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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
May 10, 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
Sunday, May 4
10 a.m.
due to Mother's Day**

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or remembering a loved one?*

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RABBI'S COLUMN

The Business of Second Chances

I cannot tell you how many people come up to me and ask "What does Judaism think about . . . ?" or "What is the right way to . . . ?" or "What is the Jewish way to . . . ?" - what is lost in any answer that I could possibly give in most cases is that Judaism, as a pretty firm rule (!), makes room for real life. That is, for me, a large part of its power: Judaism does not ask us to conform to some heavenly realm but rather asks us to bring a little of Heaven into this often less-than-perfect existence.

How do we do that . . . what do we know of Heaven? We can only know God by the holy moments we experience in our lives. Often cluttered by meaningless and turgid details, our lives can seem to be set in a desert of holiness, so much so that even the word itself seems scary or foreign to us. I assure you, however, that our lives are filled with holy moments only waiting for us to notice them.

And so, as is often the case, our own Jewish calendar gives us a reminder of how we might recapture meaning, holiness, and even happiness in the little known holiday we encounter this month: Pesach Sheni (Second Passover). Fixed in our year cycle as far back as the Torah itself, Pesach Sheni allowed for those who could not celebrate the Passover sacrifice on the appointed day to do so exactly one month later.

The message is clear: Second chances matter. If God gave us a mechanism for second chances, then we can do no less than offer the same to each other.

And here is the simplest way to bring a little more holiness into our lives: In the month ahead, let's set aside a regular day and time each week to examine our lives (nothing too in-depth, just a close look will do). When we take a second look at our lives, perhaps making a course correction or two, we increase the opportunity for holiness, for love, for a higher (and happier) frame of reference to permeate our very being.

Our tradition, our way, as Jews is to provide second chances for those who could not perform "as they should." This may not be a popular position to hold in a world that seems increasingly willing to jettison anyone whose behavior slips below our expectations for them. I ask in response: Can we do any less when we see how God treated our ancestors, a rebellious and stiff-necked people who quickly forgot the graciousness and blessings bestowed upon them? God made our ancestors into a nation despite their insolence and pettiness. When we are annoyed by or angry with a situation or a person, we might try to cultivate a greater sense of patience and forgiveness. No one is perfect, of course, but neither are we free from trying to be better tomorrow than we are today.

Pesach Sheni stands in our calendar as a reminder for us to say proudly: "As a Jew, I am in the business of second chances."



Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

Welcome New Members

Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva of Philadelphia and Brigantine

General Donations

Thelma Zuckerman in memory of Ann Baumgarten

Kenneth & Selma Rosenblum in memory of Joan Muller

Norman & Pearl Kaye

General Donations in Memory of Morray Cohen

Bruce & Dee Bortner

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Debbie Coplein

Burt & Lorraine Stolove

Dr. Eli & Nancy Zucker

Donations to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Janis Murphy

Congratulations

To Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva

on the birth of their granddaughter, **Lauren Elise**,
born April 14 in Arlington, Virginia

Leaf on the Tree of Life

Purchased by **Janis Murphy & Family**
in memory of their son, **Andrew**.

Condolences

Deepest sympathy to **Bernie Cohen**, on the passing of his
dear wife, **Morray Cohen**.

Deepest sympathy to **David & Estelle Silver** on the
passing of their nephew, **Steven Lichtman**.

Message Card

From **Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein**:

Get well wishes to **Lill Shender**

The following members have sent message cards with
their condolences to **Bernie Cohen** on the loss of his
beloved wife, **Morray**:

Mitchell & Mina Kramer

Howard & Myrna Levin

Ron & Lill Shender

Burt & Lorraine Stolove

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.

Presidents' Column

Well it happened again!... This time we had to cancel
our 2nd Night Passover Seder because of lack of
participation.

I am in a quandary. I just don't know in what direction
you want your synagogue to go. I need your help. What do
you want????????????????? Shall we just have services on
Friday nights? Saturday service once a month? Torah
study? Lectures? Social events? What?

We plan and put a great deal of effort, time and money
into these events. If this is not what you want, if this is not
what you are willing to support, then what is? I would
really, really like to know.

Please let me know your feelings, your suggestions and
your comments. I can be reached via our website
www.seashul.org or lhs1676@comcast.net

We are at the beginning of our summer season and have
planned many exciting events (at least we think so) but we
need your support! Without it all will be for naught.

To paraphrase JFK, "Ask not what your Synagogue can
do for you but what you can do for your Synagogue."

Lill Shender
President



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Linda Oram in memory of her mother, Esther Masket

Harry Fishman in memory of his father, Samuel Fishman

Ida Levin in memory of her father, Morris Lotstein

Joseph Harris in memory of his mother, Anna Harris

Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of

Albert's aunt, Rose Marcus

Aaron & Joan Grossman in memory of

Aaron's brother, David Grossman

David & Estelle Silver in memory of

Estelle's sister, Beverly Axman

Fred & Marlene Paul in memory of

Fred's father, Max Paul

Norman & Pearl Kaye in memory of their
daughter-in-law, Carol Brooks



BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1Roberta Ball | 15.....Barry Cogan |
| 7Ronald Bermon | 21Dr. Warren Heymann, |
| 8Moe Lurie, Burton Weiss | Dr. Rhonda Schnur, |
| 10.....Bruce Bortner, | Helen Spinrad |
| Jack Tarnopol | 24Sydelle Cohen |
| 11Afton Koontz | 26.....Bruce Nussbaum |
| 13Dr. Robert Schwab | 27Lilyan Cralle |
| 14.....Barbara Glaser, | 28.....Robert Linzner |
| Mina Kramer, | |
| Howard Schlesinger | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3Ronald & Jo-Ann Massonova |
| 27.....Howard & Carol Serotta |
| 28.....Milton & Phyllis Berkes |

SAVE THE DATE

Through a very generous grant from the Civic Foundation, Inc., the play

“Janka” will be presented as Brigantine’s 11th Annual Holocaust Memorial Program.

