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Brigantine Jewish Community Center

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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Please visit our newly designed website at www.seashul.org. Click the Calendar tab, click down arrow and click on Google Calendar. Find your event on the calendar and click for details. If a link is available, please click it to register for that event. Please visit the calendar often for updates. If you have any questions, please email adulted@seashul.org or call the office at (609) 266-0403.

Coming Events

All via Zoom video format

What you need to know about the COVID vaccinations - Howard Solomon
Tuesday, Feb. 2 7-8 p.m.

Adult Torah Study
Sundays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Feb. 14, March 7, April 11 & May 2

Hebrew Reading Course - Level 1
Every Wednesday, 7-8:15 p.m.
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24

Klezmer: American Music - Seth Kibel
Thursday, Feb. 4 • 7 p.m.

Rabbi Sussman -
Oy, Oy, Oy and a Bottle of Rum
Sunday, Feb. 7 • 12 p.m.
Intro to Zoom (Zoom 101)
Wednesday, Feb. 10 • 1 p.m.

Seth Kibel - Jews of American Jazz
Thursday, Feb. 18 • 7 p.m.

Quiz Show Night! - Monday, Feb. 15
7-8:00 p.m. (See page 6)

Intro to WWW.Seashul.org Website (TBS 101)
Wednesday, Feb. 24 • 1 p.m.

TBS Literary Society

Via Zoom video format

Monday, Feb. 15 • 1 p.m.

“The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett

Monday, March 15 • 1 p.m.

“The Book of Lost Friends” by Lisa Wingate

Please contact the office at 609-266-0403, office@seashul.org or Shirley directly at bookclub@seashul.org if you need additional information. We look forward to “seeing” you there!

RABBI'S COLUMN

Stewarding Our World

Four weeks. That is the distance between the upcoming Jewish “minor holidays” of Tu B’Shevat and Purim. The journey between them is often not connected spiritually or psychologically, but there is a thread that links the two and brings us to something deeper.

Tu B’Shevat is about celebrating that which keeps us alive: Trees, in particular, and the environment, in general. We are commanded to calculate the time when we are first able to eat from fruit trees using this day as a marker. This very provision, as described in the Talmud, reflects Judaism’s devotion to the governance of ourselves and the environment over which God made us stewards in the early portions of the Torah.

Purim is also about seeing value in places we normally do not look. In the Book of Esther, we witness the unfolding narrative of the vilification and planned murder of all the Jews within the kingdom and the blotting out of the entire community from the history of the world (or, at least, that part of it). With the conclusion of the book’s narrative, which includes the unattributed miracle of the Jewish community’s survival and the punishment of Haman (BOO...!!) and his co-conspirators with execution or exile, the world is put right again.

The moral of this disquieting, sacred story, often seen too simply, is that a society can only flourish when all of its constituent parts see the value in the society flourishing. The Book of Esther, and our celebration of the victory of righteousness and universal tolerance in the form of Purim, is a reminder that our very survival depends upon all of us accepting upon ourselves the yoke of stewardship for our family, community, and society. As has often been said about what we should

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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 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 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.



The Prez Sez

If someone were to ask me what kind of synagogue I'd like to belong to, I'd probably give a list like this:

- One with a learned, compassionate rabbi.
- A congregation that cared more about the character of the person sitting next to them, than about the clothes that person was wearing or what their status or bank roll was like.
- A comfortable and cheery place to worship.
- A structure that was financially secure.
- A congregation that was there when needed, good times or strange times.
- A shul that met my religious needs and supported my faith.
- An organization that asked its members what they wanted and then acted to fulfil those needs.

Then I look around and take stock and I realize that I have found that organization – it is Temple Beth Shalom.

Allow me to emphasize just a couple of the elements that may not be obvious to the casual observer.

The financial stability may have caught you by surprise, but unlike many synagogues, I am happy to let you know we are not in debt. Through your continuing, generous support, we manage. I pray that you know how much your financial support means to our continued well-being.

As for 'being there,' that is on three distinct levels. The first, I recently did some damage to my back and everyone at Temple Beth Shalom who heard about my injury had the same responses. "We are sorry to hear that and we will pray for a speedy recovery. The second part was, "What can we do for you? I hope you all know how much I appreciated those reactions. It meant and means a lot to me, but even more so because I know that was not just to me, as an officer of Temple Beth Shalom, it was because of our congregation. I have seen the same compassionate responses over and over. It's who we are and I am proud of that.

