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## SERVICES

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

*Light Refreshments*

## Saturday Services

Sept. 11, 2010 • 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Shuvah  
Study Session\*\*

*(Followed by Light Lunch)*

## Board Meeting

Sunday, October 10 • 10 a.m.

*All are welcome to attend.*

## RABBI'S COLUMN

### *Just a Cup of Tea . . . and Some Kindness*

So much change in our world. . . . What is next that we'll have to adjust to . . . and will we be able to adjust? Our worries seem to mount in the frenetic world in which we live. Our iPhones and email accounts that are meant to be tools to enrich our lives by recapturing time "inefficiently spent" are quickly changing our expectations of availability and simple humanity.

Each of us, whether Rabbi or role model, parent or professional, has met with incredulity and upset when we responded to an email (or forgot) or to a phone call outside of the time-frame expected of us.

Nearly a decade and a half ago, the Poet Laureate, Robert Bly, ruminated on a similar concern in his book, *The Sibling Society*, Bly bemoaned the steady march of American society toward one without boundaries of educated and not, skilled and not, adult and not. He worried about the affect of the purest form of populism, one that devalues education and increasingly draws one's focus away from the value of human contact. This came to mind when I was on a visit with family not long ago. I remember thinking to myself, "What ever happened to everyone just sitting around the table or the living room and sipping tea with a sweet treat or two? What happened to listening and talking with each other not over each other?"

Don't get me wrong: I love technology. As my slow shift to Apple products perhaps betrays, however, I want to rule over these "high-tech helpers" (gadgets) and not have them rule over me. I used to build my own PCs and upgrade them regularly, but something snapped in me and I realized that I was losing too much of my life in an isolated pursuit, something that separated me from the ones I love and those with whom I'd like to share a word or two . . . over tea. While I realize that my life will become even more complicated very soon, I also know that I hold a little better in perspective the world in which I would like to operate; one in which human interaction, caring, fellowship and numerous other classic values (one might even say, "Jewish values") are prized highly. After all, if we are the hands of God's efforts in this world, should we not be engaging with each other in the doing of those efforts?

As the New Year looms large for us, let us consider who our ancestors were and how they lived at their best as we consider who we wish to become.

As we approach the coming year, I ask for your forgiveness for any slight from the past, great or small, and I beseech you to open your hearts to those around you to show God's love and kindness in this world. And while a kind email is always welcome, perhaps you'll get together for a Shabbat dinner (hint: one is coming up soon at Temple Beth Shalom!) or over what may be the simplest conversational lubricant: a cup of tea and sweet treats.

May we all be blessed with the comfort of the love of others and the serenity of knowing that we are heard and forgiven.

I offer you and yours a truly warm *L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu* from my wife, Sarah, and me!

*Rabbi Gerald R. Fox*



## HIGH HOLIDAYS Schedule for 5771/2010

### ROSH HASHANAH

September 8

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service  
8 p.m.

September 9

Rosh Hashanah First Day Service  
9:30 a.m.

Tashlich Service, Approx. 2 or 2:30 p.m.  
*Please bring your own bread.*

September 10

Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service  
9:30 a.m.

### YOM KIPPUR

September 17

Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidre  
6:30 p.m.

September 18

Yom Kippur Morning Service  
9:30 a.m.

Yizkor Service, Approx. 12 Noon  
Mincha & Neilah\*, 5:15 p.m.

Break-The-Fast  
Approx. 7:45 p.m.

*\*Anyone is welcome to bring their  
Shofar for conclusion of Yom Kippur.*

**\*\*SHABBAT SHUVAH STUDY SESSION** – There's no better way to start the New Year than to share the challenge of change with your fellows. Please join us for a special study session on Shabbat Shuvah with Rabbi Fox during which we'll learn what our ancestors said about becoming a better person. Light lunch after learning, **Saturday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m.**



Rabbi Fox,

It was so nice to see our shul represented at the Shabbat beach service in Ventnor this past Friday night. Almost 500 people attended and they announced your name as a

participating Rabbi. I said to friends, "that's our rabbi." What a beautiful night with the water in the foreground, and the excitement in the air. Joe and I chose to spend his special birthday that way. It would certainly be exciting if our congregation would suggest to attend the next Shabbat on the beach in lieu of our regular Friday PM service.

Thanks again,  
Lillian & Joe Hassman

**Editor's note:** *Shabbat on the beach, dinner and services were held by the Gutermans in June 2009. It was a spiritual experience and delicious food was served.*

Dear Rabbi Fox,

My name is Deirdre Donohue and I am the recipient of this year's savings bond from your congregation for "Effort & Attitude."

