

MISHPOCHEH

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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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SERVICES

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

Light Refreshments

Saturday Services

May 14, 2011 • 10 a.m.

(Followed by Kiddush)

Board Meeting

Sunday, May 15 • 10 a.m.

RABBI'S COLUMN

Making a Jewish Home

Where do you come from? Where are you now? Where are you going to? Who are you?

Whether we realize it or not, these are the basic questions that pervade every moment of our lives. If we cultivate lives of reflection and thereby become more self-aware, we are able to generate answers to these questions each time our life path brings us back to them. The key, of course, is not just to know the momentary answers, but to see the full arc of our lives — to see the forest amidst the trees. And this is an important piece of the wisdom of our ancestors, who have provided us the gift of being able to see all that we are at once; from past to present to future.

In fact, the Jewish year cycle prompts us through the answers to these questions as we move through the seasons, but especially as we move from Passover to Shavuot. Passover reminds us of who we are, how we came to be a People, and what our ancestors pushed against to become that mixed multitude that escaped slavery in a foreign land only to wander in the wilderness on the way to find a new home. And Shavuot engages us to face and to reenact the very moment at Sinai when that mixed multitude of our ancestors became the Jewish People.

As we count the Omer during this season and make our way from spiritual emptiness to spiritual wholeness, our modern times have provided us with another reminder of our People's journey: The commemoration of the founding of the State of Israel. Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, is a present-day reminder of what brings us together as Jews. While Jews may live in domiciles in nearly every country of the world, Yom Ha'Atzmaut speaks volumes of the truth that our People has only one home: Israel. On both organized group excursions and private trips, several of our members have made their way to our homeland and have returned more aware of and more connected to our heritage and to the greater Jewish community. It is that feeling of connection that has helped them to renew the sense of Jewish community that enhances the oasis of Jewish life that Temple Beth Shalom represents for our members and for the wider Jewish community.

Now that the seasons have made their next shift in their never-ending cycle, we look to emerge from the warm safety of our heated homes to be embraced by the Brigantine sun and sand. It is natural that we also begin the yearly process of reconnecting with our fellow Jews on Brigantine and beyond. It is during this time that we can recommit ourselves to Temple Beth Shalom, the one Jewish institution, the one home for Jews,

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YOM HASHOAH
UNTO EVERY PERSON THERE IS A NAME
*Remembering the 6 million Jewish
victims of the Shoah*

MAY 3, 2011 ☆ 5771
BETH EL SYNAGOGUE
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7:30 p.m.



Join your fellow Jews in
remembering Yom Hashoah
(Holocaust Remembrance Day).

**SAVE
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Saturday, June 25 • 8:30 p.m.
The social event of the season!
A BBQ Fundraiser hosted by the Solomons
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We are planning

a series of events, in order to make a critical connection between our Jewish identity and values / Israeli culture and customs for the Jewish people in the exceptionally wide area Temple Beth Shalom serves.

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on Brigantine and the nearby communities on the mainland.

In this season of celebrating the anniversary of the creation of the modern State of Israel, where do we begin? Certainly, we can begin by offering the support of our time and our money to the Jewish community, but why not go even further? Why not

consider inviting some of your Jewish friends and acquaintances to Shabbat dinner and then to services at our shul, to a Temple Beth Shalom event, or just to share time together in conversation? In doing so, know that each time you make a connection or continue an unfinished conversation with a fellow Jew, you are taking part in strengthening the Jewish People and the Jewish community in our little corner of paradise.

May this season of counting the Omer, of recounting our ancestors' move from freedom to holiness (from Passover to Shavuot), be an inspiration to each of us to make the same journey for ourselves and so inspire the wellspring of Jewish life in our little corner of the Jewish world, Temple Beth Shalom.

I wish you only the greatest of blessings as you step forward to take part in such an important endeavor.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

Amending Constitution and By-Law Changes

1. Change fiscal year to July 1st
 2. Change board meetings from 12 to 10 a year
 3. Change voting regarding \$15,000 or more expenditure making a general meeting necessary
- Any questions regarding these changes call Jack.

Have you noticed

our new security system put in by Carl Apter & Son, Ben. No sneaking around anymore – Diane can see you from the office! Thanks Carl.

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Bernie Cohen stuck to his word – our new fencing protects our colorful flowers and our property. Thanks Bernie



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The General Congregational Meeting was held April 10, 2011. The revisions to our Constitution and By-Laws were approved at that time. The By-Laws are on file in the office should you be interested in reviewing them.

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Lorraine & Burt Stolove rejoiced at the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jared Matthew Stolove, on March 26 at Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, Md. Jared is an honor student, plays sports and recently received his black belt in Karate. The entire family was together for this wonderful simcha. We feel so blessed!

