



Temple B'nai Abraham BULLETIN

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June 2008

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 8 10:30 A.M.

Your vote counts! Please make every effort to attend.

A View From the Bima

Listening Is an Act of Love

At the ADL Interfaith Seder I referred to a book that caught my attention as I was browsing the newest selections at the book store. The front cover shows pairs of people talking, red silhouettes against a white background. What captured my interest was the manner in which they were engaged with one another. The book is titled *Listening Is an Act of Love*, and it's a compilation of stories from the StoryCorps project. Dave Isay, who edited the collection, is the founder of StoryCorps, whose mission is to collect the stories of everyday Americans and record them for future generations. The project began with the simple premise that everyone has an important story to tell.

The idea for such a monumental mission did not come in a vacuum. Dave Isay, in an interview with one of the Jewish magazines that our Religious School children read each month, spoke about his Jewish roots and how they influenced the direction his life has taken. He learned about collecting memories from sitting around the Passover table and listening to the tales of the Jewish people along with the stories his family shared with one another.

To collect some of the stories for his project, Isay set up in New York City's Grand Central Station a Sukkah-like booth outfitted with a table, two chairs, and two microphones. A list of questions was provided to help stimulate conversation. The sessions were recorded onto CDs, with one copy filed with the Library of Congress and another given to each family when they departed. What Isay and his crew discovered is that the stories we tell one another not

only define who we are, but also bind us together in a shared humanity. The voices connect us to real people and to their experiences of profound joy, sadness, courage, and despair, to good times and hard times, to good deeds and misdeeds.

At TBA, we, too, engaged in an oral history project that culminated in the printing of a centennial booklet that celebrates the families who are a part of this congregation. What stories will the next generation tell about us and the legacy that we leave them? What will they remember about their past and how it influenced their values, their deeds, their spiritual connections? In the stories that we tell, what are the messages that we wish to pass on to our children and grandchildren?

It's not just the telling that is important. For Dave Isay, the act of listening is the far greater achievement. Listening is an active process. It requires your effort to hear and to understand what you are being told. Twice each day we are reminded of the significance of this when we recite the words of the Shema, which means *listen*, and V'ahavata, *and you shall love*.

Listening, in this sense of the word, is the fulfillment of heeding the words of our elders and then reaping the rewards of their sage advice. Sharing with one another is the key to building a life of meaning. "Teach your children"—*v'shinantam*—requires the skills of both speaking and listening in order to repeat the lessons that a person is taught. Only when an individual is in a loving or receptive mood can such communications be synthesized and appreciated.

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Shabbat by the Sea



Beginning June 27 and continuing through August
Friday evening services move to Lynch Park (weather permitting)

We will be joined by musician Marcy Yellin
on June 27, July 25, and August 8

Services begin at 7 P.M.

Food for Thought

Boxes on the Bima

For the Counting of the Omer

Until Erev Shavuot, June 8



In celebration of the Counting of the Omer, a time when we keep count of the days between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot, we will be collecting boxes of cereal as our Biblical obligation to bring a measure of grain to the Temple.

Please bring a box (or two) of your favorite cereal to the synagogue to be counted in our celebration of this ancient custom. The cereal collection will end on Sunday, June 8.

Next Monday Night Supper Is June 16

Please join us on June 16 as members of Temple B'nai Abraham prepare and serve an evening meal to those in need at First Baptist Church, Beverly. Hours are 4:30 to about 7 p.m. Stop by for as long or as little as you can.

Donations to support these meals may be made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

Rabbi's Message, From Previous Page

On Shavuot, God spoke to the Children of Israel when the Divine Spirit gave to them the laws of the Torah. We are told that God's voice was so loud, the people became afraid. So Moses had to speak for God. One midrash tells a different story: When God spoke, the Israelite nation heard nothing more than the sound of the first letter of the first word of the Ten Commandments, the aleph of *Anochi*, meaning *I am the Lord Your God*. We all know that the aleph is silent. It is the beginning of all sound. Thus we must listen with even greater attentiveness if we are to hear the rest of the story that God wishes to share with us.

Listening is an act of love when we pay attention to the stories that we relate to one another. May those stories inspire us as we celebrate our faith in one another, in ourselves, and in God, reaping the rewards of a life filled with blessings.

Rabbi Steven Rubenstein

In the TBA Family

Mazel Tov: to Ben Goldman on becoming a bar mitzvah and to Bethany MacDonald on becoming a bat mitzvah.