I want to thank you very much for your generosity and would also like to offer to play my violin for any event you might need as a further way to show my appreciation. While no stretch a professional, I am a member of the Atlantic Youth Orchestra and All South Jersey Orchestra too.

In the fall I will be entering Atlantic City High School as a freshman.

Please express my sincere thanks to all who contributed towards making this award possible.

Respectfully,  
Deidre Donohue

**If you have not received your tickets for the High Holidays, call the office. No admittance without ticket. Break-the-fast reservations are a must even if you have already paid in January. This year's charge is \$25 a head. It will be held at the American Legion again.**

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As you can see, we still have several vacancies that must be filled. Call the office or call me, 264-9347.

Lill Shender

## A Night to Remember – Sunset Bay Cruise, August 1

Oy, what a worry – Do we cancel? Will it rain? Oy, what a weather forecast and what clouds. Sleepless night and then the decision – Boat trip on unless the Captain calls it. Bad news – food goes back to the Temple along with the Boaters and we celebrate there. Boat trip next week with a slight change in food plans. It's bring a dessert and off we go. Okay, with this decision I now felt much better and now the fun could begin.

What a delightful group and what a magnificent sunset. No, there was no rain to be seen and the weather was just perfect. The food was great with the tuna hoagies made by Goochie Brothers, along with the other food Sid, Lill and Ron helped to buy and set up, made for a very delicious and interesting array. The boat ride was so very relaxing by Fish Finders Marine. How wonderful to spend an evening of fun, great music and time to just talk, relax and meet and greet people not often seen.

All in all this was truly a night to remember. ... until we sail again!

By Shirley Morgan



Photo by Fred Fabel

## *With Gratitude*

*The Temple Beth Shalom Board wishes to offer its gratitude to Lillian Shender for her unfailing leadership of our congregation in recent years. As President, Lill led our congregation through storm and sunshine and we thank her for her calm and steady ruddering of our island Jewish community.*

## *Rabbi Sanford H. Hahn Annual Memorial Lecture Series*

On August 13, 2010, Rabbi Michael Monson, a dear friend of Sandy, was the guest speaker.

He spoke to us about the month of Elul. The month of preparation – preparation for the coming High Holy Days. Not unlike the preparation that we do for the income tax returns in April. We gather our receipts – good ones and not so good ones. We reflect on what we did the past year because we know that we will be judged. We hope that the good outweighs the bad. During the month of Elul and even through Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we still have time to balance the scales in our favor for on Sukkot the books are closed.

Rabbi Monson gave us a stimulating analysis which we all must consider for the coming New Year.

## **TD Affinity Membership Program Guide 2010**

Temple Beth Shalom's members have been invited to join the program. If you have an account with TD bank (savings, checking, business, CD) or want to open one, the temple will receive a percentage of the year's balances.

This is an easy way to get funds for the synagogue. We need a minimum of 50 accounts (not people) to participate. Information is at the office. Please call or stop by.



## **BAZAAR & BOOK FAIR**

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this year's bazaar such a success! The temple was packed with bargain hunters from 8:30 a.m. even though we were not supposed to open until 9:00 a.m. We moved a lot of merchandise and collected a nice amount of cash.

We offer our sincere thanks to the set up crew of Saturday night .... **Ron & Lill Shender, Jack & Rosalie Lieberman, Sid & Shirley Morgan, Betty Chaikin and her granddaughter Hannah and her fiance and Edie Krimstock.** They all worked very, very hard. We could have used more help. It was a monumental, back breaking job.

We also offer our sincere thanks to the day crew who manned the tables. They did a fabulous job keeping the tables filled and the customers served. Good job **Ron & Lill Shender, Sid & Shirley Morgan, Janis Murphy, Jackie Fabel, Betty Chaikin, Edie Krimstock, Karen Sederholm, Lorraine Stolove, Sandy Cogan, Eileen Alva** and special thanks to **Fred Fabel** for the fantastic sunset photo of the cruise (see boat cruise article). They all worked very, very hard.

Rest up and see you next year!

