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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

Jan. 8, 2011 • 10 a.m.

(Followed by Kiddush)

Board Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 9 • 10 a.m.

All are welcome to attend.

RABBI'S COLUMN

The Blessing of Renewal

What great medicine is the act of renewal! In the midst of the worst that Winter can throw at us, at the darkest time of year, and as the social cycle that is naturally at its ebb, we are generally encouraged and even directed to compensate for what appears to be a void of God's presence by creating light where there is none and renewal where life seems to be in retreat.

How is this possible for us human beings; isn't this God's job?! Yes, but it is our task with God.

Our heritage teaches us that we must remain open to the possibilities of the impossible – perhaps a twist on God's constant presence as reflected in our holy texts and daily tasks, we might consider that even with God's help, no outcome can be predicted. Put more simply: That which appears impossible may be the very thing for which an as yet unknown possibility exists.

An example of this is the matter of healing: No matter who I see in a hospital or nursing home, I offer the spiritual healing that a *Misheberakh* (healing prayer) can offer. In many cases, the prayer is refused, but usually not without beginning a dialogue that includes a common theme: "It is too late for me." Often I explain that a healing prayer stands on the assumption that something we (or our doctors) have not yet noticed that could bring healing may yet come to light. Also, we might consider that the act of healing might mean something different than we assume it to mean: the resumption of a fully functioning physical existence. Very often, the complete healing has nothing to do with how well our bodies function but rather is centered around whether or not we are at peace with the world. This is true healing and, in many ways, its arrival is hard to predict. Certainly, we count its arrival as a true blessing.

As we act as the healing hands of God by visiting (or even phoning) the sick or offering a helping hand in our community, we can sleep well and live our waking hours at peace knowing that we are engaging in acts of renewal when they are most needed. I encourage you to find ways to do so for our congregation and the greater community in which you live.

There is another tangible way in which you can engage in renewal and that is to join together to celebrate Jewish holidays, so many of which have a theme of renewal – from Shabbat itself to the upcoming New Year for trees, Tu B'Shevat. By doing so, you engage in a tangible affirmation that the world can be healed, that it can be at peace, and that you can find your place within such a world.

I encourage you to reserve a place at our First Annual Temple Beth Shalom Tu B'Shevat Seder, during which we will affirm Life just as the world seems the most devoid of it. Oh, and we'll enjoy a few nuts and dried fruits and a pleasant Shabbat dinner together, as well!

In the end, no matter how hopeless our situation may seem, if we encourage our faith in the unpredictable, I have no doubt that the impossible will become possible.

May we be blessed to see the world differently each day and to know that the unseen and undone is only waiting for our new eyes and new effort to partner in creating a healed world.



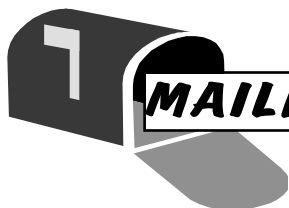
is the new year for the trees. It is popularly celebrated by the eating of various fruits and nuts, especially those connected with Palestine. In modern Israel, the day is celebrated as an "Arbor Day" with tree planting by school children and adults alike.

**First Annual Temple Beth Shalom
Tu B'Shevat Seder and
Shabbat Dinner,
Friday, Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Let's celebrate the renewal of life in Israel as we drink, eat, and merrily welcome the holiday and Shabbat! Jews from all over the country and world will be partnering with the JNF to make this a particularly special evening — don't miss out!

No Charge. *Reservations:* 266-0403 by Jan. 15.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



MAILBAG

Dear Temple Beth Shalom (Board, Staff and Congregants),

Thanks so much for your kind card of congratulations. It is the mutual support between a Rabbi and each of his congregants that helps every Jew to fulfill the words of our Holy texts that direct us to walk in God's ways. Your card and your words of encouragement and your consideration have made me even more proud to be your Rabbi.

