



THE SCRIBE

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

Our New Home

We have moved out of the building on East Main Street and into our new home at 20 Lawrence Court. Those who have attended services have remarked that the space feels intimate and welcoming and filled with spirit. We have held services on Shabbat evening and morning; on Sunday morning for Jewry Duty; and for a yartzeit minyan. We have held a committee meeting and as I write this, are about to hold our first Board Meeting. In other words, we are an active, functioning synagogue. Please come by and see us; and come to services. I am sure that you, too, will find that welcoming atmosphere that has characterized the Temple B'nai Abraham community for the past 130 years.

Our Future Home

While we are still engaged in working out the details, Adath Israel is trying very hard to make us feel welcome. On January 6-7, 2019 and again on January 11-13, 2019, rabbinic candidates will be auditioning there and we are invited to attend services, meet with them and express our opinions. We will not be holding services at 20 Lawrence Court on those dates so people can go to Adath Israel and meet the candidates. Please take advantage of this opportunity. There will be a dinner on January 11, and food on the other days. There is a flyer with further information about those visits and the candidates in this issue of the SCRIBE. Please call Adath Israel and let them know you will be there.

Our Legacy

For the past 130 years, Temple B'nai Abraham and its people have left a mark on the City of Meriden. Our Board has approved a plan to leave a lasting legacy in the name of the synagogue in the city. However, it occurred to me over this past Shabbat as we ended Sefer B'reishit — the Book of Genesis — that there is something more we might do. I spoke on the subject of Ethical Wills — those documents that transmit values, rather than property, to our heirs and descendants. What are the values that our congregation has exhibited and supported in the community? I can think of a few — education, charity, compassion, service. How might we ensure that those values continue? And what of our story? The Jewish people have survived for millenia because we keep telling the stories to maintain a connection with those who came before us. How might we perpetuate our story, our history, as a Jewish community in Meriden? How might we, as a community, leave a lasting set of set of our values that will live on?

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

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Happy New Year, 2019

CALENDAR EVENTS

JANUARY 2019

3 Thursday

7:30 pm Auxiliary Meeting

4 Friday

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

5 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

6 Sunday

9:00 am Jewry Duty will be held at Adath Israel

10 Thursday

7:30 pm Finance Meeting

11 Friday

**Services tonight will be at Adath Israel.
Please see enclosed flier.**

12 Saturday

**Services this morning will be at Adath Israel.
Please see enclosed flier.**

13 Sunday

9:00 am Jewry Duty will be held at Adath Israel

18 Friday

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

19 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

20 Sunday

No Jewry Duty

24 Thursday

7:30 pm Board of Directors' Meeting

25 Friday

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

26 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

27 Sunday

9:30 am Jewry Duty

רפואה שלימה

Wishing a Speedy and Complete Recovery to:

Lenny Cheerman

Dear Members of Temple B'nai Abraham,

This is another letter to keep you updated on what is happening with our congregation. On Tuesday, December 11th we closed on the sale of our building. Hopefully by the beginning of January all of our property will be removed from the building, the Aron Hakodesh will be dismantled and brought to Middletown, and our Memorial plaques will also be moved there. The Presidents boards, Endowment board, Building Dedication board, and the two Tree of Life murals will all be removed to the Temple cemetery (best place to keep our history. Several of our Torahs and the Holocaust Torah are already in Middletown, just waiting for us to join them.

Both the main office and the Rabbi's office are now located at 20 Lawrence Court, Meriden. This is just one mile up from the old location. Services have been held at the new location for several weeks and everything seems to be running smoothly.

The leadership of Adath Israel has invited us to join them in their various activities. Take a few minutes to look over their fliers which are included in this issue. They are going out of their way to make all of us feel welcome. We are still in negotiations for the merger, but things are going quite smoothly. It is really a win-win situation for both of us.

We currently have a temporary phone number for Lawrence Court. Our number is 203-440-0272. Hopefully we will have our 203-235-2581 number the 2nd week of January. We had to hold off moving it to keep the alarm system working on East Main Street.

Hopefully there will be more news to share with you in the February Scribe. Stay tuned.

Jay D. Weiss

Jay D. Weiss
President

Bad weather is coming.

We will get the cancellations on the television as soon as possible.

The best channel is WFSB - channel 3. They get it on screen quickly.

We will also try to get it on WVIT - channel 30 and WTNH - channel 8.

מזל טוב – Mazal Tov

Happy Anniversary to our couples celebrating an anniversary during the month of **January**:
2nd - Cathy & Michael Burwick

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

- 1st - Frank Tonkonow
- 17th - Helene Koenig
- 19th - Debbie Kaye
- 21st - Jim Lawrence
- 28th - Doris Goldstein
- 28th - Marjorie Perry

With regret we inform you of the passing of:

Lesley Chidekel
Mother of David Chidekel

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבילי ציון וירושלים.
May the Lord comfort and sustain
all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

MOVING INFORMATION

As you know, we at Temple B'nai Abraham have moved.

Our new postal address is: Temple B'nai Abraham
P.O. Box 745
Meriden, CT 06450-9998.

Do not send mail to the Lawrence Court address.

We currently have a temporary phone number for Lawrence Court. Our number is 203-440-0272.

If you are coming to the new building for services – Friday night, or Saturday and Sunday morning – please park around the circle at the top of the driveway of Ruth and Sherwin Borsuk, 80 Parker Avenue, Meriden, 06450. Their driveway is directly across from Charles Street. The Borsuks are on the other side of the road, just past the Stop & Shop on Parker Avenue. If you are coming during the week, you can either park at Ruth and Sherwin's or park in front of 20 Lawrence Court, the street address.

