

THE SCRIBE

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

Last month a devastating fire in the Carmel Forest just south of Haifa, apparently the result of negligence, killed 42 Israelis, including Israel's highest ranking female police commander, caused the evacuation of over 25,000 residents, destroyed homes and devastated more than 12,500 acres of forest — an area just under four miles by five miles. While not diminishing the terrible human toll, an interesting debate has arisen over what to do about the destroyed forest. The Jewish National Fund (JNF) has pledged to replant all of those trees that were lost. Yet, the Head of the University of Haifa's Carmel Research Center, Professor Ido Izhaki, who has been studying that forest area since 1989, said that the Carmel forest actually depends on fire to maintain its ecological integrity and should be left alone to restore itself. Left to nature, the forest should be able restore itself to its ideal fauna and vegetation diversity within 15-20 years.

I mention this debate because we will observe *Tu b'Shevat* — the New Year for Trees — on January 20. While it is traditional to hold a *Tu b'Shevat seder*, which marks the transition from winter and celebrates the renewal of nature and the fruits and nuts native to the land of Israel, in recent years the day has become more of a general ecological holiday. And so our Religious School will celebrate the day with an ecological project. It has also been decided to send some of the *tzedakah* money the children have collected to support the relief efforts in Israel.

Bikur Holim

One of the most important *mitzvot* that a Jew (and especially a Rabbi) can perform is *bikur holim* — visiting the sick. **Because of privacy laws, hospitals and nursing homes will not notify a synagogue when one of its congregants has been admitted or the patient's condition has changed.** If you or one of your loved ones is hospitalized or bedridden, either in a nursing home or at home, and you would like me to come and visit, please call the office and let me or Linda know. Some people become concerned when the rabbi shows up unexpectedly. So, even though a congregant may have mentioned that someone is ill, hospitalized, or in a rehabilitation facility, it is important that you, or your loved one notify the office, so I can fulfill this important *mitzvah*.

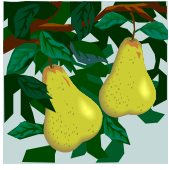
Being hospitalized, in rehabilitation facilities, or confined to their homes can be a very lonely and frightening time. A visit from a fellow member often brightens their day. Temple B'nai Abraham has reactivated a *bikur holim* committee. We are arranging a training session and if you are interested in participating in this *mitzvah*, please let me or Debbie Kaye know, so we can notify you of the date. The session will be held on a Sunday.

Lunch and Learn

As we did last year, we will again hold a "Lunch and Learn" series with the Rabbi. The two we held last year in memory of Moshe Shweky and in honor of Barry Koslow's service to the congregation were well attended. This year the first one will take place on January 22. And as was done last year, please consider a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one to help defray the food cost.

b'Shalom,

Rabbi Michael G. Kohn



**CALENDAR EVENTS
JANUARY, 2011**

1 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

2 Sunday

No Religious School

No Jewry Duty

4 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

6 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

7:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting

7 Friday

6:30 PM Shabbat Evening Services

8 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

9:45 AM Jr. Congregation

7 – 9 PM Adult Duck-Pin Bowling

9 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School

9:30 AM Jewry Duty

10:15 AM Hadassah Board Meeting

Mini Brunch

10 Monday

7:30 PM Finance and House Comm. Meeting

11 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

13 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

14 Friday

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

10:30 AM Adult Education Series: Talmud

18 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

20 Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Minyan

21 Friday

6:30 PM Family Shabbat Services

22 Saturday

9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services

Lunch and Learn

23 Sunday

9:30 AM Religious School

9:30 AM Jewry Duty

25 Tuesday

4:00 PM Religious School

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

10:30 AM Auxiliary Brunch

Hadassah News:

100 Years of:

Healing through groundbreaking medical research and treatment

Educating our youth in the United States, Israel and abroad

Advocating for causes important to American Jews and women

Planting to protect Israel's environment and natural resources

Building a better tomorrow for Israel and its people

We are celebrating 100 Years of Hadassah with a \$100 Lifetime enrollment. The Celebration Offer is only valid from January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011. This is a Celebration, not a sale... This is a once in a lifetime celebration.

