

# MISHPOCHEH

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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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## SERVICES



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

Light Refreshments

## Saturday Service

October 17 • 10 a.m.

## Sunday Board Meeting

October 18 • 10 a.m.

## Coming Events

Sunday, Monday

Tuesday,

Sept. 13, 14, 15

Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday & Wednesday,

Sept. 22 & 23

Yom Kippur

Break-the-Fast Dinner,  
7:45 pm

(Please refer to enclosed insert  
for complete schedule of services.)

Sunday, Sept. 27

Sukkah Construction,  
9:30am

Monday & Tuesday,

Sept. 28 & 29

Sukkot - Office Closed

Friday, Oct. 2

Shabbat Dinner in  
Sukkah, 6:30pm  
Installation of Officers

Monday, Oct. 5

Shemini Atzeret  
Yizkor Service, 10am  
Office Closed

Friday, Oct. 16

Rabbi Hahn  
Memorial  
Program  
8pm

## RABBI'S COLUMN

### *Is Distracted Living Unholy Living?*

How many of us feel obligated to multitask in our work lives or in our personal lives (or both)? I know that I do.

In fact, as the father of young twin (very active) boys, the greatest thing that I crave is contemplative connection. I want to spend personal, meaningful time with my sons and/or with my wife, but what I actually crave, what my spirit is drawn to, is the ability to make that connection without chaos. The way I imagine living a "holy life" involves deliberate choices that almost seem as if they are being made in slow motion and without the distractions and sound. And, they involve being aware of who I am and where I am in the universe.

Lately, I have been reminiscing about my youth when cousins or aunts and uncles, or just my immediate family, would gather at the table to play bridge or other card games and have tea and just talk. Invariably, there would be humor interwoven into more serious topics. I remember, as nearly always the youngest in the room, how much I enjoyed learning about life from those around the table. I'm sure I am not alone in feeling that we have lost our way because we view such things as luxuries and wastes of time. How sad.

Can we appreciate fully such experiences if we are checking our smart phones and worrying about some task that we have yet to complete? I think not. Our minds are made to wander and make connections; when constrained, or overwhelmed, they become limited. Living in the moment often involves experiencing many things at once and allowing the mind to engage with them while focusing on one or two things. I believe that this is how "inspiration" finds us and where we may find holiness. After all, holiness can be understood as an elevated connection between ourselves and our reality; sin, therefore, is anything that blocks that connection.

*(RABBI continued on page 2)*



## BREAK-THE-FAST

Be sure to make reservations now to attend Break-the-Fast, which will be held Wednesday, September 23 at 7:45 pm. The meal will be served in the Brigantine Community Center, 265 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. The cost is \$15 per person. Deadline to RSVP is September 16. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!



## The Prez Sez

I want to thank you for choosing me to be president of Temple Beth Shalom. I am humbled by the honor and I hope I can live up to the expectations of the demands of the office. As I said when elected, "I promise to work as hard as Lill Shender, but not as long." When you see the Shenders during Yom Tov, please, thank them for twelve years of a labor of love. I am pleased that Lill has agreed to remain as treasurer and that Ron will continue to lead the House Committee.

In August we had a wonderful Scholar's Weekend. For that we owe a great deal of thanks to Drs. Frank and Sarah Kern for their generous sponsorship; to Rabbi Fox for the extra hours spent designing and coordinating the various events and to Rabbi Jonathan Kligler for his vivacity, Woodstock-ness and energy conducting the events from folk singing to Torah study.

As I think about the weekend I remember the lively Friday night service with the guitar chords leading us to some new melodies; I think about the two rabbis conducting a warm and reflective Shabbat service with Sarah's participation followed by a typically delicious Shender catered lunch; I was inspired and edified by Rabbi Kligler's Sunday Torah lesson that showed how the Torah can guide us through the convoluted path of life.

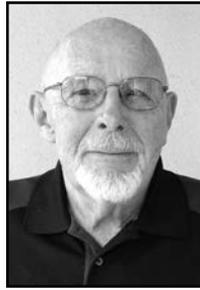
Mostly, however I think about Saturday night at the Apters'. Saturday night we had a pot luck supper with a line-up of food that would have competed with any casino restaurant. That, surprisingly, was not the highlight of the night. The schedule provided an hour of "schmoozing" where we had an opportunity to just talk with and enjoy each other. That to me was the apex of the evening. We have a wonderfully, congenial congregation. The opportunity to just get to spend time with each other was wonderful. Our congregation is quite diverse, but the one common element seems to be that the group is worth getting to know.

