



Temple B'nai Abraham BULLETIN

Adar I / Adar II 5768

March 2008

Passover Wine Tasting and Kosher Beer

***Saturday, March 15
7:30 to 9:30 P.M.
Tickets \$10***



*Hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and coffee
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Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, March 30
10 A.M.**

To approve the 2008-2009 budget

Please make every effort to
attend this important meeting

And don't forget the special daytime
Board of Directors meeting,
Sunday, March 16, at 10 A.M.

A View From the Bima

A Moment of Community

What are the defining moments for a community? Often people come together when tragedy hits. We saw it happen several months ago when the Gloucester community lost its synagogue to a fire. We see it happen when an individual loses a loved one to death. We gather to offer one another our support and consolation. In those moments our actions define our strength and our commitment, not only as individuals who can endure such difficulties in life, but also as a *kehillah*, a community.

A few months ago I read a d'var torah that spoke about an event that resulted in the Jewish people coming together to form a community. We read about it in our daily prayers. Each morning, we stand in tribute and sing, *Az yashir Moshe et b'nai Yisrael—Then Moses sang along with the Children of Israel*. We stand and place ourselves alongside all those who crossed the Sea of Reeds. It is meant to be a moment of deep transcendence, as we sing a song of victory with Moses and Miriam.

We stand in community during the *Neilah* service at the end of Yom Kippur, when the sages tell us that the Gates of Heaven are about to close, along with it our fates as written and recorded in the Book of Life. We try to ignore the growling of our stomachs and pay attention to the sounds of the liturgy. Our communal spirit holds us up and we realize how much we have endured to make it to the end of the day.

I divert our attention back to the Sea of Reeds. Our ancestors took what little they could carry with them for the journey. They marched out of Egypt, excited but fearful, not knowing what might lie ahead in their escape from the security of being a slave. With the help of individuals who were brave enough to enter the waters that stood before them, the Israelites crossed the sea, looked back, and sang.

According to one midrash, the song they sang expressed the joy that comes with the birth of new life. The nation as a whole experienced the birth pangs of becoming a free people, passing through a narrow place from a watery womb.

Moses and Israel sang together. In one place we read that

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Moses would recite a line, and the children of Israel would repeat it. From this we learn about the strength of Moses as a leader, and the determination of the people who were willing to follow him in song and in action. This speaks to those congregations who believe in their leadership both rabbinical and lay and the people who follow their example.

Another midrash claims that Moses sang the first half of the verse and the people finished his thoughts. This speaks to those congregations who are inspired by their leadership as they are transported from one spiritual place to another in the religious life of the community.

In either case, the crescendo of this song occurs when all of Israel sings along with the angels in Heaven, *Mi chamokha baeilim Adonai. Who is like you, Adonai, among the other Gods.*

It is a verse that is repeated several times in our liturgy each day, reminding us about the centrality of God in the midst of our emotions. The words give us an invitation as a community to join in chorus to sing of God's glory. It speaks to the power of our voices as they sing out to the world.

In the Torah, the singing of Moses is prefaced by the Hebrew word *az* meaning *then*. The Hebrew is ambiguous. *Then* is a relative term that points to both the past and the future. We are to understand that the Israelites sang this song in the past. Then again, perhaps it is a song to be sung at a different time since it speaks about redemption in the future when Israel fulfills God's promise at the arrival to a different shoreline.

The melody for which we yearn might not be one that is familiar to us. Our children are learning several new melodies to the Friday evening prayers in anticipation of our 100th anniversary weekend. They are learning to be transported by a different set of notes than the ones that transported many of us when we attended services with our parents, siblings, and friends so many years ago.

The words may be the same, but the music speaks to a new generation. Perhaps it is time for us to change the melody of our inner voices as well, since we, too, have changed over the years. The ancient words bring us together. The words are the heart and the soul of who we are. It is the notes of the song that transport the words and our inner beings. Let us hope that we will be inspired in new ways.