Now is the time to change your Annual membership to a Lifetime membership. The time to upgrade is when you receive your renewal bill (if you are not sure when your year is up call the Temple office [203-235-2581] and Linda can look it up for you).

Now is the time to make your husband and son Associate members, your daughter, daughter-in-law, or granddaughter a Life Member.

HADASSAH. FOR NOW. FOR LIFE.

Celebrate 100 years with a \$100 Lifetime Enrollment.



Tree of Life

We are looking for someone who is interested to working on the Temple Tree of Life. We need someone with a little artistic ability (you need to be able to paint a leaf) and can write legibly. For the past several years Captain Bill Pinkney has been our go to person when we have had new names to be added to the Tree, but sadly for us, Captain Bill and his wife have moved to Puerto Rico.

If you are interested in applying for this job or would like to have some names added to the Tree, please call Linda in the Temple office (203-235-2581) and let her know. The cost to have names put on the tree is: \$10 for each leaf and \$25 for a branch.

By Popular Request...

Gift cards for Stop and Shop and Shop Rite will now be available Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons during Religious School. To make things easier, please call ahead (by Friday noon) with your request. This way we will have your gift cards ready and waiting for you.

The cards will also be available at any meetings held at the Temple. Again, it would make things easier if you called ahead so we can have an envelope ready for you.



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



מזל טוב - Mazal Tov

Happy Anniversary to our couples celebrating an anniversary during January:

- 2nd – Cathy & Michael Burwick
- 6th – Lori & Barry Blocher

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating a birthday during January:

- 1st – Frank Tonkonow
- 11th – Meredith Ieraci
- 16th – Saralee Messinger
- 17th – Helene Koenig
- 19th – Debbie Kaye
- 24th – Paul Baron
- 26th – Keith Acabchuk
- 28th – Doris Goldstein
- 28th – Marjorie Perry

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

Alan Katten

Husband of Deb Katten (Temple President)

Leon Kruk

Husband of Lucy Kruk

Cecelia White

Shirley Green

Mother of Glenda Grossman

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבילי ציון וירושלים.

May the Lord comfort and sustain
all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



What's New in the Library

Thanks to the generosity of our Auxiliary we were able to purchase the following new books for the June H. Bogatz Children's Library:

- "**Before We Eat**" by Jacqueline Jules
- "**Sammy Spider's First Simchas Torah**"
by Sylvia A. Rouse
- "**Say Hello, Lilly**" by Deborah Lakritz
- "**Feivel's Flying Horses**" by Heidi S. Hyde
- "**The Remarkable Journey of Josh's Kippah**"
by Barbara Elissa
- "**Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty**" by Linda Glaser
- "**Sharing Our Homeland: Palestinian and Jewish Children at Summer Peace**"
by Trish Marx
- "**The Hanukkah Trike**" by Michelle Edwards
- "**The Kvetch Who Stole Hanukkah**"
by Bill Berlin

We are most grateful for the Auxiliary's continued support of our library.

KASHRUT NEWS

Though not "in the neighborhood", a Kosher deli and restaurant, supervised by the Hartford Kashrut Commission, has opened in Bloomfield. Shuman's Deli is now open for lunch and dinner Sunday through Thursday, and lunch on Friday. Sunday through Thursday hours are 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday hours are 11:00 a.m. until mid-afternoon (call for specific Friday closing times). Shuman's Deli is located at 12 Mountain Avenue in Bloomfield. The phone number is 860-595-9235.

Many of you order gifts from Edible Arrangements. While their ingredients are kosher, stores may employ non-kosher materials in assembling the product. However, the store in Middletown is supervised. If you are bringing an Edible Arrangements product to the synagogue, or for a synagogue function, or to the home of someone who is an observer of *kashrut*, it MUST be obtained from the Middletown store. Otherwise, please use your local store. Middletown will not otherwise invade another store's territory. The Middletown store will offer discounts to the synagogue and for products ordered through the synagogue. The store is located at 100 Main Street, Unit C in Middletown. Phone is 860-346-1353. FAX is 860-346-1356.