General Donations

Lorraine & Burt Stolove in honor of their grandson Jared Matthew Stolove's Bar Mitzvah.

Abraham & Rita Duchovnay

Lorraine & Burt Stolove in honor of Dr. Eli Zucker's special birthday.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Janis Murphy

Message Card

Mina & Mitch Kramer: Happy Birthday wishes to Edie Krimstock.

Welcome New Member

Barbara K. Schaeffer of Brigantine.

Get Well

Bernie Cohen, Jackie Fabel, Ida Levin, Marvin Siegel, Ira Waller, Toby Waller, Norma Wexler, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)

Yahrzeit Donations

Herbert & Rita Axelrad in memory of Herbert's mother, Ruth Axelrad

Jackie & Fred Fabel in memory of Jackie's grandmother, Rebecca Cantor

Donald & Phyllis Hoffrichter in memory of Donald's mother, Marcella Hoffrichter

Debra & Laurence Berger in memory of Debra's grandmother, Bella Hoffman

Barbara & Bruce Nussbaum in memory of Barbara's mother, Rita Coopersmith

Leon & Harriet Ackovitz in memory of Leon's mother, Lee Ackovitz; and their aunt & uncle, Rosa & Bernard Foster

Seymour & Norma Trachtman in memory of their friend, Carole Kramer



Len Coplein Library

We have several new additions in our library. You are invited to browse through the library in the office during the week between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Anything you want to know about Jewish religion, customs, humor, travel, etc. is available. Take advantage of our FREE library!

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors For April

Friday, April 1 – Karen Sederholm, along with friends and family of Bernie Cohen, in honor of Bernie's 88th Birthday.

Bernie Cohen in memory of his wife, Morray Cohen.
Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman in memory of Lill's mother, Esther Davis.

Friday, April 8 – Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of their uncle, Myer Moskowitz.

Michael & Carol Albert in memory of Carol's father, Abe S. Eisen.

Friday, April 15 – Lillian & Ronald Shender in memory of Lill's cousin, Dr. Harvey Goldman.

Wendy Martelli in memory of her mother, Donna Himmelstein.

Friday, April 22 – Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball in memory of Bob's father, Simon Ball.

Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of their aunt, Rose Marcus.

Friday, April 29 – Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker in memory of Howard's mother, Fay Waronker.



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***Shavuot**

Shavuot begins the evening of June 7. It celebrates the end of the omer – 49 days from the 2nd day of Passover. On the 50th day, Shavuot, the feast of weeks, (the wheat harvest) is celebrated. Kabbalists read mystical meaning into the ritual of the counting between the deliverance of Israelites from Egypt and their betrothal of Torah at Sinai.

*The Standard Jewish Encyclopedia, 1962



שבועות

Shavuot Eve

Tuesday, June 7

Shavuot

Wednesday, June 8

Yizkor Service,

Thursday, June 9

10 a.m.

May Yahrzeits

- 5/1 Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker *in memory of* Howard's mother, Fay Waronker
- 5/4 Esther Fishman
Carol & Howard Serotta *in memory of* Carol's mother, Ceila Hecht
Estelle Lungo
Barbara Pearlman *in memory of* her mother, Therese Salus
- 5/5 John & Lena Elzufon *in memory of* Lena's father, Albert M. Jacobs
- 5/6 Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of* Robert's father, Myer Linzner
- 5/7 Davalene Hirsch *in memory of* her daughter, Rebecca Hirsch
Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova *in memory of* Jo-Ann's aunt, Lenore Yudof
- 5/8 Eugene Blum & Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of* Gene's sister and Judy's aunt, Jessica Frances Blum
Susan P. Mintz *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Lillian G. Mintz
- 5/9 Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of* Larry's father, Edwin Hatoff
- 5/10 Amy Hammel *in memory of* her father, Irving Lutin
Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball *in memory of* Roberta's father, Fred P. Robin
- 5/12 Barry & Sandy Cogan *in memory of* Barry's mother, Hilda Cogan
Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of* their friend, Carole Kramer
- 5/14 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of* Rhoda's father, Solomon Boyer
Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Judy's brother, Allen Lam
Dora Young
- 5/15 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Joan's grandfather, Philip Goldberg
Sean & Shelley Kardon *in memory of* Shelley's mother, Natalie Lock
- 5/17 Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum *in memory of* Bruce's father, Marvin Nussbaum
- 5/18 Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of* Milton's father, Morris Berkes
Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby *in memory of* Henry's mother, Pearl Jacoby; and Gloria's father, Louis Yablonsky
- 5/19 Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of* Barry's father, Percy Savitz
- 5/22 Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of* Beth's father, Milton Cohen
Philip Goisman & Gale Hoffman *in memory of* Philip's step-mother & Gale's aunt, Virginia Goisman
Nettie Semel
- 5/23 Stanley & Judith Levick *in memory of* Stanley's father, Max Levick
- 5/24 Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of* her mother, Sylvia Bearman
Maurice Howard Leibowitz
- 5/25 Albert Goldstein
- 5/26 Henry & Janis Garson *in memory of* Janis's mother, Lenora Goldstein
- 5/27 Lillian & Ronald Shender *in memory of* Lill's mother, Evelyn Harrison
Howard & Janis Rosenberg *in memory of* Howard's mother, Seena Rosenberg
- 5/29 John & Lena Elzufon *in memory of* Lena's brother, Dr. Jack S. Jacobs
Bertha Kanter
- 5/30 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* their aunt & uncle, Rosa & Bernard Foster
Amy Hammel *in memory of* her mother, Rosalind Lutin
- 5/31 Shirley & Sidney Morgan *in memory of* Shirley's mother, Gertrude Neumann