The second level of "being there" has been your fantastic response to our Covid-19 adjustments. Even though we cannot be physically together, I feel the togetherness. I feel it every Friday night. I felt it on *Yom Tov*, and I certainly feel it every time I see that you still support our financial needs with your pledges, gifts and sponsorships. I firmly believe that our beautiful Shul by the sea will come out of the pandemic stronger than when it started.

The third level of support has been the amazing efforts of our committees and officers. Much of their efforts and results have been self-initiatives. By just reading this newsletter you will get a feeling for their efforts, but let me assure you that is just the visible results, a lot is happening behind the scenes that bodes well for our future.

The congregation survey result is worth examining. There were two desires expressed stronger than others: more adult-education and a desire for some variety in our Welcoming Shabbat Service.

With the formation of the Marguerite Solomon Adult



Education Fund and with the generous grants from the Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May Counties, Temple Beth Shalom has quickly become the leader in providing the Jewish Community of Atlantic County a wide variety of topics. The attendance at these Zoominars has been growing with each offering. (Can you imagine a more diverse line up than the comedy of Rabbi Alper and then the Rabbi Raphael discussions of the after-life?) It is also wonderful to see many of our snow birds and former members among the attendees. As you will see in this issue, there will be no let-up in this endeavor. Temple Beth Shalom will perhaps no longer remain that "unknown facility across the bridge." If you have any topics that you can suggest, the committee will be thrilled to hear from you. Email or leave a message at the office by calling (609) 266-0403.

The desire for diversity on Friday nights is also being addressed. Starting in February, one Friday each month will be "different." Will that difference be what you are looking for? We are not sure. It brings up the old adage, "What do you have when you have two Jews together? Three opinions." Therefore, when you attend our Alternative Service, don't be bashful. Give us your immediate feedback. There are many ways we can provide diversity, if it is not what the majority wants, we will keep trying, but we will need your comments and reactions.

Groucho Marx once said, "I would never join an organization that would have me as a member." I am thrilled that we maintained an organization that is delighted to have you as a member.

*Shalom,
Jack Lieberman*

Re-Opening of Temple Beth Shalom

Vice-President Jack Pressman reported that Temple Beth Shalom is quite ready to re-open, should re-opening be wise and appropriate.

In order to provide our congregants a safe atmosphere when we return to worship, the Temple has taken the following steps:

1. The entire building has been professionally sanitized and cleaned
2. Air conditioning units have been cleaned and all filters have been replaced with COVID compliant ones.
3. We have had limited visitors, but when we do, temperature taking and log-in procedures for contact tracing have been implemented.
4. Touchless automatic hand sanitizing stations have been placed near the kitchen and office, as well as the existing one in the main lobby.
5. A supply of hand sanitizer, masks and gloves have been procured and are ready to use.

As new techniques become available, we shall implement them.

Eternal Garden Pavers

Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

John & Lena Elzufon

General Donations

John & Lena Elzufon

Beth Orloff *in memory of* Barry Bornstein.

Gary & Diane Rosen *in appreciation of* Rabbi Bob Alper's program.

Yahrzeit Donations

Gloria & H. David Caplan *in memory of* Gloria's father, Benjamin Leiken.

Barbara & Albert Dragon *in memory of* Barbara's parents, William Meinster & Miriam Meinster-Hyman.

Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of* Laurence's brother, Dana Berger & Debra's grandfather, Michael Hoffman.

Nancy Zucker *in memory of* her father, Jacob Kotzin.

Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of* their mothers, Janet Durant & Bernice Deutsch.

Carol & Michael Albert *in memory of* Carol's mother, Betty Eisen .

Carol Dranoff *in memory of* her husband, Steven M. Dranoff.

Arlene & Dr. Howard Waronker *in memory of* Arlene's mother, Edith Rosenthal.

Harvey & Diane Steiner *in memory of* Harvey's mother, Hilda Steiner.

Linda Hahn *in memory of* her husband, Rabbi Sanford H. Hahn.

Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of* Robert's mother, Jeannette Linzner and their friend, Laila Orr.

Jack & Donna Pressman *in memory of* Jack's mother, Anna Pressman.

David Horowitz *in memory of* his sister, Louise Horowitz.

Kugels by the Shore

Yeah! *Kugels by the Shore* is finally at the printer and will (hopefully) be available by Mother's Day. You WILL want a copy of this wonderful cookbook sponsored by One Jewish Community through the Jewish Federation of Atlantic & Cape May County! Camille Rosenberg and Jan Sarratore sat on the Kugel Cookbook Committee as representatives of Temple Beth Shalom. There are 170 recipes in this cookbook! Call Becky at the Jewish Federation (609-822-4404) to reserve your copy!!! They will be available at Temple Beth Shalom in May – \$18 each or 2 for \$30!!