There are discussions about to take place regarding the supervision of the It's Only Natural restaurant in Middletown. Stay tuned for further developments.

Next Congregational Dinner

The Congregational Dinner scheduled for February 18th has been changed to March 25th. We are hoping the change in date will give us better weather.

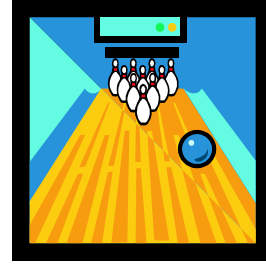
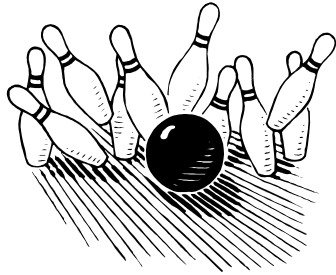
If you are interested in helping to plan the meal or help prepare the dinner, please contact Fred Zierler at 203-238-1236 or by emailing him at fzierlercox.net. You may also contact the Temple office to volunteer to serve on this committee.

As many of you know, the last dinner (Moroccan Dinner) was a huge success. We are still hearing how much everyone enjoyed the food and the atmosphere. If you were unable to attend last time, please be sure to mark your calendar for this dinner. Watch for more information in a future Scribe.

רפואה שלימה

Continued get well wishes to:

Jon Palley
David Nemeth
David Korman
Risa Zierler
Rick Grossman
Dottie Levine



Temple Auxiliary Goes Duck-Pin Bowling **Saturday Evening, January 8, 2010** (snow date January 22nd)

Join us as we go to Highland Bowl
1211 Highland Ave. (Rt. 10),
in Cheshire, for “**Disco Ducks Glow Bowling**”
complete with glow lights and special effects.

The duck pin bowling (small pins) will be from 7 – 9 PM.
The fun does not stop there. Come on back to Sue and Roy
Massicott’s home for coffee and!! 39 Spice Hill Drive,
So. Meriden (on Diamond Hill), 203-630-1947.

The cost of the evening is **\$12 per person.** This gives you an
unlimited number of games in the 2 hours and dessert.

ADULTS ONLY

Please call the Temple office by Monday, January 3rd
and let us know how many will be coming. The more
who come the better. Don’t miss out on a great evening!
Small pins, small ball, hopefully no strain on your back.

You are welcome to bring non-Temple members.
Be sure to call and make reservations!

Auxiliary Brunch

Sunday, January 30th 2010

10:30 AM

Creation or Evolution?

Can both be correct?

Join us on a tour of History and Science with our very own Steve Wollins to explore the answer!!! Steve will guide us through with a educational Powerpoint on the topic. Don't miss out on this informative presentation!!

The festivities will begin with a brunch sponsored by the Auxiliary. Cost of the morning:

\$5.00 for Auxiliary members

\$8.00 for non-members

Must RSVP to the Temple Office 203-235-2581
by Wednesday, January 26th.



Yahrzeits during the month of January:

