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SERVICES

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

Light Refreshments

Saturday Service

October 11 • 10 a.m.

Sunday Board Mtg.

October 12 • 10 a.m.

Coming Events

Friday, Oct. 3

Kol Nidre, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Yom Kippur

Morning Service,
9:30 a.m.

Yizkor Service,
approx. 12 noon

Mincha & Neilah,
5:15 p.m.

Break-the-Fast,
7:30 p.m., Brigantine
Community Center

Thursday, Oct. 9

1st Day Sukkot -
Office Closed

Friday, Oct. 10

Shabbat Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Followed by Service, 8 p.m.
Office Closed

Thursday, Oct. 16

Shemini Atzeret

Yizkor Services, 10 a.m.

Office Closed

Friday, Oct. 17

Simchat Torah
Office Closed

RABBI'S COLUMN

Redecorating Ourselves From Within

*During Sukkot, I always see
A sukkah that is just like me.*

– Joycele Kilmerstein

It is my hope that you'll forgive my poetic parody. That said, this little couplet reflects a moment, one that I still remember clearly: the first moment that I entered a sukkah.

One Sunday, when I was seven years old and there was a field trip to my second-grade Hebrew School teacher's home, I began to make spiritual connections with places outside of the synagogue. In what felt like was the most distant of Washington, D.C.'s suburbs, my teacher's backyard was filled with greenery of every kind, from a mature wooded lot to perfectly ordered grass, to the artfully arranged shrubs and flowers around the edges of the yard. This was not my row home's backyard! It was a spiritual place for me. And then, I noticed it: Proudly standing right near the sliding glass doors off of the ground floor, was a massive sukkah. I stood transfixed in place until I heard: "Go in, go in!" My teacher encouraged me with the palm of her hand on my back. "It's okay, there's nothing to be frightened of. It's just waiting for you!" I looked at her with a face full of confusion and surprise and she responded, "We are going to decorate the sukkah!"

Right away, I sensed that there was something different about this outdoor structure, something that felt familiar and comfortable to me. Despite sharing this experience with a number of other children my age, I was most happy that day when making paper items to hang from the *shkhakh*, the covering over the sukkah that created a makeshift roof. I remember looking down at the construction paper and looking up repeatedly to see what each space needed, what would liven it up, and, yet, be just right for what it was. I think I made more objects than anyone else that day. In fact, my teacher nearly had to drag me out of the sukkah and out of her front door to the awaiting arms of my mother.

So it is with us this year and every year. We begin each year with joy and celebration, and then, over the next 10 days our thoughts turn more serious as we consider who we are and how we need to do *teshuvah*, literally to turn our lives around. And then comes Sukkot, when we have an opportunity both to acknowledge the fragility of our lives reflected in the impermanence of the sukkah. And yet, we often miss an even more important lesson that Sukkot and the sukkah itself teaches us: Changing our future requires redecorating our present. Each sukkah is what it is; we cannot easily change its dimensions. We can, however, change the nature of what is inside.

Back to my sukkah story: When in the car and later at home, I could not stop talking about the morning. Despite our inability to afford a sukkah outside of our own home, my mother assured me that one day I would be able to build and decorate a sukkah of my own. She was right! And I pass along her lesson to you: You, too, can build and decorate a sukkah of your own, and, of course, design, build, and decorate a new life of your own in the year to come.

May we always be blessed with the knowledge that we can rebuild and redecorate who we are, and in so doing, we become partners in our own creation!

Moadim L'Simcha— May you embrace this "Season of Joy" as you greet your future with an inner peace that will sustain you throughout the year and beyond.



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Congratulations

To **Dr. Harry & Sarah Chaikin** on the marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Chaikin, who wed Whitney Duncan on September 13. The wedding took place in Rhode Island where they reside. Carolyn is the granddaughter of **Betty Chaikin**. We wish the newlyweds a lifetime of love and happiness. *Mazel Tov* to the whole family!

