

MISHPOCHEH



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

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☆ Brigantine Jewish Community Center

Tishrei/Cheshvan 5785

Coming Events

Please register or call the Temple for more information about any of these programs!
(See service schedule below these dates)

Tuesday, November 5 – Election Day
VOTE!!! Turkey Dinner at the Presbyterian Church (see attached flyer)

Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.
Temple Board Meeting on Zoom

Saturday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.
Documentary Automat, at the JCC. This documentary centers on the vend machine popularized in the 20th century that offered fresh cooked meals in a commissary style eatery. Register at jccatlantic.org/2024/09/19/the-automat/

Sunday, November 10, 9:45 a.m.
Breakfast and 10:30 a.m. Torah Study with John Elzefon; Hadassah Book Club
3:00 p.m. in Margate

Wednesday, November 13
Team Oneg baking in the kitchen

Sunday, November 17, 6:00 p.m.
Dinner Club at Jamine. Call in your RSVP

Monday, November 18, 6:00 p.m.
Book Club (note date change)

Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 p.m.
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 28
Happy Thanksgiving

Monday, December 2
Epoxy Class with Teri Gragg (see attached)

RABBI'S COLUMN

November 1st marks the beginning of the month of Cheshvan. There are many different names for this month in our texts and traditions. We're probably most familiar with the name the Talmud gives this month, *Marcheshvan*. *Mar Cheshvan*, or "Bitter" Cheshvan, emphasizes the lack of holidays and causes for celebration.

The Book of Kings refers to this month as the month of *Bul* (bet-vav-lamed). The Hebrew word for flood, *mabul* (mem-bet-vav-lamed), comes from this same root. The Talmud (Rosh Hashanah 11b:6-7) teaches that the great flood in the story of Noah occurred during this month. Genesis 7:11 reads "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day, all the fountains of the great deep burst apart, and the floodgates of the sky broke open." According to Rabbi Eliezer, this was the 17th of Marcheshvan.

Water is a powerful metaphor for God. It can both sustain and destroy life, from a gentle rain to a torrent. After Sukkot we begin to pray for rain in our Amidah. We name God as "the one who causes wind to blow and rain to fall – *mashiv ha-ruach u'morid ha-gashem*." We need the rain, but we recognize that the rain can be overpowering. It depends on the context and our perspective.

Spending the High Holidays together, seeing the sanctuary filled to the brim with people and *ruach*, filled up my spiritual cup. *Kosi r'vaya*, my cup is overflowing. This is the metaphor of water that resonates for me as we approach Cheshvan. The energy and connection that we built during this High Holiday season can be its own kind of flood. May the flood waters of Cheshvan be gentle and nourishing, and may they carry us into a new rhythm together. *Chodesh tov!*

Rabbi Steph Breitsman



Looking Ahead

Please visit our website at www.seashul.org
for pop-up and future events!

President's Message

For those of you who asked to see a copy of my Rosh Hashanah remarks and for those of you who were not able to join us for the first day of Rosh Hashanah, here you go!

A couple of weeks ago, a man named Roy Sutton contacted me. He had purchased a book at a used bookstore in Milleville called, "Southern New Jersey Synagogues: A Social History from 1880-1980." He asked if we'd like a copy of it for the Temple and of course, I said, YES! It's fascinating and contains stories of about 20 South Shore synagogues, kosher hotels, holocaust survivors who live in S. Jersey, the Woodbine Jews, the chicken farms... and there's a chapter about Temple Beth Shalom. Betty Chaikin is quoted throughout this chapter. I'd like to read just a small section of "our" chapter to you.

Today, the average age of this congregation is 60 years old. The synagogue wants to attract younger people for its future because you have to pass the responsibility of perpetuation onto the next generation. The synagogue is at a crossroads at this time.

What is the future of this community as a Jewish one? What would happen if Beth Shalom would have to close its doors? How would this affect the community? There is a nucleus of 25 people in this Jewish community, but they are all over the age of 60 today. They are not optimistic about the future of the synagogue. "Bring in a part time rabbi to help," said some. But the congregation is against such a move.

The congregation came to be for one generation of Jews on the Brigantine Island. The Jews of Brigantine created a synagogue from telephone numbers in a telephone directory with names that sounded Jewish! No Sabbath services are held on Saturday, only Friday night services and High Holiday services are conducted in this synagogue.

