

# MISHPOCHEH

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Brigantine Jewish Community Center

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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## Friday Evening Services Reminder

Even though we cannot assemble in our beautiful building we can still get together, virtually. Every Friday evening at 6 p.m., we join together for our Welcoming Shabbat Zoom gathering. All members receive an email invitation with a Zoom link. If you are not receiving the Zoom invitation and would like to be included, send an email to [rabbi@seashul.org](mailto:rabbi@seashul.org) with your email address and request. If you know of anyone who wants to participate but does not have the ability to join the Zoom services on-line they can still join via telephone. Leave the pertinent information on the TBS answering machine at 609-266-0403. We will find a way to communicate the access information.

## Coming Events

**Monday, July 13 • 1 p.m via Zoom**  
TBS Literary Society to discuss the book,  
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### ADULT EDUCATION

You will find details of the following on page 4

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"Understanding Legal Terms in Today's News"  
with us.

## RABBI'S COLUMN

### *Making Our Vision Real*



Twenty years ago, this Summer, my life took a dramatic turn. Two of them, in fact.

First, I was ordained as a Rabbi. This was an achievement that required more than eight years of preparation and significant effort, above and beyond the demanding career that I had as a magazine editor, beyond the many other causes and organizations among which I divided my time, and later, with teaching and chaplaincy work as a Rabbinical student.

This achievement would not have been realized if I had accepted my life as it was and listened to the voices outside of and within me who gave reason after excuse after fear why I should demure from the path that I felt inspired to travel. I overcame countless obstacles to make my dream of helping my fellow Jews and their families live lives of meaning, infused with authentic Jewish wisdom and guided by Jewish law. I decided that the shaping and lifting up of Jewish community and bringing holiness into our world would be the core of my life's work (a decision only enhanced by having children).

Second, I took another leap of faith toward the person who would become my "negdo," my companion, in life. Sarah and I were married 20 years ago this July. Despite a courtship that lasted only about a year, we sought to marry not only ourselves but our values and visions for our futures. We knew that we were each other's *Bashert*, brought together by Providence. This incredible achievement, now not only building a life together, but creating two lives to represent and share our love, would not have happened if we had listened to the voices outside of and within ourselves, the sowers of doubt. Instead, we had faith in our future together that has been born out in so many ways to this day. I am deeply grateful to Sarah for joining me in creating the life of meaning that we continue to build every day.

I am appreciative of our families and our friends and those in our communities and careers who have been such an important part of my and Sarah's individual success and our success as a couple and a family. You, "my peeps," as I often refer to the precious souls at Temple Beth Shalom, have had a hand in teaching me so  
(RABBI continued on page 7)

## The Prez Sez

I don't know if you ever noticed that my middle bottom tooth is slightly indented. Every new dentist I go to offers a plan to realign the tooth, but I always refuse. That tooth is a souvenir. When I was in seventh or eighth grade, in the mid-40's, I was coming home from school and I was verbally accosted by a classmate. His derision was one bridge too far. I had my fill of "Dirty Jew Kike" and I decided to stand my ground. I was surprised that in the ensuing fist fight and wrestling match, I clearly prevailed. When Frank said, "Uncle," I let go and stood up – that is when he smashed his fist into my teeth and knocked out the middle bottom tooth. I brought the tooth home and my mom rushed me to Dr. Lyons, our family dentist, who reset the tooth in my mouth. To everyone's surprise, the tooth rooted and that became my memento to anti-Semitism.



That was not the only personal anti-Semitism incident I encountered. I was in a high school of about 700 students and we did not have enough Jews for a Minyan. So we were easy targets. I have had numerous personal encounters with anti-Semitism since high school and it seems that every other day there is a serious incident of "Jew Hating" making the news.

A thought occurred to me. Unless you are different from the norm, you know the feeling when you are driving and look in the rear view mirror and see a police car behind you. I think it is routine for us all. A little shiver goes down my spine. "Did I do something wrong? Is he going to pull me over? Why is he following me? Is my insurance and registration up to date and with me?" Then there is the great relief when the cruiser turns off or passes me. Now imagine the same scenario, you see a police car behind you, but this time you know that there is a sign on the back of your car that says "JEW." Do you think you would feel more or less concerned that you would be pulled over? Would you have a worry that you might be treated with less than fairness?

