



THE SCRIBE

Monthly Newsletter of Temple B'nai Abraham
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Tishrei - Heshvan, 5778

From Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

Services

On Thursday morning, September 14, we gathered in the Chapel for the last scheduled Thursday morning service. Over the past two years, attendance on Thursday morning had dwindled to the point where there had been fewer than six mornings since Hanukkah where there were 10 or more present — and one of those occasions was on the *yahrzeit* of my mother when calls were made to ensure I could say Kaddish for her. On many of the occasions when we did not have a ten present, we had fewer than nine, which prevented one of our members who was saying Kaddish from doing so. Under those conditions, to continue to hold this service would constitute a *tirha d'tzibbura* — an impermissible burden on the congregation and those who specifically come to support the minyan. Therefore, the Ritual Committee decided to end this service.

Unfortunately, that is not the only service having difficulty with attendance. Our Friday evening service and our Shabbat morning service both have had numerous occasions where the required ten Jewish adults were not present and several other occasions where we lacked even the nine so we could open the ark to permit a member to say Kaddish for a loved one.

We have members saying Kaddish throughout the year, many for the year following a parent's death. We cannot allow them to come to our Temple only to find that they are unable to say Kaddish for their loved one. We should not have to call, as we do for a *yahrzeit* minyan, to support our Shabbat services. Won't you help?

The Fall Festivals

The first two weeks of October this year brings with it the fall festivals. Sukkot, the fall harvest festival, is called *z'man simhateinu* — “the season of our joy”. And for good reason. On cool autumn evenings, we get to eat outside in the sukkah and we get to wave the lulav and etrog (one of our members makes a wonderful etrog marmalade after the holiday). On Sh'mini Atzeret — the Eighth Day of Assembly — in addition to the traditional Yizkor service, we chant Geshem, the special prayer for rain, which thereafter we include in our Amida at every service until Pesah.

As if that weren't enough, we also celebrate Simhat Torah — “the rejoicing of the Torah”, when we finish reading the Torah and begin immediately at the story of creation. We dance and sing with all of our Torahs during the seven processions, both in the evening and again the next morning. During the evening service, there is a special aliyah for the children. At the morning service, every member of the congregation receives an aliyah and there are two special aliyot where we honor two of members as we read the very last words and the very first words of our sacred Torah. It is one of the very few times that we read from three different Torahs at the same service.

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From the Rabbi continued -

When the Festivals fall on weekdays, it is often difficult to assemble a minyan for services. Please make every effort to join us for at least one service besides the *sh'mini atzeret yizkor* service to enable those saying Kaddish to honor their loved one. In addition, I will be sponsoring a luncheon on the second day of Sukkot to allow us to experience the joy of a communal meal in our Temple sukkah.

Israel Trip

When I returned from Israel in August, I heard from several congregants that they would like to visit Israel. I will set up a meeting after the holidays to explore whether we can accommodate them on a Temple trip. If you are interested in visiting Israel – whether you have been there before, or not — and even if you were not one of the ones who spoke to me, please email me, or the office so I can invite you to the meeting.

Hurricane Relief

I am collecting funds to send to appropriate organizations to support the relief efforts in Houston and Florida. Several synagogues, including Conservative synagogues, have been damaged. If you have not already contributed, please send a contribution to my discretionary fund and I will pass it on.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

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Please remember to RSVP to the following events:

**Thursday, Oct. 12 - The light dinner which will precede
the Simchat Torah Celebration
(by Monday, Oct. 9)**

**Saturday, Oct. 28 - Adult Education Luncheon
(by Wednesday, Oct. 25)**

**Sunday, Oct. 29 - Auxiliary Brunch and Movie
(by Wednesday, Oct. 25)**



Sukkot - Oct. 4 - 11



Simchat Torah Oct. 12 - 13

CALENDAR EVENTS

OCTOBER, 2017

1 Sunday

No Jewry Duty

9:30 am Put up Temple Sukkah

5 Thursday

9:30 am Sukkot Services

6 Friday

9:30 am Sukkot Services

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

7 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

8 Sunday

No Jewry Duty

12 Thursday

9:30 am Shemini Atzeret Services with Yizkor

6:30 pm Light dinner

7:00 pm Simchat Torah Celebration

13 Friday

9:30 am Simchat Torah Services

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

14 Sunday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

15 Sunday

9:30 am Jewry Duty begins

10:15 am Take down Temple Sukkah

19 Thursday

7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

20 Friday

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

21 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

22 Sunday

9:30 am Jewry Duty

26 Thursday

7:30 pm Board of Directors' Meeting

27 Friday

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

28 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

Adult Education luncheon to follow

29 Sunday

9:30 am Jewry Duty

10:30 am Auxiliary Brunch and Movie

מזל טוב - Mazal Tov

To **Marilynn & Steven Mazanek** on the upcoming marriage of their daughter **Michelle** to **Uri Shanski**. The wedding will take place in January.