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 in Brigantine: **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.

A dessert buffet will follow each performance. Reservations will be accepted beginning in May. Please call the library at 609-266-0110. This event is coordinated by Gloria Jacoby, former President of Temple Beth Shalom and Chairperson of Brigantine’s Annual Holocaust Memorial Program.



Thank You

To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

For April

- Friday, April 4 **Debra & Laurence Berger**
in memory of Debra’s mother, Saundria Nager and her grandmother, Bella Hoffman
- Friday, April 11 **Albert & Barbara Dragon**
in memory of their uncle, Myer Moskowitz
- Saturday, April 12 **Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein**
in honor of their four wonderful grandchildren
- Friday, April 18 **No Oneg – Passover**
- Friday, April 25 **Linda Oram**
in memory of her mother, Esther Masket

Let’s Get Grilling

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

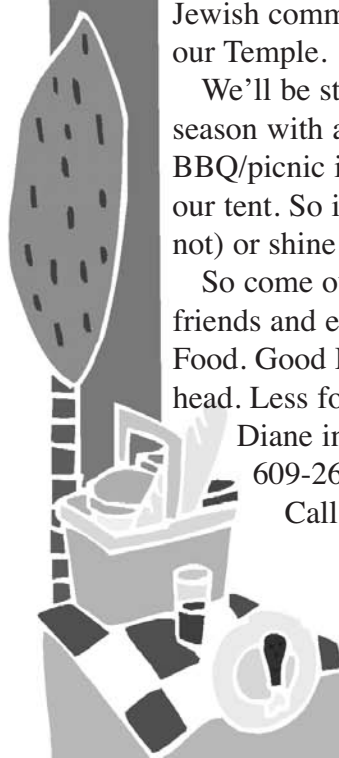
to honor our new members, to welcome back our old members and to provide an opportunity for all members to renew their feelings of Jewish community and re-commit to our Temple.

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 early!

Josh Shapiro,
Chairman



April Yahrzeits

- 5/5 Harry Fishman *in memory of his mother, Esther Fishman*
Leonard & Marsha Goldenberg *in memory of Marsha's mother, Claire Glider*
Carol & Howard Serotta *in memory of Carol's mother, Ceila Hecht*
Sylvia Leibowitz *in memory of her sister-in-law, Estelle Lungo*
Barbara Pearlman *in memory of her mother, Therese Salus*
- 5/6 John & Lena Elzufon *in memory of Lena's father, Albert Jacobs*
- 5/7 Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of Robert's father, Myer Linzner*
- 5/8 Ronald & Jo-Ann Massonova *in memory of Jo-Ann's aunt, Lenore Yudof*
- 5/9 Gene Blum and Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of Gene's sister and Judy's aunt, Jessica Frances Blum*
Susan Mintz *in memory of her mother-in-law, Lillian G. Mintz*
- 5/10 Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of Larry's father, Edwin Hatoff*
- 5/11 Amy Hammel *in memory of her father, Irving Lutin*
- 5/13 Barry & Sandy Cogan *in memory of Barry's mother, Hilda Cogan*
Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of their lifetime friend, Carole Kramer*
- 5/15 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of Rhoda's father, Solomon Boyer*
- 5/16 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of Joan's grandfather, Philip Goldberg*
- 5/18 Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum *in memory of Bruce's father, Marvin Nussbaum*
- 5/19 Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of Milton's father, Morris Berkes*
Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby *in memory of Henry's mother, Pearl Jacoby, and Gloria's father, Louis Yablonsky*
- 5/20 Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of Barry's father, Percy Savitz*
- 5/23 Philip Goisman and Gale Hoffman *in memory of Philip's stepmother and Gale's aunt, Virginia Goisman*
Thelma Zuckerman *in memory of her mother, Nettie Semel*
- 5/24 Stanley & Judith Levick *in memory of Stanley's father, Max Levick*
- 5/25 Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of her mother, Sylvia Bearman*
Sylvia Leibowitz *in memory of her uncle, Maurice Howard Leibowitz*
- 5/26 Mildred Richmond *in memory of brother, Albert Goldstein*
- 5/27 Henry & Janis Garson *in memory of Janis' mother, Lenora Goldstein*
- 5/28 Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of Lill's mother, Evelyn Harrison*
Howard & Janis Rosenberg *in memory of Howard's mother, Seena Rosenberg*
- 5/30 John & Lena Elzufon *in memory of Lena's brother, Jack Jacobs*
Sylvia Leibowitz *in memory of her aunt, Bertha Kanter*
- 5/31 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of their aunt & uncle, Rosa & Bernard Foster*
Amy Hammel *in memory of her mother, Rosalind Lutin*



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**if you have any
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arrangements. Sorry
but we will not be
accepting any clothing
this year.**

**Edie Krimstock,
Chairman**

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The Third Annual Rabbi Stanford Hahn Memorial Lecture Series

will be held on

Friday night, July 25, 2008 at 8 p.m.

Following services and our speaker, there will be an extended Oneg.

All are welcome.



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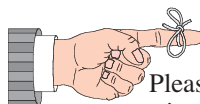
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