General Donations

Eileen Risler in honor of Sheila & Jerry Cohen's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Get Well

Barry Bornstein, Fred Fabel, Norma Gittelman, Fred Horowitz, Diane Waxman

Message Cards

Jacqueline & Fred Fabel: Condolences to Carole Dragon on the loss of her husband, Dr. Arnold Dragon.

Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby: Get well wishes to Diane Waxman; Get well wishes to Jon Ball, son of Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball.

Prayerbook Dedication

Lorraine & Burt Stolove with gratitude for blessings received.

Yahrzeit Donations

Seymour & Norma Trachtman in memory of Norma's father, Jacob Freidberg

Beverlee Bearman Reiter in memory of her father, Sy Sumner Bearman

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Jerald & Sheila Cohen in memory of Jerry's father, Bernie Cohen; his uncle, Frank Cohen; and grandfather, Albert Cohen

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Rose Zeltser in memory of her husband, Ronald Zeltser

Betty Chaikin in memory of her sister, Ruth Bocour

Aaron & Joan Grossman in memory of Joan's mother, Esther Broder

Jacqueline & Fred Fabel in memory of their fathers, Emanuel Bilk & Lewis Fabel; and Jackie's sister, Anna Kahn

Dr. Barry & Barbara Glaser in memory of Barry's sister, Flora Furman



BIRTHDAYS - October

4.....	Vera Getz	16.....	Betty Chaikin
5.....	Ida Levin	17.....	David W. Silver
9.....	Daniel-Paul Alva	19.....	Diane A. Waxman
10.....	Larry Hatoff	22.....	Carl P. Apter
	Judge Sandra Mazer Moss	26.....	Howard Abber
14.....	Anna Weinstein	28.....	Sidney Morgan
15.....	Michael Kurland	30.....	Nancy K. Zucker

ANNIVERSARIES - October

6.....	Michael & Carol Albert
10.....	Jerald & Sheila Cohen
13.....	John & Beth Bacha
22.....	Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman
31.....	Jacqueline & Fred Fabel

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For September

Friday, September 5 – **Tema Steele** in memory of her mother, Fay Lurie;

Howard Abber in memory of his mother, Beatrice Abber;

Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman in memory of Joe's father, Benjamin Hassman.

Saturday, September 13 – **Albert & Barbara Drabon** in memory of Al's mother, Betty (Becky) Dragon.

Friday, September 19 – **Fred & Terry Horowitz** in memory of Fred's father, Morris Horowitz;

Jerald & Sheila Cohen in memory of Jerry's father, Bernie Cohen.

Friday, September 26 – **Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman** in memory of Joe's mother, Ethel Hassman.

Prayer Book Dedication

We are offering you a chance to purchase a memorial/honorarium plaque to be placed in our new prayer books (inside front cover) for only \$36. We have only 19 books remaining for dedication, so call the office at 609-266-0403 and make your wishes known.

Simply Shirley . . .

Welcome to all of my readers.

The TBS book club met on Monday, September 8 and reviewed Dan Brown's "Inferno." Truly an interesting discussion was held.

Many different views and comments were heard about this book as well as many others which we have read and are going to read. On October 6 we will review, "The Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. This is a most heart-warming book and has been discussed on many television programs recently. On November 3 our selection is, "The Art Forger" by B. A. Shapiro.

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

We welcome suggestions regarding any good reads you may have and thank you in advance.

Enjoy the lovely fall weather and happy reading to all of my readers.

*Until I write again,
Simply Shirley*



in our beautifully decorated Sukkah which will be erected in the Temple's parking lot. Celebrate the Sabbath and Sukkot with all of us at Temple Beth Shalom. A full course dinner will be served for a donation of only \$25 per person.

Reservations are an absolute must.

RSVP by calling the office TODAY at 609-266-0403 but no later than October 6. Bring your families and friends to celebrate the Festival of the Booths with us!

