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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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SERVICES

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

Saturday Services
December 8, 2007
10 a.m.

(Followed by Kiddush luncheon)

Torah Study before
services at 9 a.m.

Board Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m.

(Note: This board meeting
will be on the 3rd Sunday
this month)



RABBI'S COLUMN

O Latke, O Latke! . . . so, what joys come to our Winter as Jews? It is certainly not the ubiquitous decorated fir tree. One joy, for certain, is the warm, round, and tasty latke. In fact, nearly everything associated with Hanukkah brings us joy. And why not? It's dark outside and we are perhaps a bit in the doldrums with the ever-greater loss of sunshine and the now almost hidden pleasant weather of our lovely island home.

But what else besides the holiday's comfort food and that glow of the Hanukkah lights can uplift our spirits at this low ebb of the year? I have one word for you: "dedication."

"Dedication" is not the shortest word nor the longest word in our vocabulary. It is a word, however, that can help to define who we are as individuals and as members of a People. At its core, it is the word that defines the source of this most delightful (as well as serious) holiday. Our ancestors struggled with each other for many years before coming together to shake off the yoke of the Syrian Greeks - all of which occurred with an eye to dedicating themselves to matters larger than their small lives might seem to support.

The word, "Hanukkah," means just that: "dedicating." What the Maccabees and the Jewish People of the day fought for was the right to dedicate their lives to something greater than themselves; namely, to God. While some might fairly argue that the honest fruits of this "Hanukkah victory" were short-lived, our Sages left us with a great legacy for what is, in the traditional Jewish calendar, a lovely-yet-minor holiday. The Hanukkah lights symbolize and reflect a great deal of what is precious in our lives, but even more importantly, the Hanukkah lights remind us of the dedication of our ancestors to a greater good.

While we are eating our Hanukkah latkes this year, perhaps we should consider the depth in this "Festival of Lights" so that we might experience each of its eight nights as a "Festival of Dedication." Our ancestors dedicated their lives to a Jewish future. Perhaps, with them as our model, we should ask ourselves the question for our age: To what am I dedicated?

In the end, our ancestors long ago discovered what each of us must learn for himself or herself: Darkness can only take hold when we have nothing in our lives that calls for our dedication. If we learn anything from our "latke-fest" each year, it should be that our dedication to ourselves, to our families, to our community, and to God, is not simply a good thing but rather, an essential one.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



Happy Chanukah

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Get out your party clothes and dancing shoes!! On December 31 at 8:30 p.m. Temple Beth Shalom will be throwing the mother of all New Year's Parties. Music by the fantastic Jack Fahey (remember him from Dancing at the Shore?) Scrumptious hot and cold finger foods served all night. A midnight champagne toast to ring in 2008. Hats and horns. All this for only \$45 per person. BYOB (no dairy liquors please). Set-ups will be provided. Please make you reservations right away as space is limited. Call Diane at 609-266-0403.

*Rabbi Hahn
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in appreciation of Linda Hahn.

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Rachel Layton (wife of John Layton)
Evelyn Rothstein, Jamie Satz,
Andrew Schneider (brother of Stolove's daughter-in-law),
Burt Stolove, Lorraine Stolove,
Chef Scott Swartz, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)
Jennifer Zuckerman



CHANUKAH PARTY

Plan to be with us on

Sunday, December 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Our resident chefs, Bernie Cohen and Michael Guterman are planning to dazzle us with their homemade latkes. Jelly donuts, etc. will be there for the taking. We'll be playing Hebrew Bingo. The committee is planning a fun day. Bring the kids (grandkids)! Please call the office and tell Diane how many will be attending – 266-9493. This event is free of charge.

Also note that the

COMMUNITY CHANUKAH PARTY

will be held that same afternoon at the JCC, 501 N. Jerome Ave, Margate from 3-5:30 p.m. There will be craft/game booths, choral presentations, etc. Temple Beth Shalom will have a gift shop booth.

So join us for an entire day!

Presidents' Column

The days are shorter. The nights are darker, colder and longer. After coming home on a Friday night and eating Shabbat dinner, most of us just don't feel like going out again.

We just celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday. We gave thanks that we are Jews who, unlike some people, have a homeland. We gave thanks for the people who supported our synagogue. This is especially important so that we never lose our Jewish identity in this generation and in the generations to come.

Chanukah season is a season of re-dedication. Just as the Temple of old was re-dedicated so must we re-new our support for our Temple. Part of this is YOU coming to Friday night and Saturday services not only to support and uplift our Rabbi, but come for yourself.

It is also important that you financially support our shul. Without this support we cease to be and thus lose our Jewish identity and become just another lost tribe.

So..... put on your hat, scarf, coat and mittens and come on Friday night.....8 p.m. Be there!

*Lill Shender
President*

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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.

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Monday, December 31 at 8:30 p.m. • Music by Jack Fahey

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Thank You

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Friday, Nov. 9 **Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman** in memory of Lillian's father, Morris Davis

Saturday, Nov. 10 **Michael & Cheryl Guterman** in memory of Michael's father, Chaim Guterman

Friday, Nov. 16 **Harry Fishman** in memory of his sister, Anne Paulin

Friday, Nov. 30 **Howard & Carol Serotta** in memory of Howard's mother, Jeanne Serotta

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MOSES AND A BUSH

Recently, while going through an airport during one of his many trips, President Bush encountered a man with long gray hair and beard, wearing a white robe and sandals, holding a staff. President Bush went up to the man and said, "Has anyone told you that you look like Moses?"

The man didn't answer. He just kept staring straight ahead.