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 9/2 Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of* Norma's father, Jacob Freidberg  
 Harvey & Diane Steiner *in memory of* Harvey's uncle, Abraham Motel  
 9/3 Norton & Gloria Freedman *in memory of* Norton's mother, Mollie Freedman  
 9/5 Bernard & Norma Gittelman *in memory of* Bernard's father, Major Gittelman  
 Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of* Martin's father, Harry Millison  
 9/6 Lillian Goldstein  
 Rose Segal  
 9/7 Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of* Lorraine's father, Erwin Augenfeld  
 Sam Leibowitz  
 Anita Erman *in memory of* her mother, Jennie Panitch  
 Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of* Eileen's mother, Lillian Rogovin  
 9/9 Philip Goisman & Gale Hoffman *in memory of* Philip's grandmother & Gale's friend, Fannie Goisman  
 Jack Greenberg *in memory of* his mother, Janet Greenberg  
 Stephen & Jamie Satz *in memory of* Jamie's father, Joseph Kessel  
 Shirley Schreiber *in memory of* her aunt, Lucy Lewis  
 9/10 Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of* her father, S. Sumner Bearman  
 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Ed's mother, Minnie Toll  
 David & Estelle Silver *in memory of* Estelle's mother, Lillian Waltzer  
 9/11 Helen Spinrad *in memory of* her sister, Lorraine Moskowitz  
 9/13 Michael & Susan Axler *in memory of* Michael's brother, Charles Axler  
 Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of* Frank's mother, Shirley Kern  
 Seymour Leibowitz  
 9/14 Dr. Joseph Hassman *in memory of* his mother, Ethel Hassman  
 Dr. Eli & Nancy Zucker *in memory of* Eli's mother, Minnie Zucker  
 9/15 Louis Kessel  
 9/16 Dr. Elynn Harmon *in memory of* her father-in-law, Jerome Harmon  
 Carol & Howard Serotta *in memory of* Carol's father, William Hecht  
 Sylvia Leibowitz  
 9/18 Saul & Sheila Feder *in memory of* Saul's father, Jacob Feder  
 Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of* Marlene's mother, Eve Lindenberg  
 9/19 Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova *in memory of* Jo-Ann's mother, Rose Aufiero  
 9/21 Louis Young  
 9/22 Betty Chaikin *in memory of* her sister, Ruth Bocour  
 Rose Zeltser *in memory of* her husband, Ronald H. Zeltser  
 Martin Zuckerman  
 9/23 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Ed's brother, Jeffrey Rubin  
 9/24 Natalie Fishman  
 Bessie Holtzman  
 9/25 Earl & Doris Berger *in memory of* Doris's mother, Janet Kerstetter  
 Gale Hoffman *in memory of* her grandmother, Janet Kerstetter  
 Philip Goisman *in memory of* his friend, Janet Kerstetter  
 Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of* Dorothy's father, Louis Perilstein  
 9/26 Edith Krimstock *in memory of* her mother, Minnie Kunis  
 9/27 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Judy's uncle, Nathan Bell  
 Helen & John Spinrad *in memory of* Helen's husband & John's father, Malcom Spinrad  
 9/28 David & Faye Kahn *in memory of* Faye's mother, Maika Mittelman Landau  
 Gerald & Barbara Pepper *in memory of* Gerald's mother, Tillie Pepper-Blum  
 9/29 Henrietta Burke  
 Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of* Fred's mother, Celia Paul



## BIRTHDAYS

- |                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4.....Michael M. Axler, | 14.....William Boyd Deane,   |
| Elizabeth J. Kramer     | Tema Steele                  |
| 8.....Marvin Siegel     | 21.....Mark D. Erdman        |
| 10.....Eileen D. Alva   | 26.....Judith Blum-Crawford, |
| 12.....Dr. Elynn Harmon | Dr. Stephen Weinstein        |
|                         | 29.....Leon Ackovitz         |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- |   |
|---|
| 3.....Judith Blum-Crawford & Max Crawford |
| 5.....Harvey T. & Diane Steiner           |
| 12.....Jeffrey & Sheryl Mazur             |
| 29.....Norton A. & Gloria Freedman        |

## Local couple find inspiration after shooting rare picture

(This article appeared on the Channel 40 website)

Pictures of the sunset are usually a dime a dozen, but one local couple recently captured a shot that's definitely one in a million.

About a week ago, Fred and Jacqueline Fabel were invited to attend a cruise in the back bay of Brigantine. While on their excursion, Fred, a life-long photographer, snapped a photograph that seems to show a Star of David in the sunset. The two immediately knew they had something special.

"I've gotten what I think are some fantastic shots, but this is the most unique," says Fred.

It's phenomenal, astronomical – intervening from above? I have no explanation for this, but there is the proof," says Jacqueline.

Oddly enough, the Fabel's tell us the cruise was actually a fundraising event for their local synagogue – Temple Beth Shalom.

(See photo with the article "A Night to Remember.")