We will also be celebrating Matan's and Doron's fourth birthday. We hope you will be there to celebrate with us.

Jerry and Sheila Cohen, in celebration

of their 50th wedding anniversary, welcome their fellow congregants to witness the renewal of their commitment of love to each other before beloved family and community at

**Temple Beth Shalom at 3 p.m. on
Sunday, October 19, 2014.**



A light repast will follow; no RSVP (or gifts!) required.

BOOK CLUB



Monday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m.
to review
"Orphan Train"
by **Christina Baker Kline.**
The club will meet at the **Community Center,**
Room 139

Monday, Nov. 3, 1 p.m.
to review
"The Art Forger"
by **B.A. Shapiro.**

The club will meet at the home of **Judy & Burt Schwartz**
2107 Bayshore Avenue



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

'Tell us about your tired, your sick, ...'

Because we often have busy lives, sometimes we forget to tell others of our trials and tribulations. If you know of someone who is sick, in the hospital, or just suffering difficult times, please let us know. Rabbi Fox and your fellow congregants want to help — whether with prayer or a helping hand. Contact us at the office via phone or via email at office@seashul.org or rabbi@seashul.org for Rabbi Fox.

The Kern Family Scholar's Weekend and Jewish Community Selichot Program & Services

The weekend of September 19-21 was one of the busiest, most joyful and most successful in our annals.

The weekend got off to a rousing start on Friday night when our weekend guests, Rabbi Mark Novak and his wife Renee Brachfeld, led the Friday services. One of our largest post-Labor Day crowds enjoyed new and traditional melodies for the Friday liturgy. Rabbi Novak's acoustic guitar added to the festive environment.

Twenty four congregants attended the Saturday lunch and were wonderfully entertained by our guests. The program included songs, stories and juggling to accompany a delicious catered lunch.

The highlight of the weekend was the Jewish Community Selichot Program. The night started with a Havdalah service and then immediately shifted moods as Rabbi Novak and Renee conducted a 90-minute program of songs and storytelling. Renee's final story was accompanied by great theatrics by Rabbi Novak. The crowd of 80 was enthralled and appreciative.

The serious portion of the weekend then commenced – the Selichot Service.

In addition to Rabbi Fox and Rabbi LaPayover, the

service was also conducted by visiting members of the South Jersey Board of Rabbis & Cantors, including Rabbi Kremer, Cantor Goren, Hazzan Myers, Rabbi Del Bourgo, Rabbi Weis, Cantor Averbakh, Rabbi Lipschultz and Cantor Stern.

The service was very moving and went a long way towards setting the mood for the Days of Awe. For many attendees, it was their first visit to our shul and they expressed gratitude for their welcoming atmosphere and the all-encompassing program.

The activities concluded Sunday with two workshops and a luncheon. The workshops were conducted by Rabbi Novak and Renee. The first topic dealt with how to use music and song (with or without words) to develop a spirit of prayer and meditation. The second topic was about family storytelling and how important it is to relate family tales.

The congregation extends their deep appreciation to Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern for sponsoring this wonderful weekend that will be fondly remembered by all of those who participated.



Simkha, Simkha — Read All About It!

Don't Keep It to Yourself — if you have great news, share it! Please let us know about your wonderful news such as births, graduations, promotions, awards and, we hope for many, weddings, and so on! No matter your joy, we'd like to share in it! Whether with a blessing or an "attaboy," communities are built by getting to know each other and sharing both bad times, but even more so, our good times! Contact us at the office via phone or via email at office@seashul.org or rabbi@seashul.org for Rabbi Fox.

