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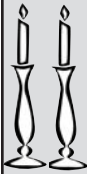
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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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## SERVICES



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

### Saturday Services

January 10 &  
February 14, 2009 • 10 a.m.  
(Followed by Kiddush luncheon  
Discussion Group  
**Board Meeting**  
Sunday, January 11 &  
Sunday, February 15  
10 a.m.)

## Save the Date

Sunday, May 3  
Trip to  
Jewish Museum  
in Philadelphia  
Includes Lunch &  
Transportation  
More to come.

## SHABBAT ROUND ROBIN

A new experience awaits us for the Shabbat. You've wanted your friends to come to Temple Beth Shalom but they are always too busy. But they'll think again when you invite them to a Friday night dinner and then services. The next step occurs when they join us each Friday night to enjoy our hamish services. If you wish to volunteer, call Di at 266-0403.

## RABBI'S COLUMN

### Winter Seeds

These days, we eat crisp salad or juice – fresh fruit when there is ice on the trees and we think nothing of it – what should shock us does not; we are not surprised by the foods we eat in Winter despite the unfriendliness Winter temperatures seemingly offer to all life. How can that be? Well, it is rather simple: In today's world, we expect to experience the unexpected or, to turn this idea on its head, we expect what we usually get.

The truth is probably a little more complex: I think most of us would agree that some of the most important moments in life can be traced to a moment of diminutive dormancy. That being said, the idea of renewal and new life centered in the middle of Winter – often referred to as the season of death – seems impossible, doesn't it? That is, however, just how things work in agriculture and in our lives.

As we approach the Winter season here at the shore, we know that it is this repose, this rest that the land and water (and perhaps even we) experience at this time of year that is at the center of the rebirth coming soon in the Spring. That rebirth is conceived now, just as we are inclined to ignore it. Right under our feet, the ground is moving, changing, and preparing for the new life that will burst forth in the next few months. And so it is in the land of Israel.

Israel is at the center and the land is the backdrop for most everything in the Jewish calendar. Special holy days are set and the details of their observance are connected to the places and weather of the land of Israel. And so, in the midst of Winter (in Israel, a cold – yes, cold – rainy season), the land becomes the incubator for all life that will come into being.

I am bringing attention to this cycle, this connection with our environment, for a variety of reasons. Not the least of them is the fact that we are in the midst of some very difficult times that are affecting every aspect of our lives. And I believe that if we are to burst forth from this Winter, we must see this time as one of possibility and of hope, not one of victimhood.

Despite the difficult times facing us, we can choose to meet our future with despair or delight, with horror or with hope. The future will be here with or without us – none of us can control every detail, every outcome, but it is how we make the future our own, and live in our present, that is the measure of our lives. We can decide that the task of rebirth and renewal is something that cannot occur because it is too barren, too stark, too impossible for something good to come of our circumstances . . . or, we can decide that if we slowly and carefully attend to the truly important things in life – health, family, community, spiritual fulfillment – we will live well now and even better in the future.

As I look at our world in Winter, I see the promise of our country, our new President, our strong congregation and community, and ourselves, and I feel enriched. Despite the sadness, the fear of the unknown, and the despair over losses of many kinds, that many of us and our loved ones are going through in these difficult times, I am convinced that it is at this very time of perceived slumber that the world is making plans for Spring.

As we celebrate Tu B'shevat (the new year for trees) this year on February 9th, let us remember that we come from a land that knows about renewal in the midst of retreat, and that how we embrace (and perhaps partner with) the new leadership of our nation will help us to conceive a Spring that will renew ourselves, our loved ones, and our community in ways we can only imagine.

I offer you a special blessing in these uncertain times: May you find warmth in our Winter and comfort within community as you burst forth from the soil of yesterday to the skies of tomorrow.