What are those feelings and concerns every time a black or brown or yellow or turbaned or Muslim looking driver is driving in front of a police car?

No. This is not an anti-police tirade. I have the greatest respect for anyone who has the courage to put on a uniform and do their best to keep us all safe. I also understand that just being in a uniform makes a policeman a target for anyone with a real or imaginary grudge to settle. However, I also believe that there is systemic bias that is a part of everyone's make up and that, in an instance of confrontation, it is difficult for logic to overcome years of feelings and upbringing.

We have all seen the news about the worst in people. We see blacks looting businesses. We hear multiple stories about blacks with miserable domestic conditions. We see Muslims being sought for terrorist assaults. We also see the

ugly headlines about Madoff and Epstein. We see Fascists marching with Swastikas and racist signs.

All rational thinkers will say, "Not all whites are Fascists." Most will say, "Not all Jews are evil and corrupt." What are your feelings about blacks and Muslims? Are you able to compartmentalize as easily and accept that there is only a small percentage of miscreants and that, "Innocent until proven guilty" applies to all?

These ruminations were obviously triggered by the protests that are in progress as a result of the George Floyd death. That tragedy made it clear to many that legislating equal rights is insufficient. Practicing equal rights is the goal. How do we do that? I do not have a universal solution. I believe and hope that Jews, having experienced the sting of bias, will be in the forefront and will once again stand with those needing our support.

What are my hopes?

- I hope that law enforcement units will self-examine and determine what remedial action is required to retrain and reorient their members to treat everyone equally with respect.
- I would like to see schools expand their social studies to include not only black history, but to encourage real discussions about anti-Semitism, the Holocaust and all other types of bias. (On June 14, I watched 60 Minutes and for the first time in my life, I learned about the 1921 Greenwood Massacre. Hundreds of blacks were killed and more than 36 blocks of black owned homes and businesses were destroyed, many by planes dropping lighted turpentine bombs on thriving black businesses. Doesn't a disgrace like that deserve some serious school-time discussion?)
- I would like to see TBS participate in more programs with other races and religions.
- I hope for true integration, in fact, and not just by law.
- I would like to see legislative bodies, at all levels of government, composed of a true representation of the gender, race and religion of their constituency.

Most of all I pray and hope that our grandchildren will live in a world where everyone treats their neighbor as they would want to be treated.

*Shalom,  
Jack Lieberman*

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## TBS Literary Society

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### BIRTHDAYS

2.....Dr. Joseph Hassman	18.....Alan Simon
3.....Carol E. Albert	22.....Estelle Silver
6.....Shelley M. Kardon	23.....John M. Bacha
8.....Shirley Morgan	29.....Neil Brandt
12.....Dr. Frank Kern	31.....Neil I. Goldfarb
18.....Dr Robert A. Ball,	

### ANNIVERSARIES

5.....Eric & Frances Goldstein
11.....Jeffrey B. & Rhoda J. Rosen
16.....Rabbi Gerald R. & Sarah Fox
25.....Afton Koontz & Neil Brandt

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Drs. Burton W. & Judith P. Schwartz**  
**Jamie & Stephen Satz**

## General Donations

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**Lorna & Murray Rosenberg** *in memory of* Barry Bornstein, May his memory be for a blessing.

**Brian M. Felgoise** *in memory of* Barry Bornstein.

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**Elizabeth & Morton Goldfield** *in memory of* Barry Bornstein.

**Carol & Joe Friedman** *in memory of* Barry Bornstein.

**Howard & Carol Serotta** *in honor of* their 53rd anniversary.

**Carol & Howard Serotta** *in memory of* Sarah Fox's uncle, Charles Floyd.

**Bruce & Dolores Bortner** *in memory of* Barry Bornstein.

## Message Cards

**Carol and Joe Friedman** *with sincere sympathy and love to* Fran Dratch and Bornstein Family on the loss of Barry Bornstein

**Sid and Shirley** *with love to* Beth, Carl, and Ben Apter. We will miss you and wish you much luck with your move. May this next chapter in your life be filled with good health and much happiness.

**Sid and Shirley** *with love to* Gene Solomon for always remembering and always caring we send our deep appreciation. How lucky we are to have you as our friend. Be healthy and know we care.

