



Seaside Jewish Community



25th Anniversary Commemorative Book 1997-2022

“Creating Connections”

New community group explores Jewish experience

All Saints' to host gatherings

By Betty Fleming
Special to the Coast Press

The Seaside Jewish Community Group plans to meet regularly in the All Saints' Church, parish hall in Rehoboth Beach, usually on the third Friday of the month at 7 p.m. This month's meeting, though, will be on the fourth Friday, Jan. 23, and will feature a speaker from the Jewish Federation of Delaware.



REHOBOTH BEACH RESID members of the Seaside Jewish Community formed in July, plans to meet on the third Friday of the month at 7 p.m. This month's meeting, though, will be on the fourth Friday, Jan. 23, and will feature a speaker from the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Shul On The Shore?

Delaware's emerging Seaside Jewish Community considers forming a congregation.

There are 200 Jews in Delaware, according to the 2000 census. Only the state's 200 Jewish population is not a synagogue. The Seaside Jewish Community is a group of about 200 Jews in Delaware who are interested in forming a congregation. The group is currently meeting at the Seaside Jewish Community Center in Rehoboth Beach.



Seaside Jewish Community members at a meeting.

O.C. Temple Opens Facility In Berlin

The Orthodox Congregation of the Holy Land (O.C. Temple) has opened a new facility in Berlin, Md. The new facility is a 10,000-square-foot building that will serve as a center for the congregation's activities. The building includes a synagogue, a library, and a community center.



Seaside Jewish Community members holding a sign for the new community center.

'A Great Blessing'

Rehoboth Beach's Seaside Jewish Community dedicates its new synagogue building.

The Seaside Jewish Community is pleased to announce the dedication of its new synagogue building. The building is a beautiful structure that will serve as a center for the community's activities. The dedication ceremony was held on a recent Sunday.

Cape Region Jewish community now 200 st

Seaside Jewish Community, located on Highland Glade Road in Rehoboth Beach, was founded 10 years ago in 1996, when more than 70 Jewish people in Sussex County answered an ad for a Passover seder.

That original group wanted to establish a Jewish presence in Sussex County and Community, now more than 200 at a time with a religious focus and a wide range of social, educational and cultural activities. The group is currently meeting at the Seaside Jewish Community Center in Rehoboth Beach.

Surf Is Definitely Up For Delaware's Seaside Jews

Seaside Jewish Community members enjoy a day at the beach.

The Seaside Jewish Community members enjoyed a day at the beach. The group went to the beach for a picnic and to enjoy the sun and sand. The day was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time.



The Seaside Jewish Community Center building in Rehoboth Beach.



Seaside Jewish Community members at a beach event.



Our brother, Buddy Feldman

We know how much Seaside Jewish Community meant to you, and how much your leadership meant to Seaside. You would be proud of how this community has grown. You are deeply missed, and our family remembers you with love, an amazing husband, father, grandfather and brother.

***Bobbi Feldman Liebenberg and Dr. Robert Liebenberg
Dr. Marvin Jack Feldman and Lynn Ginsberg
Dr. Lawrence Feldman and Dr. Orly Korat***





Seaside Jewish Community Celebrates 25 years

1997 – 2022

WELCOME - SHALOM - CONNECT

We are a vibrant, independent Jewish community based in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, with over 600 members, representing over 360 households, and embracing all levels of Jewish observance.

We offer opportunities to connect with the Jewish community in Southern Delaware through spiritual, cultural, educational, and social programs. Our many service projects remind us and our neighbors of our commitment to the welfare of the entire community.

The best way to learn about our schedule of worship services, educational and community service programs, and special events is to check out our weekly e-blasts and our website, seasidejewishcommunity.com.

A concert by Six13, a New York-based a cappella band with unprecedented style and energy highlights our anniversary weekend celebration.

Joel Simon, President

Julie Danan, Rabbi



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*“It is not your duty to finish the work,
but neither are you at liberty to neglect it”*

Rabbi Tarfon: Pirkei Avot 2

SEASIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY

25 years of creating connections

*“We want to go back to our roots of one [Jewish] house that welcomes everyone, where no one will be turned away.”
Seaside founding President Lynne Chichi, 1997*

In 1997, Rehoboth Beach restaurateur Peter Wise put an ad in the Cape Gazette newspaper hoping to share a Passover Seder with other Jews in the area. To his surprise, more than 100 Jews responded. In the end, he held Seders on the first two nights of Passover at his restaurant Pierre’s Pantry, each attended by more than 50 people.