*Rabbi Gerald R. Fox*

# Person of the Month

## Lill Shender

We can count on our president. She's chief cook, advisor, shopper, policy maker, charmer, brick layer of Temple Beth Shalom and person extraordinaire. She is our newest angel. Besides all that, her husband Ron completes all jobs she starts. *Tocca Goot!*

**BUT YOU KNOW WHAT?** Next August they fly away from leadership and become like the rest of us – followers. We're ready for the next angel to take over. Even if you are not here all year, that's what vice presidents are for.

It's important to have a temple here to identify with other Jews here. Sign on the dotted line – we need you.



## CHANUKAH Party

The aroma of latkes and doughnuts reached us as we entered the synagogue. Bernie Cohen, Henry Jacoby, Lill & Ron Shender – chefs for the day – provided the tasty meal that we devoured immediately. We played "Now You Have It,

Now You Don't," a chance game at which time if your number is picked you take a prize. Great – until the next participant with the next number can take your prize or pick another – very entertaining and fun.

## TEMPLE BETH SHALOM BOOK CLUB

We enjoyed reviewing "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks which discussed the history of a Hagaddah written at the time of the inquisition which survived by chance til now. Chairlady Cheryl Guterman picked the next book "The Jewish Soul on Fire" by Esther Jungreis, "The Billy Graham" of Judaism. It is an entertaining analysis that stirs religious and ethnic pride and reads easily. Please call Cheryl, 266-6220, to join us. Shirley Morgan was our first charming hostess.



## Congratulations

To **Henry & Gloria Jacoby** on the engagement of their son, Seth. *Mazel Tov!*

## General Donations

**Michael & Carol Albert** –

*in memory of* Bernie Cohen's brother, Frank Cohen

**Ron & Shelley Miller** *in honor of* Lill Shender's birthday; and *get well wishes to* Mitch Kramer

**Idie Benjamin**

# Presidents' Column

As we usher in the New Year of 2009, let me be one of the first to wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

As we make our New Year's resolutions, let's make one to make your Rabbi happy, your president happy and you happy by attending Friday night services and our once a month Saturday service. It's a real downer when it's a cold, dark winter evening and the synagogue is bright and warm and inviting but attendance is very low. Suck it up and come on out!

We are planning some exciting new happenings for the coming year including Shabbat dinners, a trip to the Jewish Museum, new book club selections, speakers and many more. Stay tuned for more details.

I know I've said it many times but I want to personally thank all of you who have worked so hard over this past year to make our shul so terrific.

One more thing! Redeem your High Holiday pledges and make any additional donations before December 31 to get your charitable tax deduction for 2008. These can be made on our website [www.seashul.org](http://www.seashul.org) Just click on donations and follow the instructions.

Again, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

*Lill Shender, President*

## Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

### For December

Friday, Dec. 5 **Dr. Barry & Barbara Glaser**  
*in memory of* Barry's father, Samuel Glaser.

Friday, Dec. 12 **Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern**  
*in memory of* Frank's father, Harry Kern;  
**Jerald & Sheila Cohen** *in memory of*  
Jerald's grandmother, Helen Greenberger

Saturday, Dec. 13 **Ida Levin & Stanton & Aimee Levin**  
*in memory of* Ida's husband and Stan's father,  
Leonard E. Levin; and Aimee's father, Daniel Schmerling;  
*in honor of* Aimee & Stan's wedding anniversary.

Friday, Dec. 19 **Rose Zeltser** *in memory of* her sister,  
Adelaide Pullis.