**Jacqueline & Fred Fabel** *best wishes to* Beth & Carl Apter on your move. We will miss you.

**Drs. Burton W. & Judith P. Schwartz** *a very happy birthday to* Gene Solomon.

## Yahrzeit Donations

**Sue and Les Turek** *in memory of* Sue's father, William Taylor.

**Barbara and Barry Glasser** *in memory of* Barbara's mother, GERALDINE FIELD.

**Terry Horowitz** *in memory of* her mother in law, Bella Horowitz-Cobert.

**Arlene and Dr. Howard Waronker** *in memory of* Arlene's father, Max Glaberson.

**Jerald and Sheila Cohen** *in memory of* Jerald's mother, Vera Cohen.

**Lawrence and Karen Metzger** *in memory of* Lawrence's mother, Bertha Metzger.

**Bruce and Dolores Bortner** *in memory of* Bruce's mother, Henrietta Bortner.

**Irene Siegel** *in memory of* her father in law, Ben Siegel.

**Estelle Silver** *in memory of* father, Samuel Waltzer.

**Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby** *in memory of*

**Dr. Janet & Paul Sachs** *in memory of* Janet's mother, Shirley Sandell.

**Howard and Myrna Levin** *in memory of* their son, Daniel Levin.

**Jamie & Stephen Satz** *in memory of* Jamie's mother, Ida Kessel.

**Steven & Janet Sarratore** *in memory of* Steven's parents, Thomas & Phyllis Sarratore & Janet's mother, Gladys Goldsmith.

**Jacqueline Fabel** *in memory of* her brother, Marvin Bilk and her mother-in-law, Ruth Fabel.

**Janis Murphy** *in memory of* her father, Bernard Milstein.

**Rabbi Alan LaPayover** *in memory of* his father, Norman LaPayover.

**Joshua & Elaine Shapiro** *in memory of* Joshua's father, Sidney Shapiro.

**Neil Goldfarb** *in memory of* his mother, Norma Goldfarb.

**Dr. Warren Heymann & Rhoda Schnur** *in memory of* Warren's brother, Andrew Heymann.

**Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein** *in memory of* Stephen's father, Irving Weinstein and his step-father, Samuel Rosenblatt.

**Bruce & Dolores Bortner** *in memory of* Bruce's father, Benjamin Bortner.

**Norma & Bernard Gittelman** *in memory of* Norma's parents, Sam & Sonia Cohen.

## Chumash Dedication

Shabbat prayer books are full with dedication panels but with a \$36 donation, you may dedicate one of our Chumash books for any purpose you desire.

We have 37 books remaining for dedication, so call the office at 609-266-0403 and make your wishes known.

## TBS Team Oneg

I tried a new brownie recipe for Steve's birthday in June. These brownies were terrific and they freeze well. We'll definitely be making them at the Temple when we can get back into the kitchen. Here's the recipe! Enjoy! Miss my baking buddies and can't wait to get back into the kitchen with the TBS Oneg crew!

### GERMAN CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

Brownies:	1-1/2 C sugar	3 eggs
	1-1/2 C flour	3/4 C oil
	1/3 C cocoa (heaping)	1/3 C milk
	3/4 tsp. salt	1 tsp. vanilla

German Chocolate Frosting:		
	1 C evaporated milk	1 tsp. vanilla
	3 egg yolks	1-1/2 C
	1 C sugar	sweetened
	1/2 C butter or margarine	flaked coconut
		1 C chopped pecans

**Brownies:** Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl in the order listed. Whisk until smooth and pour into a greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350° for 22-25 minutes. Cool and cover with coconut pecan frosting.

**Frosting:** Combine evaporated milk, egg yolks and sugar in a heavy saucepan. Whisk until thoroughly blended. Add butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until thick – about 12 minutes. Add vanilla, coconut and nuts. Cook until thick enough to spread. (I had to put the frosting in the refrigerator to help it thicken.)

If you have a favorite dessert recipe that you'd like to share with us, please email it to [tbskitchen@seashul.org](mailto:tbskitchen@seashul.org) so that we can purchase the necessary groceries and supplies needed prior to our next baking date. Thanks!

