# MISHPOCHEH

Temple Beth Shalom 🌣 Brigantine Jewish Community Center

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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 14, 2008 • 10 a.m.

(Followed by Kiddush luncheon)

Torah Study before services at 9 a.m.

Board Meeting
NOTE!! This month's board
meeting will be held on
Monday evening, June 2
at 7 p.m.
due to Father's Day

### Shavuot/Yizkor Services

June 10, 2008 • 10 a.m.

Light lunch to follow services

We must have at least
10 people for the service
to go on. Please call the
office and let us know if you
will be in attendance.

# MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

Are you celebrating a special day, honoring someone or remembering a loved one?

A good way to do this is to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat on a Friday night or a Saturday Kiddush Luncheon. It will make you feel good and will help your synagogue carry on this time honored tradition.

For only \$25 for a Friday night or \$100 for a Saturday luncheon, this has got to be the biggest bargain on the planet! Call Diane at 266-0403 and make your intentions known.

### RABBI'S COLUMN

### Counting Ourselves In

For those of us who are able to remember as children or as parents (or even as grandparents) the intersection of children's programming and Public Television, the traversing of the distance between Pesach and Shavuot is best described by a small black and white muppet laughing with the joy of learning. "One . . . ah, ah, ah; two . . . ah, ah, ah; three . . . ah, ah, ah!" The muppet known as "The Count" – a humorous overt homage to Count Dracula – has taught generations of children the importance of being able to count and the powerful knowledge of quantifiable things.

In an even more powerful way, we are taught the same lesson as adults when we count the Omer from the second night of Pesach until the day before Shavuot. By saying the blessing and by counting the intervening days between one holiday and another, we share in the experience of our ancestors. On Pesach, we commemorate our ancestors' freedom and by doing so we honor our freedom. On Shavuot, however, we give value to that freedom by affirming our acceptance of our holy Torah, traditionally known as the day that our ancestors stood at Sinai to receive the same Jewish Law that guides our lives today.

So, what does it mean for us to count the days? We count not only to remind ourselves that each day matters not only in and of itself as another day that we are alive and free, but that our lives matter more, that we can raise the meaning of our daily human experience to something that connects us to the Divine in the Universe. All life is

precious, but our tradition, especially the counting of the Omer, teaches us that our lives hold greater



meaning when we live in deliberate (some might say, "holy") ways.

Great lessons can be learned from even a bundle of cloth and felt glued together and given a voice – what we do to mark our time on this earth is what determines whether we "count." It is in the climbing of this mountain of time – the 49 days of the Omer – that allows us to be in the right frame of mind to receive the Torah as OUR Torah and to see the world from a new perspective.

It is my wish for each of you that you be blessed to see the world differently this Shavuot and that your counting brings you a new appreciation of our beloved Jewish traditions.

See you on the mountain-top – *Hag Sameach!* 

### Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



# The Third Annual Rabbi Sanford H. Habn Memorial Recture Series

will be beld on Friday night, July 25, 2008 at 8 p.m. Following services and our speaker, there will be an extended Oneg.

RESERVE NOW!

# "Rabbi Fox Makes a Showing!

Our own Rabbi Fox was asked by the South Jersey Board of Rabbis and Cantors to fulfill the important role of offering the closing Benediction at the Atlantic and Cape May Counties Jewish Community Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Israel's Founding, held on Sunday, May 18th. Rabbi Fox's words raised the spirits of the hundreds of celebration participants, despite the cold and rain (which seemed to let up just in time for Rabbi Fox's words). With a hearty response to Rabbi Fox's call for support for Israel, the crowd was clearly moved by his words and enthusiasm. A "shout out" goes to Michael and Cheryl Guterman and their grandchild for keeping Rabbi Fox and his wife, Sarah, company during the parade and ceremonies at the ball field on Jerome Avenue."

# General Donations

Marvin & Irene Siegel for Yizkor

# General Donations in Memory of Morray Cohen

Michael & Carol Albert, Eugene Blum & Judy Blum-Crawford, Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch, Bernie Cohen, Sylvia Leibowitz, Selma & Mickey Rosenblum

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Joshua & Elaine Shapiro

# Brass Plaque

Purchased by Bernie Cohen in loving memory of his dear wife, Morray Cohen

# Leaf on the Tree of Life

Purchased by Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva to honor the birth of their granddaughter, Lauren Elise Alva, born April 14, 2008

# Presidents' Column

Hip Hip Hooray! Again. Hip Hip Hooray! Looks like summer is finally going to arrive after a cold, wet (very wet) Spring. We are looking forward to everyone returning to the Island.

We have planned some exciting things for June starting with the Renewal and Rededication BBQ on June 8 and all we need to make things happen is YOU.

