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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

TAMMUZ/AV 5774

SERVICES

Every Friday Evening Throughout the Year, 8-9 p.m.

Light Refreshments

Saturday Service
July 12 • 10 a.m.
Sunday Board Mtg.

July 13 • 10 a.m.

Coming Events

<u>Thursdays,</u> <u>July 10-August 28</u> Children's Bingo Season

Fridays, July 11,
August 1 & 29
6 p.m.
Devotion by the Ocean

Sunday, August 17 Annual Bazaar

Friday, Saturday, Sunday,

September 19, 20, 21
Selichot Weekend



To all my wonderful friends at Temple Beth Shalom, I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude for all the good wishes extended to me and my family during our time of sorrow.

Lill Shender

RABBI'S COLUMN

Get a [Healthy] Life

Summer, especially the month of July, feels for most of us imbued with a sense of abandon, a sense of freedom. We take off time from our normal schedules in order to engage in all kinds of special outdoor activities or, given the heat wave that inevitably hits sometime during the month, special indoor activities, as well.

As Jews, the month of July typically holds for us a sense of communal freedom with the Independence Day holiday at the beginning of the month and for many of us, the latter part of the month brings us a tempered sense of freedom with our remembrance of the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem by the Romans on the 17th of the Jewish month of Tammuz. With that one act, so began three weeks of slaughter of between 600,000 and 1,200,000 Jews, culminating with the destruction of the second Temple on the 9th of the Jewish month of Av. The freedom to live and to worship as we saw fit as a People essentially ended with the second Temple's destruction, forcing the Jewish People to evolve our religious civilization.

For most of us, the battle between the individual and the community is a constant one, just as it has been for our ancestors across hundreds of generations. The entire Jewish ethos is a balancing act between the individual and the community; each of us is obligated to pray, for example, but we may only recite certain prayers when in a community of 10 or more individuals. The purpose of many of our laws and customs have to do with keeping a community culture in place despite the fact that doing so requires that individuals observe the same, or at least similar, practices.

And so it is with us: Each of us makes a choice as to how we engage with the community. Are we small donors of our time and money or do we make large gestures, hoping to make a significant difference in the trajectory of the community? Do we make our will known or do we follow the will of others? Do we participate joyfully or do we do so begrudgingly? Do we

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DEVOTION BY THE OCEAN

Join the

Jewish Community

Jewish area synagogues

and area synagogues

for special

Friday Shabbat
Beach Services on
July 11 and Aug. 1 & 29
6 p.m.

near the gazebo by the Ventnor Library (Atlantic & Newport Avenues)

The services will include musical instruments.

Wine, grape juice, challah and dessert will be provided.

Let's represent our Temple as we bring in Shabbat with our fellow Jews from across the area and alongside our Rabbi Fox, who will be participating in the services.

For those who cannot make these events in Ventnor, Temple Beth Shalom will be holding services as usual at 8 p.m. We hope to see you all either on the Ventnor beach or in Brigantine at Temple Beth Shalom.

Condolences

Deepest sympathy to Lill & Ron Shender on the loss of Lill's sister, Sandra Wray, who passed away June 1.

Deepest sympathy to **Jack Lieberman** on the loss of his aunt, Geraldine Schonfeld, who passed away June 10.

Deepest sympathy to **Karen Sederholm** on the loss of her Uncle Harris, who passed away June 15.

Congratulations

To **Judge Sandra Mazer Moss** on receiving the prestigious Sandra Day O'Connor Award. What an honor! *Mazel Tov!*

To **Jacqueline & Fred Fabel** on their grandson Jake Fabel's graduation from Holy Spirit High School on June 1. Jake will be attending La Salle University in the fall. *Best wishes and good luck*, Jake!

Donations in Honor of Bernard & Norma Gittelman's 60th Wedding Anniversary

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Sandy & Barry Cogan in honor of Judge Sandra Mazer Moss on receiving the Sandra Day O'Connor Award.

Beth & Carl Apter *in memory of* Lill Shender's sister; and *in memory of* Geraldine Schonfeld, aunt of Jack Lieberman.

Tema Steele

Lorraine & Burt Stolove *in memory of* Doris Kamin, mother of their brother-in-law, Richard Lazanov.

Drs. Burton W. & Judith P. Schwartz *in memory of* Lill Shender's sister; and *in honor of* Sid & Shirley Morgan's 55th Anniversary.