R'fu'ah Sh'leimah: Jack Israelsohn, Harry Silverstein, Al Tartakoff, George Heller, Steve Edelstein, Roseanne Chiusano, and Ed Glichouse

Condolences: The congregation extends its condolences to the family of Arlen Cohn, husband of Marjorie Cohn and brother of Barbara Younger. May the Almighty comfort you, along with all other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors

Many thanks to the following people who sponsored an Oneg Shabbat or a Kiddush in recent weeks: Elane Gilmore in memory of her father and Alexander Burke's grandfather, Harold Simon; Peter Gilmore in memory of his mother, Adele; Laura and Wade Goldman in honor of their son Ben's bar mitzvah; Ilene and David MacDonald in honor of their daughter Bethany's bat mitzvah

Breakfast Sponsors

Many thanks to Brotherhood for sponsoring a Sunday-morning, post-minyan breakfast recently.

Summer *Bulletin* Reminder

The next TBA *Bulletin* will be the combined JULY/AUGUST issue. **There is no separate August *Bulletin*.**

Submissions for the July/August issue are due on June 1, and the *Bulletins* will be mailed in late June. If you are planning an event or meeting for this summer, please remember this deadline.

Submissions for the *Bulletin* may be sent by e-mail to bulletin@freed.com, left in the *Bulletin* envelope in the office, or contact Anita Freed at 978-774-3729. Thank you.

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Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Temple B'nai Abraham Celebrate Its 100th Anniversary

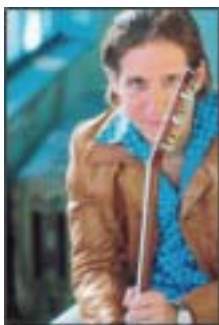
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Chairmen	Helene Cassela, Peter Gilmore, Deborah Willwerth
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Fund-raising Cocktail Party	Sponsored by Dan and Linda Magalnick

Special thanks to Beth Blackburn, Cynthia Serman-Cutler, Sally Dorfsman, Jay Duchin, Minna Morley, Zachary Schutzman, Hinda Sterling, and Roslyn Tanzer

Keep the Memories Alive

- We have additional copies of the **100th anniversary commemorative book**, which includes the stories and memories of many of our congregation's families. The books may be purchased through the office for \$18 each.
- Dan Casella has made a **slideshow of photographs** taken during our Saturday-evening anniversary gala. (These are not the photographs shown during the event.) Copies of the CD are available for \$10 each. Please contact the office if interested.



Bring the music of guest performer **Rick Recht** into your home. These CD's are available through the Temple office:

- *Shabbat Alive* (music from our Friday-night service)
- *The Hope*
- *Free To Be the Jew in Me*

\$15 each or 3 for \$40

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Check Out Our Web Site

TBA will be posting some of the remarks given during our anniversary weekend events on our Temple web site.

Find us online at www.templebnaia Abraham.com.



Education / Youth

School News

We held our closing ceremonies for the Religious School on Sunday, May 18. Mazel tov to our Grade 7 graduates: Benjamin Alpern, Bettina Bucco, Idan Davidyan, Adi Davidyan, Eva Der, Benjamin Goldman, Benjamin Huth, Sophie Israelsohn, Shoshana Kranish, Bethany MacDonald, Joshua Ross, and Hannah Schwartz.

Mazel tov, also, to these students who received special recognitions:

- Melissa Freed and Olivia Huth—Sam and Eve Weinberg Award, recognizing leadership in prayer and participation in Junior Congregation
- Shoshana Kranish and Emily Walsh—Herman Kravitz Award, for their essays on anti-Semitism
- Daniel Goldman—Rubinstein Scholarship, an Israeli bond awarded to the student most involved in Confirmation class
- Adi Davidyan and Idan Davidyan—Jonathan Myerson Scholarship Award, for exceptional ability in Hebrew
- Bethany MacDonald and Sophie Israelsohn—Weis-Winer Award, given to inspire two seventh-graders to continue their Jewish education
- Melissa Freed and Abby Walsh—100th Committee Award, in recognition of essays related to the Temple's special anniversary.

We thank the families that endowed these awards.

Several Confirmation students volunteered their time this year to help in the classrooms, assist school workshops, and provide one-on-one tutoring. We thank: Jessica Freeman, Danielle Matfess, Joshua Matfess, Zachary Schutzman, and Tessa Schwartz.

Earlier in May, we celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. We thank Lynn Rubenstein for helping coordinate the program and Dina and Eli Davidyan for preparing the food, along with the parent volunteers.

Thank you to the Visnick family for shopping for the graduation celebration. Special thanks go to Elissa Sireuil for chairing TBA's PTA, and to all of the parents who helped out this year.

Join us this summer for Shabbat by the Sea, Friday evenings at 7 at Lynch Park. Marcy Yellin will join us on June 27, July 25, and August 8. Services will move to TBA if the weather is inclement.

Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing all of our students on opening day, September 7, at 9 a.m.