The evening ended with some group singing and a joyous Havdalah service to say goodbye to the Sabbath.

I hope we can have more events where we can all get to know each other a little better, but until we do, I have a suggestion. Come to services and arrive fifteen minutes early and stay fifteen minutes after services. Spend the extra time to get to know each other. I predict you will like what you find.

I look forward to seeing you on Yom Tov. If the opportunity arises, please, say hello. If not then, I hope to see you at the Break-The-Fast.

*L'Shanah Tova*  
**Jack**



## Rabbi (continued from page 1)

Once, while a student at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem, I was studying a section of Talmud with my *hevruta* partner that contained a number of descriptions of nature. In readjusting myself in my chair, I found myself a witness to a truly magnificent sunset, one that evoked blessings from my lips. As I rose to do so, my teacher took it upon himself to ask me why I was allowing myself to be distracted from the holy work of learning Torah (in the more general sense). He explained that there is a passage in the Talmud that forbids someone from being distracted from prayer or religious study. I countered that my distraction — that my connection with the revealed holiness in the world — was holy work, as well.

Sin, or better yet, transgression, isn't often what we think it is . . . it is acting at cross purposes with being mindful, with taking in all of what is around us, and so we allow ourselves to be detached from what is true in life.

This year, let us voice the *Al Cheyt* of the "empty calories" of social media and, instead, commit ourselves to the nourishment of cultivating healthy, real connections with each other. Let's start with a cup of tea and a conversation.

To set the right mood, I and my family wish each of you, *L'Shana Tovah U'Metukah* — a wonderful and sweet year and beyond to you and yours!

**Rabbi Gerald R. Fox**

(A version of this column appeared in the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association's August 2015 "RRA Connection" Newsletter and the Jewish Community Voice Newspaper's September 2, 2015 issue.)

## New Temple Beth Shalom Board

Pictured on the right is the new Temple Beth Shalom board of directors.

From left to right: Recording Secretary Joel Miller; At-Large Board Members Dr. Joseph Hassman, Dr. Robert Ball, Jackie Fabel and Ron Shender; First Vice President Beth Apter, President Jack Lieberman, Second Vice President Howard Abber, Past President and Treasurer Lill Shender and Ritual Chairperson Gloria Jacoby.

Missing from the photo are: Corresponding Secretaries Drs. Judy and Burton Schwartz; At-Large Board Members Dr. Frank Kern, Mina Kramer, Sidney and Shirley Morgan; and Rabbi Gerald R. Fox.



## Simply Shirley . . .

*Welcome to all of my readers.*

I would like to begin by saying "Hats Off" to the TBS Bingo Team who provided a community service, which the children loved. Truly wonderful to open our home to the community and make them feel so welcome. Good Job. You succeeded.

The TBS book club met on Monday, July 27 at the Community Center to discuss the book, "The Lone Survivor." It was a most interesting discussion since in my opinion it is a most difficult book.

As the title states it is written about the Lone Survivor and is the eyewitness account of operation Redwing and the lost heroes of Seal Team 10.

Upon the recommendation of Burton Schwartz, we read "The Nightingale" for our August book club. We met at the Community Center on August 31 and it was hosted by Lilyan Cralle. As I know this will reach you well after our meeting just a few words about the book. "In love we find out who we want to be. In war we find out who we are." Definitely a worthwhile book to read.

Once decided I will see you all are informed as to the next TBS book club date.

Due to the fact that Sid and I were in Oregon to attend our Nephew's wedding, we missed the TBS Scholar's Weekend, which we heard was just wonderful. Heard that Carl and Beth Apter hosted a lovely event at their home. Truly sorry we missed this one and look forward to the next one.

Please contact Shirley at 609-266-8599 or ssmorgan3@verizon.net should you be interested in being added to our book club list.

We welcome suggestions regarding any good read you may have and thank you in advance.

