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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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SERVICES

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

Saturday Services

August 11, 2007
10 a.m.

(Followed by
Kiddush luncheon)

Torah Study before
services at 9 a.m.

Board Meeting

Sunday, August 12, 10 a.m.

***NOTE: This is the yearly
general meeting at which time
the membership votes on the
proposed slate for
2007-2008. If you don't
come and vote, you forfeit
your right to complain.



On August 25, 2007, Temple Beth Shalom will be sponsoring a dance for the community. Dust off your dancing shoes and join us. There will be a DJ, Wine, Cheese, and Fruit etc. Festivities begin at 8:30 p.m. Bring your friends and neighbors and we'll have a ball. Charge for the event is \$15 per person. (\$20 at the door). For Reservations, call Diane at 609-266-0403. This event is being presented by your new 2nd Vice-President, Steve Satz. Let's make sure we all support him and his committee on his first venture!!!!

RABBI'S COLUMN

Same Time, Same Station . . . Different Show?

A birth, a death, an extraordinary experience or visit, a windfall, a loss, a spiritual high – all moments worth remembering and on which we reflect from time to time. Maybe you have had a special moment such as these in the past year. So, now what? What do you do with your elation or your grief, your resignation or your newly found openness? Our Jewish heritage has an answer: Reflect upon it and it will lead you to a new place in the coming year.

The Talmud teaches us that the Torah – often viewed as the core of our Jewish wisdom since it is the “source-book” of our people’s very existence – is filled with such complexity that we may turn it again and again and it will always yield new clues, new pathways, to a life of purpose. In fact, the Torah is commonly referred to as having seventy faces (*shivim panim l'torah*). Why seventy faces? This is a symbolic number for one’s lifetime; if we read each passage anew each year (our weekly Torah portion, or parasha), therefore we read each passage with new wisdom, new perspective, gained in the past year. Our tradition is advising us, essentially, that each year is another opportunity to refresh what may seem old, to make new that which seems finished.

The Rabbis were brilliant in their approach to the month of Elul, the final month of the Jewish calendar before Rosh Hashanah, in that they ensured that no holidays or memorials were honored during this transitional time from what was our past to what will be our future. The entire month’s focus is on repentance. We are commanded to right the ship of our life so that we may meet the New Year without the encumbrance of a dragging anchor. The past is the past, but we make it so only by working through it, not by ignoring it or abandoning it.

So, how are we supposed to actually “do” this reflecting, this seemingly unpleasant month of repenting? Most *siddurim* (prayerbooks) provide us a beginning with the more traditional prayers. Reflecting on our behavior and our general attitude to life are important parts, too. In the end, though, thought and prayer are not enough. We must make a sincere attempt to alter our behavior. I encourage you to seek out those whom you might have neglected (or who feel you have) in the last year and ask for their understanding and love while offering your own. You’d be surprised how, just by itself, this act of openness can heal a future.

The final work is done in looking honestly at our own deep-seated attitudes; how we see the world and our role within it affects every aspect of our lives. We all know this already, but perhaps it bears repeating: When we say something enough, whether true or false, we will begin to believe it and it rules our mind. Elul is about the exact opposite methodology: We cannot “revision our future” if we are stuck in our past. Essentially, we cannot brighten our future if we allow the path ahead to be covered with brush and weeds. Now is the time for tending our garden. Now is the time to help our own harvest become a rich one.

As your Rabbi, I challenge you to remember both the humor and the depth of this season through this vignette: When a Rabbi asked his most senior congregant why he didn’t come to shul anymore, the man replied, “Rabbi, when I turned 95 I expected God to take me at any time. Then when I turned 100, then 105, well, I figured that God was busy and I didn’t want to be a bother.” Reflecting and repenting during Elul is not a bother, it is what will make your life more full and happy in the coming year.

May your reflection be a truly invigorating one and, if you happen to be perfect, may you be generous as well to help out a fellow Jew be more like you!

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



Presidents' Corner

History was made!

Right here at Temple Beth Shalom on Sunday morning, July 15, 2007 we had our very first *Pidyon Haben* (redemption of the first born son).

Jaison and Marcie Gutterman (son and daughter-in-law of Michael and Cheryl Gutterman) brought their son, David Roman Gutterman, to our shul for the ceremony. The service was presided over by our own Rabbi Fox and Ron Shender, our Kohayn. Both presented us with an inspiring and touching service. Good job to all – especially baby David who slept through the whole thing. In the audience were grandparents, great-aunt and uncle, cousins and congregants – all *kevelling*.