Happy Anniversary to our couples celebration an anniversary in October

- 10th - Bonnie & Michael Sperling
- 13th - Sarit & Ed DeFrancesco
- 15th - Phyllis & Herman Sochin
- 17th - Natalie & Joseph Langner
- 20th - Dr. Myra Skluth & Dr. Mark Burwick (15th)
- 24th - Shirley & Jay Brodach (35th)
- 29th - Michelle & Rick Grossman (40th)

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

- 1st - Julie Levine
- 5th - Steven Mazanek
- 8th - Sarit DeFrancesco
- 8th - Bernie Frydenberg
- 23rd - Dorothy Elkin
- 26th - Henry Dobris (98th)
- 27th - Nancy Turover
- 27th - Fred Zierler

Happy Birthday to our next generation:

- 7th - Julia Kendzierski

רפואה שלימה

Wishing a Speedy & Complete Recovery to:

David Kaye
Bub Grossman
Sue Massicott

With regret we inform you of the passing of:

Gershon Perecman
father of Shirley Brodach

Abby Sheftel
daughter of Barry Sheftel

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבילי ציון וירושלים.

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

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Time to restock your gift cards.

Time to think about gift giving. Hanukkah and Christmas are just around the corner. Gifts are needed for the mail carrier, paper delivery person, person who walks your dog, mows your lawn, or cares for your house when you are away. Just a nice way to say "thank you" or "I remember all you have done".

Buy easy to give gifts (the size is always right)!



What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for Temple B'nai Abraham.

How scrip generates revenue for us

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of synagogues, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from restaurants, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Temple B'nai Abraham would buy the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sell the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more – is Temple B'nai Abraham's revenue.

Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. Temple members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Clothing, toys and gifts can be purchased with scrip. You can use the cards themselves as gifts. Your friends can buy them.

Find Out More

See the list of available Scrip on the reverse side of this flyer. Then put your shopping dollars to work for Temple B'nai Abraham. If there is a merchant whose name you do not see on the flyer, please ask.

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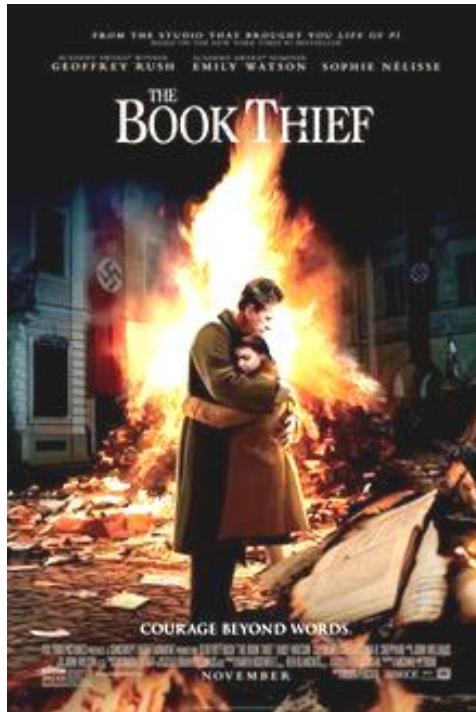
All orders must be paid with a check made out to Temple B'nai Abraham and accompany the order form. **Please send them to the temple office before Friday, November 3rd.** The gift cards will be available about mid November and can be picked up at the temple office during regular office hours. You will be contacted by email or phone when the cards are in. Please call the office first to make sure someone will be there.

Contact the temple office at 203-235-2581 or Janice Weiss at 203-237-0200.

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B'nai Abraham Auxiliary Brunch and Movie

Sunday, October 29 10:30 am



The Book Thief is a 2013 American-German [war drama film](#) directed by [Brian Percival](#) and starring [Geoffrey Rush](#), [Emily Watson](#), and [Sophie Nélisse](#).

The film is based on the 2005 novel [The Book Thief](#) by [Markus Zusak](#) and adapted by [Michael Petroni](#).

The film is about a young girl living with her adoptive German family during the Nazi era.