The greatest gift a Rabbi – a teacher in Israel – can receive is to witness the student reflecting the lesson.

Thank you all for being with us as this new and exciting path unfolds before us.

Warmly,

Rabbi and Sarah...and now Matan and Doron

Rabbi Fox,

We would like to thank you for your prayers at our Veterans Day ceremony. You were excellent and I am sure God heard you. It was a great tribute to our veterans.

Enclosed is a small donation to your Temple.
God Bless You.

Respectively,

Ralph Laltrella

Commander

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Persons of the Month

You, You and All of You Who Dedicate Yourselves to Temple Beth Shalom

As members you feel a loving commitment and a responsibility to one another which enriches your Jewish lives. You follow Conservative Jewish religious guides; you participate in our activities and have fun being with each other. Are you perfect? No, but you are a member of Temple Beth Shalom. Congratulations.



Welcome

to our newest members,

Matan Tzvi and Doron Mordechai Fox.



Rabbi and Sarah Fox wish to thank all those whose presence at the welcoming ceremony of their twin sons helped to light up the day with the infectious joy of a community simcha. The service and your presence will last long in our memories and in our hearts!

Join us for "Reflections of Israel"

— a recollection of the recent joyous visit to Israel by some of the founders and members of our congregation. Hear about their meaningful journey during services following the First Annual Temple Beth Shalom Tu B'Shevat Seder and Shabbat Dinner.

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Friday, December 10 **Diane & Harvey Steiner** in memory of Diane's father, William Fabrizio.

Saturday, December 11 **Norman Kaye** in memory of his wife, Pearl Kaye.

Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova in memory of Ron's mother, Pam Massanova.

Friday, December 17 **Bernard & Norma Gittelman** in memory of Bernie's grandmother, Anna Galblum.

Michael & Cheryl Guterman in memory of Michael's mother, Esther Bella Guterman.

Friday, December 24 **Bernie Cohen** in memory of his brother, Henry Cohen.

Burton & Lorraine Stolove in memory of their mothers, Rose Stolove and Frances Augenfeld.

Jack Lieberman in honor of his wife Rosalie's birthday.

Congratulations

Mazel Tov . . .

to **Jaison & Marcie Guterman** on the birth of their son, Samuel Levi, who was born November 21, 2010. The baby is the grandchild of members Michael & Cheryl Guterman.

Mazel Tov to the whole family!

to **Jackie & Fred Fabel**. Their son David became engaged to Alyssa Gellman on October 10. Their wedding is planned for June 26, 2011 at Emeth Shalom in Margate, with a reception following at the Smithville Inn. Mazel Tov!

to **Sandy & Barry Cogan**. Their son, Joseph Elgart Cogan, married Stephanie Gross on December 11, 2010 at the Plaza Athene in New York City. They honeymooned in Hawaii.

Mazel Tov to the happy couple!

to **Michael & Carol Albert** on the birth of their grandson, Mose Abraham Albert, born on Dec. 19 to their son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan & Anne Albert.

Thank You

A warm thank you to **Roz & Jack Lieberman** for the gorgeous winter-themed arrangement which is proudly displayed on the Bima. Beautiful work, Roz!

General Donations

Jackie & Ron Caplan in honor of Rabbi and Sarah's twins.

Dr. Warren Heymann & Dr. Rhonda Schnur in honor of Rabbi & Sarah's twins.

Carl & Beth Apter in honor of Rabbi & Sarah's babies' naming; in honor of special birthdays and special friends, Roz & Jack Lieberman.

Michael & Susan Axler in honor of the birth of Rabbi and Sarah's sons.

Selma & Mickey Rosenblum in honor of the birth of Rabbi and Sarah's twin boys.

Message Card

from Betty Chaikin: *Get well wishes to Jackie Fabel.*

Yahrzeit Donations

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

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

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

Seymour & Norma Trachtman in memory of Seymour's brother, Marvin Trachtman.