Jan. 1	Marks Wilder David Resident Jacob Tonkonow Benjamin Ledewitz Dorothy Werfel		Rose Erstoff Frances Saltz	Jan. 23	James Uvino Mamie Melton Morris Fightlin
Jan. 2	Dorothy Greenblatt Edith Barker Bella DuBrow Abraham Grossman	Jan. 11	Dr. Louis Pierson Aaron Brown Philip Grossman Alexander Johnson	Jan. 24	Anna Levy Lawrence Roden Rae Cohen
Jan. 3	Max Zakin Morris Sheftel Hoskar Frank Eseodor Derektor Rose Katz	Jan. 12	Harry Hurwitz May D. McCaffrey Evelyne Newman	Jan. 25	Philip Orentlich Lena Jacobson Henry Bishinsky Leon Wasserman
Jan. 4	Hattie Henken Malke Shweky Mollie Katz Abraham Paterson Charlotte Buchman	Jan. 13	Esther Derektor Herman Dressler Ruth Lopez	Jan. 26	Ephriam Troy Bertha Harris Rose Pierson
Jan. 5	Abraham Epstein Abraham Harris Max Burwick Michele Zimmitti Rhea Ersoff	Jan. 14	Rebecca Gottlieb	Jan. 27	Nathan Levine Rebecca Sheftel Hazel Cherniack
Jan. 6	Lee Silver Max Seligman Rebecca Cheikin Fannie Grossman	Jan. 15	Judith Hirsch Alvin Weinstein Milton Sodel Fannie Cook	Jan. 28	Benjamin Rosenthal
Jan. 7	Rose Sodel Julius D. Friedman Gussie Gerber Manuel Gould	Jan. 16	Anita Bernstein Albert Katz Joseph Dressler Joseph Gittleman Leon Wolk	Jan. 29	Lena Friedman Paul Bishins Paul Rosenfield Nathan Mautner Adelaide Zellman Benjamin Kunkes
Jan. 8	Sam Gerber Julius Bogatz Rose Hasburg Charles Hagenauer Hope Tonkonow Leo Smith	Jan. 17	Sol Cheerman Ilse Jacobs Louis Ziskis Maude Pick Anita Chausky	Jan. 30	Samuel Bittman Dina Perlroth
Jan. 9	Zigmund Ziring Banne Sodel Evelyn L. Grossman Marion Bienstock Elizabeth	Jan. 18	Frances Lable Max Zietz Jean Feinblum Jules Greenzweig	Jan. 31	Esther Apfelbaum Joseph Fine Samson Gordon Irving Godfried Sadie Lenzner
Jan. 10	Simonowsky	Jan. 19	Etta Hozer David Mekies George Shapiro Roza Tennenberg		
		Jan. 20	Lena Becker Philip Casman Harold Simons Sarah H. White		
		Jan. 21	Gayle Shibetta		
		Jan. 22	Harris Glasser Bessie Zietz Perla Dickter		

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:

Jerry Kosofsky by David Kosofsky
Yetta Gerstenblatt by Bea & Ines Gerstenblatt
Abraham Epstein by Dr. Zelly Ross
Matthew Golas by Dottie & David Elkin
Samuel Elkin by Dottie & David Elkin
Sadie Elkin by Dottie & David Elkin
Betty Goodman by Dottie & David Elkin
Isaac Jack Goodman by Dottie & David Elkin
Joseph Kramer by Harriet Meisel
Sallye Katrosar by Harriet Meisel
Fannie Grossman by Beverly Marmitt & family
Ruth & Harry Klamkin by Sandra Schocket
Sallye Katrosar by Hollye & Larry Lew
Morris Goldstein by Doris Goldstein
Sidney Kaye by Susan Kaye Quinn
David Mekies by Etoile & Edward Shemkovitz
Abraham Cooperstein by Barbara Roller
Ethel Cooperstein by Barbara Roller

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of **Alan Katten** by Elly & Al Lowell.
In Memory of **Magda Harkey** by Carolyn & Melvin Schwartz.
In Memory of **Alan Katten** by Barrie & Jeff Steinberg.

Auxiliary Fund

The following donations were made by Sue & Roy Massicott and family:

In Memory of **Alan Katten**
In Memory of **David Kornheiser**
Get Well Wishes to **Barry Koslow**
Get Well Wishes to **Dave Korman**
Get Well Wishes to **Rick Grossman**

Sylvia Gross Wasserman Scholarship Fund

Get Well Wishes to **Ruth Kahn** by Katharine & Jon Harris.
Get Well Wishes to **Barry Koslow** by Katharine & Jon Harris.
In Honor of **Katharine Harris** by Jon Harris.
In Honor of **Bud Dunn**, best friend a person can have, by Jon Harris.
In Honor of **Bernie Frydenberg**, for all he has done, by Jon Harris.

General Temple Fund

Get Well Wishes to **Rick Grossman** by Janice & Jay Weiss.

The following people made donations **In Memory of Alan Katten:**

Helene & Howard Koenig
Sarit & Ed DeFrancesco & family
Donna & David Hayford
Chevra Kadisha
Susan Croog
Laurie & Roger Arnold & family
Eleanor N. Caplan
Steven Warner
Myra (Katten) & Jerry Gold
Dr. Jeffrey Steinberg and the Department of Surgery at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center
Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk
Elizabeth Rome
Henry Katten
Lorraine Green
Irene Lewis
Linda & Robert Reger
Julie Liseo
The Hartford Podiatry Group
Loretta Fahey
Ethel Stein

Get Well Wishes to **Ruth Kahn** by Helene & Howard Koenig.

