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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

June 9, 2007

(Followed by
Kiddush luncheon)

***Note: This month's
luncheon will be
honoring Idie Benjamin
for her long time
dedication to our

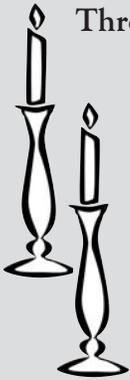
Temple. Idie is moving to New
York. We will miss you girl!

Torah Study before
services at 9 a.m.

Board Meeting

Sunday, June 10, 10 a.m.

All Welcome



RABBI'S COLUMN

The Story Goes On Forever

During a recent viewing of the movie "Stranger than Fiction," I found myself deeply moved by one character's simple words of wisdom. Dustin Hoffman's character, a professor of literature, tells the protagonist played by Will Ferrell, "I'm sorry, . . . but it is the nature of all tragedies: the hero dies, but the story goes on forever."

Both literally and figuratively, this statement is a great truth of life. People come and go. They travel in and out of circles of connection; personal, social, familial, political, and even religious. And so it is with synagogues. People move to a place and move away; they join, or at least engage with, a congregation and then they leave. It is the nature of Jewish life in America for the last 60 years, at least, that few people remain members of any synagogue community for more than 15 years. It is a blessing, then, that Temple Beth Shalom has so many members who have stayed with the congregation for as long as they have, especially when you consider the dynamic changes that have occurred within our shul by the sea over the last 15 years – from JCC only to shul and from lay only to Rabbinic leadership.

And as your new "-ish" Rabbi, I think it is time to take stock of where we've been and begin to look with excitement and joy at where we are headed. To that end, several months ago I suggested that TBS hold a "Weekend of Renewal and Renaissance," as I called it, to recall fondly our community's past and to explore our exciting future. Temple Beth Shalom has been very fortunate to have had such giving members and such distinguished Rabbinic leadership to guide it to this day and I am looking forward to partnering with each of you to help ensure that our future is even brighter than our past.

That is why I am inviting you to join us during the weekend of July 13-15, when we hope to have an interesting speaker on Friday evening, a special Shabbat service and luncheon on Saturday, and a social function either Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon. During and after our luncheon, I will lead those present in a discussion that will better help us build a shared vision for Temple Beth Shalom as we move forward. Your input is not only helpful but it is essential. As anyone who has contributed to building a family or a business or an organization knows well, to arrive at where we'd like to be in two years (or even five years) requires us to begin planning and moving on those plans today.

Separate from this special Shabbat weekend in July, I encourage you to join us for services each Friday evening this Summer, as I begin an informal education series to help those who have forgotten a Hebrew letter or two or never learned a single one. Each week's services will be "sponsored" by letters from the Hebrew "Aleph Bet" and we'll take a few moments during services to learn together those letters, a few words, and some fascinating ideas.

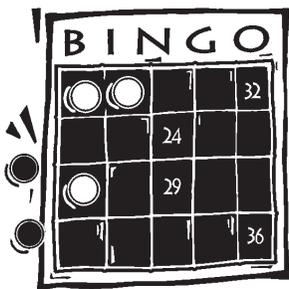
Who knows where this exciting venture will lead us? Let us keep in mind that what we do in life may not always make us the hero, but we can always be a part of the story. Whether it is learning a little Hebrew or offering ideas or spiritual support to your fellow Jews, "the story goes on forever," both for the Jewish people and the community of Jews from Brigantine and beyond!

It is my hope that you will join me either now or in the future as we learn from each other, grow with each other, and "setz" (sit awhile) with each other.

May each of us be blessed to know the comfort of contributing to and belonging to such a righteous endeavor!



CHILDREN'S BINGO



Starts July 5 and 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.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



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Temple Beth Shalom...*

Services sponsored by
Hebrew letters!

*Come learn one,
come learn all!*



From June through
August, *Erev Shabbat*

Yahrzeit Donations

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Bruce & Dee Bortner *in memory of Bruce's mother, Henrietta Bortner*

Ida Levin *in memory of her father-in-law, Herman Levin*

President's Corner

I am having trouble writing this month's column. Why you ask?

After coming off the May high that highlighted Sam Martelli's Bar Mitzvah (fantastic), Aliza Caplan's Bat Mitzvah (fabulous), wonderful Shavout/Yiskor Services, my grandson's graduation from the University of Maryland, I awoke to the sad fact that we have NO slate for the coming year.

The nomination sheet that went out in last month's newsletter was for the most part ignored by the entire congregation (2 responses). Yes, I lost my bet. The skeptics won.

We are at a crossroads people! It is imperative that we get you to fill in the vacant positions.

This synagogue does not run on automatic pilot. It takes a lot of time and effort to keep things running smoothly. The old guard is almost all gone. We need you to step up and fill their places. Even if you cannot take on a large roll, you can assume a smaller one. If everyone helps just a little, we will get the job done.