Michael & Cheryl Guterman in memory of Michael's mother, Esther Bella Guterman.

Susan Orloff in memory of her mother, Bernice Orloff.

Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein in memory of Roz's father, Irving Lowe.

Dr. Martin & Linda Millison in memory of Linda's father, Samuel Raichlen.

Dr. Warren Heymann & Dr. Rhonda Schnur in memory of Rhonda's brother, Marvin Schnur, and her father, Louis Schnur.

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

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Laurence & Debra Berger in memory of Laurence's brother, Dana Berger.

Burton & Lorraine Stolove in memory of Burt's parents, Rose & Max Stolove and Lorraine's mother, Frances Augenfeld.

Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Barbara's parents, William Meinster and Miriam Meinster-Hyman.

Dr. Evelynne Harmon in memory of her father, Hyman David Freed.

Carl & Beth Apter in memory of Beth's mother, Ruth Cohen.

Beverlee Bearman Reiter in memory of her sister, Merna Marshall Reiter.

Leon & Harriet Ackovitz in memory of Harriet's parents, Sidney & Faye Singer.

Tema Steele in memory of her father, Moe Lurie.

Get Well

Jackie Fabel, Ida Levin, Marvin Siegel, Ira Waller, Toby Waller, Norma Wexler, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)



Len Coplein Library

We have several new additions in our library. You are invited to browse through the library in the office during the week between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Anything you want to know about Jewish religion, customs, humor, travel, etc. is available. Take advantage of our FREE library!

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Hanukah cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Hanukah stamps?" The clerk says, "What denomination?" "Oh my God," the woman says, "has it come to this? Give me 16 Orthodox, 22 Conservative and 12 Reform."

January Yahrzeits

- 1/1 David & Sandra Axelrod *in memory of their fathers, Charles Axelrod & Daniel Solomon*
Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of Barbara's mother, Miriam Meinster-Hyman*
- 1/2 Edith Krimstock *in memory of her father-in-law, Rubin Krimstock*
- 1/3 Dr. Evlynn Harmon *in memory of her father, Hyman David Freed*
Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of Ellen's father, Nate Kaplan*
- 1/4 Rose Artman
Susan Mintz *in memory of her father, William Politzer*
Saul & Nancy Grossman *in memory of Nancy's mother, Sarah Silverwood*
- 1/5 Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of Sarah's father, Dr. Arthur Mandy*
- 1/6 Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of Dorothy's mother, Rose Perilstein*
Alan Dreifuss *in memory of Frank Rosendorf*
Joan Rosenfeld *in memory of her mother, Rochelle Vogel*
- 1/7 Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of Beth's mother, Ruth Cohen*
Norman Kaye *in memory of his mother, Dora Kaye*
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Shirley's father, Abraham Neumann*
- 1/8 Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of Phyllis's step-mother, Mary Gould*
Marvin & Irene Siegel *in memory of Irene's father, Max Perlstein*
Thelma Zuckerman
- 1/9 Linda Hahn *in memory of her mother-in-law, Helen Hahn*
- 1/12 Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of their grandmother, Anna Gomberg*
Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of Burt's father, Max Stolove*
- 1/13 Michael Axler *in memory of his mother, Frances Axler*
Eva Goldstein
Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of Barry's mother, Sara Savitz*
- 1/14 Solomon & Vera Getz *in memory of Sol's mother, Virginia Getz*
William Segal
- 1/15 Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of Cary's mother, Janet Durant*
Harry Horn
- 1/16 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Debra's grandfather, Michael Hoffman*
- 1/18 Mark & Dr. Linda Baum *in memory of Mark's mother, Ethyl Baum*
Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of Josh's mother, Mae Shapiro*
- 1/19 Philip Goisman & Gale Hoffman *in memory of Philip's grandfather and Gale's friend, Raphael Goisman*
Howard & Myrna Levin *in memory of Howard's father, Joseph Levin*
- 1/20 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of Cheryl's grandmother, Tema Gittle Gilden*
- 1/23 Betty Chaikin *in memory of her father-in-law, Isador Chaikin*
Michael & Carol Albert *in memory of Carol's mother, Betty Eisen*
Tema Steele *in memory of her father, Moe Lurie*
- 1/24 Geraldine Greenberg
Linda Hahn *in memory of her husband, Rabbi Sanford H. Hahn*
Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of Mitch's mother, Lillian Kramer*
Brett & Dana Weinstein *in memory of Dana's father, Sandy Skuzinski*
- 1/25 Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of Trudy's mother, Bernice Deutsch*
- 1/26 Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of Michael's uncle, Lewis Kurland*
- 1/27 Stephen & Eileen Engber *in memory of Stephen's father, Samuel Engber*
- 1/28 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of Cheryl's grandmother, Etta Brownstein*
Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of Elaine's father, Nathan Nerenberg*
Samuel Richmond
- 1/29 Rose Zeltser *in memory of her father-in-law, Morris Zeltser*
- 1/30 Linda Oram *in memory of her father, David Masket*
- 1/31 Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of her cousin, Irwin S. Scherzer*