*Jan Sarratore*  
[tbskitchen@seashul.org](mailto:tbskitchen@seashul.org)

## GO GREEN!

Save trees, energy, and postage. Just email [office@seashul.org](mailto:office@seashul.org) to request that your **Temple Beth Shalom newsletter** and other notices and reminders be sent by email. Do it for the planet, do it to save postage, do it for a mitzvah!

## Adult Education

We're pleased to announce several Adult Education Events coming up this summer! (Additional programming will be announced very soon!) Until we can be together in the Temple, we are committed to bring some wonderful Adult Education sessions your way via ZOOM. These sessions will last about an hour and include a Question & Answer period. All congregants will receive a link to these ZOOM sessions. Non-members may request an invitation by sending their request to [office@seashul.org](mailto:office@seashul.org).

### Wednesday, July 15 at 1:30 on Zoom

Congregant **Afton Koontz** will present *Feminism in Judaism* – A discussion of the other 51 percent. Some you will know, and some may be new to you. What is a wave in feminism? Who was where, when, and maybe why? Where are we headed and did you remember to bring a clean handkerchief? You wouldn't want to embarrass your Bubbe.

Afton has spent most of her professional career working as a learning consultant for urban public schools. She has an undergraduate degree from University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a graduate degree from Glassboro University and did her doctorate work at Capella University.

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Neil is currently an adjunct instructor at Ocean County College teaching Philosophy, Ethical Issues and World Religions.

### Thursday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Congregant **Daniel-Paul Alva** will discuss "*Understanding Legal Terms in Today's News*" with us.

Daniel-Paul Alva was a criminal defense lawyer for 45 years with a national practice. He was also an adjunct professor at Temple University School of Law where he taught trial advocacy for 15 years.

## Temple Beth Shalom's Website

If you have not had an opportunity to check out the updated and streamlined Temple Beth Shalom website at [www.seashul.org](http://www.seashul.org), I encourage you to do so at this time. If you have, please continue to do so and read about important notices, up-coming calendar events, synagogue programs, current and archived newsletters, and other *pop-up events*.

The Web Design Committee continues to need volunteers with technical expertise in web design to help operate, manage, and maintain this site; please forward your inquiries to Jack Lieberman at, [president@seashul.org](mailto:president@seashul.org)

*Camille Rosenberg*  
TBS Web Design Committee

## Simply Shirley . . . Zoom Edition

Welcome to all of my readers.

TBS Literary Society News:

Dear Loyal Readers (and I know who you are),

Welcome to my TBS Column. Due to the troubled times we are living through I have decided to attempt to make this a cheerful column.

First of all, to our dear friends Beth, Carl and family we wish a wonderful life as you leave Brigantine and will now reside in Florida. Please know you will be missed and our love travels with you to your new home.

Second – Farmers Market news to share. As many of you already know, the new location of the Farmers Market is at the Brigantine School parking lot. This was not our choice, however, the City of Brigantine let us know that it would have to be at this location, at least for now. Since we are still going through this Covid19 pandemic, it was decided that for the time being I would remain part of the Farmer’s Market Management, but behind the scenes. All volunteers and vendors are required to wear masks; patrons are not. Since it is an outside market, we are not able to make wearing a mask mandatory. Although it will be a different market this year, at least there will be a market. The local farmers truly do count on this venue and we will see that the farmers are taken care of due to a late start. I truly hope that many of you will frequent the market as you have always done. We will have to wait and see how this goes. We work so hard to see that this is a wonderful event for all and hope that even with all of these changes, it will be. Thank you to all of you who support the Farmer’s Market each year.

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It is my sincere hope that you are all healthy, happy and adjusting to our new normal lives – at least for now. As the weather gets warmer and we get out more often, please do

enjoy looking at the flowers and realize that things will get better again. It is a most difficult time for some and not so much for some that I know like being secluded. For me it is a time of adjustment since I like being able to just go out without wondering if there are going to be toooooo many people? Do I need a mask right now? And so on and so on. As I have said before, “THIS TOO SHALL PASS” and then we can resume our lives as before. Please remember that we are the lucky ones and with that I send you all long-distance hugs and kisses.

I would be remiss if I did not add that to all of my Zoom friends, I say thank you. You have truly made a difficult and lonely time a much brighter one for Sid and myself.