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors For January

Friday, January 1 – Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of* Jerald's uncle, Henry Cohen.

Friday, January 8 – Beth & Carl Apter *in memory of* Beth's mother, Ruth Cohen.

Friday, January 15 – Beth & Carl Apter *in memory of* Beth's cousin, Leah Cutler.

Friday, January 22 – Jack & Donna Pressman *in memory of* Jack's mother, Anna Pressman.

Friday, January 29 – Betty Chaikin *in memory of* her father-in-law, Isadore Chaikin.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4	Linda Hahn	18	Debbie Schlesinger
5	Rhoda J. Rosen	19	Norton A. Freedman
7	Barbara Dragon	20	Natalie Solomon
13	Bernard Gittelman	23	Allan Abramowitz
14	Dr. Sarah Kern	27	Beth Apter



Shirley Morgan receives her COVID-9 vaccination while husband Sid waits patiently for his.



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

Adult Education

All I can say is wow!!! If you haven't joined us for our incredible Adult Educational programming, PLEASE plan to be with us in February and March! Together, we've enjoyed Rabbi Bob Alper, delighting us with The Spirituality of Laughter, Rabbi Simcha Raphael teaching us the Jewish Belief in the Afterlife (a three part session), and Professor Marc Lapadula reminding us of films from our past through the eyes of Jewish Filmmakers. Bernie Rosenberg taught a beginning Hebrew class and Rabbi Fox and Bernie Rosenberg kicked off our new Torah Study Program. We've been busy and ALL via Zoom! AMAZING!!

In March, when we sent out our Temple survey to congregants, the clearest response we received, was to have more Adult Education on topics of interest at TBS. As they say, it takes a village. A huge thank you goes to the Adult Education Committee – Jan Sarratore, Camille Rosenberg, Danny Alva, Neil Brandt and Gene Solomon for making this happen. We couldn't have done this without Rabbi Fox's support and grant writing abilities. Thanks to Rabbi, we earned THREE Adult Education grants that were funded through the Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Atlantic & Cape May Counties. We also need to give a very big thanks to Gene Solomon who created the Marguarite Solomon Adult Education Fund in memory of his wife. This fund will allow us to continue providing quality Adult Education Programs at TBS! As you make donations to the synagogue, please consider donating to this fund!

We hope to see you on Zoom for the following Adult Education Programs. You've asked for them – here they are – JOIN US!!! Mark your calendars! Look what's coming up! Check out our flyers and Temple website for more details! (www.seashul.org)

Feb. 4 – Seth Kibel – *The History and Evolution of Klezmer Music*, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 7 – Rabbi Sussman – *Oy, Oy, Oy and a Bottle of Rum: Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean*, 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 10 – Camille Rosenberg – *Zoom 101* – Confused about how Zoom works – this mini workshop is for you! Camille and her daughter, Cathy will provide opportunities for you to ask the Zoom questions you have.

Feb. 14 – Torah Study with Steve Sarratore – 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 18 – Seth Kibel – *Jews of American Jazz*, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 24 – Camille Rosenberg – www.Seashul.org – Website 101 Please join Camille Rosenberg, as she uses the Zoom platform, to steer you through our newly updated website.

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 – Hebrew Course, Level 1 – Bernie Rosenberg

AND COMING UP IN MARCH AND APRIL

(dates to be announced)

Congregant Dr. Harry Chaikin – *Advance Healthcare Directives: It's YOUR choice!*

Professor Steven Carr – *America, the Holocaust and the Hollywood Studio System Before 1948*

Professor Arthur Goldschmidt – Omar Mohammed's research on the Jews of Mosul – *MosulEye*

Mr. Doug Cervi – Executive Director for the Commission on Holocaust Education – *Contemporary Issues in Holocaust Studies*

Torah Study with Lorna Rosenberg and Gloria Jacoby

Hebrew Course – Level 1 continued – Bernie Rosenberg

DO YOU REMEMBER

As many of you may know, I've been spending time over the last few months going through Temple records, notes and minutes to put together a history of past activities at TBS. In this bulletin, you'll see the history of our stained glass window, which I found very interesting.

I have some questions though, and hope that some of you, who have been involved with Temple Beth Shalom for a long time, can help with answers! In bulletins to come, I'll be presenting more of my documentation and asking for help.