Friday, Dec. 26 **Eugene Blum & Judy Blum-Crawford**  
*in memory of* Gene's wife and Judy's mother,  
Sheila Blum

## Message Cards

**Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch** – *Deepest sympathy to* Bernie Cohen on the loss of his brother, Frank Cohen;  
*Congratulations to* Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby on their son Seth's engagement

**Bruce & Dee Bortner** – *Deepest sympathy to* Bernie Cohen on the loss of his brother, Frank Cohen;  
*Get well wishes to* Ron Shender

## Get Well

Dr. Joseph Chaikin, Mitchell Kramer, Andrew Schneider (brother of Stolove's daughter-in-law), Shirley Schreiber, Marvin Siegel, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)



## Library Fund

**Burt & Lorraine Stolove** in honor of their friend Marilyn Nussbaum's special birthday.

## Yahrzeit Donations

**Eugene Blum & Judy Blum-Crawford** in memory of Gene's wife & Judy's mother, Sheila Blum

**Marvin & Irene Siegel** in memory of Irene's mother, Rita Perlstein

**Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch** in memory of Barry's father, N. Herman Bornstein

**Harvey & Diane Steiner** in memory of Harvey's father, Benjamin Steiner

**Arnie & Lorraine Schuster** in memory of Lorraine's father, Harry Zeidel

**Herbert & Rita Axelrad** in memory of Herbert's father, Irving Axelrad

**Rose Zeltser** in memory of her sister, Adelaide Pullis, and her brother-in-law, Gary Zeltser

**Seymour & Norma Trachtman** in memory of Seymour's mother, Yetta Trachtman, and his brother, Marvin Trachtman

**Howard & Carol Serotta** in memory of Howard's mother, Jeanne Serotta

**Dr. Barry & Barbara Glaser** in memory of Barry's father, Samuel Glaser, and his sister, Flora Furman

**Jacqueline & Fred Fabel** in memory of their daughter-in-law, Maria Fabel

**David & Estelle Silver** in memory of David's mother, Pearl Silver

**Bernie Cohen** in memory of his brother, Henry Cohen, and his sister-in-law, Barbara Oei

## 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.



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7.....Arnie Schuster	23.....Anita Erman
9.....Gloria Freedman	26.....Beth A. Bacha
10.....Abraham D. Duchovnay	28.....Dr. Harry L. Chaikin, Stanley Leivick
12.....David Axelrod, Elaine Shapiro	29.....David Hirsch
15.....Carole Dragon	30.....Dolores Bortner
20.....Aimee J. Levin	31.....Stephen D. Satz
21.....Thelma Zuckerman	

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1.....Ellen Etter	14.....Dr. Sarah Kern
3.....Pearl B. Erdman	15.....Harold Walcoff
4.....Linda Hahn	16.....Nancy A. Clancy
6.....Laurence Berger	18.....Debbie Schlesinger
7.....Barbara Dragon	19.....Norton A. Freedman
9.....Gerald Pepper	20.....Natalie Solomon
10.....Ronald L. Panitch	23.....Allan Abramowitz
11.....Nancy Grossman	28.....Aaron Grossman, Diane Steiner
13.....Bernard Gittelman	

Belated anniversary wishes to Stanton & Aimee Levin who celebrated on December 18.

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

8.....Howard & Debbie Schlesinger
9.....Ronald L. & Lillian H. Shender
17.....Joseph & Anna Weinstein
25.....Marvin A. & Diane A. Waxman
28.....Dr. Eli W. & Nancy K. Zucker

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

11.....Gerald & Ellen Etter
13.....William Boutin & Jamie Chaikin
14.....Drs. A. Douglas & Judith Logue

*Happy Chanukah and regards from longtime members Marlene & Fred Paul who now live in South Carolina.*