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Message Cards

Condolences to Lill & Ron Shender on the loss of Lill's sister, Sandy by: Jacqueline & Fred Fabel, Sidney & Shirley Morgan, Mitchell & Mina Kramer, Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker

Sidney & Shirley Morgan:

Get Well wishes to Fred Horowitz.

Terry & Fred Horowitz: *Congratulations to* Shirley & Sid Morgan on their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Donations to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in Honor of Rabbi's 50th Birthday

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Get Well

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Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Al's father, Samuel .Dragon; Barbara's uncle, Morris Lonsky; and Barbara's stepfather, Max Hyman.

Dr. Barry & Barbara Glaser *in memory of* Barbara's mother, Geraldine Field.

Ida Levin *in memory of* her father-in-law, Herman Levin. **Irene Siegel** *in memory of* her father-in-law, Ben Siegel. **Herbert & Rita Axelrad** *in memory of* Herbert's mother,

Ruth Axelrad.

Sue Goldstein *in memory of* her parents, George & Evelyn Lipson. **Aaron & Joan Grossman** *in memory of* Aaron's mother, Sylvia Grossman, and his brother, Dr. Leon Grossman.

Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein *in memory of* Steve's stepfather, Samuel Rosenblatt.

Drs. Burton W. & Judith P. Schwartz *in memory of* Judy's mother, Yetta G. Parker.

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Rhoda & Jeffrey Rosen *in memory of* Rhoda's mother. **Vera Getz** *in memory of* her mother, Shirley Greenberg. **Bruce & Dolores Bortner** *in memory of* Bruce's father, Benjamin Bortner.

Jacqueline & Fred Fabel *in memory of* Fred's mother, Ruth Fabel.



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The Kern Family Scholar's Weekend

Please join us for a special weekend of prayer, food, music, story and learning!

Temple Beth Shalom proudly announces the The Kern Family Scholar's Weekend to be held **September 19-21**, **2014**. Rabbi Cantor Mark Novak and his wife, storyteller Renée Brachfeld, will be our guests for Shabbat through midday on Sunday. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, September 19

8 p.m. – Rabbi Cantor Mark Novak will lead an uplifting musical Shabbat

Saturday, September 20

12 noon – Congregants and guests welcome Rabbi Cantor Novak and Renée Brachfeld for a Shabbat lunch followed by Shabbat song and a story or two

8:45 p.m. – Join us for Havdalah and the Community Selichot Program of a special blend of story and song led by Rabbi Cantor Novak and Renée Brachfeld

Sunday, September 21

11 a.m. — Workshop on The Art of Prayer: The Spiritual Magic of the Niggun (Rabbi Cantor Novak)

12 noon — Catered lunch

12:45 p.m. — Workshop on Intergenerational Storytelling: Preserving Precious Memories (Renée Brachfeld)

Rabbi Cantor Mark Novak has spent decades delighting audiences with his voice and music, in solo performances or with his bands. Renée Brachfeld is a noted storyteller whose works have been published in most prominent anthologies of Jewish Stories; she has performed in front of large audiences and small venues for many years. Together, these incredible talents have brought their unique blend of Jewish story, song, and learning to more than 130 synagogues and Jewish venues across North America.

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Simply Shirley . . .

Welcome to all of my readers.

Finally the warm, sticky weather which we all wait for has returned to our lovely island and the flowers are just beautiful. To my friends who have also returned I say welcome back.

The book club was held on Monday, June 16 at the Community Center. The book reviewed was "The Invention of Wings," by Sue Monk Kidd. Set in South Carolina, this involves another unusual duo about a slave and the daughter of the family that owns her. It is a worthwhile read and was written by the same author who wrote "The Secret Life of Bees."

July 21 will be the next book club, which will also be held at the Community Center, Room 139. The book to be reviewed is "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. August 11 we will review "To Kill a MockingBird" – this is the 50th anniversary of this book and it deserves to be reviewed by the TBS Bookies. The club will meet at the Community Center.

Please contact Shirley at 609-266-8599 or ssmorgan3@verizon.net should you be interested in being added to our book club list.

Until I write again,

Simply Shirley

Bring us your treasures, not your trash!

ANNUAL BAZAAR



Sunday, Aug. 17 · 9 a.m.

We are accepting good, clean merchandise. NO clothing, electronics or electrical gadgets (NO JUNK, PLEASE)

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Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

<u>Friday, June 6</u> – **Janis Murphy & Family** *in memory of* their son, Andrew Milstein Murphy.

Friday, June 13 – Bernard & Norma Gittelman in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary;

Wayne & Gail Lieberman in honor of

Jack Lieberman on Father's Day, a great dad and a great grandpop.

