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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

July 11, 2009 • 10 a.m.

(Followed by Kiddush luncheon)

Board Meeting

Sunday, July 12 • 10 a.m.

Presidents' Column

There is an old story told about a man and his wife. They were constantly "banging their heads against a brick wall." Everything they tried to do was one obstacle after another. After many years of this, the husband said to his wife, "If we stop banging our heads against the wall, it will feel darn good when we stop."

I find it really hard to understand that our shul, which has been in existence over 55 years and counting, and has over 160 members, cannot find 12 people to step up and assume the responsibility for running and maintaining our synagogue. No one can find a couple of hours a month to ensure that Temple Beth Shalom will continue to be a Jewish entity in Brigantine?

I just can't accept that!

We are down to the wire people. As of this writing, I have one person who has stepped up and is willing to serve for the coming year (which starts in August).

Do not let apathy and indifference be our legacy. Call me or e-mail me at 609-264-9347; lhs1676@comcast.net or leave a message at the office or on our

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RABBI'S COLUMN

The Joys of Summer

During our services each Friday evening, we sing a portion of Psalm 96, "Let the Heavens rejoice and the Earth be glad; let the sea and all within it roar praise." This psalm and our singing the popular tune to a portion of it are simple reflections of the concrete connection that Judaism has with the natural world. While we are not always cognizant of the many layers of our prayers each time we recite, chant, or sing them, I see the knowing smiles on each of your faces when we sing this on *Erev Shabbat*.

Coming to the island of Brigantine as many of our fellow congregants do each week or each season, we experience this link between Judaism and the natural world in a most potent way. We feel the wind off of the ocean or from the mainland, we see the very ground beneath us "grow wings" as we witness the shifting of sand around the island, we feel the moisture of the water that surrounds us, and we can even taste the salt in the air we breathe. Our environment and its health is a very real concern for us as it is for any coastal community. And so, with our awareness of the fragility and preciousness of our special island home, we experience the power of such religious moments even more richly than we would in any other setting.

What a blessing it was, then, to experience the fullness of this psalm on June 12th, when our congregation was able to join together for what was the largest religious and social event in two years – our truly magical *Erev Shabbat* service on the beach. After a couple of hours of eating and schmoozing, we all walked like a minor Exodus to the promise of the beach and we experienced the joyous service with smiles and full-throated singing. I made

mention of Psalm 96 during the service, and I saw the contented agreement with the special moment we all shared. Everyone present was able to experience Psalm 96 in an even more personal way.

We are blessed to share Shabbat and many holidays together on this island. And we should remember these blessings when we consider the life of the shul and our participation in its future. I was so very heartened that so many of you heeded my recent calls to become more engaged with the congregation and I was delighted to hear more than a dozen of you say to me that you intend to join, re-join, or maintain your membership and share in more of our services and activities.

Throughout our holy texts and in our liturgy (especially Shabbat services), we find the repeated message that each of us is a partner with God in the unfolding of our Creation. God may "do" for the Universe alone, but we are essential partners in the continuing act of Creation. And every Friday night, Psalm 96 reminds us that the existence of every object – living or not – is, in its own way, a potent praise of that Creation.

In thinking about this special evening and these conversations, it cannot be doubted that we are partners in the act of creating the world around us. Let it be so as we continue to participate in the life of our congregation, and as we devote a little of our appreciation toward its continued health and richness of communal spiritual life.



Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



ANNUAL BAZAAR. Sunday, August 16

We are accepting good, clean merchandise (NO JUNK, PLEASE)
So go through your closets, kitchens, garages, jewelry boxes, etc. and bring them to the Temple 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Call the office at 609-266-0403 if you have any questions or need to make special arrangements.

Edie Krimstock, Chairman

We need volunteers on Saturday, Aug. 15 at 8 p.m. to set up our tables. We need volunteers on Sunday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We service people who come early for best bargains. Call Diane for information. 266-0403.

Save the Date

*The Fourth Annual
Rabbi Sanford H. Hahn
Memorial Lecture Series*

will be held on

Friday, July 10, 2009

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Steinbrink

*You are invited to an interesting,
informative evening.*

There will be an extended Oneg Shabbat.