Deb Vozella
Education Director

**Hebrew School registration packets
are now available.**

Please send them back by August 1.

Sunday, June 22

North Shore Medical Foundation Cancer Walk

Once again, the youth groups of TBA will participate in the Cancer Walk, which has raised more than \$12 million for the North Shore Medical Foundation. This is a 10K walk through historic Salem. The event features entertainment and refreshment breaks.

The congregation is invited to participate, too. Please contact Allison Wolper at 978-587-2112 (home); 978-828-0056 (cell); or clarkie95@comcast.net for sponsor sheets and additional information.

If you can't participate in the walk, but would like to make a donation, please contact Allison or leave your donation in the Temple office.

In the Community

Walk for Israel

A one-mile Walk for Israel will be held Sunday, June 1, 10 a.m., beginning and ending at Congregation Shirat Hayam, Swampscott. The walk is an international project of the Afikim Foundation, and is locally sponsored by Mitzvah Magic, a collaboration of the preschools of Shirat Hayam, North Suburban JCC, Temple Beth Shalom, and the Young Leadership Division of the Jewish Federation of the North Shore. For more information, please contact the Jewish Federation.

Synagogue Council's Unity Shabbaton

The Synagogue Council of Massachusetts will hold an adult weekend of study and prayer at the Holiday Inn, Peabody, Friday, July 25 to Sunday, July 27. The event will feature a diverse faculty of noted rabbis for high-level Judaic study, inspirational services, kosher catering, and entertainment. Contact the Synagogue Council at 617-244-6506, ext. 10 or visit www.synagoguecouncil.org for further information. Registration materials will be available in early May.

Calendar for Iyar / Sivan 5768
June 2008

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.,

SHABBAT CANDLE TIMES

Friday, June 6	Light candles, 8:00 P.M.
Saturday, June 7	Shabbat ends, 9:09 P.M.
Friday, June 13	Light candles, 8:04 P.M.
Saturday, June 14	Shabbat ends, 9:12 P.M.
Friday, June 20	Light candles, 8:06 P.M.
Saturday, June 21	Shabbat ends, 9:15 P.M.
Friday, June 27	Light candles, 8:07 P.M.
Saturday, June 28	Shabbat ends, 9:15 P.M.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 24 Ritual Committee, 7:30 P.M.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, June 7	Bat Mitzvah of Shoshana Kranish, 9 A.M.
Sunday, June 8	Congregational Meeting, 10:30 A.M. Erev Shavuot
Monday, June 9	Shavuot, First Day Services, 9 A.M. Office closed
Tuesday, June 10	Shavuot, Second Day Services, 9 A.M.; Yizkor recited Office closed
Saturday, June 14	Bat Mitzvah of Courtney Kaner, 9 A.M.
Monday, June 16	Monday Night Supper at First Baptist Church, 4:30 to 7 P.M.
Saturday, June 21	Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Alpern, 9 A.M.
Sunday, June 22	North Shore Medical Center Cancer Walk, Salem
Friday, June 27	Shabbat by the Sea, Lynch Park, with Marcy Yellin, 7 P.M.
Tuesday, July 1	Temple Fiscal Year begins for Share Plan contributions

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
of these b'nai mitzvah*

*Shoshana Kranish,
daughter of Christine Fleuriel
and Steven Kranish,
will be called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah
on Saturday, June 7,
at 9 A.M.*

*Courtney Kaner,
daughter of Lawrence and Kim Kaner,
will be called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah
on Saturday, June 14,
at 9 A.M.*

*Benjamin Alpern,
son of Richard and Dolores Alpern,
will be called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah
on Saturday, June 21,
at 9 A.M.*

Kiddush to follow services

Help TBA: Become a Sponsor

You can celebrate a simcha or remember a loved one and help Temple B'nai Abraham at the same time.

There are many sponsorship opportunities, including:

- Friday night Oneg Shabbat
- Saturday morning Kiddush
- Sunday morning breakfast

Please contact the office at 978-927-3211 for details.

Donations

The Congregation Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

Abe Kaufman Fund

Anita and Abe Kaufman to Marge Cohn and Family in memory of Arlen

Anita and Abe Kaufman to Pauline and Al Schultz, mazel tov on the birth of your great-grandson, Zachary Mathew Flaiz

Anita and Abe Kaufman to Marcia and Alan Arons, mazel tov on the birth of your great-grandson, Zachary Mathew Flaiz

Anita and Abe Kaufman to Al Tartakoff, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery

Freeman-Goodspeed Fund

Barbara and Michael Freeman to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin in memory of your dear brother, Harry