Directions to 20 Lawrence Court (if you are coming during the week, for meetings, or cannot park in the Borsuk's driveway):

- On East Main Street, turn into Lydale Place.
- Take first right onto Dryden Drive.
- Take first right onto Live Oak Lane.
- Take first right into Lawrence Court. 20 Lawrence Court is the center house—it is a ranch. Please park face in.



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Friday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.
RSVP no later than January 7th

The Rabbi Search Committee invites you to celebrate Shabbat with

Rabbi Eve Eichenholtz

Please bring non-perishable food items for Amazing Grace Food Pantry
Free for members of Adath Israel, Temple B'nai Abraham, and 1st-time guests.
Returning guests: \$10 pp or \$18/family.

www.adathisraelct.org

Adath Israel phone number is - 860-346-4709 - then follow voice directions.

The Rabbi Search Committee of Adatah Israel invites you to meet, worship, and study with Rabbi Earl Kideckel & Rabbi Eve Eichenholtz

Rabbi Earl Kideckel
Sunday, January 6 * 9 a.m.
Monday, January 7 * 8 a.m.

Rabbi Earl Kideckel is a native of Toronto. His family was quite active in the Jewish community and in synagogue life. He attended the Associated Hebrew Day Schools and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. He continued his studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Columbia University, where he earned bachelor degrees from both institutions, a master's degree and rabbinic ordination. In 2010, JTS bestowed upon the rabbi an honorary doctorate for his studies and work in the community. In 1988, he completed his course work in advanced pastoral counseling from the Blanton-Peale Institute for Religions and Health.

During his career Rabbi Kideckel has served congregations in Long Island, NY, Las Vegas and Boston. He has been involved in the community as a pastoral counselor and hospital chaplain, served as an ethicist for the Department of Health and Human Services in a local hospital, and is a past president of the New England Region of the Rabbinical Assembly. In his last congregation, Rabbi Kideckel was extremely involved in creatively shaping, developing and evolving its culture and community. Throughout his career Rabbi Kideckel has been involved in interfaith dialogue and programming.

Today, Rabbi Kideckel serves the unaffiliated in the Boston area, as a teacher, counselor, and officiant at lifecycle events. Rabbi Kideckel's wife, Lisa, leads an early education center. They are loving parents to three adult children and a wonderful daughter-in-law.

Rabbi Eve Eichenholtz
Friday, January 11 * 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 12 * 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 13 * 9 a.m.

Rabbi Eve Eichenholtz grew up on Long Island and is a product of the Conservative Movement. As a student she attended synagogue Hebrew schools, Camp Ramah, Solomon Schechter Day School. Rabbi Eichenholtz holds a B.A. in Economics from Barnard College and a B.A. in Bible from the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she began rabbinical school. After transferring, she was ordained in 2013 by the Academy for Jewish Religion in New York.

The rabbinate has brought Rabbi Eichenholtz to communities across the United States and as far away as Israel. She has served diverse congregations, specializing in small and mid-sized synagogues, where she prides herself on knowing everyone's names and stories.

When leading services, Rabbi Eichenholtz brings in her love of song, story, teaching and theater, combined with energy and enthusiasm. As a teacher, she strives to find the unique threads within Judaism which will capture each learner's attention. Rabbi Eichenholtz greatly enjoys facilitating personal reflection, individual support, and communal growth, through her work.

In addition to her pursuits within the Jewish community, Rabbi Eichenholtz actively and passionately cultivates relationships with other faith-based groups. She serves as an adjunct chaplain at a local university and a volunteer chaplain with the hospital and police department.

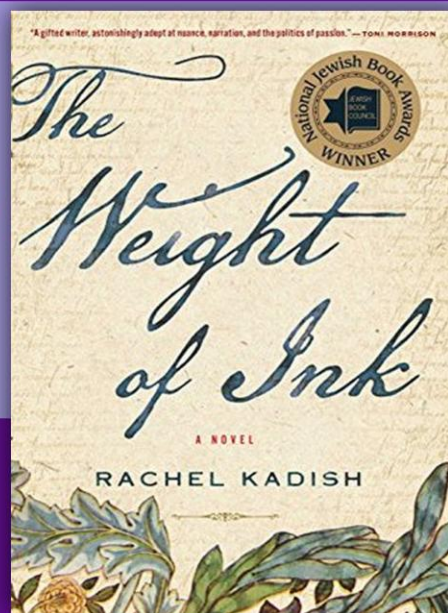
In her time off, Rabbi Eichenholtz enjoys cooking, theater and all things ice-hockey.

Rabbi Eichenholtz can't wait to lead services again at Adatah Israel and looks forward to connecting and reconnecting with everyone.

Book Club

Tuesday, January 29 * 7pm in the Nester Center

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish



Adath Israel Book Club
is free and open to
anyone who desires
great discussions about
fascinating books
on Jewish topics

For more information, please contact
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or Holly Simon: hfpsimon@gmail.com
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Call these women or Adath Israel for more information.

Yahrzeits Observed During the Month of January

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



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:

Mildred Goralnik by Richard A. Katz

David Caplan by Marcia Caplan

Yetta Gerstenblatt by Ines Gerstenblatt

Jerry Kosofsky by Martha Weisberg

Frances Dubrow by Naomi Cohen

Ann Shapiro by Ernest Shapiro

George Shapiro by Ernest Shapiro

Lori Shapiro by Ernest Shapiro

General Temple Fund

In Memory of **Lesley Chidekel** by Bonnie and Michael Sperling.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of **Ben Folk** by Carolyn Schwartz.

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of **Lesley Chidekel** by Ruth and Sherwin Borsuk.

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