Lynne Chichi was among those who answered the ad. “When the few of us met, we decided to keep in touch,” Lynne told an NPR reporter in 1998. Harvey and Allyn Fruman answered the ad in 1997, too. After seeing that so many Jews wanted to connect in Delaware’s coastal area, in June they opened their Rehoboth Beach home to whomever was interested in starting a Jewish Community. It was a convivial evening of music and conversation in their backyard adjacent to the bucolic wetlands of Rehoboth Bay. Those who attended included (there were others) Lynne Chichi, Cheryl and Marc Fruchtman, Myra and Al Sachs, Lee and Sam Mussoff, Sy and Dorothy Brecher, Joe and Nancy Green, Sylvia Diehl, Alfred and Suzanne Gross, Seymour Abensohn, Jackie Heim, Michael Krausz, Annette Annenberg, Jackie Heim, Jennifer August, and Jay Reamer.

They agreed to call themselves, “Seaside Jewish Community,” and Lynne soon became its first president.

The goal was to create a home in Delaware’s coastal area that welcomed all Jews, no matter what their affiliation. Lynne collected people’s addresses, and for a cost of \$1 each, she mailed regular newsletters to keep them abreast of what was happening. Another gathering took place in July at the Fruman home to discuss the formation of a board of directors and to incorporate. Annual dues of \$5 a person were collected and Harvey became treasurer.



**My late wife, Susan, and I, Ron,
were part of the founding group
for Seaside 25 years ago. She
would be thrilled at the strides
Seaside has made over the years,
and so am I!**

**We wish for the best of everything
for Seaside in the years to come!**

Ron Lench,
Harrisburg

EARLY YEARS

The first challenge was to find a home, and Lynne called everyone she could think of. Later that year, Father Manion, a rector of All Saints Church in Rehoboth Beach, said the group could meet at the Parish Hall. In November of 1998, Seaside created its first mission statement.

The Seaside Jewish Community will support and foster Jewish Religious, cultural, social and educational activities for its members. We welcome all people willing to support these principles in the spirit and joy of Jewish community life.

The first Torah Celebration took place that November at the Parish Hall, chaired by Taube Carpenter. Rabbi Robert Layman, the executive director of United Synagogues of Conservative Jews of the Delaware Valley, brought a Torah from the Torah Bank of New York. The weekend celebration included a Friday Shabbat service, a Saturday morning Torah service and Havdalah, and a Sunday Torah celebration. Seaside member Cheryl Fruchtman, who became president in 2001, said the organization later took back the Torah. The lasting memory from that weekend is the donation of an eternal light that hangs in the sanctuary to this day.

By 1999, with three Passovers under its belt and 60 people on its membership list, the fledgling organization applied for non-profit status as a synagogue, and Alfred Gross, who was Yeshiva-trained, started teaching Hebrew classes and a Torah study course. He also led a course in Talmud at the home of Sy and Dorothy Brecher. He believed in study and religious observance, and encouraged others, including Harvey Fruman, to lead services. Dr. Bob Zadek, who joined the fledgling group with his wife Miriam within a month of the first gathering at the Fruman's, recently recalled Alfred's influence: "If not for Al and Sue's guidance, what become Seaside might have become more of a social group," Bob said. Alfred also pushed successfully for Seaside to obtain space for a cemetery, now located on land along the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal owned by St. Peter's Church in Lewes. When Seaside needed more space than what was available at the All Saints Parish Hall, the search began for a permanent home.



We remember...

Breacher, Dorothy	Levy, Florence
Brecher, Sy	Maneckshaw, Carol
Cohen, Arnold	Morrison, Barry
Cohen, Robert	Mussoff, Sam
Ciment, Kate McLuskie	Pack, Sonny
Diehl, Sylvia	Rodgville, Harvey
Dogoloff, Lee	Sachs, Al
Fantl, Robin	Sachs, Myra
Fantl, Shirley	Saltzberg, Lionel
Feldman, Buddy	Saltzman, Michael
Fox, Arthur	Samuelson Greer, Betsy
Fox-Gold, Chana	Schechtman, Allen
Gold, Irwin	Schein, Robert
Green, Joe	Schmidt, Betsy
Gross, Alfred	Silberstein, Barbara
Jahn, Peter	Sims, Brenda
Kaplan, Adeline	Sinner, Dorothy
Keats, Jean	Smulyan, Sam
Kernosh, Michael	Steiman, Richard
Kobrin, David	Weinberg, Howard
Kramer, Elizabeth	Weiner, Marvin
Lench, Susan	Wexler, Ira
Levine, Martin	Wirtshafter, Hank

May the memory of these Seaside members be a blessing.