<u>Saturday, June 14</u> – **Albert & Barbara Dragon** *in memory of* Barbara's grandmother, Leah Lonsky, and her aunt, Sophie Lonsky.

<u>Friday, June 20</u> – **Fred & Terry Horowitz** *in memory of* Fred's mother, Bella Horowitz.

<u>Friday, June 27</u> – **Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein** *in memory of* Steve's father, Irving Weinstein.

Congratulations

to our own RABBI GERALD FOX upon his election to become President of the South Jersey Board of Rabbis and Cantors

After serving for three years on the Executive Board as Secretary, Rabbi Fox has been elected to become the President of the South Jersey Board of Rabbis and Cantors (SJBRC), bringing both honor to himself and to Temple Beth Shalom. Our congregation is blessed to have such a wonderful Rabbi, appreciated by both his fellow Jews and by religious leaders within the wider Jewish community.

Temple Beth Shalom's Board of Directors, along with our whole congregation, wishes Rabbi Fox many years of continued success, good health, happiness!

Thank You

Sarah Fox wants to thank all those who helped to make Rabbi Fox's birthday celebration at Temple Beth Shalom such a success. Rabbi Fox was moved by the gesture, the turnout, and in particular, the poignant remarks so many chose to offer from their heart that were collected in his 50th Birthday Celebration Book. For those snow-birds and others who still wish to add appreciations, please email Sarah Fox directly at yadnefesh@gmail.com.

Jewish Community Selichot Program & Services

Join us as we prepare ourselves to welcome the New Year of 5775. We are excited to host, FOR THE FIRST TIME, this community-wide event featuring a brief Havdalah Service beginning at 8:45 p.m. (Sept. 20) with a warm and uplifting program of Jewish song and storytelling performed by the remarkable and renown duo Rabbi Cantor Mark Novak and Renée Brachfeld from 9 p.m. to 10:15 p.m, followed by a delicious offering of special refreshments. The Jewish Community Selichot Service itself, featuring the region's Rabbis and Cantors, including our own Rabbi Fox and High Holiday Hazzan, Rabbi LaPayover, begins at a little after 10:30 p.m. and lasts approximately one hour. To make this amazing evening the most accessible to all of our guests, there will be FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE JCC IN MARGATE!!

L'Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!!

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choose to get along or do we encourage disruption? Ultimately, we are often faced with the binary dilemma: Do we join in or do we withdraw? Judaism provides us answers to these difficult questions.

Jewish communities, I was taught long ago and have seen for myself, are coalitions of people willing to explore their spiritual and personal and communal identities. It is only by being open to our own exploration of ourselves that our place in the world around us may grow. Freedom speaks of detachment from the community, while community speaks of the absorption of the individual. In our country of late, there has been a significant emphasis on individual freedom at the expense of the strength of our broader community. For Jews, however, these two seemingly polar opposites must both exist at once in relative balance in order for each of us to live a healthy and fulfilled life.

So, as we climb aboard our boats, go walking along the beach quietly alone, or enjoy the festivals and foods of Summer, let us not forget our communal home and our obligation to build up the Jewish People here in Brigantine and nearby, as well as in the wider Atlantic and Cape May Counties area. Let us commit to giving of ourselves and our time and money to build a congregation that is a beacon of freedom of Jewish spiritual and communal expression. Come to our services and events; greet everyone with a cheerful demeanor, offering our assistance to others; and, yes, give willingly of ourselves AND our financial resources to the upkeep, repair, improvement, and overall greatness of our physical and spiritual expression of our Judaism that we call Temple Beth Shalom.

Let us not forget what our great Sages taught: "Do not separate yourself from the community." We may enjoy our freedom, but that freedom only bears the sweetest fruit when we engage with others as members of a community.

May each of us find fulfillment in our individual lives, but even more so may we find the inspiration to learn that getting a healthy life, one of true happiness, comes when we give of ourselves by participating and bringing kindness, compassion, and love into our world through building our community.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