*Until we meet again, and we will, I remain*

*Simply Shirley*

## These will be the good days as we look back now -

### — As remembered by Jackie Fabel

As I look back to 1980 we got the o.k. to hold our first bingo game. We could have no more than 35 games and an off premise raffle if the idea took hold.

On December 11, 1980 Berne Cohen received a letter from Walker Rogge, President of the Company, thanking the Synagogue for all it does in bringing a more spiritual meaning to all those who live Brigantine. As he put it – dunes, houses, bridges and people, but it’s the agencies that bring about G-d’s Kingdom here on earth.

The President of Temple Beth Shalom at that time responded by saying, “It is our goal to bring goodness and morality through Jewish ethics. Our response was dated December 16, 1980. I believe that this is still our goal.

A fund raiser for Temple Beth Shalom in the year 1981 was Casino trips. We rented a bus and charged for each person who went. My recollection is that went on for a number of years. We also started a Kindergarten Sunday school.

In 1982 we held a Purim party and a bond for \$200 was given to the Hebrew Academy in memory of Harry Cohen, a dedicated member of Temple Beth Shalom who has passed away. Today, members of his family are still members. Our membership at that time numbered 53, 17 of which were single families. That was the highest number since 1974.

In 1982 we had a Sunday school for the children taught by a gentleman named Mr. Zevin.

On July 16, 1983 we celebrated our 10th anniversary with a party, cost was \$5 for member \$7.50 for non-members.

Until next time.....

### TBS Literary Society

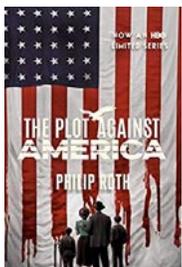
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By Philip Roth  
via Zoom video format.

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[office@seashul.org](mailto:office@seashul.org).

if you need additional information!

We look forward to “seeing” everyone there!



## July Yahrzeits

- 7/1 Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of* Jerald's uncle, Daniel Cohen  
 Stephen & Jamie Satz *in memory of* Jamie's mother, Ida Kessel  
 Drs. Burton W. & Judith P. Schwartz *in memory of* Judith's mother,  
 Yetta Parker
- 7/3 Jacqueline Fabel *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Ruth Fabel
- 7/4 Jack Lieberman *in memory of* his mother, Ida Lieberman  
 Irene Siegel *in memory of* her husband, Marvin Siegel  
 Alan Simon *in memory of* his father, Paul Simon  
 Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of* their niece, Karen Sprintz
- 7/5 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Aaron's brother,  
 Dr. Leon Grossman
- 7/8 Sophie Schwab
- 7/9 Dr. Warren Heymann & Dr. Rhonda Schnur *in memory of*  
 Warren's brother, Andrew Heymann
- 7/10 Jack Lieberman *in memory of* his brother-in-law, Charles Eisenstein  
 Claire Eisenstein *in memory of* her husband, Charles Eisenstein  
 Steven Eisenstein & Lisa Longo *in memory of* Steven's father,  
 Charles Eisenstein  
 Elaine & Joshua Shapiro *in memory of* Joshua's father,  
 Sidney Shapiro
- 7/11 Bernard & Norma Gittelman *in memory of* Norma's mother,  
 Sonia Cohen  
 Howard & Debbie Schlesinger *in memory of* Howard's  
 grandfather, Sol Schlesinger
- 7/12 Jacqueline Fabel *in memory of* her brother, Marvin Bilk  
 Neil Goldfarb *in memory of* his mother, Norma Goldfarb  
 Sue Goldstein *in memory of* her father, George Lipson
- 7/14 Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of* their father, Dr. Leonard Coplein  
 Harry Fishman  
 Linda Hahn *in memory of* her father, B. Max Klevit  
 H. David & Gloria Caplan *in memory of* Gloria's mother, Rose Leiken  
 Afton Koontz & Neil Brandt *in memory of* Afton's mother,  
 Joyce McMillon
- 7/15 Howard & Myrna Levin *in memory of* their son, Daniel Levin  
 Arnie & Lory Schuster *in memory of* Arnie's father, Karl Schuster
- 7/16 Edith Krimstock *in memory of* her brother, Manuel Kunis  
 Janis Murphy *in memory of* her father, Bernard Milstein
- 7/17 Irene Brodsky *in memory of* her mother, Rose Gamerman
- 7/18 Steven & Janet Sarratore *in memory of* Steven's father,  
 Thomas Sarratore  
 Nancy Zucker *in memory of* her sister-in-law, Freyda Zucker
- 7/20 Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of* their son-in-law,  
 Donald Mathew Aronow  
 Steven & Janet Sarratore *in memory of* Steven's mother,  
 Phyllis Sarratore
- 7/22 Rabbi Alan LaPayover *in memory of* his father, Norman LaPayover
- 7/23 Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of* Sheila's mother, Nancy Clancy  
 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Barbara's step-father,  
 Max Hyman
- 7/24 Irene Brodsky *in memory of* her husband, Dr. Arthur B. Brodsky  
 Michael Axler *in memory of* his sister, Helen Concors
- 7/25 Janet & Steven Sarratore *in memory of* Janet's mother,  
 Gladys Goldsmith  
 Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of* Michael's grandmother,  
 Gussie Kurland
- 7/26 Michael & Carol Albert *in memory of* Michael's mother,  
 Sarah Albert  
 Bruce & Dolores Bortner *in memory of* Bruce's father,  
 Benjamin Bortner  
 Jack Fishman  
 Dr. Burton & Ruth Weiss *in memory of* Burton's father, Robert Weiss
- 7/27 Ronald & Shelley Iris Miller *in memory of* Ronald's former spouse,  
 Phyllis Miller  
 Donna & Jack Pressman *in memory of* Donna's mother,  
 Florence Rudnitsky
- 7/29 Neil Brandt & Afton Koontz *in memory of* Maren Brandt, mother of  
 Neil's children, Michah & Joshua Brandt  
 Sol Rosendorf  
 Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of* Seymour's father,  
 Nathan Trachtman
- 7/30 Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball *in memory of* Robert's sister,  
 Barbara Ball Portner