Speaking of YOU, you will be receiving in the mail a congregational survey. It is very important that you fill it out and return the survey to the office asap. This survey will enable us to plan your Temple experience to be more meaningful and enjoyable so that you will want to participate more often.

I look forward to seeing you and renewing our relationship.

Come to Services, to our BBQ, to our lecture series (#3) and our bazaar. JUST COME!

### Lill Shandar, President SEASHUL.ORG



This is our fantastic, beautiful and very informative website. Be sure to check out the calendar of events to stay up-to-date on what's happening!

Remember ....you can use PayPal to charge your

dues, your donations or anything else you would like! Visit your website!

### Condolences

Deepest sympathy to Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein on the passing of Steve's mother, Elsie Rosenblatt Deepest sympathy to Davalene and David Hirsch on the passing of Davalene's daughter and David's sister, Rebecca Hirsch

# Message Card

From Dr. Stephen & Rosalvn Weinstein: Deepest sympathy to Bernie Cohen on the passing of his wife, Morray Cohen

From Ron & Lill Shender:

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# Get Well

Milton Berkes, Gene Blum, Nathan Dratch, Robert Glick, Saul Grossman, Pearl Kaye, Rachel Layton (wife of John Layton), Evelyn Rothstein, Andrew Schneider (brother of Stolove's daughter-in-law), Burt Stolove, Lorraine Stolove, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender), Jennifer Zuckerman.



June

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

2Albert Dragon,
Dorothy Grayson
4Andrea Abramowitz
5Helen Hanish
6Jack Cralle, Meryl Elfant
7Gene Blum
8Sarah K. Chaikin,
Dr. Jeffrey Delson
9Gregory Royzman
12Dr. Linda Baum
13Cheryl Guterman

16Le	eslie Tuerk, Norma Wexler
19	Martin N. Freedman,
	Norman N. Kaye
20	Donald Hoffrichter
21	Jody H. Caplan
23	Ronald L. Shender
27	Ronald P. Massanova,
	Carol Serotta
28	Rhoda Bermon
30	Sue E. Goldstein,
	Dr. Martin Millison

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

5	Jonathan S. & Jody H. Caplan
	Dr. Martin & Linda Millison
9	Ronald L. & Susan Panitch
10	Bruce & Dolores Bortner
12.	Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin
13.	Bernard & Norma Gittelman
17	Stanford J. & Rosalie Lieberman, Arnie & Lory Schuster
18.	Dr. Harry L. & Sarah K. Chaikin, Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern
20.	Marvin & Meryl Elfant, Aaron & Joan Grossman
	.Drs. Robert A. & Roberta Ball, Rabbi & Mrs. David Maharam
25.	Albert & Barbara Dragon
26	Allan & Andrea Abramowitz
27	Norman & Pearl Reiff

# Brigantine's 11th Annual Holocaust Memorial Program

June 18 & 19 • 7 p.m. Brigantine Library

"JANKA" – This play, which has been performed throughout the United States and the United Kingdom, is the story of Janka Festinger, a Holocaust survivor, who near the end of her life, struggled to relate her experiences in the concentration camps to her son. Son and playwright, Oscar Speace, states that her story "demonstrates the humanity we all share." Janice Noga, Janka's daughter-in-law, brings her back to life in a very moving performance.

Because of the play's popularity, there will be two performances on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, June 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. at the Brigantine Library. Admission is free, but due to limited seating, reservations are absolutely required. CALL THE LIBRARY TO RESERVE (609) 266-0110.

A dessert buffet will follow each performance.

Gloria Jacoby
Chairperson

# Thank You

To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

For May

Friday, May 2 Harry Fishman

in memory of Harry's mother, Esther Fishman

Friday, May 9 Ron & Lill Shender

*in honor of* their son Barry's birthday and *in memory of* Lill's mother, Evelyn Harrison

Saturday, May 10 Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova in memory of their aunt, Lenore Yudof

Friday, May 16 Herbert & Rita Axelrad

in memory of Herbert's mother, Ruth Axelrad

<u>Friday, May 23</u> **Joseph H. & Beverlee Reiter** *in memory of* Beverlee's mother, Sylvia Bearman

Friday, May 30 Sidney & Shirley Morgan in memory of Shirley's mother, Gertrude Neumann

# Let's Get Grilling

On Sunday, JUNE 8, 2008,
Temple Beth Shalom will be holding a
COMMITMENT AND RENEWAL
BBQ/PICNIC

to honor our new members, to welcome back our old members and to provide an opportunity for all members to renew their feelings of Jewish community and re-commit to our Temple.

We'll be starting off the summer season with an "all you can eat" BBQ/picnic in our parking lot under our tent. So it will be a rain (I hope not) or shine event, **1 to 4 p.m.** 

So come out and join all your friends and extended family. Good Food. Good Fun. Donation of \$10 per head. Less for children. Please call

Diane in the office at 609-266-0403 for reservations. Call NOW!