Call me! We'll talk!

Lill Shender

Co-President, 609-264-9347

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN HERE!

It came as a total shock to the community. The Congregation had been so strong and viable for so many years. It started in the homes of its founders and ultimately grew into a new home in a spot by the sea. It was the host for hundreds of community functions, Ecumenical Services, Sales, BBQ, Thursday night Bingo for Kids, hundreds of brunches, dinners, lunches, parties, galas all took place there.

Three wonderful Rabbis, talented cantors, community leaders, bingo callers all filled the place. It gave over 50 years of service to the community and the faithful. It was a place of laughter, hugs, kisses, handshakes and prayers and it closed its doors.

How can this be??? Why did this happen???

Some say it was apathy that killed it. Some said the members did not care anymore. Some said it was a lack of commitment. Some said they were just too lazy and their sense of community had died. Maybe it was "let the next guy do it" mentality. Goodbye dear synagogue, goodbye!

Well we cannot let this happen! You must be prepared to make an effort to stop this scenario. Call 609-266-0403

Barry Bornstein

Co-President



Dear Diane and All of My Friends
at Temple Beth Shalom:

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. They are so long lasting in many ways. The colors are still vibrant and the memories of thoughtfulness perpetual. Everyone's good thoughts have come my way and my recovery is going well.

Love to all,
Jamie (Satz)

Simchas

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2.....Albert Dragon | 19.....Martin N. Freedman, |
| 4.....Andrea Abramowitz | Norman N. Kaye |
| 5.....Helen Hanish | 20.....Donald Hoffrichter |
| 6.....Jack Cralle, Maryl Elfant | 21.....Jody H. Caplan |
| 7.....Gene Blum | 23.....Ronald L. Shender |
| 8.....Sarah K. Chaikin, | 27.....Ronald P. Massonova, |
| Dr. Jeffrey Delson | Carol Serotta |
| 9.....Gregory Royzman | 28.....Rhoda Bermon |
| 12.....Dr. Linda Baum | 30.....Gary Jastrow, |
| 13.....Cheryl Guterman | Dr. Martin Millison |
| 16.....Norma Wexler | |

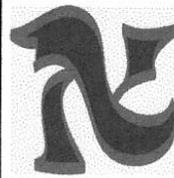
ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5..... | Allen & Natalie Abramowitz, |
| | Jonathan S. & Jody H. Caplan |
| 8..... | Dr. Martin & Linda Millison |
| 9..... | Ronald L. & Susan Panitch |
| 10..... | Bruce & Dolores Bortner |
| 12..... | Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin |
| 13..... | Bernard & Norma Gittelman |
| 17..... | Arnie & Lory Schuster |
| 18..... | Dr. Harry & Sarah Chaikin, Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern |
| 20..... | Marvin & Meryl Elfant, Aaron & Joan Grossman |
| 24..... | Drs. Robert A. & Roberta Ball, |
| | Rabbi & Mrs. David Maharam |
| 25..... | Albert & Barbara Dragon |
| 26..... | Norman & Pearl Reiff |
| 28..... | Gerald & Lillian Raske |

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

For May

- Friday, May 4 Lill & Ron Shender in memory of Lill's mother, Evelyn Harrison
- Friday, May 11 Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin in memory of Joe's mother, Katie Chaikin
- Saturday, May 12 Wendy Martelli in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Samuel Martelli;
- And, Leon & Harriet Ackovitz in memory of their aunt and uncle, Rosa & Bernard Foster;
- And, Howard & Janis Rosenberg in memory of their parents, Louis & Seena Rosenberg and Henry Miller
- Friday, May 18 Jonathan & Jody Caplan & Family in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Aliza Caplan
- Friday, May 25 Helen Hanish in memory of her husband, Monroe "Hank" Hanish



Coming this Summer to Temple Beth Shalom...

Services sponsored by Hebrew letters!

Come learn one, come learn all!



From June through August, Erev Shabbat

CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

These announcements were found in London Temple newsletters and bulletins. Even spell check couldn't help.



Don't let worry kill you. Let your synagogue help.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our congregation.

We are pleased to announce the birth of David Weiss, the son of Rabbi and Mrs. Abe Weiss.

Thursday at 3, there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All women wishing to become Little Mothers please see the rabbi in his private study.

The ladies of Hadassah have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the basement on Tuesdays.

A bean supper will be held Wednesday evening in the community center. Music will follow.

The Associate Rabbi unveiled the synagogue's new fundraising campaign slogan this week: "I Upped My Pledge. Up Yours."