Well – we're still here! Our congregants are well over 60 now and we DO have a part time Rabbi "to help!" As we begin this New Year, 5785, let's just sit back and revel in this moment with pride in our hearts that we have kept our Founding Fathers' and Mothers' dream alive. There IS a Jewish presence on this island. We've celebrated our synagogue, our Judaism and each other for more than 50 years in this building! Our founders, with unwavering determination, set forth on a mission to establish and maintain a Jewish presence on the island of Brigantine. Their vision was to ensure that Judaism would always belong here, regardless of the challenges and changes that time would bring. Today, we're here as a testament to their legacy. Their dedication to maintaining our Jewish heritage on this island paved the way for generations of individuals and families to find solace, community, and spirituality within these walls. In honoring our founders' vision, we continued to build upon the foundations they laid, ensuring that Temple Beth Shalom remains a beacon of Jewish identity and unity. Our new door, lovingly created and painted by artist, Ron Ross Cohen beckons us to enter, to stay and to let the



Brigantine community know that we are still here!

I am filled with gratitude for our hardworking board: Camille, Jack, Jack, Bernie, Sheila, Judy, Gloria, Lena, Neil, Gene, Richard, Shirley, Harry, and now Rabbi Steph. Your accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. The countless hours you've dedicated to planning, organizing, and executing events and initiatives have enriched the lives of our members and strengthened the bonds of our congregation in this community.

To Steve, my husband, you are always there to write an article, give an adult ed presentation, speak on behalf of Temple Beth Shalom, lead a service, pass out napkins and talk me through some challenging moments. Thank you!

I'm also filled with gratitude for you, our members. You have made a commitment to support Temple Beth Shalom even when you belong to a congregation "at home." I encourage each and every one of you to explore the opportunities available to you in this congregation. PLEASE, share your talents with us and connect with your fellow congregants.

This year, we have TWO amazing women leading us in prayer! Rabbi Stephanie Breitsman joined Temple Beth Shalom on July 1st and we couldn't be happier that she chose US to be her congregation. We welcome back to our bimah for the 2nd year, Cantor Gail Foorman, and her husband, Craig, from Atlanta, GA. Rabbi Steph and Cantor Foorman have been working tirelessly to make our Holiday services meaningful and spiritual for our congregation. Cantor Gail, thank you for leading us again in music this holiday season and thank you for working with our new Temple Choir, *Shirat Shalom*, organized by Lorna Rosenberg! We are all in for a treat this year!

As we embark on this new year, let us do so with hearts full of gratitude, minds open to growth and change, and spirits uplifted by the knowledge that we are part of something truly special – a *Kehillah K'doshah*, a holy community bound by love, faith, and a shared commitment to living our Jewish values. May we continue to be a source of inspiration and strength for each other and our community in the coming year.

On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed.

To those I have wronged

I ask forgiveness

To those I have helped

I wish I could have done more

To those I neglected

I ask for understanding and

To those who have helped me on this journey as President of our congregation, I sincerely thank you

Shana Tova Tikatevu – may you and your families and those you love, be inscribed for a good year. May you have a meaningful and reflective holiday, and may your prayers be heard on these holiest of days. May we, at Temple Beth Shalom, and all our people in the house of Israel, be inscribed for a good and peaceful life as we say, Amen

Jan Sarratore

Message Cards

Shirley Morgan to Joe Hassman *for a speedy and complete recovery.*

General Donations

Anonymous

Additional Contributions with Membership

Allen & Barbara Wilen

2024 Yizkor Memorial Book

David T. Seitman

H. David & Gloria G. Caplan

Terry & Fred Horowitz

Yahrzeit Donations

Jerald H. & Sheila J. Cohen, *in memory of* Jerald's father, Bernie Cohen.

Jerald H. & Sheila J. Cohen, *in memory of* their uncle, Frank Cohen.

Ralph & Roxanne Elias *in memory of* Ralph's father, Joseph Elias.

Dr. Barry L. & Barbara L. Glaser *in memory of* Barry's sister, Flora Furman.

Leo A. & Mindy S. Gottleib *in memory of* Mindy's grandfather, Morris Markowitz.

Murray & Lorna Rosenberg, *in memory of* Murray's mother, Harriet Rosenberg.

Ronald P. & Jo-Ann Massanova, *in memory of* Jo-Ann's mother, Rose Aufiero.