This month, I'm wondering if you can help me with our TBS presidents. I found an alphabetized list of TBS presidents. Unfortunately, it did not have the dates that they served. Through my research, I've been able to piece together the following information, creating a chronological order of our presidents. As you can see, I have some holes and names that I cannot find records for. I'd appreciate ANY help you can offer!! Please contact me through the Temple office 609-266-0403 or at tbsvp2@seashul.org. Thank you!

Jan Sarratore

Chronological Order of Temple Beth Shalom's Presidents

Chaikin, Joseph	1954-1967
???	??
Cohen, Bernie	1973 - ?
???	??
Chaikin, Betty/Leibowitz, Sylvia	1990
McConologue, Nancy	1991-1992
Starobin, David	1993-1994
Cohen, Jerald	1994-1996
Erman, Dr. Jerome	1996-1997
Spector, Leonard	1998
Jacoby, Gloria	1999/2000
???	??
Steele, Tema	2004-2005
Bornstein, Barry/Steele, Tema	2005-2007
Shender, Lillian w/Bornstein, Barry	2007
Shender, Lillian	2008-2011
Shender, Lillian	2012/2014
Lieberman, Jack	2015-present
Artman, Alex	?
Cohen, Harry	?
Marder, Harry	?

Simply Shirley

Welcome to all of my readers.

Happy 2021 to all of my faithful readers. May this be the year of all good things and may we find peace and a vaccine for the dreaded pandemic we have been living through.

So now on to some wonderful events that have occurred. I will report on the events that I was able to take part in – however, there were many more wonderful educational presentations, programs and classes that took place.

December events – Starting with Ladies Night Out hosted virtually by our newly formed social club members: Eileen Alva, Donna Pressman, Camille Rosenberg and Jan Sarratore. What a fun night was had by all who took part and what a nice break during this dismal time. Thank you, ladies, for arranging this event and sign me up for the next one.

Next – A fabulous interview with Stephanie Segal Miller regarding her book “U is for Uriel.” First of all, this is truly a fabulous book and I know firsthand since I have and will continue to purchase these personally autographed books as gifts.

The interview was presented by Michael Cagno who is the Executive Director of the Noyes Museum of Art. The book is truly a work of art that captures the astonishing lives and diversity of animals in joyous watercolor and prose. Can’t wait for the next one, Stephanie.

TBS Literary Society Zoomed on December 14 to discuss “Florence Adler Swims Forever” by Rachel Beanland. As is always true of our book club, there was a great discussion on this book that has many events and places in the Atlantic City area.

January 11 was our BYOB (bring your own book) to discuss. This was a truly wonderful way to spend time with friends, good books and just to see each other again. A great discussion was had on a wonderful array of books. So many different books and so many different points of view to listen to and to learn. So lucky to have our group meet virtually via Zoom. In this way we can be together regardless of how far away you may be. Thank you to all who join in. What fun!

Our next TBS Literary Society meeting dates and times via Zoom are:

February 15 • 1:00 p.m. and the book we are reading is “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett.

March 15 • 1:00 p.m. and the book we are reading is: “The Book of Lost Friends” by Lisa Wingate.

As we all stay at home, wear masks, wash our hands and are SOOOO bored I still say “We Are the Lucky Ones.” Hang in there and know the time will come when we can celebrate in person. In the meantime see you all at Zoom!

Simply Shirley

Rabbi

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look toward in a crisis, the Book of Esther’s message is clear: We are the help we are waiting for.

It is easy for us to follow the path with the herd of those around us. After all, we have a natural drive to fit in. Is that enough, though? Is fitting into the flow of the herd what Judaism and, in the months ahead, Tu B’Shevat and Purim teach us? The answer is obviously otherwise. In fact, I think that there is a deeper connection with the sanctification of the everyday that rests in the foundation below the pedestrian joys of our Tu B’Shevat observances and the cheering and booing that is the hallmark of our observances of Purim.

So, what do these two “minor holidays” falling exactly four weeks apart have to teach us? Each one’s observances involve guarding against taking the world around us in stride. The Talmud (and, in a sense, the Tanakh, the Hebrew Bible) teaches us that we are partners in creation. We are not just inhabitants in the universe. The state of our society and the environment is as healthy as is our relationship with each of them. If recent years, let alone the breadth of Jewish (or, even all of human) history have taught us anything, we have learned that our blessings flow from our giving.