Page sponsored by Jennifer Rubenstein.

We sincerely apologize for any names accidentally not included.

In 2000, the group adopted the first set of by-laws and officially agreed to remain unaffiliated and independent. This was a critical decision that supported the original intent to remain open and welcoming to all Jews.

Even before Seaside had a formal religious school or home, the Fruchtman's son Jake celebrated his bar mitzvah, considered the first for the congregation, on March 3, 2001, at the Bay Center in Dewey. Rabbi Peter Grumbacher came from Beth Emeth in Wilmington to officiate.

THE DREAM TAKES FORM

In 2001, thanks to the Fruchtman's connections, Seaside found a building. The Ocean Wave Lodge of the Odd Fellows had a small hall on Holland Glade Road that they agreed to rent to Seaside, providing they could still use it for card games once a week. The congregation jumped at the offer and moved into the building in 2002.

Seaside's religious school took shape when Allison Silverblatt Colker and her husband Ryan visited Allison's parents, Cindi and Stanley Silverblatt, who were already active members at Seaside. Allison and Ryan established programming and trained volunteers as teachers. On May 17, 2003, Lewes resident Robert Taylor, one of Allison's students, became the first Bar Mitzvah held in Seaside's sanctuary, with Rabbi Joshua Martin Siegel from Baltimore officiating.

Alfred Gross, Harvey Fruman, Allison Colker and other members took turns leading monthly Shabbat services along with visiting rabbis. Rabbi Joshua Martin Siegel was among those, and led High Holy Day services in 2002. Beth Cohen attended those services in 2002, and soon became a lay volunteer, taking a larger part in leading Shabbat and holiday services and becoming chairperson of the worship committee. In 2003, the board voted to move forward to purchase the building.

**We're delighted
that we've been
part of Seaside's
ever growing and
evolving commu-
nity for 20 of its
25 years.**

**Happy
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**Rabbi Beth Cohen &
Fran Sneider**



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Rabbi Julie & Avraham Danan**

Seaside acquired its first Torah in 2005. Dr. Jeff Hawtof, congregation president, led a procession as he carried the Torah into the building. More than 100 people attended this ceremony.

By the next year, Seaside was able to pay off the mortgage on the building, thanks to a capital campaign led by Miriam Zadek and to the generosity of so many members. Beth Cohen led the prayers in Hebrew and in English at a dedication ceremony on April 27, 2006.

AMAZING GROWTH

By 2004, so many people were attending High Holy Day Services that services were moved to the Virden Center at the University of Delaware campus in Lewes. Cantor George Mason, Beth Cohen and Allison Silverblatt Colker led. After two years, Seaside's High Holy Day services outgrew that space too. They were moved to Bethel United Methodist Church in Lewes and Beth Cohen and Cantor Michael Mandel officiated. The following year those annual services moved to an even larger space, the sanctuary of Epworth United Methodist Church on Holland Glade Road, where they remain to this day. Since the early days, Seaside continued a tradition of not charging to attend High Holy Day services. The result was that both members and nonmembers made generous donations while enjoying the worship experience and the connections they were making in the Jewish community.

Beth Cohen played an influential role in Seaside's culture and spiritual observance, and by 2008, Seaside paid her a stipend. Within a year, she was the official part-time religious leader, and she soon began rabbinical studies in the Renewal movement through the ALEPH Rabbinic Program. Here she learned to make prayer and worship accessible and to ensure worship is joyful. Rabbi Beth described the goal as "Our job is to lead worship with our heart and soul and be guided by the words of Psalm 100:1-2: "Hari-yu l'Adonai kol Ha'aretz; Iv-du et Adonai b'simcha, bo-u l'fanav bir-na-na," "Make a joyful noise to God of all nations; Serve God with gladness and Come before God with singing."



THANK YOU!

For your generosity and vision in helping Seaside acquire its home, and for your continuing commitment that enabled us to expand to accommodate our growing membership and toward retiring the mortgage. We are so proud of this remarkable community!