Steven & Janet Sarratore, *in memory of* Janet's grandmother, Sophie Wasserman.

Howard L. & Caorol H. Serotta, *in memory of* Carol's father, William Hecht.

Harvey T. & Diane Steiner, *in memory of* Harvey's uncle, Abraham Motel.

Condolences to

Mike Kurland and family
on the death of Marcia Kurland.

Get Well to

Gale Donohue
Dr. Joe Hassman
Gale Donohue
Stan Levin
Eileen Perice

Service Schedule — November

November 1: Lay led service with **David Seitman** 8 p.m. in person and on Zoom

November 8: **Rabbi Steph** – 8 p.m. in person and on Zoom

November 15: **Rabbi Steph** – 8 p.m. in person and on Zoom

November 16: **Rabbi Steph** – 10:30 a.m. in person and on Zoom 8 p.m.

November 22: Zoom services with **Rabbi Steph** from home 8 p.m. We will be at TBS to Zoom if you'd like to be with us at the Temple

November 26: **Interfaith Service** – 7 p.m. in person and on Zoom

November 29: Temple Beth Shalom will be closed for Thanksgiving

Service Schedule — December

December 6: **Rabbi Steph** – 8 p.m. in person & on Zoom

December 7: **Rabbi Steph** – 10:30 p.m. in person & on Zoom

December 13: **Rabbi Steph** – Zoom with **Rabbi Steph** from home – 8 p.m. We will be at TBS to Zoom if you'd like to be with us at the Temple

December 20: **Rabbi Steph** – 8 p.m. in person & on Zoom

December 27: 8 p.m. Lay led service with **Lorna Rosenberg**

December 29: **Community candle lighting and door dedication**

Thank You to

Jack and Donna Pressman, David Seitman, Jeri Geisser, Jan and Steve Sarratore, Shirley Morgan, Jack Lieberman, Camille and Bernie Rosenberg for preparing the Temple for High Holiday Services.

Jan Sarratore and Donna Pressman for preparing the Rosh Hashanah Reception.

Lorna Rosenberg, Cantor Foorman and Rabbi Steph for putting together Shirat Shalom – our new mini choir! Thanks to the choir!!!!

Jack Pressman, Jack Lieberman, John & Lena Elzufon, Murray & Lorna Rosenberg, Marc Lieberman & Lisa Brown, Carol Berman & Richard Waxman, Stan Levin, Gene Solomon, David Seitman, Jan and Steve Sarratore, Camille and Bernie Rosenberg, Danny & Donna Cowhey, Shirley Morgan, Michael Albert, for building our Sukkah this year and for returning the sanctuary back to burgundy! Our biggest group yet!!!

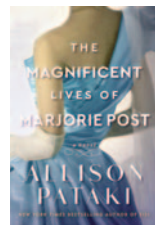
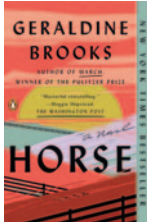
What would we do without ALL of you! THANKS!

Welcome to our newest members!

Rabbi Lance and Liz Sussman
Robin and Marv Resnick

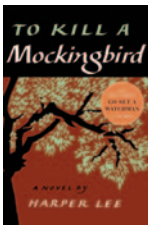
TBS Literary Society

The TBS Literary Society met on Monday, October 14 at 1:00 p.m. to review the book "Horse," by Geraldine Brooks, both in-person at Temple Beth Shalom and on-line via Zoom. As predicted, Horse provided Pat Baldt and Laurel Leigh, our volunteer moderators for the day, plenty of topics and themes to explore including lost stories within the American racing history; racism in various historical records; and legacy, heritage and inheritance. Thank you again, Pat and Laurel for a job well done!



Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 18 (rescheduled from Monday, November 11) at 1:00 p.m., to review the book "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki, both in-person at Temple Beth Shalom and on-line via Zoom. This fictional novel, by bestselling and acclaimed author Allison Pataki, is a well crafted, intimate portrait of a larger-than-life woman; a powerful story of one woman falling in love with her own voice and embracing her own power while shaping history in the process.

We are tentatively scheduled to read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee on Monday, December 9.