June Yahrzeits

- 7/1 Dr. Ira & Donna Wertheimer *in memory of* Donna's mother, Vivian Bergenfeld
 - Ida Levin in memory of her father-in-law, Herman Levin
- 7/2 Dr. Barry & Barbara Glaser in memory of Barbara's mother, Geraldine Field Aaron & Joan Grossman in memory of Aaron's mother,
 - Sylvia Grossman Irene Siegel *in memory of* her father-in-law, Ben Siegel Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein *in memory of* Steve's father, Irving Weinstein
- 7/3 Bruce & Dolores Bortner *in memory of* Bruce's mother, Henrietta Bortner Lawrence & Karen Metzger *in memory of* Lawrence's mother, Bertha S. Metzger Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* their aunt, Selma Orner Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of* Eileen's father, Morris Rogovin
- 7/5 Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein in memory of Steve's stepfather, Samuel Rosenblatt Howard & Debbie Schlesinger in memory of Howard's grandmother, Emma Schlesinger
- 7/6 Barry & Ellen Savitz in memory of Ellen's mother, Miriam Kaplan
- 7/7 Jerald & Sheila Cohen in memory of Jerry's uncle, Daniel Cohen Martha Cohen in memory of her brother-in-law, Daniel Cohen Stephen & Jamie Satz in memory of Jamie's mother, Ida Kessel Drs. Burton W. & Judith P. Schwartz in memory of Judy's mother, Yetta G. Parker
- 7/9 Jacqueline Fabel in memory of her mother-in-law, Ruth Fabel
- 7/10 Jack Lieberman *in memory of* his mother, Ida Lieberman Irene Siegel *in memory of* her husband, Marvin Siegel Alan Simon *in memory of* his father, Paul Simon Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of* their niece, Karen Sprintz
- 7/11 Saul & Sheila Feder in memory of Sheila's daughter, Alexandra B. Feiertag Aaron & Joan Grossman in memory of Aaron's brother, Dr. Leon Grossman Irving Semel
- 7/14 Dr. Robert Schwab in memory of his mother, Sophie Schwab
- 7/15 Drs. Warren Heymann & Rhonda Schnur *in memory of* Warren's brother, Andrew Heymann
- 7/16 Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of* Josh's father, Sidney Shapiro
- 7/17 Bernard & Norma Gittelman in memory of Norma's mother, Sonia Cohen Howard & Debbie Schlesinger in memory of Howard's grandfather, Sol Schlesinger
- 7/18 Neil Goldfarb *in memory of* his mother, Norma Goldfarb Sue Goldstein *in memory of* her father, George Lipson
- 7/20 Debbie & Gail Coplein in memory of their father, Dr. Leonard Coplein Ellie Risso in memory of her friend, Harry Fishman Linda Hahn in memory of her father, B. Max Klevit Harry David & Gloria Caplan in memory of Gloria's mother, Rose Leiken
- 7/21 Howard & Myrna Levin in memory of their son, Daniel Levin

- 7/21 Arnie & Lory Schuster in memory of Arnie's father, Karl Schuster
- 7/22 Janis Murphy in memory of her father, Bernard Milstein
- 7/23 Irene Brodsky in memory of her mother, Rose Gamerman
- 7/24 John Spinrad *in memory of* his step-grandfather, David Frankel Dr. Eli & Nancy Zucker *in memory of* their sister-in-law, Freyda Zucker
- 7/26 Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of* their son-in-law, Donald Mathew Aronow
- 7/27 Gregory & Bella Royzman *in memory of* Greg's mother, Faina Lorman
- 7/29 Jerald & Sheila Cohen in memory of Sheila's mother, Nancy Clancy Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Barbara's stepfather, Max Hyman
- 7/30 Irene Brodsky *in memory of* her husband, Dr. Arthur B. Brodsky Michael Axler *in memory of* his sister, Helen Concors
- 7/31 Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of* Michael's grandmother, Gussie Kurland

Scholar's Weekend (continued from page 3)

Find out more about them at www.jewishstorytelling.com. For more information on this incredible Scholar's Weekend that will raise our spirits in preparation for the Jewish New Year to begin a few days later, please contact the synagogue office or Rabbi Fox.

BOOK CLUB



Monday, July 21, 1 p.m. to review "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Monday, August 11, 1 p.m.

to review

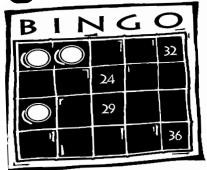
"To Kill A Mockingbird"
by Harper Lee.



The club will meet at the **Community Center,** Room 139

RSVP to Shirley at ssmorgan3@verizon.net or call 609-266-8599.

Children's



Our long-standing summer tradition of hosting Bingo for the kids will kick off on Thursday, July 10, and will continue for eight Thursday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. until August 28. Karen Sederholm has graciously agreed to MC the program this season, but she will need lots of help! Please contact the office to volunteer!!!

It will make your heart happy and we will appreciate any time you can share.



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