In Memory of **Teresa Denkrot** by the DeFrancesco family.

The following donations were made from Natalie & Lenny Cheerman:

Get Well Wishes to **Rick Grossman**
Get Well Wishes to **Ruth Kahn**
Get Well Wishes to **Risa Zierler**
Get Well Wishes to **Barry Koslow**
In Memory of **Alan Katten**
In Memory of **Shirley Green**
In Honor of **Bub Grossman's** recovery
Congratulations to **Debbie Kaye**,
on her new job

A donation from Mr. William Wadsworth.

Sophie & Julius Barker Scholarship Fund

Get Well Wishes to **Rick Grossman** by Elly & Al Lowell.

Torah Restoration Fund

Get Well Wishes to **Barry Koslow** by Janice & Jay Weiss.

The following people made donations **In Memory of Alan Katten:**

Debbie Broadley
Phyllis & Bernie Frydenberg
Ruth Kahn
Debbie & David Kaye
The Kirchheimer Family
Marilyn Petroff
Jo Robin & Michael Gould
Joan & David Goodman
Peter Braunfield
Elayne & Barry Koslow
Marilynn & Steven Mazanek

Speedy Recovery to **Barry Koslow** by Debbie Broadley.

Speedy Recovery to **Rick Grossman** by Debbie Broadley.

Thinking of You to **Jon Harris** by Phyllis & Bernie Frydenberg.

Speedy Recovery to **Rick Grossman** by Debbie & David Kaye

Speedy Recovery to **Risa Zierler** by Debbie & David Kaye.

In Memory of **Jason Lerner** by the Kirchheimer family.

The following donations were made by Michelle & Rick Grossman:

Get Well Wishes to **Ruth Kahn**
Get Well Wishes to **David Korman**
Get Well Wishes to **Bub Grossman**
Get Well Wishes to **Barry Koslow**
Get Well Wishes to **Risa Zierler**
In Memory of **Alan Katten**
In Memory of **Mildred Schiller**

In Memory of **Morris Silver** by Fran Dubrow.

Get Well Wishes to **Rick Grossman** by Elayne & Barry Koslow.

In Memory of **Dr. Alan Rozen** by Marilyn Mazanek.

In Honor of **Carmen Acevedo**, on her special birthday, by Susan Croog.

In Memory of **Leon Kruk** by Marge & Julius Kirchheimer.

Cemetery Fund

A donation from Joan & Paul Krochmal.

Harris Library

In Honor of **Maria (Ziza) Araujo Kahn** by Ruth Kahn.

In Memory of **Alan Katten** by Hilda Trueheart.

Gary I. Limon Memorial Book Fund

In Memory of **Gloria Rulnick** by Abby & Gene Cerrotti, Budie Limon, and Estelle & Harvey Limon.

Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund

In Memory of **Milo Levin** by Judy (Zietz) & Ed Siegel and family.

In Memory of **Max Zietz** by Judy (Zietz) & Ed Siegel and family.

The following donations were made by Risa & Fred Zierler:

Get Well wishes to **Jon Palley**
In Memory of **Alan Katten**

Get Well Wishes to **David Korman**

The following donations were made by Janice & Jay Weiss:

In Memory of **Alan Katten**

Get Well Wishes to **Risa Zierler**

Get Well Wishes to **David Korman**

In Memory of **Alan Katten** by Barbara & Harry Blau.

In Memory of **Danny Stevens** by Barbara & Harry Blau.

Gladys & Arthur Weiss Temple Youth Fund

In Memory of **Alan Katten** by Marilyn & Dan Steiner.

In Honor of **Dr. Arthur Weiss** by Katherine & Jon Harris.

Chevra Kadisha Fund

In Honor of **Mr. & Mrs. George Risisky**, on their anniversary, by Marilyn & Dan Steiner.