We will never forget our first Rabbi, Sanford H. Hahn, who attracted so many members and did so much to develop Temple Beth Shalom. We will always miss his spiritual and warm leadership.

Persons of the Month MICHAEL & CHERYL GUTERMAN

The casinos brought Michael and Cheryl Guterman to Brigantine in 1987 when they fell in love with Brigantine and decided to stay. Cheryl was a primary school teacher in New York; Michael, a liquidator of properties. When they came here they invested in land development and have since built handsome homes in Brigantine. Michael is 1st vice president of Temple Beth Shalom and Cheryl is a member of the Board who originated our book club. They have fabulous ideas; one of which developed into a dinner and Friday night service on the beach which 64 members attended. We can't wait for the next idea. Thanks Cheryl and Michael for coming to Brigantine.

Thank you

Thanks to the Weinstains for their professional 2008 Temple Beth Shalom Membership Survey. Final comments were very complimentary. Lots of people felt it comforting to know the synagogue is here for them. They enjoy our friendliness, Rabbi, goals and just about everything. But we need new members. Please bring people to us. Our membership fee is \$275 per person. It entitles you to enjoy Temple Beth Shalom. But otherwise our "Little Shul by the Sea" will sink in the sand. What a horrible thought!

MEET THE RABBI

On Friday, July 24 we want to invite you to attend a Shabbat dinner at 6 p.m. and social night to meet our special Rabbi Gerald R. Fox and his wife, Sarah. The public and all members interested will be welcome. For our festive night, there is no charge but please call the office for reservations.

Welcome to all of you.

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website 609-266-0403; www.seashul.org.

I expect to hear from you. Don't let the shul down, don't let me down and, most of all, don't let yourself down.

And another thing, please pay your dues. They are way past due. I cannot run this shul on just my good looks and pleasing personality alone (which, by the way, are fading rapidly).

The synagogue needs YOU to get involved, YOU to support us financially and YOU to support us spiritually. Yes, I mean attending services. Without YOU there is no US.

Lill Shender
President

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

For June

Friday, June 5 **Stephen & Jamie Satz**
in memory of Steve's father, Joseph Satz.

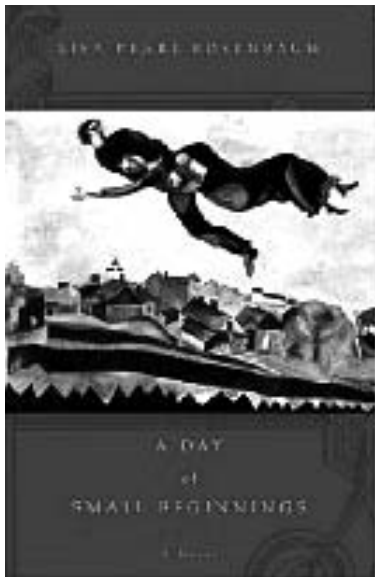
Friday, June 12 **Michael & Cheryl Guterman,**
"Shabbat on the Beach."

Friday, June 19 **Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein** in
memory of Steve's father, Irving Weinstein and
stepfather, Samuel Rosenblatt.

Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Albert's
father, Samuel Dragon and Barbara's uncle,
Morris Lonsky.

Friday, June 26 **Bernie Cohen** in memory of his brother,
Daniel Cohen.

BOOK CLUB



A Day of Small Beginnings
by **Lisa Pearl Rosenbaum**
will be discussed on
Monday, July 13
at 1:30 p.m.

This book concerns the history of a Polish man and his daughter. He comes to America at 14 due to a murder charge in Poland. Many years later his granddaughter returns to Poland as a choreo-

grapher for a dance group and gets involved with his past and a ghost that was part of his life.

This selection can be borrowed at the Brigantine Library.

Shirley Morgan is our next hostess. Her address is 4800 Harbor Beach Blvd., Unit 5102, Brigantine.

Call Shirley for reservations and directions, 266-8599.

WWW. SEASHUL.ORG

For Temple Information

Be sure to sign in to our website. It contains a wealth of information. Remember you can use PayPal to take advantage of this convenient method of payment for your dues, your donations or anything else.

