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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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SERVICES

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

Light Refreshments

Saturday Services April 10, 2010 • 10 a.m. (Followed by Kiddush luncheon)

Board Meeting

Sunday, April 11 • 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Yizkor

Tuesday, April 6 • 10 a.m. Light Passover lunch will be served. 10 people (minyan) required)



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Sunday, August 8. \$25

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RABBI'S COLUMN

From Narrow Places to Open Spaces

Lord Thomas Dewar, a 19th-century Scottish conservative politician and Scotch whiskey maker, cultivated sayings that he felt led one to a successful life. One of his most well-known sayings is a call to the natural adventure of the human spirit: "Minds are like parachutes, they only function when open," he observed.

While a bit of a cliché, Dewar's words have behind them an essence of responsibility. We have been given something of value – our ability to reason – and when we do not utilize that reason, we do no justice to such a special gift. You see, with that gift comes responsibility.

And so it is with the message of Passover. We honor God's gift of redemption not by wasting it or ignoring it but instead we honor the gift of freedom and Peoplehood with what accompanies it: An obligation to one another.

We have spent a year, decades, even a century and more, debating the merits of caring for each other in our adopted nation. And last month we witnessed, for better or worse, an attempt to put into practice that lesson of reflecting God's redemptive power of healing. In this debate, what has been lost on most people, by my reckoning, is the ability to reason; the Godly gift of being able to measure with honesty the choices before us. Whether spitting words or bullets, whether throwing bricks or accusations, our holy texts tell us that God is diminished when we remain silent in the face of harm experienced by our fellow man. The Torah places before us both the obligation to love each other just as it does to rebuke each other, but nowhere does it speak of removing the blessings of God from well-meaning and loving people.

Even when frightened or angry, we must follow the classic methodology that the wise among us have employed: 'An ounce of encouragement is worth more than a pound of criticism.'

As someone who has suffered and nearly died because of the excesses of our present health insurance system, and as a man of God who has faith in the message that pervades the Torah and every Jewish holy text, namely that we are raised up in holiness by the very act of reaching out to heal one another, you might easily guess where I stand on this issue. And yet, for the purposes of this topic, that is far less relevant than what is most important for you to hear from your Rabbi: We must justify our freedom. We must meet the obligation that is mated to our liberty and honor God's honoring us through the freedom of our ancestors. All this we must do if we are to reflect God in the lives we lead day in and day out. Simply put: Doing so – cultivating a holy life – does not and cannot possibly include causeless hatred, sinnat chinam.

Let us leave behind our nation's narrow places, our American mitzrayim (Egypt – literally, "narrow places"), and live our lives in dedication to God's love and to "holy living." Let us remember that those of us with voices are obligated to speak out, to act, to empathize (the Hagaddah and the Torah say "remember"), so that all of us are closer to "whole-ness."

It is our devotion to redemption – reflecting the love God showed our ancestors by showing that same love to others – that will bring us from our narrow places and lead us to rejoice in the blessings that we have been granted. We must do this so that, when asked for what we stand as Jews (especially during the holiday of Passover), we may answer without reservation:

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Presidents' Column

"A call to service means nothing unless it's answered"*
Some of you will be getting a call from our Nominating
Committee Chairman, Betty Chaikin. She is looking for
members to serve on next year's board and to assume the
responsibility of accepting executive officer positions as
well as committee and at large members.

This is a very important process and vital to the running of our synagogue. So don't avoid her and don't hide from her!

Don't count on the same people to be available time after time. They do wear out you know. I have confidence that you will step up.

No matter what you do – DO SOMETHING! Let me be the first to wish you and yours a HAPPY PASSOVER!

Lill Shender
President

*Herman J. Saarkamp jr., President of Stockton College

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"We believe that we must follow God's example in helping our fellow man from narrow places to open spaces." It is this that will lead us to listen and to love one another this year and every year.

May you and your family experience a truly meaningful Pesach and may you find freedom from all of your narrow places.

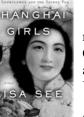
My wife, Sarah, and I wish you "Ah zissen und ah kasher Pesach" – a sweet and kosher Passover!