Mark your calendars now for a joint book club meeting with Atlantic/Cape May Counties-Gesher Hadassah, on Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 p.m. (Margate location to be announced). Author, Rhonda Fink Whitman, will discuss her book, "94 Maidens," graphic novel, Daughters of the Holocaust, and her work to require Holocaust Studies across the nation. Please contact me at Adulted@seashul.org or the Temple Office at 609.266.0403 by November 3rd if you would like to join this book club discussion.

For more information on any of the TBS Literary Society meetings, please contact the Temple Office or Adulted@seashul.org.

Warmly,
Camille Rosenberg

Volunteer at TBS!

Volunteering is the best way to get involved in TBS life! Not only do you get to meet other members, but you also support TBS is the best way. Would you like to work on Temple events? Gardening? Baking? Social Action? The Caring Committee? Adult Education? Membership? Security at the Temple? Let us know! What are YOUR superpowers!?

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat For October & Kiddush Sponsors

Wednesday, October 2 Rosh Hashanah – Carol Berman & Richard Waxman, in memory of Carol's mother, Selma Krimins Berman.

Friday, October 4 – John & Lena Elzufon in memory of their granddaughter, Ahuva Bracha Gonzalez Elzufon.

Friday, October 25 – Jerald H. & Sheila J. Cohen in memory of Jerald & Sheila's uncle, Frank Cohen.

The Interfaith Council of Brigantine

Temple Beth Shalom will host the Interfaith Thanksgiving service in November! Rabbi Steph has been in contact with Father Ed and Pastor Nasir. Details, soon!

Brigantine Chamber of Commerce Events

We are members of the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce and would like to make sure that we have TBS representation at as many Chamber events as possible. This column in our newsletter will let you know what's coming up! Please let us know if you can go on our behalf!

Check the Chamber Calendar
BrigantineEvents@gmail.com of events for details.

Do you need a ride to services or events?

Please call the Temple office and let us know that you'd like to attend services or adult ed events but need a ride! We'd love to pick you up!

Dinner Club

We'll be traveling to the new restaurant in Galloway called Jasmine on November 17 at 6 p.m. Let Jan know if you can join the group. Reservations need to be turned in by November 12th if you'd like to go!

Jan Sarratore

Team Oneg

We'll be baking on Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. in preparation for onegs and the Interfaith Service. If you'd like to help, please let Jan or the Temple office know that you can come.

Jan Sarratore



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1John A. Elzufon 16Janet Sarratore
14Trudy Durant 19Nancy J. Shanker

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein
23Cary & Trudy Durant

Adult Education

We are in the midst of planning our winter and spring schedule! Rabbi Steph will tell us about her job as a Soferet and Spiritualism in Art, Seth Kibel will return on Zoom with an adult ed on Aaron Copeland, Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez will be joining us from the Holocaust center, Cantor Gail Foorman will share stories and songs from her trip to Israel this winter. Watch for dates and times in upcoming flyers.

Temple Beth Shalom is extremely proud of its Adult Education offerings and very grateful for the Marguarite Solomon Fund that generously supports these programs. If you have an idea for a speaker that would be of interest to our congregation and the community-at-large, please contact the Temple Office at 609.266.0403. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts.

We'd love to have you sit on this committee! Call Jan or Neil for more information.

Torah study leaders for 2024-2025

Our leaders have been asked to give a brief summary of the Torah portion and prepare a discussion on its relevance for today's world. This is one of our most popular adult ed programs. Please consider being a Torah Study leader and joining us!

November 10 – **John Elzufon**
December 15 – **Jack Lieberman**
January – **TBA**
February 9 – **Ruth Edelman**
March 2 – **Afton Koontz**
April 6 – **Neil Brandt**
May – **Steve Sarratore**
June 29 – **Dr. Harry Chaikin**