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### Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat For June & Kiddush Sponsors

Friday, June 5 – **Dr. Gene Solomon** *in memory of* his  
 brother, Harvey Solomon, MD.

Friday, June 12 – **Barbara & Albert Dragon** *in memory of*  
 Barbara's uncle, Morris Lonsky:  
**Arlene & Dr. Howard Waronker** *in memory of*  
 Arlene's father, Max Glaberson.

Saturday, June 13 – **Available to sponsor.**

Friday, June 19 – **Sheila & Jerald Cohen** *in memory of*  
 Jerald's mother, Vera Cohen;  
**Albert & Barbara Dragon** *in memory of* Albert's  
 father, Samuel Dragon.

Friday, June 26 – **Stanton & Aimee Levin** *in memory of*  
 Stanton's mother, Ida Levin;  
**Sidney & Shirley Morgan** *in honor of* Gene  
 Solomon's birthday.

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### The health advantages of prayer

All the people who've lately been praying more may be onto something, said Elizabeth Bernstein in *The Wall Street Journal*. Scientific studies of prayer are limited, but available research suggests that prayer provides similar benefits to meditation's: "It can calm your nervous system, shutting down your fight-or-flight response. It can make you less reactive to negative emotions and less angry." A person has to want to pray, and not out of anger, but prayer may even have a slight edge over meditation: One 2005 study found that people who pray 20 minutes a day experienced greater reductions in anxiety and stress, a result some researchers attribute to their feeling a sense of emotional support, of connection to community and a higher power. Maybe people know that already: In March, around the world, the number of Google searches for prayer skyrocketed.

## Temple Beth Shalom and Covid-19

The Temple Beth Shalom Task Force has determined that our Friday night Zoom services will continue for at least the month of July. The Task Force feels that there is still a lot of uncertainty about the spread of the virus and the risk of opening far outweighs the benefits.

The Task Force consists of all of the elected officers, Rabbi Fox and Gloria Jacoby, Chairperson of the Religious Committee. That group does have professional medical representation. Their input weighs heavily on the decision making.

Temple Beth Shalom has been readied for an opening and when it is safe to open we will be able to move quickly. The necessary supplies and protocols are in place.