Let’s consider just two points: We cannot experience, let alone benefit, from the environment if we do not make choices that protect it. We have always been guardians of our world, but now that it is so much smaller, so to speak, it has become obvious that we need to accept enthusiastically our role as a “*shomer*,” a faithful steward. Likewise, we cannot take people for granted if we want to honor creation. At the beginning of the Torah, we are told that we were made in the image of God. We are not so arrogant as to suggest that we are replicas of God but we can and should take pride in the fact that we are like a shadow of God, providing some sense that there is within us a grace that is greater than our basic instincts. When we treat each other with respect and compassion, we remind ourselves and show others that God’s creations are intrinsically worthy, even when not deserving in the moment. We might say that our thoughts about and our behavior toward others reflect our own worth. As a result, we ought to be especially careful with our devotion to the health — physical, mental, and spiritual — of this world and of all of its inhabitants. In the end, all stewardship comes with the obligation to serve a cause greater than ourselves.

So, the next time that we assume that the “minor holidays” in the dull days of winter are without much importance, let us consider the significant features and guidance that they possess. And, roughly halfway between these two, we look to fulfill the directive that we should be happy for the arrival of the month of Adar. It is true that it is always hard to direct one to hold certain feelings, but this year we must redouble our efforts because we and all who we care about are in the balance. Our commitment to being positive can make all the difference.

May we find comfort in nature and our stewardship of it, and may we cultivate joy where circumstances conspire to keep us from the best of ourselves and from elevating the souls of those around us.

Happy New Year (for Trees) and Happy Adar

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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February Yahrzeits

- 2/1 Geraldine Greenberg
Linda Hahn *in memory of* her husband, Rabbi Sanford H. Hahn
Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of* Mitchell's mother,
Lillian Kramer
- 2/2 Trudy & Cary Durant *in memory of* Trudy's mother, Bernice Deutsch
- 2/3 Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of* their uncle, Lewis Kurland
- 2/5 Cheryl & Michael Guterman *in memory of* their grandmother,
Etta Brownstein
Elaine & Joshua Shapiro *in memory of* Elaine's father,
Nathan Nerenberg
Samuel Richmond
- 2/6 Deborah Cimini *in memory of* her mother, Shirley Goldberg
David Horowitz *in memory of* his sister, Louise Horowitz
Rose Zeltzer *in memory of* her father-in-law, Morris Zeltser
- 2/7 Linda Oram *in memory of* her father, David Masket
- 2/8 Lillian & Ronald Shender *in memory of* Lillian's father, Jule Harrison
Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of* her cousin, Irwin S. Scherzer
- 2/9 Lynn Litow Flayhart *in memory of* her mother, Fannie Litow
Gloria & Dr. Henry Jacoby *in memory of* Gloria's aunt, Fannie Litow
Harvey & Diane Steiner *in memory of* Harvey's mother, Hilda Steiner
- 2/12 Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of* her grandfather, Joseph Blum
Estelle Silver *in memory of* her sister-in-law, Ethel S. Young
- 2/14 Harvey Fern *in memory of* his father, David Fern
- 2/15 Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of* Michael's grandfather,
Morris Kurland
Dr. Gene Solomon *in memory of* his father, Milton Solomon, MD
- 2/17 Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of* Jerald's aunt, Martha Cohen
Howard & Myrna Levin *in memory of* Myrna's father, Max Cylinder
Betty Chaikin *in memory of* her brother-in-law, Mason Waronker
- 2/18 Carol E. Dranoff *in memory of* her mother, Mary Epstein
Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of* Larry's mother, Celia Hatoff
Faye Kahn *in memory of* her father, Leroy Landau
Lena Rosendorf
Betty Chaikin *in memory of* her sister-in-law, Lillian Waronker
- 2/19 Allan & Andrea Abramowitz *in memory of* Allan's father,
Bernard Abramowitz
Dr. Martin & Tina Freedman *in memory of* Marty's mother,
Paula Freedman
Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker *in memory of* Arlene's mother,
Edith Rosenthal
- 2/20 Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of* their brother-in-law,
Paul Berger
- 2/22 Anita Erman *in memory of* her husband, Dr. Jerome J. Erman
Hanna Leonard
Betty Chaikin *in memory of* her sister, Helen Lipkin
- 2/25 Erika Brooks *in memory of* her grandfather, Norman Kaye
Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of* Robert's mother,
Jeannette Linzner, and their friend, Laila Orr
- 2/26 Joel & Stephanie Miller *in memory of* Joel's grandfather, Harold Adler
Judge Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane *in memory of*
Sandra's grandfather, Louis Levin
- 2/27 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of* Cheryl's mother,
Lillian Brownstein

CONGREGATIONAL QUIZ SHOW NIGHT!

The TBS Social Committee is happy to announce a CONGREGATIONAL QUIZ SHOW NIGHT!

Our game show host will be Barbra Jaffe, daughter of our very own President, Jack Lieberman!!