October Yahrzeits

Burton & Lorraine Stolove, *in memory of Lorraine's father, Erwin Augenfeld*
Allen & Barbara Wilen, *in memory of Allen's father, Mark Wilen*
Robert & Eileen Linzner, *in memory of Eileen's mother, Lillian Rogovin*
Stephen D. & Jamie M. Satz, *in memory of Jamie's father, Joseph Kessel*
Jerald H. & Sheila J. Cohen, *in memory of Jerald's father, Bernie Cohen*
Philip Goisman, *in memory of his grandmother, Fannie Goisman*
Gale Hoffman, *in memory of her friend, Fannie Goisman*
Jack Greenberg, *in memory of his mother, Janet Greenberg*
Estelle Silver, *in memory of her mother, Lillian Waltzer*
Helen Spinrad, *in memory of her sister, Lorraine Moskowitz*
Dr. Martin & Linda Millison, *in memory of her brother, Sonny Raichlen*
Steven & Janet Sarratore, *in memory of Jan's grandmother, Sophie Wasserman*
Michael M. Axler, *in memory of his brother, Charles Axler*
Frank & Sarah Kern, *in memory of Frank's mother, Shirley Kern*
John A. & Lena J. Elzufon, *in memory of their granddaughter,*
Ahuva Bracha Gonzalez Elzufon
Bret Bergman, *in memory of his grandmother, Ethel Hassman*
Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman, *in memory of Joseph's mother, Ethel Hassman*
Murray & Lorna Rosenberg, *in memory of Murray's mother, Harriet Rosenberg*
Nancy K. Zucker, *in memory of her mother-in-law, Nancy K. Zucker*
Dr. Evlynn Harmon, *in memory of her father-in-law, Jerome Harmon*
Carol & Howard Serotta, *in memory of Carol's father, William Hecht*
Ralph & Roxanne Elias, *in memory of Ralph's father, Joseph Elias*
Marlene Paul, *in memory of her mother, Eve Lindenberg*
David Abramowitz, *in memory of his brother Allan Abramowitz*
Ronald P. & Jo-Ann Massanova, *in memory of Jo-Ann's mother, Rose Aufiero*
Eileen D. Alva, *in memory of her stepfather, Henry Keiser*
Rose M. Zeltser, *in memory of her husband, Ronald H. Zeltser*
Leo A. & Mindy Gotlieb, *in memory of Mindy's grandfather, Morris Markowitz*
Philip Goisman, *in memory of his friend of the family, Janet Kerstetter*
Gale Hoffman, *in memory of her grandmother, Janet Kerstetter*
John Spinrad, *in memory of his father, Malcolm Spinrad*
Helen Spinrad, *in memory of her husband, Malcolm Spinrad*
Faye Kahn, *in memory of her mother, Malka Mittelman Landau*
Marlene Paul, *in memory of her mother-in-law, Celia Paul*
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz, *in memory of Leon's father, Julius Ackovitz*
John Spinrad, *in memory of his grandmother, Eve Frankel*
Dr. Barry L. & Barbara L. Glaser, *in memory of Barry's sister, Flora Furman*
Bernard & Camille Rosenberg, *in memory of Bernard's father, Charles Rosenberg*
Judith Blum-Crawford & Max Crawford, *in memory of Judith's father, Eugene W. Blum*
H. David & Gloria G. Caplan, *in memory of David's mother, Henrietta Ginsburg*
Joel H. & Stephanie Miller, *in memory of Joel's aunt, Eva Dora Goldsmith*
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz, *in memory of their uncle, Albert Orner*
Neil I. Goldfarb, *in memory of his father, Edward Goldfarb*
Stewart LaPayover, *in memory of his grandmother, Mary Moskowitz*
Helen Spinrad, *in memory of her mother, Mary Moskowitz*
Ronald & Rhoda Berman, *in memory of Ron's father, Samuel Berman*
Jerald H. & Sheila Cohen, *in memory of their uncle, Frank Cohen*
Dr. Leonard Goldfield, *in memory of his wife, Martha Goldfield*
Michael & Marcia Kurland, *in memory of Michael's father, Irving Kurland*
Jeffrey B. & Rhoda J. Rosen, *in memory of Rhoda's mother, Hannah Meyer*
Annieta Mann, *in memory of her mother, Virginia Shanack*
Arnie & Lory Schuster, *in memory of Arnie's mother, Margot Schuster*

Look What's Happening at Beth Judah in Wildwood!

Contact bethjudahtemple@yahoo.com for more information.

Hesed Committee

Acts of Loving Kindness – Our Hesed Committee is here to help!

Let us know if you have a need for a comfort call, a visit, a grocery store pick-up or anything else that our volunteers can do to help! Contact the Temple office with your need for caring or to volunteer, by email at office@seashul.org or by phone at 609-266-0403.

Lena Elzufon and Shirley Morgan

Social Action Committee

Thank you for your most generous support of Jewish Family Services' food drive. Your response was overwhelming!

We continue to collect gently used coats to support the coat drive in Brigantine. Thank you in advance for participating!