Discussions are continuing concerning how the High Holy Days will be conducted. Temple Beth Shalom is not alone in this endeavor. The Conservative Movement's governing body, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) has multiple task forces covering all aspects of Yom Tov. Those task forces feed information to our task force on a daily basis. From those briefings we are able to determine best practices and take appropriate actions. As of now, three alternatives for the Holy Days are being developed:

- 1.) Normal, in Temple Beth Shalom services;
- 2.) A fully virtual service with only the Rabbi and Cantor in the sanctuary and
- 3.) A hybrid of the above two.

The Task Force wants you to know that regardless of the final form, the services will be holy, meaningful and worthy of the solemn occasions.

If you have any questions, suggestions or recommendations for the Task Force, please, send an email to [president@seashul.org](mailto:president@seashul.org).

Be assured that your safety is the number one consideration in all of the Task Force decisions.



*The Alper family*

## TBS Dinner Club

We don't know when our TBS Dinner Club will be able to physically meet again – we had such good intentions of having a meal together every eight weeks and going to restaurants that could accommodate a group of 20+ people. Not to be deterred though, we hosted a Zoom Dinner Party with 14 people attending on June 14!!! We surprised Shirley and Sid Morgan with anniversary posters and celebrated their 61st anniversary together! We visited for a little over an hour and enjoyed each other's company very much. The Cogans even joined us from Florida!!

We have created an e-mail list of those who are interested in being notified when we go out or "Zoom In." Please join our growing list by sending your email address to the Temple Office with a request to be added to our TBS Dinner Club. You are not obligated to come to every meal out, but hope that you'll be able to attend many. An email will go out to the Dinner Club list when we can dine together again!

## Thank You from the Apters

What a beautiful sendoff Jack Lieberman and Jan Sarratore arranged for the Apters before we sold our Brigantine home. Thank you to them, Gloria & Henry Jacoby, Shirley & Sid Morgan, Sheila & Jerry Cohen, Donna & Jack Pressman, Gene Solomon, Judy & Burt Schwartz, Stephanie Segal Miller, Frank Kern, and Donna Jordan. Many who could not attend sent beautiful notes. The cheesecake was delicious! Apologies if you arrived later. Our son Matt and his fiancée cooked up a surprise visit with our son Ben, and I left in shock and tears. (Happy tears; what a difference to see them in real life after months of Facebook & Zoom.)

Temple Beth Shalom became an instant community for us when we moved to Brigantine. A friendlier group of people will never be found. We wish everyone associated with our Shul by the Sea the blessings of good health & happiness, and we thank you for your precious gifts of friendship and love. See you on Zoom and when we come to visit.

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much in life and I am glad for the righteous endeavors that we have shared.

So, the next time that you wonder who is leading you and if you should follow, please consider that I am always searching for and finding my own authentic path. And, I remain devoted to helping you recognize and make real yours, regardless of age or circumstance, and doing so as a part of a *hamishe* congregational community dedicated to the ideal of lifting up our neighbor with ourselves. In my time in this life, I have proven myself an excellent climber of both life's trails (and trials) of consequential meaning as well as of dreams yet to be realized. As we begin our 15th year together, I hope that you will honor me by continuing to travel with me on our journey of a lifetime!

I and my family intend to celebrate these milestones by taking some brief time "away" (as is only very cautiously possible) — both this Summer and in this coming Jewish year — without the distractions of our chaotic world or the business of our careers, to renew our commitments to ourselves and our unfolding path ahead.

I encourage you to begin the process of taking time for your own reflection: Even if you know in your heart that you are living your best life, join me in taking some time this Summer, as we approach the High Holiday season

(that will be here sooner than you think), to consider where you are in this moment, . . . where you want to be, . . . and what is truly possible and what is honestly not. Repeat this process until you've uncovered your path, and then begin developing your plan for all of the precious tomorrows that you will be granted. The latter part of the month of Tammuz and the early part of the month of Av is a time of deep reflection in the Jewish calendar as we look back on what our ancestors overcame. Taking some time to reflect on what our life could be will, no doubt, bring up some concerning thoughts. It will also, however, lead you to a kind of peace of mind that will enhance your experience of each day of your life.

I look forward to my continuing journey ahead and I look forward to sharing it, not only with Sarah and the boys, but, with you.

May we all go from strength to strength; learning, growing, connecting and becoming the best we can be and sharing the most we can. After all, as our holy texts teach us, all that we have that remains in this life is our bond, our commitment, to one another

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