**We are looking for a congregant or two to bring a couple of our fellow congregants who don't drive to the shul for services every now and then. Please call the office if you are able! Thank you!**

- 9/30 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

## *Thank You* To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors For August

Friday, August 6 **Linda Hahn**

*in memory of her brother, Dr. Harvey Klevit.*

Friday, August 13 **Betty Chaikin** *in memory of her mother, Belle Schindler and her sister, Esther Epstein.*

**Bernard & Norma Gittelman**

*in memory of Norma's father, Sam Cohen.*

**Dr. Joseph Hassman**

*in memory of his father, Benjamin Hassman.*

Friday, August 20 **Jeffrey & Sheryl Mazur** *in honor of their son Harris' acceptance to Carnegie Mellon.*

## *General Donations*

**Stefanie Seltzer** *in honor of the birthdays of Gloria & Henry Jacoby, and in honor of the anniversary of Bella & Greg Royzman*

**Janis, Larry & Lara Murphy** *in memory of Andrew's 25th Birthday; always in our hearts*

**Lorraine & Burt Stolove** *in memory of Jack Cralle*

## *Message Cards*

**Sidney & Shirley Morgan** – *Congratulations to Dr. Harry & Sarah Chaikin on the marriage of their daughter, Katie.*

**Ronald & Lillian Shender** – *Deepest sympathy to Lilyan Cralle on the passing of her husband, Jack Cralle*

## *Obituaries*

*Condolences to* **Harvey & Diane Steiner** on the loss of Harvey's mother, Hilda Steiner, who passed away 2/11/10.

*Deepest sympathy to* **Lilyan Cralle** on the loss of her husband and Temple member, Jack Cralle, who passed away 8/20/10.

*Deepest sympathy to* **Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova** on the loss of Ronald's mother, Pam Massanova, on 12/22/09.

*Deepest sympathy to* **Tema Steele** on the loss of her mother Fay Lurie who passed away 8/23/10.

## *Rabbi's Discretionary Fund* Janis Murphy

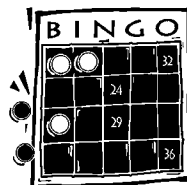
## *Congratulations*

to **Sandy & Barry Cogan** on the engagement of their son Joseph to Stephanie.

to **Dr. Harry & Sarah Chaikin** on the marriage of their daughter Katie, who wed Ian MacWilliams on August 27. Katie is also the granddaughter of Betty Chaikin.

## *Get Well*

**Dr. Robert Ball, Bernie Cohen, Diane Hatoff, Ida Levin, Marvin Siegel, Norma Wexler, Sandra Wray** (sister of Lill Shender)



## **ANOTHER BINGO SEASON ENDS**

Being a bingo helper this year was a fascinating experience. On Thursday evening at 7 p.m. a million (maybe a few less) anxious kids pulled in their parents and seated themselves around the tables. They immediately covered the free space and listened attentively to Jamie Satz who called the numbers. She was a star! She held the attention of all by giving clues to the numbers called and responses. After a few minutes many kids got bingo and yelled forcefully to be recognized. Prizes were donated by:

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All won prizes whether they had bingo or not. In about an hour or so, they were served lemonade and cookies. Thanks to number printer **Jack Greenberg**, helpers **Terry Ciullo, Madeline Harvey, Betty Chaikin, Jackie Fabel, Donna Johnson** and, last but not least, our extraordinary office administrator, Diane, who made preparations for each bingo night.

## *Special Thanks*

The Brigantine Garden Club awarded our Temple with a certificate for a noteworthy property in the year 2010. Special thanks to our gardener Steve Hurtt.

## *Yahrzeit Donations*

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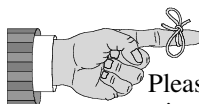
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**A Reminder**

to all Temple Beth Shalom members  
 Please notify the office of any births, engagements,  
 marriages, illnesses or deaths. This way the Rabbi,  
 Board and Temple membership can be notified. The answering  
 machine is on 7 days and 24 hours a day.

**Help Our Temple  
 through your donations**

Your donations in memory of loved ones, simchas, our  
 Rabbi's Library Fund or Rabbi's Discretionary Fund not only  
 help the Temple, but also are a way to remember various happy  
 and sad events in your life. Unsolicited general donations are  
 needed to help the Temple meet its annual operating expenses.  
 Keep in mind, less than 50% of our operating expenses are  
 covered by membership dues. Listed below are the various  
 items to which you can contribute.

- Bronze Memorial Plaque* .....\$300
- Leaf on the Tree of Life* .....\$50
- Oneg Shabbat Sponsor* .....\$25
- Kiddush Sponsor* .....\$100
- Message Card* .....\$5 each
- Yizkor Memorial* .....Minimum \$10
- Building Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Library Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Kiddush Fund* .....Whatever you desire