Miriam Zadek
Marilyn Feldman
Capital Campaign Chairs



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Beth worked with Seaside volunteers to expand its outreach programs to local faith houses. She introduced the study of Mussar and encouraged the study of Torah. She was ordained in 2016. She led High Holy Day services, including six years with Rabbi Simcha Daniel Burstyn from Israel. By the time she retired in 2018 to become Rabbi Emeritus, she had led High Holy Day services 16 times. During the pandemic, she came out of retirement to lead them with interim Rabbi Kevin Bernstein virtually in 2020 and hybrid in 2021.

From the very beginning, Seaside offered adult education programming, study groups and cultural activities, as well as religious services. In 2007, when Alfred Gross died, leadership created the annual Alfred Gross Memorial Scholars Lecture weekend to honor his influence on the organization. The weekend has been held every year, except for 2020 in the height of the pandemic, drawing a variety of guest speakers.

In 2010, when Seaside turned 13 years old, congregation president Cindi Silverblatt organized a Bat Mitzvah at the Hall in the Independence residential development in the Millsboro area. Past presidents reminded attendees about Seaside's growth and shared memories of the warm and welcoming community. Religious Leader Beth Cohen gave the benediction and led the Havdalah ceremony.

By 2018, Seaside had eight committees of volunteers who not only ran the synagogue, but who planned social activities, community outreach programs to provide food and clothing, educational programming for children and adults, worship programs, interfaith connections and more. Over the years, services were often held by lay leaders. For years, Shabbat services were held once a month in the winter and then twice a month, and then four times a month in the summers. An annual summer Havdalah on the Beach event became a tradition with members gathering at the pavilion at the Cape Henlopen State Park for a barbecue and picnic followed by songs and prayers on the beach. Two trips, one to Israel in 2016 and another to Cuba in 2020, fostered strong connections among members. Dr. Buddy Feldman, longest-serving president, worked to guide Seaside through growth, staying true to the values and vision of Seaside's founders, and helping Seaside acquire a second Torah scroll. Generous donations throughout the years have made it possible for Seaside to grow and to have what it needed.



In June 2004, our family planned a vacation in Rehoboth. When Sandy's father died unexpectedly, we needed to find a place to say kaddish every day. After some internet searching, we sent an email to SJC's general mailbox inquiring about a daily minyan. Allison Colker responded, noting that while SJC had just a couple of Shabbat services each month, she would speak with her father, Stanley Silverblatt, about our inquiry.

Soon we learned that SJC would organize a daily minyan for us – and it did – even though it had never done this before. Each day, our family of five met and davened with Stanley Silverblatt, Harvey Fruman, and so many more members of SJC. It was a beautiful experience of a Jewish community coming together. We learned that the website was subsequently updated to indicate that SJC would support those who needed a minyan to say kaddish. And since June 2004, SJC has been a special place for our family.

**Mazel Tov on Seaside's 25 th Anniversary -
Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazak**

Sandy Bieber and Linda Rosenzweig and family

SEASIDE TODAY

In 2018, as Rabbi Beth was getting ready to retire, Seaside was in a period of substantial growth, already reaching close to 400 members. Leadership decided that Seaside's building had to be larger. A capital campaign coordinated by Marilyn Feldman began as the construction plans were still on the drawing board. At the same time, a rabbi search committee was formed before Rabbi Beth retired, and on July 1, 2018, Rabbinic Pastor/Cantor Lisa Levine took over as the part-time religious leader, the day after Rabbi Beth's last day. Rabbi Lisa, ordained as a rabbinic pastor by ALEPH, brought to Seaside a wealth of music from her background as a cantor, poet, songwriter and professional entertainer.

In 2019, Seaside's leadership began to evaluate its needs and how to meet the expectations of a changing and growing congregation. Members were surveyed, and more than 50% responded. The result was the realization that a full-time rabbi was essential. Another rabbi search committee formed, this time, armed with the results of the survey. Reb Lisa completed her contract in the summer of 2020 and leadership hired reconstructionist Rabbi Kevin Bernstein as an interim rabbi.