When: **Monday, February 15** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Please register through the Google Calendar on our Website, www.seashul.org. Shortly before February 15, a Zoom link will be sent to all who register. You'll receive a score sheet to print out and be able to keep track of your own answers. This will be a very fun social event for everyone!!! Please plan to join us!

QUARANTINE CONTINUES TO KEEP US INSIDE,
BUT DON'T FRET WE ARE HERE
WITH FREE FUN TO SUPPLY.
IT'S TIME TO POUR A GLASS OF WINE OR
BEVERAGE OF CHOICE,
HAVING A PEN, THE PROVIDED SCORESHEET, AND
NUMBERS 1 TO 4 WOULD BE NICE!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 7 P.M.,
JOIN IN ON OUR ZOOM AND STAY TIL THE END.
WE WILL HAVE A FRIENDLY QUIZ
ON A TOPICAL SUBJECT,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SMART OR
GET THE ANSWERS CORRECT.

THE MORE QUESTIONS YOU MISS,
MEANS THE MORE YOU DID LEARN,
THERE IS NO STUDYING INVOLVED,
OR CAUSE FOR CONCERN.
SO, JOIN JACK LIEBERMAN'S DAUGHTER WHO
WILL HOST OUR CONGREGATIONAL QUIZ NIGHT,
IT MAY BE A BIT OF A CHALLENGE
AND QUITE A DELIGHT.

By Barbra Jaffe



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Alternative Services at Temple Beth Shalom via Zoom

Temple Beth Shalom will be trying out some alternative services via Zoom with different service leaders and guests. These services will most obviously be different from our current Friday evening services in their use of guitar and possibly other instruments as well as their having an even less traditional structure than our normal Friday evening services.

No two services will be alike as no two individuals and no two moments and spiritual experiences are the same, so if less traditionally structured services are of interest to you, we encourage you to attend all three alternative services.

After we hold the first three alternative services, which are currently scheduled for once each month in February, March and April, we will be in touch with attendees and the congregation to receive general feedback.

- The first three services will be held as follows:
- February 12, 2021: Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein
- March 19, 2021: Adam Cerino Jones
- April 30, 2021: Norm and Ronnie Greenberg

Our first alternative service will be led by Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein, who serves as Rabbi to the Community Havurah of Delaware. A multi-instrumentalist, he is an original member of "Shabbat Unplugged," has recorded "Walking Humbly" (2003), "Kosherdawg" (2016), and the Passover recording "A Night of Questions" (2001). Rabbi Becker-Klein's music and songwriting embraces renewed Jewish spirit by bringing new melodies and meaning to ancient sentiments. His music is available on Spotify, iTunes, and CDBaby.



Rabbi Becker-Klein attended the List College Joint program with Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary for Under-graduate Studies and received his Rabbinical training at the Recon-structionist Rabbinical College. He served as Assistant Editor for the *Kol Haneshamah: Yamim Nora'im* High Holy Day prayerbook published by the Reconstructionist

Press. He has been on the faculty at the University of Delaware, Keene State College, and Keene State Holocaust Education Center, and served as Director of Jewish Life and Education at the Springfield Jewish Community Center in Springfield, MA. Rabbi Becker-Klein is a *mashgi'ach* and specialist in "*micro-shechitah*," as well as having served as a lecturer to the Delaware Culinary Arts program. Rabbi Becker-Klein has served on the Camp JRF Board and on its faculty for many years. He is also the owner of Roasting Rabbi Coffee (roastingrabbi.com), is married to Rachel and is father to Sophie and Reuben.

Our second alternative service will be led by Rabbi Fox with Adam Cerino Jones. Adam Cerino Jones is a Rabbinical student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and currently serves as the Rabbinic Advisor for

the Haverford College Jewish Student Union. Adam is a passionate student and teacher of Torah and Talmud and, after years of secular songwriting, has recently started composing Jewish music. He lives in West Philadelphia with his wife and their pets.



Our third alternative service will be led by Rabbi Fox with music and portions of the singing led by Norm and Ronnie Greenberg, dear friends of TBS congregants, Jan and Steve Sarratore. Norm and Ronnie have been leading services and providing musical accompaniment for their (and Jan and Steve's old) congregation in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Achduth Veshalom, for nearly 50 years. In that time, Norm and Ronnie have compiled a sizable treasury of Reform Movement music and folk music used for various prayers, a taste of which they will offer us.

The Executive Board would like to thank Rabbi Fox and the Religious Committee for working out these details that has made these alternative services possible, especially during the pandemic.