Simchas

July

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

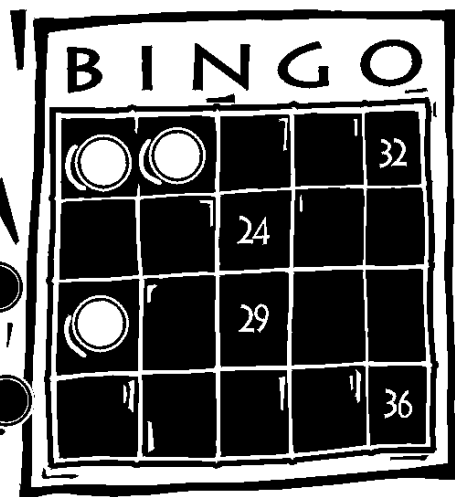
1.....Solomon Getz	14.....Dr. Joseph Chaikin,
2.....Dr. Joseph Hassman	Davalene Hirsch
3.....Carol E. Albert	17.....Norman Reiff
4.....Barbara Pearlman	18.....Dr. Robert A. Ball,
5.....Harvey T. Steiner	Alan Simon
8.....Shirley Morgan	19.....Irene I. Siegel
9.....Karen Sederholm	22.....Estelle Silver
10.....Harvey Fern	23..John M. Bacha, Ira S. Waller
11.....Howard Levin,	24.....Barry Bornstein
Bella Royzman	26.....Barry Savitz
12.....Dr. Frank Kern	27.....Alyse Cahn
13.....Leonard Goldenberg,	28.....Karen Fern
Pearl Reiff	29.....Ellen Savitz
	31...Myrna Levin, Jamie M. Satz

ANNIVERSARIES

5.....Eric & Frances Goldstein
11.....Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch
14.....Dr. Arnold & Carole Dragon
16.....Rabbi Gerald R. & Sarah Fox
20.....Moe & Fay Lurie
21.....Jack & Lilyan Cralle
25.....Robert & Eileen Linzner
29.....Harvey & Karen Fern, Norman N. & Pearl Kaye

We NEED VOLUNTEERS

BINGO
starts
Thursday,
July 9
and every
Thursday
evening
from
7-8:30 p.m.
until
August 27.



All children ages 7 through 11 are welcome. Prizes and refreshments will be served. Parents are encouraged to join their children. We need help. Call the office at 266-0403 to volunteer.

Jamie Satz
Chairman

July Yahrzeits

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| <p>7/1 Bernie Cohen <i>in memory of his brother, Daniel Cohen</i>
Martha Cohen <i>in memory of her brother-in-law, Daniel Cohen</i></p> <p>7/3 Jacqueline & Fred Fabel <i>in memory of Fred's mother, Ruth Fabel</i></p> <p>7/4 Alan Simon, Esq. <i>in memory of his father, Paul Simon</i></p> <p>7/5 Aaron & Joan Grossman <i>in memory of Aaron's brother, Dr. Leon Grossman</i>
Thelma Zuckerman <i>in memory of her father, Irving Semel</i></p> <p>7/8 Dr. Robert Schwab <i>in memory of his mother, Sophie Schwab</i>
Burton & Ruth Weiss <i>in memory of Burton's father, Robert Weiss</i></p> <p>7/9 Warren Heymann & Rhonda Schnur <i>in memory of Warren's brother, Andrew Heymann</i></p> <p>7/10 Joshua & Elaine Shapiro <i>in memory of Joshua's father, Sidney Shapiro</i></p> <p>7/11 Bernard & Norma Gittelman <i>in memory of Norma's mother, Sonia Cohen</i>
Howard & Debbie Schlesinger <i>in memory of Howard's grandfather, Sol Schlesinger</i></p> <p>7/12 Sue Goldstein <i>in memory of her father, George Lipson</i></p> <p>7/14 Debbie & Gail Coplein <i>in memory of their father, Dr. Leonard Coplein</i>
Ellie Risso <i>in memory of her friend, Harry Fishman</i>
Linda Hahn <i>in memory of her father, B. Max Klevit</i></p> <p>7/15 Howard & Myrna Levin <i>in memory of their son, Daniel Levin</i>
Arnie & Lory Schuster <i>in memory of Arnie's father, Karl Schuster</i></p> <p>7/16 Janis Murphy <i>in memory of her father, Bernard Milstein</i></p> <p>7/18 John Spinrad <i>in memory of his step-grandfather, David Frankel</i>
Dr. Eli & Nancy Zucker <i>in memory of their sister-in-law, Freyda Zucker</i></p> <p>7/20 Mitchell & Mina Kramer <i>in memory of their son-in-law, Donald Mathew Aronow</i></p> <p>7/21 Gregory & Bella Royzman <i>in memory of Gregory's mother, Faina Lorman</i></p> <p>7/23 Albert & Barbara Dragon <i>in memory of Barbara's step-father, Max Hyman</i></p> <p>7/25 Michael & Marcia Kurland <i>in memory of Michael's grandmother, Gussie Kurland</i></p> | <p>7/26 Michael & Carol Albert <i>in memory of Michael's mother, Sarah Albert</i>
Bruce & Dee Bortner <i>in memory of Bruce's father, Benjamin Bortner</i>
Jack Fishman</p> <p>7/27 Ronald & Shelley Miller <i>in memory of Ronald's wife, Phyllis Miller</i></p> <p>7/29 Beverly Rosendorf <i>in memory of her father, Sol Rosendorf</i>
Seymour & Norma Trachtman <i>in memory of Seymour's father, Nathan Trachtman</i>
Ira & Toby Waller <i>in memory of Ira's father, Sidney Waller</i></p> <p>7/31 Gerald & Norma Wexler <i>in memory of Gerald's father, Benjamin Wexler</i></p> |
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SHABBAT ON THE BEACH
Fabulous, fantastic, fun and most of all spiritually uplifting.