The president said, "Moses!" in a loud voice. The man just stared ahead, never acknowledging the president.

The president pulled a Secret Service agent aside and, pointing to the robed man, asked him, "Am I crazy or does that man not look like Moses to you?"

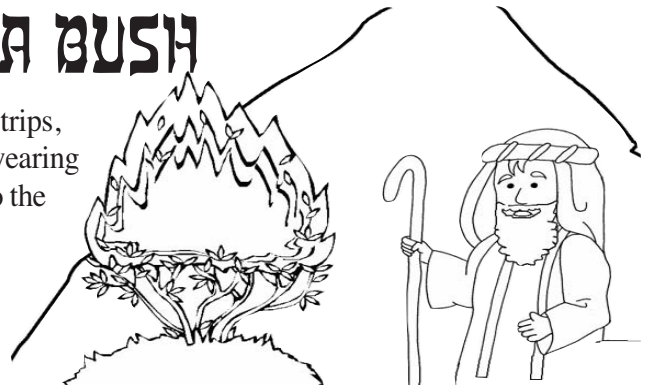
The Secret Service agent looked at the man and agreed.

"Well," said the president, "every time I say his name, he ignores me and stares straight ahead, refusing to speak... Watch!" Again the president yelled, "Moses!" and again the man ignored him.

The Secret Service agent went up to the man in the white robe and whispered, "You look just like Moses. Are you Moses?"

The man leaned over and whispered back, "Shhh! Yes, I am Moses. The last I talked to a bush, I spent 40 years wandering in the desert and ended up leading my people to the only spot in the entire Middle East with no oil."

Submitted by Dee Bortner



December Jahrzeits

- 12/1 John M. & Beth A. Bacha *in memory of* John's father, Andrew Bacha
Helen Hanish *in memory of* her uncle, Philip Hanish
Linda Hahn *in memory of* her grandfather, Abraham Haufman
Stanton L. & Aimee J. Levin *in memory of* Aimee's father, Daniel Schmerling
- 12/2 Mildred Richmond *in memory of* her father, Jacob Melnitzer
- 12/3 Herbert & Rita Axelrad *in memory of* Herbert's father, Irving Axelrad
- 12/5 Davida Hirsch *in memory of* her daughter, Carol Lucile Hirsch
Helen Spinrad *in memory of* her father, Bernard Moskowitz
Rose M. Zeltser *in memory of* her sister, Adela Pullis
Carol & Howard Serotta *in memory of* Howard's mother, Jeanne Serotta
Harvey T. & Diane Steiner *in memory of* Harvey's father, Benjamin Steiner
Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of* Seymour's brother, Marvin Trachtman
- 12/6 Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of* Linda's father, Samuel Raichlen
Sylvia Leibowitz *in memory of* her aunt, Dora Asher Schweitzer
- 12/8 Mildred Richmond *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Eva Richmond
- 12/9 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Joan's father, Harry Broder
Gerald & Barbara Pepper *in memory of* Barbara's father, Edward Rosman
- 12/10 Edith Krimstock *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Anna Krimstock
Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* their aunt, Ethel Moskowitz
- 12/11 Gregory & Bella Royzman *in memory of* Bella's mother, Sara Perlmutter
Alan Simon *in memory of* his mother, Adele Simon
- 12/12 Rose M. Zeltser *in memory of* her brother-in-law, Gary Zeltser
- 12/14 Marvin & Irene I. Siegel *in memory of* Irene's mother, Rita Perlstein
- 12/16 Harvey T. & Diane Steiner *in memory of* Diane's father, William Fabriizio
Gene Blum, Judy Blum-Crawford & Max Crawford *in memory of* Gene's father-in-law and Judy's grandfather, Edward Furst
Robert & Evelynne Harmon *in memory of* Robert's brother, Steven Harmon
- 12/17 Brenda Sacks *in memory of* her father, Jack Altshuler
- 12/19 Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of* her sister, Merna Marshall Reiter
- 12/20 Brenda Sacks *in memory of* her husband, Alfred Sacks
Warren R. Heymann & Rhonda Schnur *in memory of* Rhonda's brother, Marvin Schnur
- 12/21 Anita Erman *in memory of* her father-in-law, David Erman
Mildred Richmond *in memory of* her uncle, Nathan Lindenbaum
Jack & Lilyan Cralle *in memory of* Lilyan's cousin, Lenore Levin London
- 12/22 Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein *in memory of* Rosalyn's father, Irving Lowe
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- 12/26 Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of* Mina's father, Barney Braverman
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Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Aaron's father, Reuben Grossman
Susan Orloff *in memory of* Susan's mother, Bernice Orloff
- 12/27 Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of* Lorraine's mother, Frances Auginfeld
Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of* Laurence's brother, Dana Berger
Bernard & Morray Cohen and Frank & Martha Cohen *in memory of* their brother, Henry Cohen
Abraham Horen
Edith Krimstock *in memory of* her husband, Samuel Krimstock
- 12/28 Sanford R. & Karen Dare *in memory of* Sanford's father, Sol Dare
Stanley & Judith Levick *in memory of* Judith's mother, Claire Goldman
Dr. Eli W. & Nancy K. Zucker *in memory of* Nancy's father, Jacob Kotzin
- 12/29 Jack & Lilyan Cralle *in memory of* Lilyan's father, Albert Fireman
Philip Goisman and Gale & Carey Hoffman *in memory of* Philip's father and Gale's uncle, Louis Goisman
Shirley H. Schreiber *in memory of* her husband, Irving Schreiber
- 12/31 Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of* Burt's mother, Rose Stolove

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