FYI: According to the Book of Exodus (13:1-3) the first born of a mother belongs to God or, to be more precise, to the Koh, who represents God. To free a first-born male Israelite from the obligation of dedicating his life to the service of God, it was necessary to redeem him through the payment of five shekalim (5 silver dollars) to the Kohayn. The *Pidyon Haben* must take place when the child is one month old, on the 31st day after birth.

It was a grand day for the Guttermans and the Synagogue.

Lill Shender

If you weren't at the July Board Meeting, you sure missed a great one!

It was spirited, exciting, enthusiastic and hopeful.

It was friendly, positive, cooperative and far from contention.

There were many sincere offers of assistance and a plethora of new ideas for programs. It was the old Beth Shalom feeling.

Adult Bingo, an Oldies Night, Karaoke, a Monte Carlo Night and a Square Dance were all discussed.

A committee was formed. A date was selected. A plan was formulated. A good, good thing. A real positive experience.

A lot of new ideas – new blood – new energy.

And it was all preceded by a delightful ceremony for David Roman Guterman, son of Marcie and Jaison and grandson of our devoted Cheryl and Michael. He was bought back from one of our Kohayns, Ron Shender, who did a great job. We believe it was a first for the Synagogue – a wonderful ceremony – a delicious breakfast and another superior job by Rabbi Fox.

Barry Bornstein

The Hahn Family

*and the Friends of the Rabbi Stanford Hahn
Annual Memorial Lecture*

*Cordially invite you to an evening with
Reverend John Scotland*

*Of the Presbyterian Church in Brigantine
Shabbat, August 31, at 8:00 p.m.*

*At Temple Beth Shalom in Brigantine
Reverend Scotland will celebrate Rabbi Hahn's
work and vision for a tolerant, pluralistic, and
caring community.*

*Refreshments and treats following
Please RSVP by August 24, 2007 - 266-0403*

BAZAAR & BARBEQUE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 9:30 AM

The Temple Beth Shalom Annual Bazaar and Barbeque will be held Sunday, August 19 at 9:30 a.m. We'll have the indoor varied merchandise sale. There will be tables for each type of merchandise. We'll have books, dishes, pots, jars, kitchen appliances, linens, toys, small furniture, baby furniture, pictures, jewelry, bikes, electronics and much, much more.

The Outdoor barbeque will include hot dogs, burgers, sodas, etc. Tables will be provided.

Of course, we still need more stuff! Get it together and get it over to the synagogue. We will give a donation receipt for the larger donations. Don't put it off. This event is one of the larger ones of the year. Please help! NOW!

This event is for all our members, friends and the entire community. Come early and still have time for the beach.

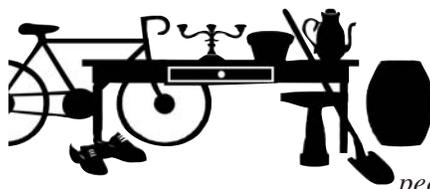
Call Diane at 266-0403 or call me, Eddie 266-2018.

Edith Krimstock
Chairperson

*P.S. On Saturday
evening August 18 at
7:30 p.m., we need
people (at least 12) to*

*help set up the tables and on Sunday we will need at least
15 people to man the tables and help with the barbeque.*

Call me 266-2018 and tell me that you'll be there.



ATTENTION ALL!!!

You will notice that I have included, for your convenience, a Yiskor Memorial Book for the High Holy Days (which are rapidly approaching) form and envelope. All you have to do is fill in the form, make out a check and return it to the synagogue.

Please, pretty please send in your completed form ASAP. The printer needs 3 weeks.

Lill Shender



BIRTHDAYS	
5.....Ida Levin	18.....Diane Hatoff
6.....Camille M. Rosenberg	20.....Cary Durant
7.....Sanford R. Dare, Marlene Paul	Burton Stolove
8.....Tina Freedman	21.....Jonathan S. Caplan Dr. Judith Logue
9.....Joshua Shapiro, Lorraine Stolove	22.....Susan P. Mintz
10.....Mitchell Kramer	24.....Marlene Jenkins, Richard Tolk
12.....Jeffrey Mazur	26.....Dr. Henry Jacoby, Fay Lurie,
13.....Janet Maharam	Lawrence G. Metzger
15.....Gloria Jacoby	31.....Joan Rosenfeld
16.....Robert Harmon	

