visit with the granddaughters a little more often. I am also starting to teach our new person the ins and outs of the office. So, when you call either Bonnie Burke or I will be answering.

Bonnie and her family live in Plantsville (Southington). She has a high school aged son and a daughter in middle school. Please make Bonnie feel welcomed as you made me feel when I starting working here over 16 years ago.

Yom Kippur Pledge:

A most heartfelt thank you to all who made Yom Kippur pledges this year. We are so very appreciative of your generosity. There are just so many areas where it will be used. We are sorry for the little glitch and that the envelopes were not collected immediately after the President's appeal.

Were you here for Yom Kippur but forgot to bring your pledge card? No problem. You can just make your Yom Kippur pledge/payment now. Please be sure to mark your check with YK so we will know how to enter it in our books.

As we heard from President Jo Robin Gould, there are a number of areas that need work. Several years ago we replaced the roof over the library and offices, but we still need to replace the one over the sanctuary and social hall. The air condition units are very old and the one for the social hall stopped working on Rosh Hashanah – hopefully it can be repaired in the spring. The sanctuary carpeting is very worn and stretched. So, as you can see, there are a number of places your donation can be used.

רפואה שלימה

Wishing a Complete & Speedy Recovery to:

**Jack Winkleman
Rhoda Burwick**

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

Enid Avizov

Mother of Sarit DeFrancesco
Mother of Orit Avizov

Sondra (Sandy) Rabinowitz

Wife of Cantor Sidney Rabinowitz

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

מזל טוב - Mazal Tov

To **Natalie and Lenny Cheerman** on the birth
of their grandson **Benjamin Matthew Rogers**,
born Oct. 5th.

Happy Anniversary to our couples celebrating a
anniversary during the month of **November**:

7th – Etoile & Edward Shemkowitz

7th – Laurie & Roger Arnold

26th – Donna & David Hayford

Happy Birthday to those celebrating a birthday
during **November**:

1st – Eleanor Lowell

8th – Howard Levine

9th – Hollye Lew

10th – Alyn Adams

16th – Mark Burwick

18th – Michael Barker

19th – Beth Eisner

23rd – Kathie Harris

24th – Sanford Sheftel

28th – Jean Nemeth

29th – Elayne Koslow

29th – Valerie Klein

29th – Norman Shulkin

Happy Birthday to our next generation:

5th – Lindsey Stein

23rd – Skylar Korman

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SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
CONGREGATIONAL DINNER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Dinner will be by reservation only!

**The evening will begin with dinner at 6:30 PM
followed by Family Shabbat Services 7:30 PM.
and dessert to follow services.**

**Join us as we celebrate and welcome Shabbat,
and welcome Rabbi Jill Hammer**

No Reservations will be accepted after Noon – Monday, Dec.5th.

Name _____

Phone # _____

_____ White Meat Chicken \$9.00

_____ Dark Meat Chicken \$9.00

_____ Eggplant Marinara \$9.00

_____ Chicken nuggets (for the children) – \$5.00

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

_____ I can help with the serving and/or clean up.

Scholar In Residence

Rabbi Jill Hammer

Director of Spirituality, Academy for Jewish Religion, Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary, Doctorate in Social Psychology, UCONN, Accomplished Author.

Lunch & Learn

Saturday, December 10th

Immediately following services

Havdalah & Dessert

Saturday, December 10th

At the home of Jo & Michael Gould

Services & Brunch

Sunday, December 11th

Beginning 9:30 am

RSVP for each event by Monday, December 5th. More information to follow in the December issue of *The Scribe*.

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.

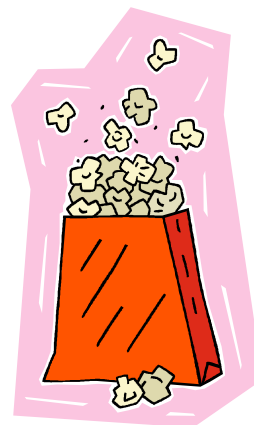
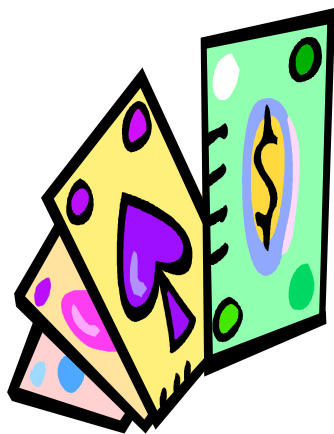
Win prizes (first and last place tables)
Come with a partner or a bring a full table or two
(4 players to a table)

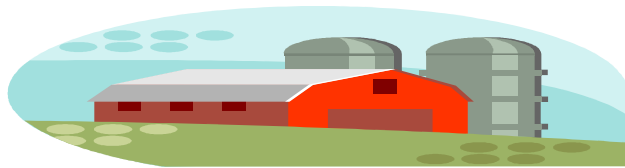
**Please call Sue Massicott (203-630-1947) by
Wednesday, November 16th to reserve a table.**
Also, please let us know if you can bring your own bridge table.