In this moment of community, let us overcome our fears of being out of tune, of singing alone by inspiring each other and raising each other up, lifting our voices in response to the music that will fill our ears as well as fill our soul.

Rabbi Steven Rubenstein

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Laughter Is the Best Medicine

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make the 2008 Winter Comedy Night a huge success. The committee worked so hard, and it showed in the fun time we all had. Thank you to Dana Belliveau, Eileen Edelstein, Lynn Rubenstein, Margie Sheris, Elissa Klein Sireuil, and Julie Zieff. Thank you, also, to all the table captains who filled the social hall. And a special thank you to Deb Greenstein and Mike Freeman, who worked the day before the event setting up.

I also want to give special thanks to the members of the Gardner Street Band. Not only did they play for us again, but they also donated half of their sales of their CD to Sisterhood.

Linda Goodspeed

Our Web Site Needs Your Input

Updates are being made to the TBA Web site at www.templebnaiabraham.com. Check the NEWSFLASH section for event information, programming updates, and Hebrew School news and closings. Information will be posted frequently.

We can post your event information! Please submit the details to the office (tba.beverly@verizon.net). When scheduling a meeting or event, please don't forget to first check with the office to confirm that your desired date is available.

We want your photos! We are developing a "photos" link on the Web site. Are you attending a TBA event? Remember your cameras and take pictures for memories and for others to enjoy. Please send pictures you would like posted to tba.beverly@verizon.net. Please remember that cameras and picture-taking are not allowed during Shabbat.

In the TBA Family

R'fu'ah Sh'leimah: Linda Magalnick

Condolences: The congregation extends its condolences to Stacey Edelstein on the death of her grandmother; and to Elaine Goldberg on the death of her mother, Lillian Abramowitz. May the Almighty comfort you, along with all other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Breakfast Sponsors

Many thanks to the following people who recently sponsored Sunday-morning post-minyan breakfasts: Elaine Bolgatz in memory of her parents, Anna and Harry Stearn; Mike Stearn in memory of his brother, David; Paul Weinberg in memory of his father, Samuel Weinberg.

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Food for Thought

Next Monday Night Supper Is March 17

Members of Temple B'nai Abraham will next prepare and serve an evening meal to those in need at First Baptist Church, Beverly, on Monday, March 17.

Donations are needed to pay for the food the Temple provides. Please make your check out to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Thank you.



Centennial Events

***Please Save These Dates
for our Centennial Weekend***

Friday, May 9

7 P.M.

Oneg and Service with Rick Recht

Sponsored by the
Sam and Eve Weinberg Memorial Fund

Saturday, May 10

9 A.M.

Shabbat service and catered luncheon

7 P.M.

Havdalah service followed by dessert reception
and anniversary celebration

Additional programming to be announced

You're Invited

***Anniversary Cocktail Party
Saturday, April 12***

8 P.M.

*At the home of
Linda and Dan Magalnick
52 Coppermine Road
Topsfield*

*Watch for your invitation in the mail
Donation categories begin at \$65 per person*

Commemorative Book

Our thanks to everyone who has contributed to our Centennial Commemorative Book. We appreciate you sharing your memories. The book will be a treasured keepsake. Copies will be distributed to all participants in our gala weekend, May 9-10.

Photos Needed for Slideshow

Photographs are being collected for a special slideshow documenting our 100-year history. We're looking for photographs of b'nai mitzvah, wedding celebrations, and other simchas and events held at TBA. Please send your photographs electronically to Deb Vozella (schutzie@comcast.net) or place them in the marked envelope in the Temple office.

CDs Are Available

We are very excited to be hosting Rick Recht on Friday evening, May 9. Now you can experience his music at home. CDs are available for purchase at the Temple, \$15 each or 3 for \$40. Proceeds help pay for our anniversary celebration.

**Calendar, Adar I / Adar II 5768
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WEEKLY MINYANS

Mondays and Thursdays at 6:55 A.M.; Sundays at 9 A.M.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays at 7 P.M., Saturdays at 9 A.M.,
except Saturday, March 1, at 9:30 A.M.