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the JCC. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

June Yahrzeits

- 6/1 Joseph Harris *in memory of his father, Leo Harris*
Gary & Myrna Jastrow *in memory of Myrna's mother, Mary Levin*
Howard & Myrna Levin *in memory of Howard's mother, Rose Levin*
- 6/4 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of Ronald's mother, Selma Bermon*
Gerald & Barbara Pepper *in memory of Barbara's brother, Elliott J. Rosman*
Stephen D. & Jamie M. Satz *in memory of Steve's father, Joseph Satz*
- 6/5 Richard Tolk *in memory of his mother, Lillian Schlessinger*
Annette Lipsky *in memory of her uncle, Philip Segal*
- 6/6 Joseph H. Besse *in memory of his grandmother, Sylvia Mesraue*
- 6/7 Eugene & Ann Hyatt *in memory of Ann's brother, Norman Averett*
Solomon & Vera Getz *in memory of Vera's mother, Shirley Greenberg*
- 6/8 David W. & Estelle Silver *in memory of Estelle's father, Samuel Waltzer*
- 6/11 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of Barbara's uncle, Morris Lonsky*
Dr. Martin 8i Linda Millison *in memory of Linda's aunt, Vivian Rabineau*
- 6/12 Daniel & Marlene Jenkins *in memory of Marlene's mother, Bella Small*
- 6/13 Ronald L. & Susan Panitch *in memory of Susan's mother, Rose Davis*
- 6/14 Helen Spinrad *in memory of her husband, Milton Lapayowker*
Gerald & Norma Wexler *in memory of Norma's father, Harry Lichtig*
- 6/15 Stanley & Judith Levick *in memory of Stanley's mother, Mary Levick*
- 6/16 Eugene & Ann Hyatt *in memory of Ann's father, Jacob Averett*
Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of Albert's father, Samuel Dragon*
Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of Trudy's sister, Ellen Frunzi*
Ronald L. & Susan Panitch *in memory of Ron's father, Max Panitch*
Mildred Richmond *in memory of her brother-in-law, William Richmond*
- 6/17 Ronald & Rhoda Ben-non *in memory of Rhoda's mother, Esther Boyer Altaker*
Saul & Nancy Grossman *in memory of Saul's mother, Lena Grossman*
Linda Hahn *in memory of her father-in-law, Isidor Hahn*
- 6/19 Ida Levin *in memory of her father-in-law, Herman Levin*
- 6/20 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of Aaron's mother, Sylvia Grossman*
Marvin & Irene I. Siegel *in memory of Marvin's father, Ben Siegel*
Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein *in memory of Stephen's father, Irving Weinstein*
- 6/21 Bruce & Dolores Bortner *in memory of Bruce's mother, Henrietta Bortner*
Lawrence G. & Karen Metzger *in memory of Lawrence's mother, Bertha S. Metzger*
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of their aunt, Selma Omer*
Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of Eileen's father, Morris Rogovin*
- 6/23 Howard & Debbie Schlesinger *in memory of Emma Schlesinger*
- 6/24 Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of Ellen's mother, Miriam Kaplan*
- 6/25 Bernie & Morry Cohen and Frank & Martha Cohen *in memory of their brother, Daniel Cohen*
- 6/27 Jacqueline & Fred Fabel *in memory of Fred's mother, Ruth Fabel*
- 6/28 Alan Simon *in memory of his father, Paul Simon*
- 6/29 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of Aaron's brother, Leon Grossman*
Thelma Zuckerman *in memory of her father, Irving Semel*

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Larry & Diane Hatoff** on the birth of their new Granddaughter, **Jessica Mayah**.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Sam Martelli**, son of **Wendy Martelli**, who made his Bar Mitzvah on May 12th.
Mazel Tov!

Congratulations and best wishes to **Aliza Caplan**, daughter of **Jonathan & Jody Caplan**, who made her Bat Mitzvah on May 19th. *Mazel Tov!*

Congratulations to **Edith Krimstock**. She was honored by AARP with a certificate and a pin for 15 years of service for preparing income taxes for the elderly.

Congratulations to **Lil & Ron Shender** on the graduation of their grandson, **Joseph**, who graduated from the University of Maryland.

Best wishes to **Shirley Schreiber** in her new home in Voorhees, N.J.

Best wishes to **Sol & Vera Getz** in their new summer home in Washington State.

Condolences

Deepest sympathy to **Gerald & Norma Wexler** on the passing of their friend, **Oscar Wenick**.

Deepest sympathy to **Karen Sederholm** on the death of her friend, **Fawn Brazo**, who passed away on April 6th.

General Donations

Elaine Berkowitz, DMD, for spending Yizkor Services with us on April 10th

Gerald & Norma Wexler in memory of their friend, **Oscar Wenick**

Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch

Donald & Phyllis Hoffrichter

Idie Benjamin in honor of **Sam Martelli's** Bar Mitzvah

Welcome Back

Burt & Lorraine Stolove have returned to the island after wintering in Arizona. Good to have them back!

