



Temple Beth Abraham Sisterhood

The Voice of Sisterhood

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FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Join us for a fun hour or two...

Drop-off/Set-up: Tuesday, November 1, 9-4
 Sale Day: Wednesday, November 2, 9-3
 Volunteers needed on Tuesday, 9-4 and Wednesday, 9-5

Hebrew School Parents :

Please consider picking up a bag or two Wednesday after school
 This bag can be dropped off at a local agency at your convenience.

It's time to gather all the no longer needed family **fall and winter** clothing and accessories (clean and in good, repair please), household items, small appliances art, jewelry, books, toys, baby items, etc.

NO SHOES OR TEXTBOOKS, PLEASE.

Do you have an hour or two to participate?

You would help set-up on Tuesday

(and often find a "treasure" for yourself or someone you love).

Or on Wednesday, you could help sell or pack-up items.

It's a great way to have fun, make new friends, and help Sisterhood.

Please call Ricki Klopfer

(603) 465-7654

President's Message

As many of you may know, Sisterhood is a champion of

Youth. Many of our children join USY while in our community and use this as a stepping stone for further Jewish education. When their formal Jewish education begins, simple brachot and songs are introduced. We are reminded that when a parent takes the very young child to Sunday school, the learning is pleasant and fun.

Later, while participating in USY activities they may have the opportunity to lead a Shabbat service. For most of our children, this is not a new experience, having gone through our religious school and Bar/bat mitzvah programs.

Our Sisterhood helps our children along in many ways as they move through the years of Jewish education. From providing additional funding to the religious school, or helping with special projects; family programs such as our very successful Israeli Day in the spring or support during bar/bat mitzvah year, including a Tzedakah box to commemorate their special day, and scholarships for students traveling to Israel- these are all ways that Sisterhood helps the youth of our community understand that they are part of a caring, giving community.

Lastly, as they make the transition from high school to college, Sisterhood reminds them that we are here by way of our *College Outreach* program, providing "care packages" to our collegians at each of the major holidays. It is in this way that we convey to them that they are still part of the community, and that our wishes for them is that they go from strength to strength.

As we gather during this High Holiday season, take time to treasure the children in your home and help them feel the bond that comes from creating and sharing traditions that your family has made special in the past and ones that you create for the future.

I wish you all a Happy & Healthy New Year!

B Shalom
Barbara

E-Mail Update

We are trying to get the email list updated so that Sisterhood can use it to contact members with the Weekly Sisterhood News and information. You can either email me at tbasisthood@hotmail.com with your name and email address, or make sure it is on your dues payment slip. I think this will be a great way for us to stay in touch.

B'Shalom,

Barbara

November Bulletin Deadline

We are doing some incredible things in our neighborhood and communities at large.

Let's be sure and get the word out!

Please submit your articles by
November 12th.

Ilene Wilson
528 Wellman Avenue
North Chelmsford, MA 01863
978-251-0584
email: ilenebcm@comcast.net

Flower Fund

Chai Plus certificate

To Carol Gorelick in honor of being recognized as one of eight outstanding women in our community, From Arlene Levenson

Chai Certificates

To the Levine Family in memory of their beloved wife and mother, Anne, From Arlene Levenson

To Kerry Schneider in memory of her beloved father, Albert Schoenberger, From Arlene Levenson

To Nancy and Jerry Cantor in honor of the marriage of Amy and Stephen, From Arlene Levenson



TBA Sisterhood Cooking Series

presents

Challah Braiding/Baking

Sunday, October 16
10am - 12:30pm

The class will include a hands-on cooking demonstration.
Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by October 9th to Ilene Wilson (978-251-0584).



Memories CAN last a Lifetime!

I'm not creative! To be really precise, I have about as much creativity as you can put on a pin head. So attending the first Sisterhood scrap booking night was, I thought, going to be a stretch. I could not have been further from wrong.

Armed with a handful of photos (from my daughter's summer in a USY program in New York City), I joined eight other women and talented scrap-booker Dianne Eib for a fun-

filled, and yes, creative evening. Dianne provided albums filled with great scrap book examples, paper cutting and shaping tools, adhesives and assorted decorating supplies. But more importantly, she provided her expertise, enthusiasm, and lots of patience.

Among the women who participated in this fun filled evening, we had women with no experience, to women who arrived with a portfolio of their own scrapbooking supplies (which they gladly shared among the group). In spite of this range of experience, we all learned something new. We learned about sizing, cutting, designing and laying out pages, using stickers, colored paper and assorted memorabilia to enhance photo pages, and duplicating album pages. We shared our ideas (even us inexperienced folks) on how we might use a memory book and who we could make them for. We discussed how to capture "growing up", vacations and other special memories, and building scrap books for ourselves, our children and even our grandchildren. All in all the discussion was light and the room was bustling as everyone made their own "perfect fit" page as an in-class project.