*Dr. Joe Chaikin wishes to thank you all for your concern when he was very ill.*



## January Yahrzeits

- 1/1 Marvin & Irene Siegel *in memory of Irene's mother, Rita Perlstein*
- 1/3 Harvey & Diane Steiner *in memory of Diane's father, William Fabrizio*  
Eugene Blum and Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of Gene's father-in-law, and Judy's grandfather, Edward Furst*  
Robert & Evlynn Harmon *in memory of Robert's brother, Steven Harmon*
- 1/4 Brenda Sacks *in memory of her father, Jack Altshuler*
- 1/6 Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of her sister, Merna Marshall Reiter*
- 1/7 Brenda Sacks *in memory of her husband, Alfred Sacks*  
Warren Heymann & Rhonda Schnur *in memory of Rhonda's brother, Marvin Schnur*
- 1/8 Anita Erman *in memory of her father-in-law, David Erman*  
David & Davalene Hirsch *in memory of David's father, Charles Hirsch*  
Mildred Richmond *in memory of her uncle, Nathan Lindenbaum*  
Jack & Lilyan Cralle *in memory of Lilyan's cousin, Lenore Levin London*
- 1/9 Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein *in memory of Rosalyn's father, Irving Lowe*
- 1/11 Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum *in memory of Barbara's father, Edward Coopersmith*  
Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby *in memory of Henry's father, Milton Jacoby*  
Bernie Cohen *in memory of his sister-in-law, Barbara Oei*  
Mildred Richmond *in memory of her brother-in-law, Gilbert Richmond*  
Annette Lipsky *in memory of her uncle, Edward Segal*
- 1/13 Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of Mina's father, Barney Braverman*  
Bernard & Norma Gittelman *in memory of Bernard's grandmother, Anna Galblum*  
Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of Aaron's father, Reuben Grossman*  
Susan Orloff *in memory of her mother, Bernice Orloff*
- 1/14 Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of Lorraine's mother, Frances Auginfeld*  
Bernie Cohen *in memory of his brother, Henry Cohen*  
Martha Cohen *in memory of her brother-in-law, Henry Cohen*  
Abraham Horen  
Edith Krimstock *in memory of her husband, Samuel Krimstock*
- 1/15 Sanford & Karen Dare *in memory of Sanford's father, Sol Dare*  
Stanley & Judith Levick *in memory of Judith's mother, Claire Goldman*  
Dr. Eli & Nancy Zucker *in memory of Nancy's father, Jacob Kotzin*
- 1/16 Jack & Lilyan Cralle *in memory of Lilyan's father, Albert Fireman*  
Philip Goisman *in memory of his father, Louis Goisman*  
Gale Hoffman *in memory of her uncle, Louis Goisman*  
Shirley Schreiber *in memory of her husband, Irving Schreiber*
- 1/17 Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva *in memory of Daniel-Paul's father, Ezequiel Alva*
- 1/18 Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of Burton's mother, Rose Stolove*
- 1/19 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of Barbara's father, William Meinster*  
John Spinrad *in memory of his grandfather, Sidney Spinrad*  
Gregory & Bella Royzman *in memory of Gregory's father, Shlema Zelman-Royzman*
- 1/20 Alex Artman  
Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Laurence's brother, Dana Berger*  
Helen Hanish *in memory of her aunt, Claire Poller*  
David & Estelle Silver *in memory of David's father, Nathan Silver*
- 1/21 David & Sandra Axelrod *in memory of David's father, Charles Axelrod*  
Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of Barbara's mother, Miriam Meinster-Hyman*  
David & Sandra Axelrod *in memory of Sandra's father, Daniel Solomon*
- 1/22 Edith Krimstock *in memory of Edith's father-in-law, Rubin Krimstock*
- 1/23 Robert & Evlynn Harmon *in memory of Evlynn's father, Hyman David Freed*  
Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of Ellen's father, Nate Kaplan*
- 1/24 Rose Artman  
Gerald & Norma Wexler *in memory of Norma's mother, Clara Lichtig*  
Susan Mintz *in memory of her father, William Politzer*  
Saul & Nancy Grossman *in memory of Nancy's mother, Sarah Silverwood*
- 1/25 Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of Sarah's father, Dr. Arthur Mandy*
- 1/26 Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of Dorothy's mother, Rose Perilstein*  
Norman & Pearl Kaye *in memory of Pearl's brother, Frank Rosendorf*  
Joan Rosenfeld *in memory of her mother, Rochelle Vogel*
- 1/27 Norman & Pearl Kaye *in memory of Norman's mother, Dora Kaye*  
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Shirley's father, Abraham Neumann*
- 1/28 Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of Phyllis's stepmother, Mary Gould*  
Marvin & Irene Siegel *in memory of Irene's father, Max Perlstein*
- 1/29 Linda Hahn *in memory of her mother-in-law, Helen Hahn*