February Yahrzeits

- 2/1 Harvey & Diane Steiner *in memory of Harvey's mother, Hilda Steiner*
- 2/4 Eugene Blum & Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of Gene's father and Judy's Grandfather, Joseph Blum*
David & Estelle Silver *in memory of David's sister, Ethel Young*
- 2/5 Selma Sofsky *in memory of her brother, Jacob Moskowitz*
- 2/6 Harvey & Karen Fern *in memory of Harvey's father, David Fern*
- 2/7 Bessie Horn
Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of Michael's grandfather, Morris Kurland*
- 2/9 Betty Chaikin *in memory of her brother-in-law, Mason Waronker*
- 2/10 Steven & Carol Dranoff *in memory of Carol's mother, Mary Epstein*
Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of Larry's mother, Celia Hatoff*
David & Faye Kahn *in memory of Faye's father, Leroy Landau*
Norman Kaye *in memory of his mother-in-law, Lena Rosendorf*
Betty Chaikin *in memory of her sister-in-law, Lillian Waronker*
- 2/11 Allan & Andrea Abramowitz *in memory of Allan's father, Bernard Abramowitz*
Dr. Martin & Tina Freedman *in memory of Marty's mother, Paula Freedman*
Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker *in memory of Arlene's mother, Edith Rosenthal*
Saul & Sheila Feder *in memory of Sheila's father, Sholem Werbin*
- 2/14 Anita Erman *in memory of her husband, Dr. Jerome Erman*
Hanna Leonard
- 2/16 Davalene Hirsch *in memory of her fiance, Edmond Hyrum Nelson*
- 2/17 Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of Lill's father, Jule Harrison*
Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of Robert's mother, Jeannette Linzner, and their friend, Laila Orr*
- 2/18 Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane *in memory of Sandra's grandfather, Louis Levin*
- 2/21 Ronald & Shelley Miller *in memory of Ron's father, Murray Miller*
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Sid's aunt, Anne Morgan*
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of Harriet's mother, Faye Singer*
- 2/22 Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of Mina's mother, Anne Braverman*
Nancy Gordon *in memory of her mother, Julia Louise Manheimer*
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Sid's mother, Laura Morgan*

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Simply Shirley . . .

Happy New Year to all my readers.

Just to keep you up to date:

The Interfaith service which was held on November 23rd was just wonderful. Gloria Jacoby prepared a dessert table which was not only beautiful but delicious and enjoyed by the many who attended. It is most heartwarming to see all faiths come together and celebrate life in this way. It lets us all know the meaning of "thanksgiving."

To say that the Chanukah Party was wonderful would not be enough. The latkes were so delicious you couldn't stop eating them and the jelly donuts – well what can I say? Fun and games – including Hebrew Bingo (have you ever heard of this before?), Spin the Dreidel, White Elephant Auction – plus wonderful background music and great friends to share the time, made for a fun-packed afternoon. Hats off to Karen, Roz, Jack, Henry, Lill and Ron who made this most memorable event possible. Sign me up for next year.