Garelick-Black Fund

Nancy and Joel Black to The Cohn Family in memory of Arlen Cohn

General Fund

Judith and Bennett Greenblatt to the Siegel Family in memory of Leah Siegel

Rea and Phyllis Silberstein to the Siegel Family in memory of Leah Siegel

Karen and Michael Stearn to the Siegel Family in memory of Leah Siegel

Paula and Arnold Goldstein to Roberta Graffam in memory of your sister Sally

Jan and Rick Miller to Roberta Graffam in memory of your sister Sally

George and Joan Heller to the Cohn Family in memory of Arlen Cohn

Bette Siegel to Barbara Younger in memory of your brother Arlen Cohn

Bette Siegel to Marjorie Cohn in memory of your husband, Arlen RosaLee and Ed Goldstein to the Cohn Family in memory of Arlen

RosaLee and Ed Goldstein to Barbara Younger in memory of your brother Arlen Cohn

Helen and Melvin Goldberg to the Cohn Family in memory of Arlen Cohn

Judi and Len Allen to Marilyn Zucker in memory of your father

Karen and Michael Stearn to Al Tartakoff, best wishes for a speedy recovery

Hebrew School

Lisa Horowitz and David Huth to Benjamin Michael Goldman in honor of your bar mitzvah

Fran and Jordy Baker to Marge Cohn and Family in memory of Arlen Cohn, beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother

Fran and Jordy Baker to Al Tartakoff, wishing you a full recovery

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Joan and George Heller to Al Tartakoff, wishing you a speedy recovery

Torah Restoration Fund

Paul Weinberg to Al Tartakoff, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery

Paul Weinberg to Jack Israelsohn, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery

Sam and Eve Weinberg Fund

Paul Weinberg to Marjorie Cohn, extending sympathy on the death of your husband, Arlen Cohn

Paul Weinberg to Barbara Younger, extending sympathy on the death of your brother, Arlen Cohn

Paul Weinberg to George Heller, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery

Paul Weinberg to Eddie Glichouse, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery

Paul Weinberg to Steve Edelstein, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery

Yahrzeit Fund

Brian Freedman in memory of his mother, Jeanette Freedman

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Bernice Gilman in memory of her father, Morris Krasnoff

Bernice Gilman in memory of her mother, Anna Krasnoff

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Betsey Visnick in memory of her grandmother, Molly Green

Scrip Purchasers

Scrip is our easiest fund-raiser. Pay face value for these supermarket gift cards, and TBA earns 5 percent of sales.

Thank you for purchasing Scrip!

April 17 through May 20

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Lorraine and Bernard Der

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TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM WISH LIST

Synagogues are always in need of cash contributions for specific purposes as well as in-kind donations of particular items. TBA is no exception. The following is our wish list:

Cash Contributions for Specific Purposes

- New sign showing name of Temple and year of founding, relocated to front lawn to be visible from East Lothrop Street (\$2,000)
- New energy-efficient double-pane glass windows to replace all of the aging single-pane windows plus repair of loose exterior slate window sills (\$85,000)
- Re-paving of entire asphalt driveway and parking lot to eliminate cracks, frost heaves, and sinkholes (\$30,000)
- Repair/replacement of the front and rear lower roof flashings and drainage systems, re-grading and re-capping of these roofs with rubber membranes as needed to eliminate pooling and water infiltration into exterior side walls, and connection of all downspouts to below-grade drainage systems (\$20,000)
- Installation of a new and improved sound system in the sanctuary and social hall (\$10,000)
- Replacement of the sanctuary, social hall, and front lobby chandelier bulbs with energy-efficient bulbs and re-wiring of all chandelier fixtures for dimmer switches (\$10,000)
- Replacement of cracked front cement walkway with attractive brick walkway matching front portico bricks (\$15,000)
- Renovation of all bathrooms to meet code standards including required accommodations for disabled persons (\$20,000)
- Two large sofas (or other suitable seating), one large coffee table and one large area rug for the front lobby area (\$4,000)

In-Kind Donations of Particular Items

- One or more personal computers for placement in the Temple library and for use by TBA members
- Pot holders, red (meat) and yellow (milk) oven mitts, and aprons for kitchen
- 2 hand-operated can openers for kitchen
- 1 or 2 extra-large coffee makers (60 cups or larger)

*Your tax-deductible, in-kind item donation can be dropped off at 200 E. Lothrop St., Beverly.
To arrange for drop-off of larger items, please call 978-927-3211, Ext. 10.*

From everyone at Temple B'nai Abraham: THANK YOU

TBA SCRIP ORDER FORM

Scrip may be purchased at the Temple during office hours. Or, you can send this form by fax (978-922-5281) or by mail, 200 E. Lothrop St., Beverly, MA 01915. Make your check out to TBA and write "Scrip" on the memo line.

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