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

HELP! We need a Bazaar Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons

Edie Krimstock is unable to do the great job she usually does. We need the shekels it makes for the synagogue. Raise your hands and say, "I'll do it." For more information call Diane at 266-0403.

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM BOOK CLUB



This social and educational group will review "Shanghai Girls" at Betty Chaikin's home this month after you have all had time to read this book by Lisa See. You can get it at the library.

To join us call Diane at the Temple, 266-0403.

Nominating Committee

How about presenting yourself on the Board to steer Temple Beth Shalom in the right direction. The Shenders want to leave the rudder to the next leader. We need you – Call me at 266-8801.

Betty Chaikin

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For March

<u>Friday, March 5</u> **Bernie Cohen** *in memory of* his mother, Rose Cohen.

Betty Chaikin in memory of her father, Harry Schindler.

Friday, March 12 Bernie Cohen

in memory of his wife, Morray Cohen.

Eugene Blum, Judith Blum-Crawford & Max Crawford *in memory of* Gene's mother and Judy's grandmother, Lillian Blum.

Saturday, March 13 Michael & Carol Albert in memory of Carol's father, Abe Eisen.

<u>Friday, March 19</u> **Howard & Debbie Schlesinger** *in memory of* Howard's father, Herbert Schlesinger.

<u>Friday, March 26</u> **Eugene Blum, Judith Blum-Crawford**& Max Crawford in memory of Gene's mother-in-law and Judy's grandmother, Rebecca Furst.



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2Joan Grossman	17Eugene N. Bass
4Linda Oram	20Rabbi Gerald R. Fox
6Barbara A. Nussbaum	21Beverlee Bearman Reiter
7Janis B. Rosenberg	22Marvin Elfant,
8Saul Grossman	Ronald Miller
13Steven M. Dranoff,	23Edith Krimstock,
Jacqueline Fabel	Shirley H. Schreiber

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We are proud to be one of the jewels of the broader Atlantic and Cape May Counties Jewish community.

Person of the Month Gloria Jacoby

Former Temple Beth Shalom president, Gloria Jacoby, has spent the past 43 years of her married life volunteering in her community. Her newest project is, by far, the most challenging. She is the patient liaison for the South Jersey Cancer Fund, a 46-year-old organization composed of volunteers and dependent entirely on donations. Based here in Brigantine, the SJCF offers financial assistance to patients fighting cancer who reside in Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland Counties. Five days a week, Gloria interacts with hospital social workers, oncology physician staff, hospice organizations, pharmacists, home health agencies and, of course, many patients.

Some of Gloria's past volunteer positions include: five years as public relations chair for the Brigantine Cultural Arts Commission (appointed by City Council); three years on the Atlantic County Library Advisory Commission (advising the county's 9 libraries at the request of the County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders); co-chair, with Councilman Jim Frugoli, of the Brigantine Holocaust Monument Committee; and 11 years producing the Annual Holocaust Memorial Program. Gloria and Henry are members of Brigantine's True Spirit Coalition, helping to provide food to Atlantic City and Brigantine's residents in need.

While raising their children, Melissa (now an attorney/law professor) and Seth (a music director) in the Philadelphia suburbs, she and husband Dr. Henry Jacoby, were co-presidents of the Abington Friends Parents Committee. Gloria was a founding member and president of the Rolling Hill Hospital Auxiliary; served as vice-president and treasurer of the Board of Abington Township Public Libraries (during Henry's presidency); served as a docent, giving tours to visitors from around the world at the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed synagogue, Beth Shalom in Elkins Park; and was a literacy tutor for adults.

Gloria credits Henry's ongoing encouragement and support for her ability to do for others.

Those attending the Metropolitan Career Center's 35th anniversary gala certainly carried themselves with elan, notably Linda Hahn and



Donn Weinberg, two of those saluted for exceptional commitment to the organization.