Lena Elzufon and Shirley Morgan

November 5th is Election Day!

Need information about early voting or election day voting? Check out the voting website of your state. Remember, every vote counts!

NEW JERSEY: <https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml>

PENNSYLVANIA: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/vote.html>

NEW YORK: <https://elections.ny.gov/>

FLORIDA: <https://dos.fl.gov/elections/for-voters/>

DELAWARE: <https://elections.delaware.gov/elections/general/general.shtml>

Home Hospitality for Rabbi Steph

If you would like to invite Rabbi Steph into your home, please let Jan know and arrangements will be made in the upcoming months! Thanks!

Having Trouble with the Zoom Link? This occasionally happens!

If you are not able to join the meeting with the link, you can always join the meeting manually by:

- go to <http://Zoom.us>
- Select **Join** (a meeting-located on the top right of the Zoom page)
- Enter the **Meeting ID** (located after the Zoom Link)
- Enter the **Passcode** (located after the Meeting ID)

Mazel Tou!!

PLEASE let us know if you have something to “Kvell” about! We can’t tell everyone if we don’t know.

Congratulations to

Saba and Savta Rosenberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Elyse Jules! (Lorna & Murray Rosenberg)

Lill and Joe Hassman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson!

How to be more vigilant

See something, say something!

The FBI just reported that the Jewish community is the most targeted religious group in the United States for hate crimes. Jews are just 2% of the population but account for 67% of all religiously motivated hate crimes.

These include the 1,005 bomb threats and swatting incidents in the last year logged by the Secure Community Network (SCN), the official security organization of the North American Jewish community – incidents that can force evacuations as people are abruptly pushed out of their facilities.

Religious services, school days, and other events are interrupted, causing fear and sometimes trauma for those who engage in Jewish life. People go to synagogues to pray. They should not have to flee.

Other incidents include events where protesters proudly support the terror group Hamas and their terroristic actions. Individuals are frequently seen promoting and advocating for the slaughter and genocide of Jews with pro-Hamas flags, slogans, and vandalizing buildings, sidewalks, and other public spaces.

The Justice Department has brought charges, obtained plea agreements, and secured sentences for over 30 criminal acts motivated by antisemitic hate in just the past few months. SCN has worked with authorities on many of these cases.

ALL OF THIS is happening within our country and being stoked, in some cases, by outside influences. Iran is fomenting some of these violent groups and has been actively involved in financing anti-Israel protests. In so doing, Iran and Hamas have found their way into our cities and towns and systematically infiltrated our institutions. They are actively influencing and working to undermine American life.

It’s time for Americans to wake up and face these threats before a mass attack takes place.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it’s stupid.

Look what's happening in our S. Shore Jewish Community!

- **FreedomSong** – Join us on November 14 as we head to the Jewish Community Center in Margate for this performance. RSVP using the information on the flyer attached.
- Check out the many offerings to the community through the Board of Jewish Education and the Holocaust Center. <https://www.bjeatlantic.org> <https://stockton.edu/holocaust-resource/> and https://operations.daxko.com/Online/5186/Programs/V2/Search.mvc?program_id=TMP50447&locations=B554

Comments from congregants about our High Holiday Services:

I just wanted to say how pleased I was with Rosh Hashanah services this year. My guest, said that in the many years she has attended HHD services, she never enjoyed a Rosh Hashanah service as much as she enjoyed this one. The spirit and the tone of the services were very uplifting, and the *ruach* which exuded from both Rabbi Steph and Cantor Gail extended into the congregation. We are still humming some of the prayer melodies! Thank you for a most enjoyable Rosh Hashanah.

Services were beautiful, warm, touching and inclusive.

Such *Hamesh* services this year. Thank you. Very moving!

About Israel

Yahya Sinwar, Architect Of The Oct. 7 Terror Attacks On Israel, Confirmed Killed

Source: NBC News

(Israel) Yahya Sinwar, the elusive Hamas leader widely credited with masterminding the Oct. 7 terror attacks on Israel, was confirmed dead recently, ending a yearlong manhunt for the militant chief. He was 61. The Israel Defense Forces said Sinwar was killed by soldiers in an operation in southern Gaza on Wednesday. Sinwar who was born in a refugee camp and spent years in an Israeli prison before rising to the top of the Iran-backed militant group, was described as a “dead man walking” by the Israeli military in the days after the Oct. 7 attacks. But he managed to evade capture for over a year. The only sighting of him before his death was in grainy footage taken on Oct. 10, 2023, three days after Hamas' assault, according to the Israeli military. It showed him fleeing with his family into a tunnel, one of a large network build by Hamas under Gaza, which the militant group used to smuggle weapons, hide out from Israeli attacks and keep Israeli hostages captive.