My project was a hit at home! It kicked off what will now be a longer term joint effort working with my daughter to make a memory book of her summer trip, a memory book that will last her a lifetime!

Whether you consider yourself creative or not, scrapbooking is something that anyone can do. Please join us at our next scrapbooking night on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30PM.

Shari Zedeck



Sisterhood/Temple 3rd annual Golf Outing A Great Success!

On Monday September 19, 28 golfers gathered at Overlook Golf Course in Hollis for a fun-filled day of golf. The day dawned sunny and warm it was a perfect golf day! The 3 & 4-

somes also took part in Closest to the Pin, Hole in One, 7 Card Stud and Longest Drive contests. Winners took home various prizes donated by many generous sponsors. Our major sponsors to whom we are very grateful were: Dr L Waldman, Barry & Honorow Attorney's at Law, Tulley Automotive Group and Peters Automotive Group. To these and all the other sponsors we say thank you! We are already planning next year's event, so watch for more info as the year progresses!

Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner

On Monday September 26, over 80 women attended our annual Paid Up Dinner. The evening was highlighted by our Community Outreach presentations, this year donations going to Bridges (formerly Rape & Assult); Nashua Youth Council; and the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network. As you may know, the funds for these donations are primarily from our spring rummage sale as a way to give back to the community. We also heard from 2 of the USY kids who we gave scholarship money to this spring for their trip to Israel. It was a pleasure to hear how our money helped these kids explore Israel and gain a greater love for the country.

As always, dinner was wonderful, our thanks to Sara Brest, Gabi Ziera, Debbie Grass and various kitchen assistants for making this evening as wonderful as it was!

College Outreach

Shana Tovah Wishes for our College Students The Sisterhood College Outreach program has shipped High Holiday packages to our registered college students.

These packages provide our collegians with the latest news from the Nashua Jewish community as well as some gifts to help in their celebration of the Jewish New Year. Please make sure that YOUR student doesn't miss the next College Outreach delivery! Send your student's college address to:

TBA Sisterhood College Outreach
4 Raymond Street
Nashua, NH 03064

Shari Zedeck
College Outreach Chairperson

P.S. Donations to College Outreach should be made payable to the TBA Sisterhood and sent to the address above. You are not required to provide a donation in order for your student to participate in this program!

The United Synagogue International Biennial Convention Park Plaza Hotel in Boston Sunday, December 4, through Thursday, December 8.

The USCJ Convention promises to offer a great deal of information, as well as being a tremendous opportunity to network with other members of Conservative synagogues across North America. There will be institutes, workshops, and programs that will meet the needs of the congregants and staff of every Conservative congregation. "This isn't going to be your *zayde* or *bubbe's* convention!"

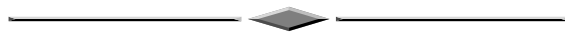
This is a small sample of the convention's offerings:

- Indoor Street Fair with over 60 vendors from Israel and the U.S., featuring entertainment by Temple Beth Abraham's *RAYMOND STREET KLEZMER BAND*
- Rabbi Harold Kushner, renowned author and biblical scholar, will be the keynote speaker on opening night
- Rabbi Neil Gillman, one of the movement's best-known theologians, will lead a panel discussion, "Where is the Conservative Movement Going in the Next Decade?"

- Rabbi Jerome Epstein, United Synagogue's executive vice president, will lead a plenary session on keruv -- outreach to the intermarried.
- The new international president and officers will be installed at a gala celebration that will include a festive concert featuring Safam, the Zamir Chorale of Boston, and members of the Cantors Assembly.
- Samuel B. Frank, founder of Synthesis Partnership, will lead an interactive strategic planning workshop where participants can share their experiences, ideas, and solutions.

For more information or to register online, please log onto the USCJ website at www.uscj.org and click on the International Biennial logo on top at the right, or contact Ronni Karlsberg at 882-1866 or gam527@comcast.net, a member of the local arrangements committee for the Convention.