April Yahrzeits

- Joseph Harris in memory of his mother, Anna Harris Donald & Phyllis Hoffrichter in memory of Donald's mother, Marcella Hoffrichter Stanton & Aimee Levin in memory of their niece, Elizabeth Schmerling
- 4/2 Jack & Rosalie Lieberman in memory of Rosalie's father, Louis Eisenstein
- 4/3 Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum in memory of Barbara's mother, Rita Coopersmith Sidney & Shirley Morgan in memory of Sid's father, Abraham Morgan Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein in memory of Steve's
- mother, Elsie Rosenblatt 4/4 Linda Hahn in memory of her aunt, Miriam Schloff Rose Zuckerman
- 4/5 David & Estelle Silver in memory of Estelle's sister, Beverly Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Albert's aunt, Rose Marcus
- 4/6 Erika Brooks in memory of her mother, Carol Brooks Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane in memory of Sandra's grandmother, Dora Boyer Levin
- 4/7 Albert Greenberg Earl & Doris Berger, Gale Hoffman & Philip Goisman in memory of Doris' father, Gale's grandfather & Philip's friend, Charles Kerstetter
- Herbert & Rita Axelrad in memory of Herbert's mother, Ruth Axelrad Allen & Natalie Abramowitz in memory of Allen's mother, Rae Glass Anita Erman in memory of her father, Bernard Panitch
- Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball in memory of Robert's father, Simon Ball Linda Oram in memory of her mother, Esther Masket Seymour & Dorothy Katz in memory of Dorothy's brother, Jules Perilstein
- 4/11 Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker in memory of Howard's mother, Fay Waronker
- 4/14 Esther Fishman Leonard & Marsha Goldenberg in memory of Marsha's mother, Claire Glider Howard & Carol Serotta in memory of Carol's mother, Ceila Hecht Estelle Lungo Barbara Pearlman in memory of her mother, Therese Salus
- 4/15 John & Lena Elzufon in memory of Lena's father, Albert Jacobs
- 4/16 Robert & Eileen Linzner in memory of Robert's father, Myer Linzner
- 4/17 Davalene Hirsch in memory of her daughter, Rebecca Hirsch Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova in memory of Jo-Ann's aunt, Lenore Yudof
- 4/18 Eugene Blum & Judith Blum-Crawford in memory of Gene's sister & Judy's aunt, Jessica Frances Blum Susan Mintz in memory of her mother-in-law, Lillian Mintz
- 4/19 Larry & Diane Hatoff in memory of Larry's father, Edwin Hatoff

- 4/20 Amy Hammel in memory of her father, Irving Lutin Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball in memory of Roberta's father, Fred Robin
- 4/22 Barry & Sandy Cogan in memory of Barry's mother, Hilda Cogan Seymour & Norma Trachtman in memory of their friend, Carole Kramer
- 4/24 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon in memory of Rhoda's father, Solomon Boyer Edward & Judith Rubin in memory of Judy's brother, Allen Lam Ida Kessel in memory of her mother, Dora Young
- 4/25 Aaron & Joan Grossman in memory of Joan's grandfather, Philip Goldberg
- 4/27 Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum in memory of Bruce's father, Marvin Nussbaum
- 4/28 Milton & Phyllis Berkes in memory of Milton's father, Morris Berkes Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby in memory of Henry's mother, Pearl Jacoby and Gloria's father, Louis Yablonsky
- 4/29 Barry & Ellen Savitz in memory of Barry's father, Percy Savitz

Congratulations
To Jeffrey & Sheryl Mazur. Their son, Harris Mazur, had a lead role as Prince Dauntlis in the Livingston High School production of "Once Upon a Mattress." Mazel Tov, Harris!

To Burt & Lorraine Stolove on the birth of their grandchild, Maxwell Douglass, who was born on March 27th. Mazel tov to the Stolove family.

Building Fund Jeffrey & Sheryl Mazur in memory of Michael

Guterman's mother, Esther Bella Guterman.

Donations to the Dr. Joseph Chaikin Memorial Fund

Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball.

Howard & Debra Schlesinger made their 2009 High Holiday Appeal donation in memory of Dr. Joseph Chaikin.

Rabbi's Discretionary Jund

Jeffrey & Sheryl Mazur in memory of their dear neighbor, Gerald Wexler.

Plagues

Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball purchased two Memorial Plaques in memory of their parents.

Obituary

Harold Walcoff, a member since 2004, passed away March 12, 2010. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Deepest sympathy to Ron & Lill Shender on the passing of Ron's cousin, Judith Richter Rose.