Building Security

We held a meeting with Joe Matthews to update our security policy regarding the attendance of guests to the Temple. If you'd like to be involved with our security committee, please call the Temple office.

Jack Pressman

Our New Front Door

In 2022, we applied for a FEMA grant, and we were rewarded \$39,000. With part of this money, we removed the existing front doors of the Temple and replaced them with 18-gauge galvanized steel doors for our main entrance. Our new steel doors gave us a sense of security, but they weren't very beautiful, quite institutional, actually. We had them painted burgundy, but hoped to commission an artist to create a beautiful front entrance to the synagogue letting all visitors and congregants know that we are still here and plan to be here for a long time!

Rabbi Fox spoke with past congregant, Vera Getz. She had purchased the original doors to the synagogue. He asked her if she might be interested in funding the beautification of the front door. She agreed that we could commission an artist to do this work and she would fund the project. With blessings from the Temple board, we contacted past congregant, Stephanie Segal Miller, also an artist, to see if she could recommend someone to create a beautiful front entrance for the synagogue. She recommended Galloway artist, Ron Ross Cohen.

In October of 2023 we began discussions with Ron. Ron was inspired by our podiums and by our name, the shul by the sea. After weeks of research and designs, his first design just wouldn't work. It would make the doors too heavy and was too costly for our benefactor. Ron took his original design and turned it into a mural in two sections that he could create in his studio and then hang on our doors (like wallpaper). He added several three-dimensional aspects to the design and a Star of David created from wood.

Ron installed the mural on the door right before Rosh Hashanah. The door is stunning. Everyone who has seen it remarks on its beauty. If you come in the early afternoon, the sun shines directly on it making the design come alive. The beams coming out from the Star of David literally pop out at you! The waves seem to glisten and move. Although it's just been added to our building, it feels as though it's always been there.

We were blessed to find Ron Ross Cohen and are thankful to Vera Getz and Stephanie Segal Miller for bringing him to us. It felt as though we were meant to find each other, it was *bashert*. Ron put his heart and soul into creating our front door. He experienced a heightened spiritual connection to his own Judaism while creating the door for us, and he hopes it will help spread Judaism's spirit and goodwill from Temple Beth Shalom to our community.



BBQ welcoming new members was held at Bernie & Camille Rosenberg's home.



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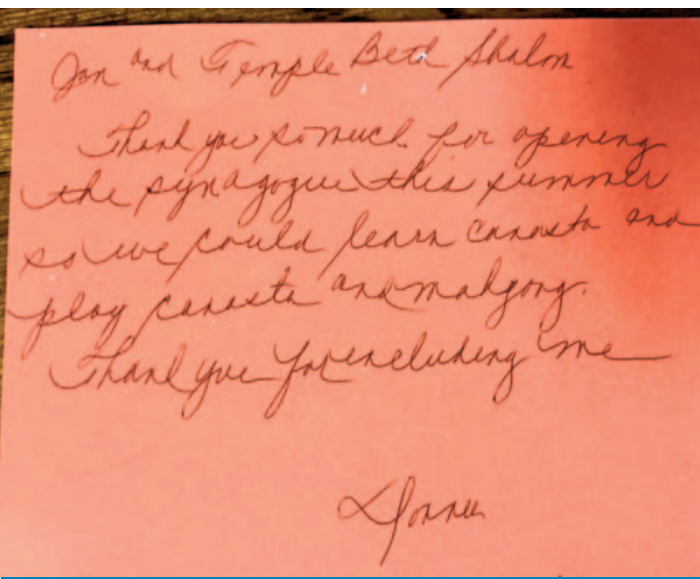


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Celebrate your blessings with us!

If there's something special that you'd like to share – a new family member, a graduation, a special birthday – send your picture to Sue and we'll print it in the bulletin! We'd love to *kvell* with you!!



The installation of our new front door with artist Ron Ross Cohen and muralist Sue Daly. It's amazing!



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