Oy vey, what can I say? A baby naming at our shul by the sea and what a baby naming! Our own Rabbi and Sarah's very cute twin boys. Matan Tzvi and Doron Mordechai, who, may I add, were very well behaved and truly precious. The service was wonderful and all who were able to take part will truly never forget it. Lill, Ron and all who took the time to help please know you succeeded in making this a Temple Beth Shalom day to remember.

My final 2010 Simply Shirley wishes go out to you all and your families. May the New Year bring us all good health and happiness.

*Until I write again,
Simply Shirley*

Simchas

Jan./Feb. Birthdays & Anniversaries

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 9.....Gloria Freedman
12.....Elaine Shapiro
15.....Carole Dragon
20.....Aimee J. Levin
21.....Sean C. Kardon
23.....Anita Erman
26.....Beth A. Bacha
27.....Brett B. Weinstein
28.....Dr. Harry L. Chaikin
30.....Dolores Bortner
31.....Stephen D. Satz

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3.....Pearl B. Erdman
4.....Linda Hahn
6.....Laurence Berger
7.....Barbara Dragon,
Dana M. Weinstein
9.....Gerald Pepper
10.....Ronald L. Panitch
11.....Nancy Grossman
13.....Bernard Gittelman
14.....Dr. Sarah Kern
16.....Nancy A. Clancy
17.....Edward Rubin
18.....Debbie Schlesinger
19.....Norton A. Freedman
20.....Natalie Solomon
23.....Allan Abramowitz
27.....Beth Apter
28.....Aaron Grossman,
Diane Steiner

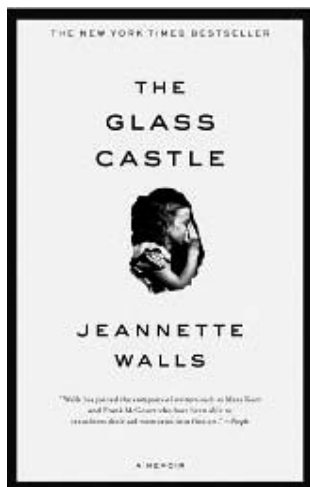
JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 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

- 13....William Boutin & Jamie
Chaikin
14.....Drs. A. Douglas &
Judith Logue

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February Yahrzeits continued

- 2/23 Ronald & Shelley Miller *in memory of* Ron's mother, Lola Miller
Gregory & Bella Royzman *in memory of* Bella's father, Gersh Sapozhnikov
2/24 Bernie Cohen *in memory of* his mother, Rose Cohen
Martha Cohen *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Rose Cohen
Lilyan Cralle *in memory of* her mother, Judith Plaskow Fireman
Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of* their grandfather, Percy Gomberg
2/25 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* Harriet's father, Sidney Singer
2/26 John & Lena Elzufon *in memory of* John's mother, Muriel Elzufon
Susan Mintz *in memory of* her husband, Jeffrey A. Mintz
Dorothy Swartz
2/27 Joseph Goldstein
Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman *in memory of* Lillian's uncle, Robert Magalnick
2/28 Jack & Rosalie Lieberman *in memory of* their son-in-law,
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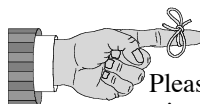
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 help the Temple, but also are a way to remember various happy
 and sad events in your life. Unsolicited general donations are
 needed to help the Temple meet its annual operating expenses.
 Keep in mind, less than 50% of our operating expenses are
 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*\$25
- Kiddush Sponsor*\$100
- Message Card*\$5 each
- Yizkor Memorial*Minimum \$10
- Building Fund*Whatever you desire
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*Whatever you desire
- Library Fund*Whatever you desire
- Kiddush Fund*Whatever you desire