Both 2019 and 2020 were busy years for Seaside leadership as they looked for a full-time rabbi while working on renovating, modernizing and expanding the small hall on Holland Glade Road. A groundbreaking ceremony took place on January 5, 2020, for the \$1.4 million project to renovate, expand and modernize the existing synagogue. State and local dignitaries and hundreds of others attended. The COVID pandemic did not slow Seaside's growth or the construction project. The synagogue expansion was completed at the end of 2020, and a volunteer house committee made sure COVID protocols were in place. With strong congregational support and grants from the Jewish Federation of Delaware and Homeland Security, Seaside's mortgage fell from \$300,000 to less than \$46,000 in early 2022.



SEASIDE JEWISH COMMUN



1997

In April, more than 100 people respond to Peter Wise's ad inviting local Jews to a Passover Seder at his restaurant. In June, a group meets at the Fruman home and organizes as Seaside Jewish Community with Lynn Chichi as first president.



2000

Bylaws established.



2002

After meeting in homes and local churches, the growing community rents the Ocean Wave Lodge of the Oddfellows on Holland Glade Road.



2005

Seaside acquires its first Torah scroll. President Jeffrey Hawtof leads a joyous procession.

COMMUNITY TIMELINE OF EVENTS



2006

Seaside purchases the building and is 200 members strong



2009

Beth Cohen, a volunteer lay leader, becomes Seaside's first religious leader. Havdalah on the Beach becomes a signature event, and religious, social, and educational programs expand.



2020

Groundbreaking for building expansion; more than 400 members.



2022

Rabbi Julie Danan becomes Seaside's first full-time rabbi. Membership exceeds 600.

Mazal Tov Seaside



Community is society with a human face – the place where we know we're not alone.

(Rabbi Jonathan Sacks)

With Best Wishes:

Evey and David Herschler

Brina and Brian Krupp

Sara and Jeffrey Rosen

After a rigorous rabbi search, which included the interviewing of more than a dozen candidates, Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan, PhD, was hired as the first full-time rabbi in Seaside's history. She brought with her years of experience leading congregations, a doctorate in Hebrew Studies, and experience in the Reform, Reconstructionist and Orthodox movements. She was ordained in the Renewal movement through the ALEPH Rabbinic Program. She officially began January 1, 2022, and then Seaside's part-time ritual calendar immediately ballooned into weekly rabbi-led Shabbat services, holiday observances, and religious study.

Seaside remains true to its original mission: To support and foster Jewish identity by sponsoring religious, cultural, social and educational activities for its members. Seaside welcomes all people willing to support these principles in the spirit and joy of Jewish communal life. By the beginning of 2022, more than 600 men, women and children called it their Jewish home.

History researched and written by Susan L. Towers

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS...

To our Founders for pursuing their vision

To the 25th Anniversary Committee

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Drs. Jeffrey Hawtof and Nancy Gideon

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David and Evey Herschler

Jeffrey and Sara Rosen

To our 25th Anniversary Videographer - Bonnie Rich

To our Historian - Susan L. Towers

And to all our advertisers and volunteers!

From Marilyn Feldman, Chair, 25th Anniversary Committee

We love living in Lewes and participating at Seaside. Thanks for providing us with a warm, gracious, and hamish community. Welcome and Best wishes to Rabbi Danan.

Suzie & Louis Numkin

Happy 25th!

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From Jennifer Rubenstein

(a member volunteer with over 10,000 hours donated to Seaside)

**“To Seaside Jewish Community.
Thank you for welcoming me to a
wonderful Jewish home.”**

Susan L Towers



**Mazel Tov to Seaside on
the milestone achievement
of 25 years!**

**In memory of my beloved
husband Victor Hellwege,
whose vision and hard work
brought us to Lewes.**

Always in my heart, Elisabeth



**Seaside Jewish Mission
to Cuba: one of many
fond memories I have of
sharing in community
and lasting friendships.**

Happy 25th Seaside!

Reb Cantor Lisa Levine

We are so grateful for the work and dedication of so many who have made Seaside possible. It has provided us, not only, with a place of worship, but also, with another family.

Fondly, Irene and Gerry Holtz

**Congratulations on the
25th anniversary and
the remarkable growth
of Seaside.**

Leonard & Irene Ullman

**Mazel Tov To Seaside On This
Very Special Occasion!**

Eric Doroshow & Aida Waserstein



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Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary!



Wishing my new friends at Seaside best wishes on this significant anniversary!

Although I am a new member, I was warmly welcomed! I was born in Brazil, lived in Maryland, where I raised two sons and now spend time between Annapolis and Bethany Beach. I am single, looking forward to meet the singles of our congregation.