Get Well

Gene Blum, Nancy Clancy, Morry Cohen, Sol Getz, Robert Glick, Helen Hanish, Charles A. Hirsch, Pearl Kaye, Rachel Layton (wife of John Layton), Myrna Levin, 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

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Meet Sarah Fox

It's amazing how time flies. It is already a year since Rabbi Fox joined us at Temple Beth Shalom and he has become a fixture here. We have had a wonderful opportunity to shmooze with him, to pray with him, and, for some, to receive his pastoral care. We have all experienced his warmth, knowledge and humor over the last year and we are lucky to have him with us.

But what about his wife, Sarah? She has been such a wonderful addition to our services and has generously given of her time and energy to attend many events at Temple Beth Shalom. We thought it would be nice to get to know her a little better too, since she is the person who makes it possible for Rabbi Fox to be with us.

How many of you have been to Canada? Probably a lot of us. Sure, lots of us have been to Montreal, Quebec City or Toronto, but have you even heard of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan?!

Rabbi Fox's wife, Sarah, was raised in the Canadian Province of Saskatchewan, which is way out west above North Dakota and Montana! She grew up in Saskatoon, the largest city in the Province, and continued living there until she moved to the U.S. to marry Rabbi Fox in her late 20s. With a population of more than 230,000, the city accounts for about one quarter of the population in a province that is the size of Texas – Sarah remembers both the city and the empty wilderness around it fondly.

Though she spent most of her life in Canada, Sarah was actually born in the States and moved there when she was just a baby and her father was appointed as a Professor of Music at the University of Saskatchewan. He retired early in the 1990s to pursue his training as a composer and his works are performed around the world. Sarah's mother just retired last year as an elementary school teacher and music teacher. You can see where Sarah gets her musical ability from!

Sarah went to the University of Saskatchewan to study music, even taking a couple of classes from her father. She promises that she had to work hard for her good grades and insists that her choice to

change her major to Religion was unrelated. While a student, Sarah became more and more active in the Jewish students' group on campus and in her local synagogue. With only about 180 households in the shul, it was important for everyone to pitch in.

After graduating from University, Sarah began working with many Jewish endeavors in Saskatoon: She was the first Jewish Chaplain in the University's history, and was involved with the B'nai B'rith youth group as well as teaching Hebrew School for several years in the shul. She is most proud of her efforts at the University, where keeping the 75 Jewish students connected to their Jewishness was not always easy. Through her efforts, she was able to double the attendance at many events.

Being Jewish in such a remote and overwhelmingly Christian city is not easy, and Sarah has many humorous memories of her experiences there. One of which has to do with her attendance at a graduate class on Jewish-Christian relationships directed at people interested in one day becoming pastors. As the only Jew in the class, Sarah was dumbfounded when one of the students could not understand why Jews did not accept Jesus as their savior given that he was a Jew! She had a lot of explaining to do . . .

Sarah has worked as an Executive Director of two synagogues since her arrival in the States, and presently works for Moving Traditions, an organization that offers programs to help make Judaism meaningful and alive in Jews of all flavors, from secular to Orthodox. Their flagship program is called, "Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!" This program reaches out to teenage girls both to build their self-esteem and their connection to Judaism.

Sarah says that she is proud of her husband's work and feels honored to be accepted as she has been at Temple Beth Shalom.

Well, Sarah, we are proud that you are a part of our community and that you and Rabbi Fox found each other – it is clearly a wonderful *Shidduch* for you and for us.

Betty Chaikin,
Reporter for TBS



**LET'S GET
BUSY!!!
THE ANNUAL
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BAZAAR AND
BARBECUE**

**Sunday,
August 19
9 AM**

Please call us now and sign up for as much time as you can give us. We need workers for the night before to set up the tables

(10 should do it). It will only take about 2 hours. For the day of the Bazaar we must have at least 15 to 20 people to man the tables and help the customers. If you can't stay all day, at least give us a couple hours. Consider this a day of fun and pro activity.

We will be accepting your goodies now. We need kitchen items, books, linens, wall hangings and pictures, toys, jewelry, tools (not rusted), lamps, vases, household goods, etc. All in good condition of course. If you are redecorating your house, room or if you are planning to move, we can use what you cannot use.

You can do better donating your items to us, as we will give you a letter for your records so that you can claim a tax deduction. Sure is easier than having a garage sale!

Don't forget the barbeque! As always and participate! Again we'll need your help.

Call Edith at 266-2018 or the Temple office in the mornings 10 a.m.-12 noon to make arrangements to drop off and volunteer.

Edith Krimstock
Chairman





You are cordially invited to attend
a program

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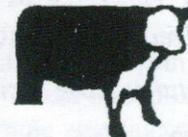
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