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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

Tevet/Shevat/Adar I 5774



SERVICES

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

Light Refreshments

Saturday Service

January 11 • 10 a.m.

February 8 • 10 a.m.

Sunday Board Meeting

January 12 • 10 a.m.

February 9 • 10 a.m.

RABBI'S COLUMN

Our Wintry Sleep of Reflection

*"But there never seems to be enough time
To do the things you want to do, once you find them
I've looked around enough to know
That you're the one I want to go through time with."*

— Jim Croce



Winter brings with it many challenges, but it especially brings a focus on connecting with others stemming from our being increasingly weather-bound in our homes. Even as Winter begins to wane, our minds cannot help but wander in the early-arriving afternoon darkness. We percolate a strong brew of 'days gone by' with the hope of making sense of our past and our relationship with each other. If we are truly blessed, we look ahead with optimism toward the longer and warmer days to come and the itinerant freedom such days bring.

And yet, no matter how buoyant the conclusions we draw from deeply analyzing our Life's path, it is a very human response for us to feel that our time is far too short. No matter our age, we want more of Life; more days, more joy, more experiences, and certainly more comfort.

These words above by Jim Croce, the famed singer-songwriter (who became a Jew after meeting his future — and Jewish — wife, Ingrid), close out his song, "Time in a Bottle." They remind us, as does the entire song, to hold onto the most precious gift we have, time spent with loved ones. We may strive for greatness that requires time spent away from those whose hearts are bound up with our own, but all of our achievements mean nothing without the love and approval and intimacies shared with those most central to our life, even if only fleetingly so. It is nearly impossible to avoid feeling cheated during the Winter as we are forced to reduce our existence in so many ways.

And so, perhaps this year we might see the Jewish holiday of *Tu B'Shevat*, the Jewish New Year for trees, in a different light: The holiday is a reminder in the midst of our Winter despair marked by diminished light and heat that we will not be long in the darkness and cold. Soon, by the end of February, we will meet the beginning of the month of Adar, and with it soon

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Coming Events

Friday, Jan. 17

Tu B'Shevat Seder &
Shabbat Dinner,
6:30 pm

Tu B'Shevat

is the New Year for the trees. It is popularly celebrated by the eating of various fruits and nuts, especially those connected with the Land of Israel. Today in Israel, the day is celebrated as an "Arbor Day" with tree planting by school children and adults alike.

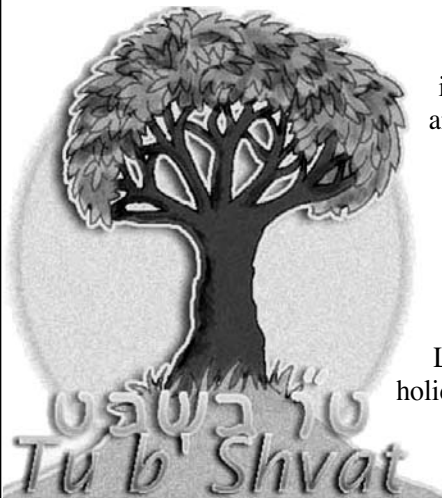
4th Annual Temple Beth Shalom

Tu B'Shevat Seder and Shabbat Dinner

Friday, Jan. 17, 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!

Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations required, please call 266-0403 no later than January 13.



Gone, but not Forgotten

We note the passing of long time member

Shirley Schreiber

on Thanksgiving at the ripe old age of 97.

Shirley, along with her side-kick Nancy Clancy, was instrumental in founding our Children's Bingo Nights. Miss Shirley, as she was affectionately known, was for 15 or so years, the ringmaster. Shirley and Nancy wrapped the cookies, made the lemonade and solicited and collected the prizes.

We will all miss you, Shirley.

Building Fund

Beth & Carl Apter in appreciation and best wishes to Betty Chaikin.

Condolences

Deepest sympathy to **Betty Chaikin** on the loss of her sister, Queenie Goldstein, who passed away November 28, 2013.

Get Well

Daniel-Paul Alva, Dr. Robert Ball, Diane Waxman, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)

General Donations

Bruce & Dee Bortner in memory of Shirley Schreiber.

Beth & Carl Apter in memory of Esther Jacobs.

Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman in honor of Dr. Robert Ball's speedy recovery.
Harvey Fern.

Message Cards

Ron & Lill Shender:

Condolences to Betty Chaikin on the loss of her sister.

Sid & Shirley Morgan:

Condolences to Betty Chaikin on the loss of her sister.

Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby:

Condolences to Betty Chaikin on the loss of her sister;

Get well wishes to Dr. Bob Ball.

Beth & Carl Apter:

Condolences to Betty Chaikin on the loss of her sister.

Bruce & Dee Bortner:

Condolences to Ruth Segal on the loss of her husband, Hirsh Segal.

Welcome New Members

David & Gloria Caplan, who recently moved permanently to Brigantine. They are the parents of members Jonathan and Jody Caplan.

Yahrzeit Donations

Irene Siegel in memory of her mother, Rita Perlstein.
Harvey & Diane Steiner in memory of Diane's father, William Fabrizio.

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

Joel & Ronnie Schreiber in memory of Joel's father, Irving Schreiber.

Robert & Eileen Linzner in memory of Robert's daughter, Margaret (Meg) Linzner.

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

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

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Tema Steele in memory of her father, Moe Lurie.

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Brenda Sacks in memory of her husband, Alfred Sacks, and her father, Jack Altshuler.

