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

This past month has been a joyous one as the winter snows have melted away. We celebrated with Karissa and the entire Massicott family as she became a *Bat Mitzvah* and we celebrated Purim with the traditional *megillah* reading and costume parade – both in our sanctuary and with our friends at Adath Israel in Middletown at their carnival and purimspiel. Adath Israel will be joining us in May for the celebration of *Yom Ha'Atzma'ut* — Israel's Independence Day. Please plan to join us for that joyous celebration. And we enjoyed the second of our congregational dinners from around the world — a Polynesian feast, featuring recipes from the Jewish community of Hawaii.

Pesah

Spring has arrived, bringing with it *Pesah* — *Z'man Heiruteinu*, the Festival of our Freedom. We look forward to gathering with family and friends to celebrate this holiday over a *seder* table brimming with food and wine. One of our *Pesah* traditions is *Ma'ot Hittim*, or "wheat money", originally a contribution for those who were unable to purchase wheat flour to make *matzah*, but which today enables those less fortunate to purchase food for themselves and their families. Won't you do your part and contribute to our *Ma'ot Hittim* collection, or to *Mazon*, for those less fortunate? And if anyone is in need of assistance, please call me confidentially. We are here to help. And please allow at least 15 minutes from the end of the holiday for me to repurchase the *hametz*.

Yom HaShoah

Yom HaShoah will be observed this year with our annual service on May 1. Our friends and neighbors who experienced this horror and who performed acts of individual heroism are dwindling to a precious few. Please join us at our annual service at 5:00 on that day and hear their stories.

Israel

It has been almost two years since I last visited Israel and I am feeling that tug on my heartstrings again. Israel is a magical place as anyone who has made that journey will tell you. It is never too late to make that trip, or to return to the land of our ancestors. A trip is being planned for late 2012 or early 2013 and we at Temple B'nai Abraham are invited to participate. Come learn about visiting Israel at our *Yom Ha'Atzma'ut* celebration. That day will also feature a slide show of photographs taken by myself and congregants on recent visits. If you are interested in participating in the group trip, please let me know.

Temple Website

We continue to add content to our new synagogue website and Facebook page. The current Scribe is posted on the Home Page, along with a link to back issues. We also post important announcements — such as changes in service or program schedules — on the Home Page as well and the Calendar Page. These are updated each time a new program is added or a change is made, so the website should be your primary source for current information. We are always looking for improvements, so if you have any comments or suggestions, please let me and / or David Korman know.

b'Shalom,
Rabbi Michael G. Kohn



CALENDAR EVENTS APRIL 2011

1 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

2 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services
9:45 AM Jr. Congregation

3 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School
9:30 AM Jewry duty
10:30 AM Adult Ed Series: Responsa. Learn about the Question and Response method of making Jewish law.

4 Monday

7:30 PM Finance Meeting

5 Tuesday

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

6 Wednesday

7:00 PM Synagogue Skills Class: Leading the Service

7 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan
7:15 PM Hadassah
Education Night: Panel discussion on the current trends in healthcare

8 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

9 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

10 Sunday

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

12 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

14 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

15 Friday

6:30 PM Family Shabbat Services

16 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

17 Sunday

No Religious School
No Jewry Duty

18 Monday

8:00 AM Siyyum services for the first born

19 Tuesday

9:30 AM Passover Services
No Religious School

20 Wednesday

9:30 AM Passover Services

22 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

23 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

24 Sunday

No Religious School
No Jewry Duty

25 Monday

9:30 AM Passover Services

26 Tuesday

9:30 AM Passover Services with Yizkor recited

27 Wednesday

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

28 Thursday

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

29 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

30 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services



Sunday, May 1st
5:00 PM
Yom HaShoah
Memorial Service

From the President's Corner:

Shalom,

Technology is a blessing and a curse. The same technology (cell phone) that allowed a very ill congregant to see photos of his newest family member also accidentally serenaded him while he was leaving our holy place for the very last time. So this begs the question, why bring a phone to shul in the first place? Why during a funeral? Why was it left on? Error? Lack of knowledge? Technical malfunction? Does it matter?

I was asked to address this issue and realize it was not something done purposefully. Lots of people are "technologically challenged", as my mother calls it. I get "ghost" calls from her a few times a week – her phone dials mine because it hits something in her purse and pushes my number. So I hear her shopping, working, etc. One of my physician friends "butt dials" me at least once a week – he sits on his phone and it dials my number. Usually I can hear his car radio and if I am lucky he is singing along in key. The point I am trying to make here is that these things can happen to us all. We think we have control over these devices and sometimes we don't.

But we can control where we bring them. And Hashem does not need a cell phone to reach you in shul. So leave them in the car, or at home.