Ode to Rabbi Fox

By Neil F. Brandt

March 2020 last in person Friday night services
 How can we keep TBS congregation together?
 Fox invited us to a Zoom service
 Nu, what's Zoom
 Looks like Hollywood Squares
 Rabbi & Sarah Fox share the screen
 Don't know what I'm talking about
 How long will we Zoom?
 Discussions about what to do for High Holy Days
 We'll continue on Zoom
 Who should we include at the synagogue?
 Donors give to hire Jason to run the video
 Rabbi & cantor figure out how to run the services
 Afton & I created a sacred space for services
 A few glitches
 Other than that very meaningful services
 Received an aliyah
 Friday night services moved to 7 pm
 Better for us
 I even got to pinch hit for Gloria
 Led services New Year's Day
 Rabbi arranges for alternative services
 Wants to include more people in our mishpachah
 Interesting class with Rabbi Simcha Raphael
 Made me think about the afterlife
 Rabbi leads services January 8
 How long will we continue to Zoom?
 Rabbi has kept us together

Temple Beth Shalom's Stained Glass Window

In February of 2001, Jerry Erman a past president and congregant of TBS presented an idea to the board for what he called, the "Window of Honor." The purpose of this window was to recognize those members who have given of themselves, their time, energies and heart to serve Temple Beth Shalom. This was to be a work of art, which would not only recognize the deserving members, but would also stand as a symbol to help beautify the synagogue, which Jerry loved.

Unfortunately, Jerry passed away in March of 2001 and did not live to see his dream come to fruition. The Board, however, felt that the congregation should go ahead with plans to create the window and appointed a committee consisting of Karen Sederholm, Barry Bornstein, Afton Koontz and Anita Erman to work on this project. After numerous meetings, false starts, and discussions with Rabbi Hahn, Karen (our resident artist), created a beautiful design depicting the arc and bema of the Temple. At the bottom were to have been the words, "*In honor of those whose faith and mitzvot have sustained this congregation.*" The design was to be rendered in stained glass and would replace the window on the Brigantine Avenue side of the Temple.

Dr. Jerry Erman was President of the synagogue in the late 90's, when I joined, and had been for some time. His wife, Anita, is now 90, living near her son, David and his wife, Beth in West Windsor. I have her phone number if you want to contact her. Anyway, she found a drawing after Jerry passed that he drew for a light box, and he noted on the drawing that it should acknowledge all of the congregants who have given their time and talents to the temple over the years. Anita wanted to follow through with Jerry's idea and asked me to help her develop the idea to take to the board. We ultimately decided to use natural light, instead of installing a light box, and design a stained glass window. It was to be funded solely by donations, so we worked on the design and fundraising, and waited until there was enough money raised to proceed. The first proposed design was rejected by the board. Then we consulted with Rabbi Hahn, who said "Wouldn't it be nice if the window reflected what happens inside the temple." That is how we came up with the idea for the design. Once I had our design drawn out, we used a local glazier, who partnered with a local artist. I went to the glazier's studio and selected each piece of glass, and then the artist cut and assembled them. By the way, I think Gloria Jacoby was President after Jerry Erman. And then, maybe, Barry Bornstein with Gloria as co-presidents? Then Lil Shender for a long time! Gloria Jacoby could probably fill in more of these blanks than I can. I hope this helps!

From **Karen Sederholm**

After considering several stained glass window companies, it was decided that Gallery Glass of Northfield would create the window and install it for a cost of just under \$4,000.

Several generous donations were made towards the project. The Temple Board proposed that any balance remaining could be paid for from general synagogue funds. This required a majority vote of the total paid members of the congregation. Each member was sent a ballot to

indicate whether they were for or against using general synagogue funds for this purpose. Donations were also requested at that time.

I have not been able to find the results of this vote!

However, we can assume that it passed because the Window of Honor now graces our sanctuary and can be seen as the backdrop of our Eternal Garden from the outside. It continues to recognize members who give of themselves, their time, their energy and their heart to serve Temple Beth Shalom. I have discovered that Anita Erman, Jerry's wife, is now 90 and living near her son David in West Windsor. I have to think that Jerry Erman would be pleased with the results of his dream and is smiling down on us, wishing us continued success!!

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Seth Kibel

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Temple Beth Shalom, Brigantine, proudly presents Seth Kibel, a talented, knowledgeable, entertaining artist who specializes in Jewish music, both as lecturer and as a talented musician. Seth combines both of these talents as he presents the following 2 solo lecture presentations:

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All are welcome to join us for these free 2 solo programs via Zoom

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You will receive a confirmation once you register and an invitation link prior to the event.