Ronni Karlsberg



Hurricane Katrina - Impact to the Jewish Community in New Orleans

The Jewish community in Greater New Orleans is about 8,000 to 10,000 people. There are 8 synagogues -- 4 are Orthodox, 3 are Reform and one is Conservative. There are also 2 kosher restaurants, 1 kosher deli with a mini market (tho all kosher meat and bread is bought frozen), 2 JCCs, 2 Jewish day schools, a Jewish Family Services, a Hillel, and a Jewish Federation. The Jewish Federation's annual campaign is \$3 million; and just under two years ago they built an \$11 million dollar facility of which the JFed, JCC and community day school moved into. Chabad has a very strong presence in the area.. There are two Chabad Houses, plus they run a day school, the Mikvah and the Louisiana Kashrut Commission.

WHERE WAS THE FLOODING?

The "9th Ward" -- This is a short walk from the French Quarter and is where part of the levee of the Mississippi river broke. It is a very poor area with many third generation welfare recipients . It is a very dangerous part of the New Orleans with many murders occurring. New Orleans East -- When CNN/FOX, etc. shows flooding to people's rooftops, most of these scenes come from New Orleans East. This part of town is entirely African American. Lake View -- This is the outer-parts of the New Orleans city limits right next to Lake Ponchetrain and is where the levee to Lake Ponchetrain broke. About 15% of the Jewish community lives in this area but there is only one synagogue. This area flooded about 8 feet.

Uptown -- This is within the New Orleans city limits, contains historic St. Charles Avenue, and is where 35-40% of the Jewish community lives. Institutionally, there are two large Reform synagogues, a Chabad synagogue, a JCC, and Hillel for Tulane University. Since this area is higher than downtown (this is why it is called "Uptown") it only flooded a couple of feet.

Metairie -- This is a large suburb in Jefferson Parish, it borders Lake Ponchetrain, and contains about 35-40% of the Jewish community. Institutionally there is a Chabad Center, a Conservative synagogue, a Reform synagogue, a JCC, two day schools, and the Jewish Federation. This area flooded about five feet

Challemette -- East of New Orleans and no Jews - - totally gone. Most of the people who lived there worked in the nearby oil refineries. Slidell -- 30 minutes east of New Orleans and across the lake, just a few Jews, and totally flooded.

Thus, east of New Orleans was hit the worst -- 9th Ward, New Orleans East, Challemette, and Slidell. While West of New Orleans fared better: Uptown, Metairie, Kenner. And as mentioned above, most of the Jewish community is located Uptown and in Metairie.

Analysis from local Jewish leader (unedited)
I think that the people from the city of New Orleans are going to have a difficult time

getting their life back together because their houses were completely flooded (and are still flooded a week later), and will require much long-term help from the government and other agencies with temp housing, jobs, etc. Many of them may go from third generation welfare recipients to permanent refugees

The Jewish community, however, I think will rebound but will be a little smaller (and a little older). I say this because Uptown and Metairie, which combined entail about 75% of the Jewish population and also almost all of the Jewish institutions, only received a few feet of flooding. Thus, total rebuilding of houses and institutions is probably not necessary. Also, most of the general population and the Jews in New Orleans are 3rd generation New Orleanians, and are very "patriotic" about New Orleans. Most Jews also are in family businesses which do not depend upon the segment of the local population which are most effected by this hurricane. Also, both the Jewish Federation and Chabad are very competent and with financial support so the institutional structures will rebound.

Many of those few who are not rooted in New Orleans, however, I think will decide not to come back because they could be a doctor, etc. anywhere and might be fed up with all the hurricanes and would not want to go through something of this magnitude again.

The Jewish community is getting smaller and smaller and also older and older. Now with this latest hurricane, it will be smaller and older, but there will be a strong Jewish community for many years to come.

If you would like to donate to the JFNH Disaster Relief Fund, please send your tax-deductible check to:

JFNH Disaster Relief Fund
698 Beech Street
Manchester, NH 03104

You may make a gift with Mastercard or Visa by calling 603-627-7679

Temple Beth Abraham Sisterhood Membership Dues Invoice

Please complete this form:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Tel.# _____

Email _____

____ Birthday (month/day only) _____

\$25.00 Annual Dues 2005 – 2006

Additional Donations to TBA Sisterhood Fund

\$ _____ College Outreach

\$ _____ Oneg/Kiddush Sponsorship

\$ _____ Flower Fund

\$ _____ Torah Fund

\$ _____ Golden Book

\$ _____ Simcha Club

\$ _____ Mitzvah Fund

Child's name/birthday _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL**

Are you a new member? Yes No

Please mail this form with your check made payable to:

Temple Beth Abraham Sisterhood
C/o Kathy Eisenberg
90 Turkey Hill Road
Merrimack, NH 03054

Payment may also be brought to the Paid-Up Dinner on September 26th

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Eisenberg, Financial Secretary, 424-4466.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!