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

*Are you celebrating a special day,
honoring someone or remembering a
loved one?*

A good way to do this is to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat on a Friday night or a Saturday Kiddush. It will make you feel good and will help your synagogue carry on this time-honored tradition.

For only \$25 for a Friday night or \$100 for a Saturday Kiddush, this has got to be the biggest bargain on the planet! Call Diane at 266-0403 and make your intentions known.



The Ritual

I don't know how many of you are familiar with this historical event, but now you will know!!!

Every time a new Pope is elected, there are many rituals in accordance with tradition. Well, there is one tradition that very few people know about.

Shortly after the new Pope is enthroned, the Chief Rabbi of Rome seeks an audience. He is shown into the Pope's presence, whereupon he presents the Pope with a silver tray bearing a velvet cushion. On top of the cushion is an ancient, shriveled envelope. The Pope symbolically stretches out his arm in a gesture of rejection.

The Chief Rabbi then retires, taking the envelope with him and does not return until the next Pope is elected.

A new Pope's reign was shortly followed by a new Chief Rabbi. He was intrigued by this ritual, and that its origins were unknown to him. He instructed the best scholars of the Vatican to research it, but they came up with nothing. When the time came and the Chief Rabbi was shown into his presence, they faithfully enacted the ritual rejection but, as the Chief Rabbi turned to leave, His Holiness calls him back.

"My brother," the Pope whispers, "I must confess that we Catholics are ignorant of the meaning of this ritual enacted for centuries between us and you, the representative of the Jewish people. I have to ask you, what is it all about?"

The Chief Rabbi shrugs and replies: "But we have no more idea than you do. The origin of the ceremony is lost in the traditions of ancient history." The Pope said: "Let us retire to my private chambers and enjoy a glass of kosher wine together; then with your agreement, we shall open the envelope and discover the secret at last." The Chief Rabbi agrees.

Fortified in their resolve by the wine, they gingerly pried open the curling parchment envelope and with trembling fingers, the Chief Rabbi reached inside and extracted a folded sheet of similarly ancient paper.

As the Pope peered over his shoulder, he slowly opens it. They both gasped with shock -

It is a bill for the Last Supper from "Moishe the Caterer."



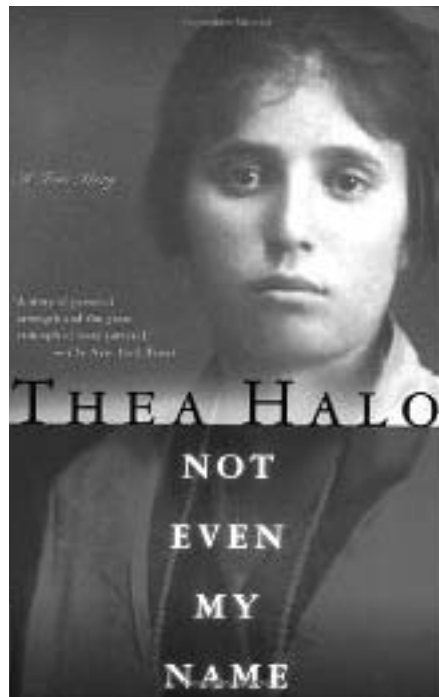
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10	Bruce Bortner		Dr. Rhonda Schnur,
13	Carol Dranoff		Helen Spinrad
	Dr. Robert Schwab	27	Lilyan Cralle
14	Barbara Glaser,		
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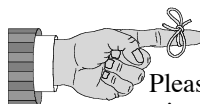
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