Josh Shapiro, Chairman



# June Mahrzeits

- 6/1 Sidney & Shirley Morgan in memory of Shirley's mother, Gertrude Neumann
- 6/2 Jack & Lilyan Cralle *in memory of* Jack's father, John Hutchinson Cralle, Sr. Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of* Linda's mother, Ethel Raichlen
- 6/3 Linda Hahn *in memory of* her grandmother, Bertha Haufman Ronald L. & Susan Panitch *in memory of* Susan's father, Irving Wallin
- 6/4 Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of* Norma's mother, Elsie Freidberg Howard A. & Janis B. Rosenberg *in memory of* Janis's father, Henry Miller Barbara Pearlman *in memory of* her husband, David Pearlman
- 6/6 Alan Simon in memory of his wife, Carol Simon
- 6/7 Burton & Ruth Weiss in memory of Burton's mother, Pauline Weiss
- 6/8 Thelma Zuckerman in memory of her father-in-law, Benjamin Zuckerman
- 6/9 Stanley & Judith Levick *in memory of* Judith's father, Arthur Goldman Marvin & Irene I. Siegel *in memory of* Marvin's mother, Gertrude Siegel
- 6/10 Annette Lipsky in memory of her grandmother, Fannie Labkow
- 6/11 Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin *in memory of* Dr. Joe's mother, Katie Chaikin Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Joan's grandmother, Anna Goldberg
- 6/12 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Barbara's aunt, Sophie Lonsky Janis C. Murphy *in memory of* her son, Andrew Milstein Murphy Howard A. & Janis B. Rosenberg *in memory of* Howard's father, Louis Rosenberg
- 6/13 Debbie & Gail Coplein in memory of their grandfather, Harry Coplein
- 6/14 Milton & Phyllis Berkes in memory of Phyllis's father, Herman Gould
- 6/15 Helen Hanish in memory of her mother-in-law, Theresa Hanish
- 6/16 Helen Hanish *in memory of* her husband, Monroe "Hank" Hanish Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of* Seymour's mother, Hannah Katz Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Barbara's grandmother, Leah Lonsky
- 6/17 Susan T. & Leslie Tuerk in memory of Susan's father, William Taylor
- 6/18 Joseph Harris *in memory of* his father, Leo Harris Howard & Myrna Levin *in memory of* Howard's mother, Rose Levin
- 6/21 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
- 6/22 Richard Tolk *in memory of* his mother, Lillian Schlessinger Annette Lipsky *in memory of* her uncle, Philip Segal
- 6/23 Joseph H. Besse in memory of his grandmother, Sylvia Mesraue
- 6/24 Mark D. & Pearl B. Erdman *in memory of* Pearl's father, Samuel Blady Solomon & Vera Getz *in memory of* Vera's mother, Shirley Greenberg
- 6/25 David W. & Estelle Silver in memory of Estelle's father, Samuel Waltzer
- 6/28 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Barbara's uncle, Morris Lonsky Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of* Linda's aunt, Vivian Rabineau
- 6/30 Ronald L. & Susan Panitch in memory of Susan's mother, Rose Davis



It's not too early to gather together your donations for our

ANNUAL BAZAAR Sunday, August 17 9:30 a.m.

We will be 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. Sorry but we will not be accepting any clothing this year.

Edie Krimstock, Chairman

# Nahrzeit Donations

Eugene Blum in memory of his sister and Judy Blum-Crawford in memory of her aunt, Jessica Blum
Trudy & Cary Durant in memory of Trudy's sister, Ellen Frunzi
Joan & Aaron Grossman in memory of Joan's grandparents, Anna & Philip Goldberg
Gale Hoffman in memory of her aunt, Virginia Goisman
Marvin & Irene Siegel in memory of Marvin's mother, Gertrude Siegel
Norma & Seymour Trachtman in memory of Norma's mother, Elsie Freidberg
Norma & Seymour Trachtman in memory of their friend, Carole Kramer
Burton & Ruth Weiss in memory of Burton's mother, Pauline Weiss
Thelma Zuckerman in memory of her mother, Nettie Semel

# The Mitzvah of Maot Hittin

On behalf of all of those Jews in need of assistance to observe Pesach, as well as those non-Jews who need help feeding themselves, I want to thank the following people who participated in the Mitzvah of *Maot Hittin* (donating to others during the Passover season). We were able to raise almost twice the amount raised last year, which says a lot about this community and the generosity of its members.

Michael and Carol Albert Bernie Cohen Harry Fishman Norton and Gloria Freedman Tina and Marty Freedman Henry and Gloria Jacoby Norman and Pearl Kaye Janis Murphy Lillian and Ron Shender David and Estelle Silver Harvey and Diane Steiner Joseph Weinstein Stephen and Rosalyn Weinstein



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to all Temple Beth Shalom members
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