SHABBAT CANDLE TIMES

Saturday, March 1	Shabbat ends, 6:25 P.M.
Friday, March 7	Light candles, 5:24 P.M.
Saturday, March 8	Shabbat ends, 6:33 P.M.
Friday, March 14	Light candles, 6:32 P.M.
Saturday, March 15	Shabbat ends, 7:41 P.M.
Friday, March 21	Light candles, 6:40 P.M.
Saturday, March 22	Shabbat ends, 7:49 P.M.
Friday, March 28	Light candles, 6:48 P.M.
Saturday, March 29	Shabbat ends, 7:57 P.M.

MEETINGS

Sunday, March 9	Hebrew School PTA, 10:30 A.M.
Sunday, March 16	Board of Directors, 10 A.M.
Tuesday, March 24	Ritual Committee, 7:45 P.M.
Sunday, March 30	Congregational Meeting, 10 A.M.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, March 1	Junior Congregation, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, March 8	Shabbat service, 9 A.M., followed by Kiddush Havdalah service and Bar Mitzvah of Josh Ross, 4 P.M.
Sunday, March 9	Brotherhood Baseball Lecture and Lunch, 12:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 15	Wine Tasting, 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.
Monday, March 17	Monday Night Supper at First Baptist Church, 4:30-6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 19	TBA Israel Trip meeting, 7 P.M.
Thursday, March 20	Erev Purim Pizza dinner, Megillah reading, and Purim celebration, 5:30 P.M.
Friday, March 21	Purim
Sunday, March 23	Preschool Workshop, 11 A.M. Purim Carnival, noon to 2 P.M.

Yiddish With Saul

Classes are held on alternate Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. All levels are welcome. Knowledge of Yiddish is *not* required. Please contact Saul Axelrod to confirm this month's dates.

*The congregation is cordially invited
to share in the simcha
as Josh Ross,
son of Amy Wallace and Bill Ross,
is called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah
on Saturday, March 8, at 4 P.M.*

*Josh's grandparents, Jan and Rick Miller,
also invite the congregation
to join them for the Shabbat morning service
at 9 A.M.
Kiddush to follow the service*

Make Some Noise!

Thursday, March 20
5:30 P.M.



**Pizza Dinner,
Megillah Reading,
and Purim Celebration
(with a D.J.!)**

Costumes encouraged

The fun continues on Sunday, March 23

- Preschool Workshop, 11 A.M.
- Purim Carnival, Noon to 2 P.M.

Israel Trip Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 7 P.M.

A representative of tour operator Oranim
will discuss details regarding
TBA's trip to Israel in February 2009

Join in the excitement of seeing Israel
with friends and congregants in a trip
designed exclusively for us.

RSVP to Rabbi Steven, 978-927-3211, ext. 11

News From the Youth Groups

January was another busy month for the Youth Groups. The fourth- and fifth-graders had a “mini-over-night” on the weekend of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The activities included several games of Jewish bingo, solving a Jewish scramble, art projects, and watching the 1959 Disney movie *The Shaggy Dog*, starring Fred MacMurray.

On January 26, while parents were enjoying themselves at Comedy Night, Grades 6-8 had a movie night at the home of Robyn Lipkowitz. This was a huge success, with more than half of the youth group participating.

The members really enjoyed watching *Paper Clips*, the documentary of a middle school in Tennessee that had a project to collect 6 million paper clips to represent the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust. (They ended up collecting almost 30 million paper clips—each with its own story.) After the video, Batya Rubenstein talked about the relationship her class at Cohen-Hillel had with this school in Tennessee. The day after seeing this video several students came to me at Hebrew School wearing paper clips.

The group also watched *School Ties*, a movie about a Jewish boy who attends a prep school and who has to deal with his classmates’ prejudices when they find out that he is Jewish.

I would like to thank Batya for joining us for this event and sharing with us her pictures and experiences. Thank you, also, to Robyn and her parents, Erin and Rob, for opening up their home to us.