*Happy Reading,  
Simply Shirley*

## An Open Letter of Thanks to Lill Shender

*Dear Lill:*

Temple Beth Shalom and its members want to thank you for your twelve years as president and "acting" president. In 2003 when you were elected to a two year term, we are positive, that you had no idea what a commitment you had just made.

Specifically we want to thank you for your leadership, your guidance, your budgetary constraint, your check signing, your cooking, your catering, your supply buying, your newsletter editing, your article writing, your Temple openings, your Temple closings, your late hours, your early meetings, your coordination with Federation, your phone calls to and from the Rabbi, your training of new board members, your hours dealing with the ritual committee, your cleaning when the cleaning crew let us down, your fundraising, your real estate dealings, your Sukkah decorating, your Shabbat Aliyah assignments, your liaison with the Conservative movement, your bagel buying, your vision and your great sense of humor. Most of all we want to thank you for your devotion to and your love of our "Shul by the Sea."

We know that most of us do not have any idea how much time and energy you have expended daily, weekly, monthly and yearly to keep the doors open and the lights on. We may not know, but we appreciate it all.

We also want to thank Ron. We know that he too made many sacrifices, not only as an officer but also as the first mate. He was always there when he was needed the most.

We understand that you will continue as treasurer and that Ron will be on the board as our House Committee chairman. Therefore, we also thank both of you for your continuing service. There is no doubt that the new board will need and benefit from your experience.

We may not have expressed it enough, or at all, but you are appreciated. Without you and Ron it is hard to conceive what condition we would have found ourselves in at this time.

We thank you, we love you and we DO cherish all that you have done for us.  
*Thank you, thank you, and thank you.*

**Your Appreciative Congregation**

## Temple Beth Shalom Changes President

Outgoing president Lill Shender and newly elected president Jack Lieberman celebrate a light moment during Temple Beth Shalom Scholar's Weekend.

The weekend featured four events with guest Rabbi, Jonathan Kligler, and Temple Beth Shalom Rabbi Gerald Fox presiding.

The festivities began Friday night with an upbeat Sabbath service accompanied by Rabbi Kligler's guitar. The Woodstock New York rabbi was greeted with great enthusiasm.

Saturday morning the two rabbis conducted a warm and reflective service that was followed by a luncheon.

Saturday evening a large cross-section of the congregation gathered at the home of Beth and Carl Apter for an evening of dining, conversation and a lively sing-along.

On Sunday, after a congregation meeting, the weekend concluded with a group discussion focusing on how the Torah can provide the guidelines and directions for living an ethical and fulfilling life.

The board expressed thanks to the weekend sponsors, Drs. Frank and Sarah Kern, and to the rabbis for their leadership.