Taught to read by her kind-hearted foster father, the girl begins "borrowing" books and sharing them with the Jewish refugee being sheltered by her foster parents in their home.

The film features a musical score by Oscar-winning composer [John Williams](#).

Cost of the morning: \$8.00 for Auxiliary members
\$10.00 for non-members

**Please RSVP to the Temple Office 203-235-2581
by Wednesday, October 25.**



Military Whist Card Party **Saturday, November 4th, 2017** **7:30 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 Bi-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 the Temple Office (203-235-2581) by
Wednesday, November 1st to reserve a table.**

Also, please let us know if you can bring your own bridge table.

Admission: \$10 per person for Auxiliary Members

\$12 for Non-Members

Babysitting will be provided at \$10 per child

A 50/50 raffle will be held



Yahrzeits Observed During the Month of October

Oct. 1	Rose Kalmanowitz Mae Reger	Oct. 11	William Kogen Max Grossman		Samuel Moslowitz Ethel Friedman
Oct. 2	Saul Zietz Reuben White		Justine Risen		Frances Schwartz
Oct. 3	Clara Schiesel Ruth Levine	Oct. 13	Minnie Young	Oct. 23	Hyman Kaplan Pearl Tonkonow Irving Weiner
Oct. 4	Rabbi Albert Troy Beatrice Katz Al Lowell Ilka Krochmal Pearl Weinstein	Oct. 14	Sarah Grossman Joseph Denoff Louis Kaplan Leah Grossman	Oct. 24	David Goldstein Gerald Turover Lucille Cherniack Helen Zempsky Dr. Arthur Weiss
Oct. 5	Harry Silverman Jonah Umansky Reuben Lable Frances Palley Julia Loitz	Oct. 15	Anne Sheftel Sylvia Ruth Cherniack Herschel Hyman Seymour Berson	Oct. 25	Samuel Beloff Marian Loitz Susan Garden
Oct. 6	Elizabeth Umansky Jean Krakower	Oct. 16	Hyman Arinofsky Oscar Gross	Oct. 26	Pauline Shemkovitz
Oct. 7	Lena Daniels Louis Caplan Henry Siegel	Oct. 17	Ida Rischall Louis B. Horn	Oct. 27	Anna White Howard Prince
Oct. 8	Hyman Fox Anna Libou Edward Koster Mary Epstein Steinman	Oct. 18	Louis Friedman Fannie Kruh Harold Kaller Isaac Rovinsky	Oct. 28	William Povlotsky Rachel Leah Kolbin Michael Sochin Brian Ash Jean Resident Ester Ben-Dov
Oct. 9	Ida Glasser Florence Skigen William Smith Lillian Levine	Oct. 19	Ida Kaplan Ann Grossman June Bogatz	Oct. 30	Bennett Dunn Natalie Friedman
Oct. 10	Michael B. Cohen Robert Dunn Simeon Spear	Oct. 20	Sadelle Chain Esther Weinstein Albin Hirsch Thomas Simonetta Samuel Kaufman	Oct. 31	Anna Rose Resident Herman Chausky Sadie Kaplan Etoile (Star) Shemkovitz
		Oct. 21	Abraham Goodstein Irwin Bernstein Stanton Sirkin Harry Groobert		
		Oct. 22	Harry Israel		



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:

Celia Woien by Aaron & Carl Woien

Beatrice Katz by Richard A. Katz

Louis Caplan by Marcia Caplan

Max Grossman by Glenda & Bub Grossman

Leah Edelson by Frances Kaufman

General Temple Fund

In Memory of **Paul Krochmal** by Joan Krochmal.

Get Well Wishes to **David Kaye** by Helene & Howard Koenig.

In Appreciation of the Temple's support by Marge DeMaio.

In Memory of **Bea Gerstenblatt** by Susan Croog.

In Memory of **Bea Gerstenblatt** by Natalie & Lenny Cheerman.

Get Well Wishes to **H. Robert "Bub"**

Grossman by Natalie & Lenny Cheerman.

In Memory of **Gershon Perecman** by Natalie & Lenny Cheerman.

Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund

In Memory of **Bea Gerstenblatt** by Risa & Fred Zierler.

Barry Koslow Torah Restoration Fund

In Memory of **Gershon Perecman** by Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk.

Julius and Sophie Barker Scholarship Fund

In Memory of the Barker Family by Shelley & Michael Barker.

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of **Abby Sheftel** by Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk.

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