ANNIVERSARIES	
2.....Michael & Marcia Kurland, Burton & Lorraine Stolove	
4.....Gregory & Bella Royzman	
8.....Les & Alyse Cahn	
9.....David & Faye Kahn	
12.....Leon & Harriet Ackovitz	
14.....Dr. Warren R. Haymann & Dr. Rhonda Schnur	
16...Larry & Diane Hatoff, Bruce L. & Barbara A. Nussbaum	
17.....Martin N. & Tina Freedman	
22.....Jeffery A. & Susan P. Mintz	
23.....Barry & Sandy Cogan	



Dear Rabbi and Congregants of Beth Shalom,

I could not leave the area without acknowledging how much you have meant to me and my family. I remember meeting Rabbi Hahn and Jerry

Erman (president at the time of Beth Shalom) and how they embraced me and my boys. It was Rabbi Hahn and Jerry Erman who took me under their wings and helped me grow. Not only as a Jewish woman in the community, but as a musician as well. Then there was you, my Beth Shalom family, who took me and my boys into your hearts and helped mold the woman I have become.

Thank you for all you have done and for the love and support throughout the years. Thank you Rabbi Fox for continuing the love and support and making it possible for Sam to be Bar Mitzvahed.

If anyone is in the North Carolina area, please stop by and break bread.

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Much Love, Wendy

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

For July

Friday, July 6 **Howard & Myrna Levin** in memory of their son, Daniel Levin

Friday, July 13 **Michael & Carol Albert** in memory of Michael's mother, Sarah Albert

Gregory & Bella Royzman in memory of Gregory's mother, Faina Lorman

Bruce & Dee Bortner in memory of Bruce's father, Benjamin Bortner

Friday, July 20 **Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein** in memory of Steve's father, Irving Weinstein

Friday, July 27 **Joshua & Elaine Shapiro** in memory of Joshua's father, Sidney Shapiro

Messages

From Ron & Lill Shender

Mazel Tov to Michael & Cheryl Guterman on the birth of their first grandchild!

From Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch

Congratulations to Michael & Cheryl Guterman on the birth of their first grandchild!

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball** on the marriage of their son, Jon Ball to Julie.

They were married on June 17th in Philadelphia and honeymooned in Brigantine.

Congratulations to **Marvin & Irene Siegel** on the birth of their 1st great-grandchild, Jack Campo, who was born on June 29th.

General Donations from

Bruce & Dee Bortner in memory of Jason Orloff
Marvin & Irene Siegel as thank you for prayers for Marvin and Steve Orbuch; and in honor of their 1st great-grandchild, Jack Campo

Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball in honor of their son's recent wedding

Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch
in memory of Solomon Schiever .

Thank You

To **Dr. Henry Jacoby** for orchestrating the repair of our Prayer Books, and for the personal pick up and delivery service. Thanks, Henry!.

Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque

The Levin Family in memory of their husband and father,
Leonard E. Levin

August Yahrzeits

- 8/3 Eugene & Ann Hyatt *in memory of Ann's mother, Ida Averett*
 8/4 Norton A. & Gloria Freedman *in memory of Norton's father, Leon Freedman*
Lisa Yuen in memory of her mother, Harriette Sengin
 8/5 Ronald P. & Jo-Ann Massonova *in memory of Jo-Ann's father, Albert Aufiero*
 8/6 Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of their grandmother, Sylvia Coplein Cary & Trudy Durant in memory of Trudy's father, Eugene Deutsch*
Richard Tolk & Lillian Froom in memory of Richard's wife and Lillian's sister-in-law, Tina Tolk
 8/7 Sylvia Leibowitz *in memory of her father, Sam Holtzman*
Martin N. & Tina Freedman in memory of Tina's father, Solomon Ribowsky
 8/8 Norton A. & Gloria Freedman *in memory of Gloria's father, Charles Kuperstein*
 8/10 Solomon & Vera Getz *in memory of Vera's father, Abraham Greenberg*
 8/11 Norman N. & Pearl Kaye *in memory of Norman's father, David Koetseroff*
Sanford R. & Karen Dare in memory of Karen's father, Abe Siminoff
 8/12 Donald & Phyllis Hoffrichter *in memory of Phyllis's mother, Tillie Benson*
 8/13 Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Shirley's sister, Helen Berger*
 8/14 Linda Hahn *in memory of her brother, Dr. Harvey Klevit*
 8/15 Nancy A. Clancy *in memory of her husband, James Clancy*
Mildred Richmond in memory of her aunt, Hannah Lindenbaum
 8/17 Gerald & Ellen Etter *in memory of Gerald's mother, Dorothy Etter*
Aaron Freedman in memory of his father, Benjamin Freedman
 8/18 Bernard & Norma Gittelman *in memory of Norma's father, Sam Cohen*
 8/20 Brenda Sacks *in memory of her daughter, Ina Gordon*
Rochelle Winston & Aaron Freedman in memory of Rochelle's father, Abraham Hoffrichter
 8/21 Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin *in memory of Betty's sister, Esther Epstein*
 8/22 David & Sandra Axelrod *in memory of David's mother, Sophia Axelrod*
Dr. Robert Schwab in memory of his father, Irving Schwab
 8/23 Brenda Sacks *in memory of her mother, Matilda Altshuler*
Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin in memory of Betty's mother, Belle Schindler
 8/24 Susan Orloff *in memory of her father, Maurice Orloff*
Karen Sederholm in memory of her mother, Harriet Sederholm
 8/25 Jack & Lilyan Cralle *in memory of Jack's brother, James E. Carlin*
 8/25 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Debra's father, Simon Nager*
 8/26 Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman *in memory of Joseph's father, Benjamin Hassman*
 8/27 Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch *in memory of Barry's aunt, Regina Kaufman*
 8/28 Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of their great-grandmother, Ethel Erlichman*
Linda Hahn in memory of her uncle, David Haufman
 8/29 Robert & Evlynn Harmon *in memory of Evlynn's mother, Betty Freed*
Edith Krimstock in memory of her father, Manus Kunis
 8/30 Saul & Nancy Grossman *in memory of Saul's father, Samuel Grossman*
Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern in memory of Sarah's mother, Sylvia Bliss Mandy
 8/31 Howard & Myrna Levin *in memory of Myrna's mother, Lilyan Cylinder*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation was made by **Ida Levin and Family** as *gratitude* for the service of Leonard Levin's Yahrzeit plaque unveiling

A donation was made by **Wendy Martelli** for *all the love and support* provided throughout the years to her and her family

Farewell

Wendy and Sam Martelli moved to North Carolina at the end of July. We will miss them, but are happy that we were able to share Sam's Bar Mitzvah with him before they left. Best wishes to you in your new location!

Get Well

Milton Berkes, Gene Blum, Nancy Clancy, Morray Cohen, Sol Getz, Robert Glick, Helen Hanish, Charles A. Hirsch, Pearl Kaye, Rachel Layton (wife of John Layton), Evelyn Rothstein, Jamie Satz, Andrew Schneider (brother of Stolove's daughter-in-law), Marvin Siegel, Burt Stolove, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender), Jennifer Zuckerman

Yahrzeit Donations

Harry Fishman *in memory of his brother, Jack Fishman*

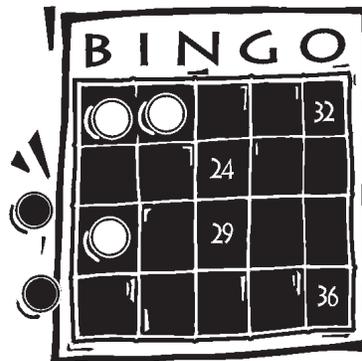
Pearl & Norman Kaye *in memory of Pearl's brother, Sol Rosendorf*

Arnie & Lory Schuster *in memory of Arnie's father, Karl Schuster, And Lory's mother, Eva Zeidel*

Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of Seymour's father, Nathan Trachtman*

Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of Marty's mother, Mamie Millison*

CHILDREN'S BINGO



Continues every Thursday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. until August 23.

Volunteers are needed to assist Jamie Satz!!!! Cookies, drinks

and prizes galore. All children 7-11 years of age are welcome. Bingo is open to the entire Brigantine Community. This event is free.

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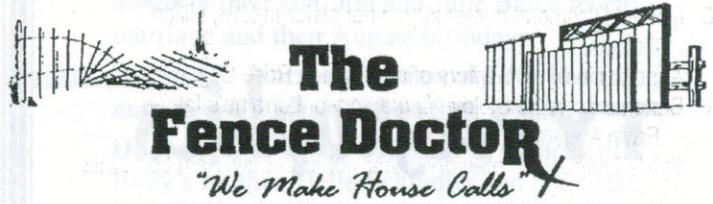
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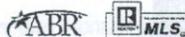
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**Help Our Temple
 through your donations**

Your donations in memory of loved ones, simchas, our new 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.

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- Leaf on the Tree of Life** \$50
- Oneg Shabbat sponsor** (Friday night) \$25
- Kiddish Sponsor** (Saturday Luncheon) \$100
- Message Card** \$5 each
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