Still busy with my law practice, I have become a children's book author with books at the local bookstores such as Browseabout, as well as Amazon.com. My PEN NAME is Leah Kelly! Check it out!

Having traveled the globe, and speaking several languages, I am content to be at the beach writing my novels. I was a private pilot, and now I want to explore the sea.



Congratulations to Seaside Congregation!

- Debora Fajer-Smith
wingsdf@aol.com



**L'dor v'dor, Mazel
Tov, Seaside,
Fran Saltzman**

Thank you Seaside
Jewish Community
for being our spiritual
and social family at
the beach!
Marilyn & Mark Waltzer

**To this Congregation, to my
Seaside Congregation ~ I am
grateful. Happy Birthday.**

George Beckerman

**CONGRATULATIONS SEASIDE
on your 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

The core tenets of this community, under the leadership of Rabbi Julie, which are Care, Acceptance, and Love have been demonstrated to me personally on the occasion of the memorial service for my beloved wife, Jean, Patricia Sophia Keats when the congregation and Rabbi Julie surrounded and supported me when I needed it the most.

Forever grateful, Philip Keats

A Hearty Mazel Tov
to our Seaside Jewish Community
with heartfelt gratitude for your warm
welcome, spirituality and friendship!

Meryl & Larry Migdel

**Congratulations
Seaside on your
25th anniversary
celebration!**

**Thanks for all
you do for the
community!**

***Lt Governor
Bethany Hall-Long,
PhD, RN***

We are proud to have been
a part of the growth of the
Seaside Jewish Community.

We look forward to
continuing to offer our
support and our strengths
for many more years to
come.

Mazel Tov !!!!!!!

***The Silverblatt &
Colker Families***

Lenore (Lee) Mussoff



**IN MEMORY OF
MY HUSBAND
SAM MUSSOFF**

Mazel Tov to Seaside Jewish Community on 25 successful years in coastal Delaware.

Marjorie Norris and Lawrence Krevor

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Sol and Nina Glasner



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welcome in this wonderful
congregation!

Congratulations
Seaside on this
special milestone!

HAPPY 25TH!

Barbara and Joel Kaplan

Thank you for creating wonderful
memories and friendships!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Marsha M. Davis

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on 25 years of
growth!**

*Best wishes for
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on its 25th Anniversary.
And we send a warm
welcome to Rabbi Julie
Danan. Mazal Tov to all!**

Leslie and Samuel Kaplan

**“Congratulations on
25 years of growth
and service.**

Peter Zoll

We are so proud of SJC!

We have come a long way from the first Seder that Peter Wise and Jennifer August put together. I remember that we couldn't believe how many Jews responded. With everyone's help, new and old, we have made a beautiful congregation blossom.

Marc & Cheryl Fruchtman

**In honor of my
mother, Marcia Rose
Singer, who passed
away December 2021.**

**Ellen (& Craig)
Rabinowitz**

**CONGRATULATIONS
SEASIDE ON YOUR
25TH ANNIVERSARY!**

We wish you continued
growth and prosperity.

*Best wishes, Audrey Giberman &
David Lebowitz*

MAZEL TOV!

**Looking forward to
another 25 years!**

Jane and Joel Kleiman

**Mazel Tov to Seaside Jewish Community and its
welcoming, talented, diverse membership.
SJC was an integral factor that contributed to our
decision to make Rehoboth Beach our retirement home.**

Laura Glenn and Marilyn Kates

**So happy to be a part of
Seaside's vibrant Jewish
community!**

**Mazel Tov,
Leslie & Alan Slan**



So happy that we have a
Jewish presence in the
Rehoboth Beach area.

Congratulations to Seaside
for 25 wonderful years!

Jocelyn Kaplan

Looking forward to Logan
spending time at Seaside
during the next 25 years...
and eating Lolly's charoset!

**Laurie & Steve (Lolly & Pops)
Schwalb**

**Congratulations on 25 incredible years!
Delighted to be part of the next 25!**

Sue and Steve Schaffer

Mazel Tov to the Seaside Jewish Community
on its 25th Anniversary!

Looking forward to many more years to come.

Earl Dotter & Deborah Stern



Havdalah on the Beach is an annual event each summer.



Celebrating Simchat Torah.

Mazel Tov!

Happy 25th anniversary.

From the Simon Family

(Ed, Pat, Joel, Alyssa,
Ethan and Emily)

MAZEL TOV on this special milestone!