These were some of the comments voiced by the over 64 people who attended this very special Shabbat at Michael and Cheryl Guterman's house on June 12.

Rabbi Fox led a moving service on the beach and even the clouds parted as if on cue to reveal the sunset as we turned and welcomed in the Sabbath. The food, the company, the inspiring service were very well received. This event is well worth repeating.

Special thanks to the Guterman's for the use of their beautiful home, their efforts and their generous support. You helped make this event one that will be long remembered.



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Sincere sympathy to Leonard & Marsha Goldenberg on the loss of Leonard's mother, Yetta Goldenberg, who passed away June 8th.

General Donations

Leon & Harriet Ackovitz

Eileen & Daniel-Paul Alva in memory of Eileen's mother, Matilda Keiser

Bruce & Dee Bortner – *Birthday and get well wishes to* Hilda Washburn.

General Donations in Honor of Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin's 60th Wedding Anniversary

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Anita Erman

Helen Goldstein

Elaine & Art Pescoe

Get Well

Pearl Kaye, Sari Levin, Shirley Schreiber, Marvin Siegel, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)

Leaf on the Tree of Life

Purchased by **David & Faye Kahn** in honor of Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Message Card

From **Mitchell & Mina Kramer**: *Congratulations to* Dr. Joe and Betty Chaikin on their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Board elections will be held Sunday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. Volunteer to be president. The Board promises to help you completely. Other offices are open.



Library Fund

Burt & Lorraine Stolove in memory of David Fertman, brother of Arlene Schneider; and *get well wishes to* their sister-in-law, Marilyn Stolove.

Lill & Ron Shender in honor of Joe and Betty Chaikin's 60th Wedding Anniversary; and *happy birthday wishes to* Cheryl Guterman on her special day.

Yahrzeit Donations

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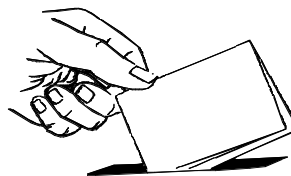
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Jacqueline & Fred Fabel in memory of Fred's mother, Ruth Fabel

Estelle & David Silver in memory of Estelle's father, Samuel Waltzer



NOMINATIONS

We are accepting nominations for the 2009-2010 Executive and General Board.

Many of our officers are retiring. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please call the office at 266-0403.

JOIN THE TEAM! SERVE AND PROTECT! (It's not only the Marines who need a few good men.) **WE NEED YOU!**

Lill Shender

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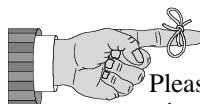
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