For those of you who are not so comfortable in your ability to understand the way your phone works, I am willing to sit with you confidentially and help you figure it out. Or if I can't figure it out I will find someone who is more "tech savvy" among our members who can help and keep it confidential. We cannot and should not have these devices distracting our members who are trying to daven and enjoy services. We can all learn from this occasion and resolve to do better.

Warmest Regards,
Deborah Katten

Mazal Tov מזל טוב

To **Hilda Trueheart**, who had her Bat Mitzvah on March 26th in Florida.

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

6th – Shari & Roger Turner
15th – Helene & Howard Koenig

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

3rd – Richard Neveloff
3rd – Steven Wollins
10th – Martin Hillman
11th – Edward DeSenti
17th – Chris Ball
19th – Laurie Arnold
19th – Kenneth Teller
20th – Patricia Epstein
25th – Victor DeMaio
26th – David Elkin
26th – Natalie Cheerman
27th – Harvey Limon
27th – Enid Avizov
30th – Rhoda Burwick

Happy Birthday to our next generation:

13th – Maya Alexis Sparks
19th – Rachel Weiss

רפואה שלימה

Get Well Wishes to

Jean Lawrence
Jean Nemeth
Arline Kaller

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 Sept. 2011, please contact the Temple office (203-235-2581) 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
Millie Levine Dobris

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

**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.

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 is also pleased to tell you it is **Raffle** time. Connecticut Hadassah prints up only 1000 tickets (and unfortunately not all of them are sold). These tickets go for **\$30** each and there are three great prizes:

- \$3000 gift certificate for travel
- \$ 500 gift certificate from Macy's
- \$ 300 gift certificate from Home Depot

Last year our chapter was lucky enough to have one of our Associate members be the winner of the \$500 gift certificate. Please be ready to say **yes** when a Hadassah member calls and asks you to purchase a ticket. A portion of each ticket is returned to the chapter.

My Bar Mitzvah Project:

My name is Griffin Arnold. On July 9, 2011, I will have the honor of celebrating my Bar Mitzvah at Temple B'nai Abraham.

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I have chosen to help Meriden's homeless shelter. In the past few years, many more people are out of work and have lost their homes. I am fortunate that my family has a nice home. I learned that there are kids in my school who have recently lost their homes. The homeless shelter desperately needs help. They can use the following donations:

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| Toiletries | Bars of soap |
| Shampoo | Deodorant |
| Toothbrushes | Toothpaste |
| Pillows | Pillow cases |

Every person in our community deserves the chance to live in a home. Temple B'nai Abraham has become a second home to me.

Please bring your donations to the Temple or call me at (203) 639-1571 and I will make arrangements for pick up.

Thank you!
Griffin Arnold

It has been decided to honor the many years of dedicated serve that Barry Koslow has given to Temple B'nai Abraham and the Ritual Committee. In the future the Torah Restoration Fund will be referred to as the Barry Koslow Torah Fund and monies donated to this fund will be used for the restoration and maintenance of the Temple's Torahs. This is the fund which Barry held in high regard and is of great importance and need.

Yahrzeits for the month of April

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| Apr. 1 | Isidore Cohen | Apr. 13 | Allen Rosenberg | Apr. 26 | Perle Kronengold |
| Apr. 2 | Rebecca Friedlander | Apr. 14 | Miriam Kaplan | | Anna Gordon |
| Apr. 4 | Rose Cherniack | | David Silverman | Apr. 27 | Nathan Becker |
| Apr. 5 | Shirley Zierler | Apr. 15 | Fannie Goldberg | | Robert Shoag |
| | Ben Zion Dunn | Apr. 16 | Max Katz | | Jay Lable |
| | Anna Katz | | Celia Shatsky | | Ada Fish |
| | Mary Statlender | | Miriam Sheftel | Apr. 28 | Samuel Hyman |
| Apr. 6 | Anne Casman | Apr. 17 | Solomon Miller | | Sarah Sugarman |
| | Max Steiner | | Sarah Rachel Loitz | Apr. 29 | Abraham Kaplan |
| | Noah Kaplan | | Joseph Katrosar | | Bernard Fightlin |
| | Samuel Mag | | Stacy Shepherd | | Arthur Harris |
| | Harry Gerstenblatt | Apr. 18 | Lena Beloff | | Sarah Gelmadin |
| | Margaret Cohen | | Oscar Gross | Apr. 30 | Sylvia G. Wasserman |
| | Irwin Denenberg | | Sam Dressler | | Jack Stekloff |
| | Rita Stobezki | | Jacob Goldstein | | Ze'ev Ben Dov |
| Apr. 7 | John Jack Levin | | Hilda Goodstein | | |
| | Jack Reich | | Ida M. Dunn | | |
| | David Fine | | Rose Bishinsky | | |
| | Max Levine | Apr. 19 | Jack Edelman | | |
| | Bill Robbins | | Ervin E. Schiesel | | |
| | Bernice Silverman | | Joseph Koenig | | |
| Apr. 8 | Moses Bichunsky | Apr. 20 | Edward Israel | | |
| | Israel Koslow | Apr. 21 | Bella Goldberg | | |
| | Lester Sugarman | | Bruno Kirchheimer | | |
| Apr. 9 | Ella Fightlin | | Leah Zanoni | | |
| | Hyman Bogatz | | David Ernstoff | | |
| | Joseph Zellman | Apr. 23 | Dr. David Cohen | | |
| | Maxwell Lee | | Anna White Levine | | |
| Apr. 10 | Dorothy Ash Goodwin | | Rabbi Abraham Siskind | | |
| | Gladys Hozer | Apr. 24 | Charlotte Katz | | |
| | Lena Kaplan | | Anna Port Levine | | |
| | Leonard Goralnik | | Abner White | | |
| | Rolf Solstad | | Betty Filler | | |
| Apr. 11 | Chaya Dina Becker | | Jennie Israel | | |
| | Gussie Port | Apr. 25 | Gladys Kaller | | |
| Apr. 12 | Lena Cohen | | Ann Lutin | | |
| | Marilyn Savitt | | Abraham Lenzner | | |