Get Well

Bernie Cohen, Jack Cralle, Diane Hatoff, Ida Kessel, Edith Krimstock, Irene Siegel, Marvin Siegel, Norma Wexler, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)

Yahrzeit Donations

Jack & Rosalie Lieberman in memory of Rosalie's father, Louis Eisenstein, and their son-in-law, Jonathan Friedman. Ronald & Shelley Miller in memory of Ron's parents, Lola & Murray Miller.

Stanton & Aimee Levin *in memory of* their niece, Elizabeth Schmerling.

Bernie Cohen *in memory of* his wife, Morray Cohen, and his mother, Rose Cohen.

Ida Levin *in memory of* her father, Morris Lotstein **Barbara Pearlman** *in memory of* her brother, Herbert Salus, and her mother, Therese Salus.

Solomon & Vera Getz *in memory of* Sol's father, Nathan Getz. **Leon & Harriet Ackovitz** *in memory of* Leon's mother, Lee Ackovitz, and Harriet's father, Sidney Singer.

Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of* Carl's parents, Robert & Molly Apter.

Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* their uncle, Myer Moskowitz.

Eugene Blum *in memory of* his mother, Lillian Blum, and his mother-in-law, Rebecca Furst.

Judith Blum-Crawford & Max Crawford *in memory of* Judy's grandmothers, Lillian Blum & Rebecca Furst.

Jackie & Fred Fabel *in memory of* Jackie's grandmother, Rebecca Cantor.

Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of* Norma's sister, Joan Weiss.

Michael & Carol Albert *in memory of* Carol's father, Abe S. Eisen.

Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein *in memory of* Steve's mother, Elsie M. Rosenblatt.

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

Laurence & Debra Berger in memory of Laurence's brother, Dana Berger; Debra's mother, Saundria Nager; and Debra's grandparents, Michael & Bella Hoffman.

 $\textbf{Linda Oram} \ \textit{in memory of} \ \text{her mother}, Esther \ \textit{Masket} \ .$

Marathon fight against Cancer

Hannah L. Chaikin, daughter of Dr. Harry & Sarah Chaikin, is preparing for a marathon run in San Diego for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She will run 26 miles for the cause. You may contribute if you like for this fight against cancer. She needs sponsors. Her website is http://pages.teamintraining.org/nj/rnr10/hchaikin.

Temple Beth Shalom is affiliated.

MATZAH TURTLES

Line cookie sheet, including sides with aluminum foil. Place pieces of matzah on it. They can overlap. Sprinkle lightly with salt.

Melt 1 Cup butter with 1 Cup brown sugar and stir until thick and bubbly (about 10 minutes).

Pour over matzah and bake at 400° for about 10 minutes or until bubbly.

Remove from oven and sprinkle 12 oz. chocolate chips all over the matzah.

Put back in over for about one minute.

Take out and spread out the chocolate with a spatula. Sprinkle crushed walnuts on top of chocolate and press down lightly. Let cool.

Peel off foil and break into pieces. Can be frozen.

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

Are you celebrating a special day, honoring someone or remembering a loved one?

A good way to do this is to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat on a Friday night or a Saturday Kiddush Luncheon. It will make you feel good and will help your synagogue carry on this time-honored tradition.

For only \$25 for a Friday night or \$100 for a Saturday luncheon, this has got to be the biggest bargain on the planet! Call Diane at 266-0403 and make your intentions known.

Passover - Did You Know?

The word "seder" means "order" and refers to the arranged sequence of customs and rituals at the Passover feast.

• Seders are actually modeled after Greco-Roman symposiums (sym - together, posium - drinking wine).

Symposiums were venues for aristocratic men to gather and philosophize as they ate lavish meals served by slaves. The rabbis adapted the symposium into seders where all are invited to join in the abundant food and lively discussion, and no one is to be excluded or exploited.

- It is a medieval custom to spill wine at the seder, symbolizing the suffering of the Egyptians during the Exodus. As we celebrate our freedom, we still remember the pain felt by others, even those who oppressed us.
- There is an ancient tradition to prominently place a cup of wine for Elijah the prophet on the seder table, representing the future redemption. A recent feminist tradition is to also place a cup of water for Miriam the prophetess on the table, representing the healing and hope needed in the present.

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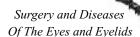
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