## September Yahrzeits

- 9/1 Howard & Myrna Levin *in memory of Myrna's mother, Lilyan Cylinder*  
 9/3 Larry Goldberg *in memory of his mother, Yetta Goldberg*  
 Isadore Rosendorf  
 9/5 S. David Pepper *in memory of his wife, Florence Z. Pepper*  
 9/6 Sidney Richmond  
 9/7 Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of Norma's father,*  
 Jacob Freidberg  
 Harvey & Diane Steiner *in memory of Harvey's uncle, Abraham Motel*  
 9/8 Norton & Gloria Freedman *in memory of Norton's mother,*  
 Mollie Freedman  
 9/9 Terry Horowitz *in memory of her father-in-law, Morris Horowitz*  
 9/10 Bernard & Norma Gittelman *in memory of Bernie's father,*  
 Major Gittelman  
 Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of Marty's father, Harry Millison*  
 9/11 Lillian Goldstein  
 Jacqueline Fabel *in memory of her sister, Anna Kahn*  
 Rose Segal  
 9/12 Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of Lorraine's father, Erwin Augenfeld*  
 Sam Leibowitz  
 Anita Erman *in memory of her mother, Jennie Panitch*  
 Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of Eileen's mother, Lillian Rogovin*  
 9/13 Samuel & Arlene Maisus *in memory of Arlene's father, Albert Steinberg*  
 9/14 Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of Jerry's father, Bernie Cohen*  
 Philip Goisman and Gale Hoffman *in memory of Philip's*  
 grandmother and Gale's friend, Fannie Goisman  
 Jack Greenberg *in memory of his mother, Janet Greenberg*  
 Stephen & Jamie Satz *in memory of Jamie's father, Joseph Kessel*  
 Lucy Lewis  
 9/15 Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of her father, Sy Sumner Bearman*  
 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of Ed's mother, Minnie Toll*  
 David & Estelle Silver *in memory of Estelle's mother, Lillian Waltzer*  
 9/16 Helen Spinrad *in memory of her sister, Lorraine Moskowitz*  
 9/18 Michael Axler *in memory of his brother, Charles Axler*  
 Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of Frank's mother, Shirley Kern*  
 Seymour Leibowitz  
 9/19 Dr. Joseph Hassman and Bret Bergman *in memory of Joe's*  
 mother and Bret's grandmother, Ethel Hassman  
 Dr. Eli & Nancy Zucker *in memory of Eli's mother, Minnie Zucker*  
 9/20 Louis Kessel  
 9/21 Dr. Evlynn Harmon *in memory of her father-in-law, Jerome Harmon*  
 Howard & Carol Serotta *in memory of Carol's father, William Hecht*  
 Sylvia Leibowitz  
 9/23 Saul & Sheila Feder *in memory of Saul's father, Jacob Feder*  
 Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of Marlene's mother, Eve Lindenberg*  
 9/24 Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova *in memory of Jo-Ann's mother,*  
 Rose Aufiero  
 9/26 Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva *in memory of Eileen's stepfather, Henry Keiser*  
 Louis Young  
 9/27 Betty Chaikin *in memory of her sister, Ruth Bocour*  
 Rose Zeltser *in memory of her husband, Ronald H. Zeltser*  
 Martin Zuckerman  
 9/28 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of Ed's brother, Jeffrey Rubin*  
 9/29 Natalie Fishman  
 Bessie Holtzman  
 9/30 Earl & Doris Berger, Gale Hoffman and Philip Goisman *in*  
*memory of Doris's mother, Gale's grandmother and Philip's*  
*friend, Janet Kerstetter*  
 Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of Dorothy's father, Louis Perilstein*

## Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

### For August

Friday, August 7 – **Jack Lieberman** *in memory of his*  
 mother-in-law, Reba Eisenstein;

**Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball** *in memory of Roberta's*  
 mother, Evelyn F. Robin;

**Lorraine & Burt Stolove** *in honor of their simcha month.*

Friday, August 14 – **Jack Lieberman** *in memory of his*  
 father, Hyman Lieberman;

**Barry & Audrey Grossman** *in honor of the Sea Shul*  
 Congregation.

Friday, August 21 – **Betty Chaikin** *in memory of her*  
 mother, Belle Schindler, and sister, Esther Epstein.

Friday, August 28 – **Howard Abber** *in memory of his*  
 mother, Beatrice Abber;

**Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman** *in memory of Joe's*  
 father, Benjamin Hassman.

## Children's BINGO

Believe it or not, many residents in Brigantine know Temple Beth Shalom for the place that has a bazaar, the temple that sponsors the kids' BINGO and our participation in the Interfaith Service.

The children's BINGO is the one that engenders tremendous good will within the community. This year BINGO ran for seven weeks with an attendance of 40 to 50 participants at each session. Many of those players were accompanied by at least one parent, many of whom had never been in a synagogue before. If their first impression of our Temple is that it is a friendly, community-oriented institution, then we have done well.

The BINGO certainly would not have been possible without our corps of volunteers. This year the team was led by **Burt Schwartz** as caller and **Howard Abber** as monitor. Burt's career as a pediatrician enabled him to have great rapport with his new constituency. Other regular volunteers included **Sid Morgan, Lill and Ron Shender, Jackie Fabel, Judy Schwartz, Barry Cogan, Terry Horowitz, Beth Apter** and **Jack Lieberman**.

TBS provides refreshments and many prizes, but a group of local merchants guarantee the success of the game by generously providing gift certificates and supplementary prizes. That group, this year, included: **Andre's Italian Restaurant, Aunt B's Ice Cream, Bella Luna, Brigantine Beach Gift Shop, Brigantine Beachwear, Goochie Brothers, Judie Bramnick, Macedonian Grill, Mad Dog Morgans, Richman's Ice Cream & Burger Bar, Rita's Water Ice, Root Beer Barrel, Smile Factory, St. George's Pub, Studio 1012** and **Surf Sundries**.

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