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

Tzdakah 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:

Allen Rosenberg by Irma Meisterling
Allan Kaye by Debbie & David Kaye.
Doris Kaye by Debbie & David Kaye
Ada Fish by Debbie & David Kaye
Marilyn Savitt by Harriet Meisel
Leonard Goralnik by Richard A. Katz
Gussie Shapiro by Ernie Shapiro & family
George Shapiro by Ernie Shapiro & family
Ann Shapiro by Ernie Shapiro & family

General Temple Fund

In Memory of **Barry Koslow** by Hilda Trueheart.
In Memory of **Max Steiner** by Joan and Paul Krochmal.
In Memory of **Barry Koslow** by Renata & Michael Filler.
In Memory of **Barry Koslow** by Phyllis & Herman Sochin.
Get Well Wishes to **Dottie Levine** by Phyllis & Herman Sochin.
In Memory of **Barry Koslow** by Marjorie Perry & family.

Torah Restoration Fund – now the Barry Koslow Torah Fund **The following donations were made** **In Memory of Barry Koslow by:**

Marilyn Petroff and family
Natalie & Lenny Cheerman
Debbie & David Kaye
Deb Katten
Janice & Jay Weiss
Debbie Broadley
Bonnie & Michael Sperling
Michelle & Rick Grossman
Helene & Howard Koenig
Phyllis & Bernie Frydenberg
Jean & Jim Lawrence
Sherry Stekloff
Linda & Jack Winkleman
Shari & Roger Turner & family

Get Well Wishes to **Marianne Smith** by Flora & Sanford Shorr.

Get Well Wishes to **Dottie Levine** by Flora & Sanford Shorr.
Get Well Wishes to **Phyllis Sochin** by Flora & Sanford Shorr.
In Honor of **Hilda Trueheart**, on her Bat Mitzvah, by Marge & Julius Kirchheimer.
In Memory of **Alan Katten** by Jean & Jim Lawrence.
Thank you to **Cathy Burwick**, for the tape, by Ruth Borsuk.
In Honor of **Deb Katten**, on reading Torah for the 15th time, by Janice & Jay Weiss.

Ritual / Prayer Book Fund

In Memory of **Barry Koslow** by Jane & Gary Rubin.

Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund

The following donations were made

In Memory of Barry Koslow by:

Barbara & Harry Blau
Shana & Alyn Adams
Risa & Fred Zierler
Sue & Ken Teller

In Honor of **Melanie Rovinsky**, on her engagement to Aaron Rogers, by Barbara & Harry Blau.
Get Well Wishes to **Jean Lawrence** by Risa & Fred Zierler.
Get Well Wishes to **Dottie Levine** by Risa & Fred Zierler.
Get Well Wishes to **Jean Nemeth** by Risa & Fred Zierler.
Get Well Wishes to **Phyllis Sochin** by Risa & Fred Zierler.
Get Well Wishes to **Jon Harris** by Risa & Fred Zierler.
Get Well wishes to **Marianne Smith** by Risa & Fred Zierler.
In Honor of **Dr. Arthur Weiss**, on his milestone birthday, by Risa & Fred Zierler.

Gary I Limon Memorial Book Fund

In Honor of **Hilda Trueheart**, on her Bat Mitzvah, by Ruth Kahn.