**Simchat
Torah
Friday,
October
17**



October Jahrzeits

- 10/1 Louis Kessel
- 10/2 Dr. Evlynn Harmon *in memory of her father-in-law,*
Jerome Harmon
Carol & Howard Serotta *in memory of Carol's father,*
William Hecht
Sylvia Leibowitz
- 10/4 Saul & Sheila Feder *in memory of Saul's father,*
Jacob Feder
Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of Marlene's mother,*
Eve Lindenberg
- 10/5 Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova *in memory of Jo-Ann's*
mother, Rose Aufiero
- 10/7 Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva *in memory of Eileen's*
stepfather, Henry Keiser
Louis Young
- 10/8 Betty Chaikin *in memory of her sister,* Ruth Bocour
Rose Zeltser *in memory of her husband,*
Ronald H. Zeltser
Martin Zuckerman
- 10/9 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of Ed's brother,*
Jeffrey Rubin
- 10/10 Natalie Fishman
Bessie Holtzman
- 10/11 Doris & Earl Berger, Gale Hoffman & Philip Goisman *in*
memory of Doris's mother, Gale's grandmother and
Philip's friend, Janet Kerstetter
Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of Dorothy's father,*
Louis Perilstein
- 10/12 Edith Krimstock *in memory of her mother,* Minnie Kunis
- 10/13 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of Judy's uncle,*
Nathan Bell
Helen Spinrad & John Spinrad *in memory of Helen's*
husband and John's father, Malcom Spinrad
- 10/14 Faye Kahn *in memory of her mother,*
Malka Mittelman Landau
Gerald Pepper *in memory of his mother,*
Tillie Pepper-Blum
- 10/15 Henrietta Burke
Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of Fred's mother,*
Celia Paul
- 10/16 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of Leon's father,*
Julius Ackovitz
Jacqueline Fabel *in memory of her father,* Emanuel Bilk
John Spinrad *in memory of his grandmother,* Eve Frankel
Dr. Barry & Barbara Glaser *in memory of Barry's sister,*
Flora Furman
- 10/17 Saul & Sheila Feder *in memory of Sheila's mother,*
Dora Werbin
- 10/18 Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of her father,*
Eugene W. Blum
H. David & Gloria Caplan *in memory of David's mother,*
Henrietta Ginsburg
Charlotte Sweet
- 10/19 Anita Erman *in memory of her mother-in-law,*
Rosalie Erman
Neil Goldfarb *in memory of his father,* Edward Goldfarb
Susan Mintz *in memory of her father-in-law,*
Aaron Herbert Mintz
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of their uncle,*
Albert Orner
- 10/21 Helen Spinrad & Stewart Lapayowker *in memory of*
Helen's mother and Stewart's grandmother,
Mary Moskowitz
- 10/22 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of Ron's father,*
Samuel Bermon
Martha Cohen and Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of*
Martha's husband and Jerry & Sheila's uncle,
Frank Cohen
Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of Michael's father,*
Irving Kurland
Jeffrey & Rhoda Rosen *in memory of Rhoda's mother,*
Hannah Meyer
Annieta Mann *in memory of her mother,* Virginia Shanack
- 10/23 Arnie & Lory Schuster *in memory of Arnie's mother,*
Margot Schuster
- 10/24 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of Al's mother,*
Betty (Becky) Dragon
- 10/25 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of Rhoda's sister,*
Marilyn (Mikki) Boyer
- 10/27 Saul & Sheila Feder *in memory of Saul's mother,*
Lillian Feder
Bernard & Norma Gittelman *in memory of Bernie's*
mother, Henrietta Gittelman
Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of Phyllis's mother,*
Mollie Gould
Howard Abber *in memory of his sister,* Joyce Small
Selma Sofsky *in memory of her husband,* Sol Sofsky
- 10/28 Dr. Martin & Tina Freedman *in memory of Tina's mother,*
Edythe Ribowsky
Annieta Mann *in memory of her father,* Leon Shanack
- 10/30 Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of Carl's brother,* Allen Apter
Ida Levin *in memory of her mother-in-law,* Fannie Levin
Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of Ron's mother,*
Leah Shender
- 10/31 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of Joan's mother,*
Esther Broder
Anna Leibowitz

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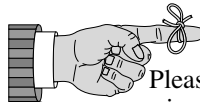
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