## February Yahrzeits

- 2/1 Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of their grandmother, Anna Gomberg*  
Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of Burt's father, Max Stolove*
- 2/2 Mildred Richmond *in memory of her mother, Eva Goldstein*  
Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of Barry's mother, Sara Savitz*
- 2/3 Solomon & Vera Getz *in memory of Sol's mother, Virginia Getz*  
Annette Lipsky *in memory of her grandfather, William Segal*
- 2/4 Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of Cary's mother, Janet Durant*  
Harry Horn
- 2/5 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Debra's grandfather, Michael Hoffman*
- 2/7 Mark & Dr. Linda Baum *in memory of Mark's mother, Ethyl Baum*  
Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of Josh's mother, Mae Shapiro*
- 2/8 Philip Goisman *in memory of his grandfather, Raphael Goisman*  
Gale Hoffman *in memory of her friend, Raphael Goisman*  
Howard & Myrna Levin *in memory of Howard's father, Joseph Levin*
- 2/9 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of Cheryl's grandmother, Tema Gittle Gilden*
- 2/12 Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin *in memory of Joe's father, Isador Chaikin*  
Michael & Carol Albert *in memory of Carol's mother, Betty Eisen*

*February Jahrzeits continued*

- 2/13 Geraldine Greenberg  
Linda Hahn *in memory of her husband, Rabbi Sanford H. Hahn*  
Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of Mitch's mother,*  
Lillian Kramer
- 2/14 Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of Trudy's mother,*  
Bernice Deutsch
- 2/15 Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of Michael's uncle,*  
Lewis Kurland
- 2/16 Stephen & Eileen Engber *in memory of Stephen's father,*  
Samuel Engber
- 2/17 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of Cheryl's grandmother,*  
Etta Brownstein  
Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of Elaine's father,*  
Nathan Nerenberg

- Mildred Richmond *in memory of her father-in-law,*  
Samuel Richmond
- 2/18 Rose Zeltser *in memory of her father-in-law,* Morris Zeltser
- 2/19 Linda Oram *in memory of her father,* David Masket
- 2/20 Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of her cousin,*  
Irwin S. Scherzer
- 2/24 Eugene Blum *in memory of his father,* Joseph Blum  
Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of her grandfather,* Joseph Blum  
David & Estelle Silver *in memory of David's sister,* Ethel Young
- 2/26 Harvey & Karen Fern *in memory of Harvey's father,* David Fern  
Howard & Carol Serotta *in memory of Howard's father,*  
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- 2/27 Bessie Horn  
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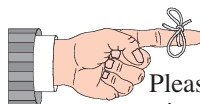
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 marriages, illnesses or deaths. This way the Rabbi,  
 Board and Temple membership can be notified. The answering  
 machine is on 7 days and 24 hours a day.

**Help Our Temple  
 through your donations**

Your donations in memory of loved ones, simchas, our  
 Rabbi's Library Fund or Rabbi's Discretionary Fund not only  
 help the Temple, but also are a way to remember various happy  
 and sad events in your life. Unsolicited general donations are  
 needed to help the Temple meet its annual operating expenses.  
 Keep in mind, less than 50% of our operating expenses are  
 covered by membership dues. Listed below are the various  
 items to which you can contribute.

- Bronze Memorial Plaque* .....\$300
- Leaf on the Tree of Life* .....\$50
- Oneg Shabbat sponsor* (Friday night) .....\$25
- Kiddish Sponsor* (Saturday Luncheon).....\$100
- Message Card* .....\$5 each
- Yizkor Memorial* .....Minimum \$10
- Ackovitz Education Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Building Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*.....Whatever you desire
- Library Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Kiddush Fund* .....Whatever you desire