Also in January, we had a nice turnout at the First Baptist Church for our night to Feed the Hungry. A big thank you to Bethany MacDonald, her mother, Ilene, and brother, Kevin; Ben and Olivia Huth and their mother, Lisa Horowitz; Shoshi Kranish; Rachelle Sireuil and her mother, Elissa, and sister, Julie; Melissa Freed; and Adi and Idan Davidyan for helping out. I would also like to thank Adi and Idan and their family for picking up the donations month after month from Panera Bread. Each month Panera has been donating bread and pastries for our dinners.

Please save these dates:

Feeding the Hungry	March 17
Purim Carnival	March 23
Harlem Globetrotters	March 29
TBA’s 100th Anniversary	May 9-10

*Until next month,
Allison Wolper*

**TBA’s PTA will next meet
on Sunday, March 9, at 10:30 A.M.**

Haggadah Sale

The Promise Haggadah offers a complete and concise Passover Seder for everyone. Purchase them through the Temple for \$11 each. Proceeds benefit the Hebrew School. Orders are due Sunday, March 2. For details, please contact Elissa Klein Sireuil, 978-922-4660.

Hebrew School News

Get ready to make some noise! Temple B’nai Abraham will celebrate the holiday of Purim on Thursday evening, March 20. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. with a pizza dinner, followed by the Megillah reading and then dancing with a D.J. in the social hall. All of our Religious School families are invited to attend. Come in costume!

Also, plan to stay after class on Sunday, March 23, when teacher Allison Wolper and members of our Youth Groups put on the annual Purim Carnival, from noon to 2 p.m.

We are looking ahead to Passover. TBA’s Passover Wine Tasting and Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This is a fun, adult evening and the proceeds benefit the Religious School. Tickets are \$10 each.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the Temple’s Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 30, at 10 a.m. Temple members will vote on the annual budget, which includes the Religious School funding.

Junior Congregation services this month will be held on Saturday, March 1, at 9:30 a.m.

Mazel tov to our third-graders, who received their Siddurim during the Chaggigat Siddur service on February 8. The service and Kosher Chinese Shabbat dinner were enjoyed. We thank the Grade 3 parents for their help: Lisa Kosan, Elissa Klein Sireuil, Dana Belliveau, and Stephanie Walsh.

Preschool Workshops Are Back

Young learners and their caregivers are invited to explore the Jewish holidays through stories, crafts, and activities. Please join us on these dates:

Purim Workshop • Sunday, March 23 • 11 A.M.
(Stay after for TBA’s Purim Carnival, noon to 2)

Passover Workshop • Sunday, April 13 • 11 A.M.

Shabbat Workshop • To be announced

Synagogue membership is not required to attend these programs. Please spread the word to family and friends with young children.

Donations

The Congregation Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

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Barbara and Mike Freeman to Mollie Perlow, mazel tov on your new grandson

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Al Tartakoff to Roberta Graffam, get well and stay well

Al Tartakoff to Linda and Dan Magalnick in honor of the birth of your new grandchild

Ilene and Richard Goldberg to Tova Rubenstein in honor of your bat mitzvah

Karen and Mike Stearn to Rabbi and Lynn Rubenstein in honor of Tova's bat mitzvah

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Dorothy Chanksy in memory of her father, George Chanksy

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Sunday afternoon, May 4

Community celebration of Israel's birthday
at Congregation Shirat Hayam, Swampscott

TBA Religious School students will be performing!

Details to be announced

Saturday, May 3

Yom Hazikaron service at Temple Ner Tamid, Peabody

Light refreshments at 8:45 P.M. Memorial service at 9 P.M.

Any Israeli war veterans who now live in our community, or those who know of fallen Israeli soldiers with connections to the North Shore, are asked to contact Debbie Hallett, 781-631-0831 or jhsns@verizon.net.

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and Memory**

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music and narration

Monday, March 31

6:30 to 8 P.M.

Temple Ner Tamid, Peabody

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