Happy 25th!

Elaine and Howie Hochman

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Cheryl Fruchtman	2005-2006
Miriam Zadek	2007-2008
Cynthia Silverblatt	2009-2010
Jason Bradley	2011-2012
Dr. Jeffrey Hawtof	2013
Ed Simon	2014-2015
Dr. Buddy Feldman & Mike Saltzman	2016-2017
Dr. Buddy Feldman & Alyssa Simon	2018-2019
Marsha Davis	2020
Joel Simon	2021-2022

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Lewes & Rehoboth.

Mazel Tov!

Sussex Jewish roots diverse and reach back to 1736

By Dennis Forney
 When Howard and Elaine Albert moved to Angola by The Bay a few years back, the Jewish couple from the Silver Spring area figured they were leaving their religious community behind.
 "One day I found myself needing a bar mitzvah card to send to a friend," said Elaine. "And I wondered where in this area, where there is no organized Jewish community, I would get a card. I went to the card section in the Edgelye Pharmacy and I was thinking I might be able to find one. I was surprised to find that I was able to get one. I was surprised to find that I was able to get one. I was surprised to find that I was able to get one."

As part of their trade, the Gutowitzs, said Brittingham, commissioned small porcelain items from Germany handpainted with scenes from Lewes.
 "And up until about 10 years ago Frank and Rosalie Shapiro operated the five and dime on Second Street in Lewes," said Brittingham, "before they moved to Baltimore."
Saffs started stores
 Evelyn Thorougheed remembered Eddie Saff who set up a linen store in Rehoboth Beach in the center of this century, around



Group meeting are (l-r) Hazel Brittingham, Evelyn Thorougheed and Chazz Salkin.

Rehoboth Beach Jewish center receives holy book

By Hilary Corrigan
 COAST PRESS REPORTER

The Seaside Jewish Community Center in Rehoboth Beach last weekend celebrated the arrival of the Torah, the first five books of the Bible's Old Testament.

"The Torah is the holiest book," said Drue Chitch, who helped organize the event at All Saints' Church in Rehoboth Beach. "It's a great honor to have a Torah."

The celebration began with a Shabbat service on Friday night both, the beginning of the sabbath in the Jewish tradition. An Oneg Shabbat, a feast, followed and a service took place on Saturday morning with readings from the Torah.

"Like everything else, we had food afterwards," Chitch said. A Havdalah ceremony, a shorter ceremony marking the end of the sabbath with a candle and a spice box, took place.



RABBI Roderick



The new Seaside Jewish Community Center, located on Holland Glade Road, was dedicated for worship April 27. The event marks the first time Jewish residents of the resort area have a place of their own to meet and hold services. Shown toasting the new center above left (l-r) are Rabbi Drob, board member Stanley Silverblatt, dedication committee member Leonard Merzbacher and Cindy Silverblatt. Shown above right are Cheryl Froehman, vice-president of the board and Jack Markoff, past president of the board and Jennifer August, committee member.

Jewish Community Center opens in Cape Region

By Bradie Reynolds-Hughes
 After six religious but rather nomadic years of sharing communities and sacraments, the Seaside Jewish Community finally has a place to call home. Jewish residents in the Cape Region now have their own building, located on Glade, Holland Road, Rehoboth Beach, in which to hold worship services and community events.

Over 75 Seaside members and several state dignitaries attended a dedication ceremony and celebration April 27. The ceremony was an occasion, as members enjoyed a beautiful hot lunch and had their best of services from Columbia and took a big look back at the evolution of their community.
 "Tonight we are proud to present our warm, handsome building," said Leonard Merzbacher. "We are looking up to the sky and say, 'Thank you, God.'"

Jews say I-Cham.
 Chitz's community serves as president of the Seaside Jewish Community Board of Directors and has been a driving force on the road to the new home.
 "In April of 1996, an all-around of Westport inquiring as to the possibility of coming together to celebrate the Silver Star year," said Chitz. A date was set for Peter's Party in Rehoboth and over 30 people attended that first meeting. A Palmetto date was planned and lasted for two nights. The center drew 55 people each night. "From that time on, Seaside Jewish Community" formed and began to grow," said Chitz.
 The locally organized group struggled to create a center by meeting in each other's homes and also met at the All Saints Episcopal Church in



Attorney General James Brady, and Joe Green, board member, joined the dedication party.



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