You must register no later than 2/3 (for the 2/4 presentation) and 2/17 (for the 2/18 presentation) -no exceptions.

More about Seth Kibel:



Seth Kibel is one of the Mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists, working with some of the best bands in Klezmer, jazz, swing, and more. Wowing audiences on clarinet, saxophone, and flute, Seth has made a name for himself in the Washington/Baltimore region, and beyond. He is the featured performer with The Kleztet, Bay Jazz Project, Music Pilgrim Trio, The Natty Beaux, and more. Winner of 28 Washington Area Music Awards (Wammies), including "Best World Music Instrumentalist" (2003-11) and "Best Jazz Instrumentalist" (2005, 2007-8, 2011-14). His most recent recording, "When You're Smiling," was released in 2018 on the Azalea City Recordings record label. His song "New Waltz" was the Grand Prize winner of 2016 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest (MASC), sponsored by the Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW). When he's not performing, Seth frequently lectures on a variety of topics in music history for numerous institutions, including the Osher Lifelong Learning programs at Johns Hopkins and Towson Universities. See Seth's website at www.sethkibel.com for more information.



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Intro to Technology Classes At Temple Beth Shalom, Brigantine

Temple Beth Shalom presents the following beginning technology classes:

Intro to Zoom (Zoom 101) – Wednesday, February 10th 1:00 p.m.

Do you need help using basic features of Zoom or do you have questions about simple Zoom



Meeting tasks? Then this mini workshop is for you! This hands-on session led by Temple Beth Shalom's Technology Committee Member, Camille Rosenberg, and her daughter, Cathy Rosenberg Brant, an Assistant Professor at Rowan University, is designed to review tasks to make you more comfortable with your next Zoom Meeting. Camille and Cathy will provide opportunities during a Q&A session for you to ask the Zoom questions you have.

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Intro to WWW.Seashul.Org Website (TBS 101) - Wednesday, February 24 – 1:00 p.m.

Do you know all of the important information Temple Beth Shalom's newly designed website has to offer? For an engaging *journey* through Seashul.org's different pages, please join Camille Rosenberg, Temple Beth Shalom's Technology Committee Member, as she *navigates* the website. Camille, using the Zoom platform, will *steer* you to the contact information for the Office, Rabbi and TBS Board Members; the time of services and candle lighting; a listing of current Adult Education Committee offerings; how to make a donation or to volunteer on a Temple Committee; and much, much more. Come *aboard* this exciting *adventure* through the website.



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Rabbi

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Rabbi Fox Reaching Out

Dear Friends,

I hope that you and yours are doing as well as possible.

I know that times have been very difficult for all of us, and particularly for many of you and your families. There have been challenges of all kinds, from health to finances, from interpersonal dissonance to unfinished daily tasks, and even spiritual crises. Sometimes, with the refreshment of the right words, we are renewed to face the world and to embrace our unfolding story.

True, a story can put you to sleep, but it can also awaken you.

—Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

Many of you have reached out to me and availed yourselves of my pastoral presence and some bits of wisdom that I have been able to share. I have been honored to help you and blessed to be included in your lives, not to mention to receive your wisdom and support, as well.

Those of you who have not done so, as well as for those who have, I want to take this opportunity — as we welcome Tu B'Shevat, one of the four Jewish New Years, during which we celebrate the inherent preciousness of the world around us and the promise of new growth inside and out — to invite you to be in touch with me to share some of our burdens and

good will by email, phone, or Zoom.

Whether you contact me through the synagogue office (609/266-0403) or via email (rabbi@seashul.org), I look forward to hearing from you; while I am not a therapist, I do have a sympathetic ear and spiritual heart.

Please remember that

you are most welcome at all of our online gatherings, whether educational, spiritual, or just for fun. You needn't feel the harshest sting of loneliness — you are part of a congregational community. Whether you choose to reach out to me or prefer to tell your story to a fellow congregant, loved one, or neighbor, please know that

your story is just waiting to be heard.

May the path ahead bring you all manner of good news and pleasant thoughts, the blessings of kind deeds and the richness of good sleep, and with these and more, a daily abundance of hope.

B'Shalom (In Peace),
Rabbi Fox

Intro to Hebrew Reading Course – Level 1

Temple Beth Shalom, Brigantine presents another **Hebrew Reading Course–Level 1** using the Zoom.

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February 3, 10, 17 and 24

March 3, 10, 17 and 24

If you always wanted to learn to read Hebrew and or follow Hebrew prayers or would like to refresh your Hebrew reading skills, this class is for you!



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