Admission: \$10 per person

Babysitting will be provided at \$10 per child

A 50/50 raffle will be held



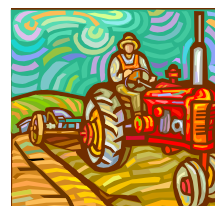


**Temple B'nai Abraham's
Auxiliary Hayride
Sunday November 6th, 2011
1:00 pm
Norton's Fruit Farm
450 Academy Rd. Cheshire
\$8.00 a person**



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.



Yahrzeits for the Month of November

Nov. 1	Gerald Turover Lucille Cherniack Eric Pick Helen Zempsky		Benjamin Krentzman Louis Kaplan Asher Katz Anna Dvora Muravnick Sadie Kleban	Nov. 21	Abe Hurwitz Rebecca Goldstein Annie Becker Kolbin Joseph Dobris Samuel Novak Ida Lapidés
Nov. 2	Samuel Beloff Marian Loitz Susan Garden	Nov. 15	Frances Rothfarb Emma Cohen Vellya Israel Harry Saltz Paul Kaplan	Nov. 22	Esther Rubenstein Morris Bittman Harvey Fritz
Nov. 4	Anna White Howard Prince			Nov. 23	Isidore Friedman
Nov. 5	William Povlotsky Rachel Leah Kolbin Michael Sochin Brian Ash Jean Resident	Nov. 16	Bertha Sklar Rose Shoag Rose Seligman Peter Weiss Jerome Johnson	Nov. 24	Sally Aron Anna Muravnick Jack Koslow Hattie Novak
Nov. 7	Natalie Friedman			Nov. 26	Betty Bichunsky Elinor Zakin Natalie Greenzweig Regina Navon
Nov. 8	Anna Rose Resident Herman Chausky Sadie Kaplan	Nov. 17	Rachmael Edelson Dr. Simeon Cohen Emma Port Mary Fleischer Rose Roden Sylvia Lew	Nov. 27	Ida Chausky Abe Bishins Anna R. Limon
Nov. 9	Vita Cherniack			Nov. 28	Jerome Weisser Eliezer Leo
Nov. 10	Goldie Goldstein Martha Wax	Nov. 18	Max Rosenbloom	Nov. 29	Rubenstein Bruin Lipman Edith Bishinsky Samuel Elkin
Nov. 11	Anna Bichunsky Mary Katz Jean Koster Daniel Kahn Harry Shaftel	Nov. 19	Bessie Hurwitz Bessie Levine William Israel		
Nov. 12	I. Albert Lipman	Nov. 20	Casper Helper Frances Loitz Pearl Dembowitz Arthur Limon Max Shulkin	Nov. 30	Julius Grossman Estelle Navon
Nov. 13	Abraham Denoff Lejzor Telis				
Nov. 14	Leah Jacobs				

A Candle of 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: In Memory of:

Mary Epstein Steinman by Dr. Zelly Ross

Max Shulkin by Norman Shulkin

Max Grossman by Glenda & Bub Grossman

Rose & Harry Silverman by Elaine Gross

General Temple Fund

In Memory of **Enid Avizov** by Natalie & Lenny Cheerman.

In Memory of **Enid Avizov** by Janice & Jay Weiss.

In Memory of **Enid Avizov** by Mary Ellen & Joe Kendzierski.

In Memory of **Enid Avizov** by Peter Kendzierski.

In Memory of **Sandy Rabinowitz** by Michelle & Rick Grossman.

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Wishing a Speedy Recovery to **Rhoda Burwick** by Dottie Levine.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of **Enid Avizov** by Adrienne & Jon Palley.

Barry Koslow Torah Restoration Fund

In Memory of **Enid Avizov** by Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk.

In Memory of **Enid Avizov** by Debbie Broadley.

In Memory of **Enid Avizov** by Marilyn Petroff.

In Memory of **Sandy Rabinowitz** by Ruth Kahn.

Auxiliary Fund

In Memory of **Enid Avizov** by Sue & Roy Massicott & family.

In Memory of **Sandy Rabinowitz** by Sue & Roy Massicott & family.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Memory of **Julius Kirchheimer** by Esther Telis.

June H. Bogatz Children's Library

In Memory of **Enid Avizov** by Ruth Kahn.

Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund

In Memory of **Sandy Rabinowitz** by Risa & Fred Zierler.

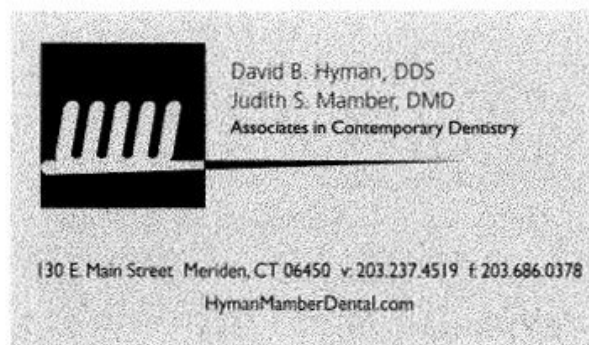
In Honor of the birth of **Benjamin Matthew Rogers** by Risa & Fred Zierler.

In Memory of **Sandy Rabinowitz** by Janice & Jay Weiss.

Get Well Wishes to **Jack Winkleman** by Risa & Fred Zierler.

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of **Oscar Gross** by Elaine Gross.



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