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Gale Hoffman in memory of her uncle, Louis Goisman.
Cary & Trudy Durant in memory of their mothers, Janet Durant & Bernice Deutsch.

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TBS seeks authors for our monthly newsletter "Mishpocheh" to write articles on current Jewish events – here and in Israel. Help is also needed for the monthly mailing of the newsletters, in conjunction with our Administrator. If interested, call Lill, 264-9347, or Diane, 266-0403.

HELP EXPAND OUR FAMILY

*We need more new, active members.
Do you have friends or neighbors
who could join us?*

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors For December

Friday, December 6 – Terry & Fred Horowitz in memory of Terry's father, Herman Scher.

Friday, December 13 – Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein in memory of Roz's father, Irving Lowe.

Saturday, December 14 – Ronald & JoAnn Massanova in memory of Ron's mother, Pam Massanova.

Friday, December 20 – Edith Krimstock in memory of her husband, Samuel Krimstock;

Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Barbara's father, William Meinster.

Friday, December 27 – Beth & Carl Apter in memory of Beth's mother, Ruth Cohen;

Sheryl & Jeffrey Mazur in memory of Sheryl's mother, Rose Lena Gandel;

Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Barbara's mother, Miriam Meinster-Hyman.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 8.....Donna Wertheimer | 3.....Pearl B. Erdman |
| 9.....Gloria Freedman | 4.....Linda Hahn |
| 12.....Elaine Shapiro | 5.....Rhoda J. Rosen |
| 20.....Aimee J. Levin | 7.....Barbara Dragon |
| 21.....Sean C. Kardon | 10.....Ronald L. Panitch |
| 23.....Anita Erman | 13.....Bernard Gittelman |
| 26.....Beth A. Bacha | 14.....Dr. Sarah Kern |
| 28.....Dr. Harry L. Chaikin | 18.....Debbie Schlesinger |
| 30.....Dolores Bortner | 19.....Norton A. Freedman |
| 31.....Stephen D. Satz | 20.....Natalie Solomon |
| | 23.....Allan Abramowitz |
| | 27.....Beth Apter |
| | 28.....Diane Steiner |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 13.....William Boutin & Jamie Chaikin |
| 27.....Paul & Dr. Janet Sachs |



Interfaith Service

Neither rain, nor snow, nor

dark of night prevented the community from coming together at the Interfaith Service which was held at the Temple on November 26.

All in all, there were over 180 people attending. Yes, we had a full house. It was wonderful to see.

The program was suburb. Our own Rabbi Fox was the star of the evening. All the clergy were excellent. Mary Jane did a great job on the keyboard.

And of course our baker extraordinaire, Gloria Jacoby, outdid herself with the pastries. What a great evening!
THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL!

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 lunch. It will make you feel good and will help your synagogue carry on this time-honored tradition.

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Call Diane at 266-0403 and make your intentions known.

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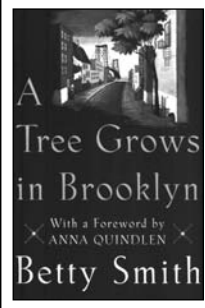
Monday, Jan. 13 • 1 p.m.

to review

"A Tree Grows In Brooklyn"

by **Betty Smith.**

The club will meet at the home of **Arlene Waronker**
4 Atlantis Cove



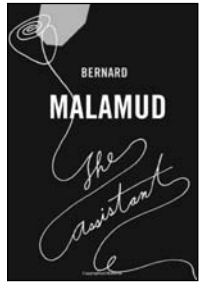
Monday, Feb. 10 • 1 p.m.

to review

"The Assistant"

by **Bernard Malamud.**

The club will meet at the home of **MaryAnn Miller**
The Cloisters, #3304



RSVP to Shirley at ssmorgan3@verizon.net or call 609-266-8599.

January & February Yahrzeits

JANUARY YAHRZEITS

- 1/1 Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of Sarah's father, Dr. Arthur Mandy*
- 1/2 Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of Dorothy's mother, Rose Perilstein*
Alan Dreifuss *in memory of his father, Frank Rosendorf*
Joan Rosenfeld *in memory of her mother, Rochelle Vogel*
- 1/3 Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of Beth's mother, Ruth Cohen*
Dora Kaye
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Shirley's father, Abraham Neumann*
- 1/4 Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of Phyllis's step-mother, Mary Gould*
Irene Siegel *in memory of her father, Max Perlstein*
Thelma Zuckerman
- 1/5 Linda Hahn *in memory of her mother-in-law, Helen Hahn*
- 1/8 Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of their grandmother, Anna Gomberg*
Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of Burt's father, Max Stolove*
- 1/9 Michael Axler *in memory of his mother, Frances Axler*
Eva Goldstein
Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of Barry's mother, Sara Savitz*
- 1/10 Vera Getz *in memory of her mother-in-law, Virginia Getz*
William Segal
- 1/11 Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of Cary's mother, Janet Durant*
Harry Horn
- 1/12 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Debra's grandfather, Michael Hoffman*
- 1/13 Samuel & Arlene Maisus *in memory of Sam's father, Philip Maisus*
- 1/14 Mark & Dr. Linda Baum *in memory of Mark's mother, Ethyl Baum*
Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of Josh's mother, Mae Shapiro*
- 1/15 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*
- 1/16 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of Cheryl's grandmother, Tema Gittle Gilden*
- 1/19 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*
- 1/20 Geraldine Greenberg
Linda Hahn *in memory of her former 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*
- 1/21 Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of Trudy's mother, Bernice Deutsch*
- 1/22 Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of Michael's uncle, Lewis Kurland*
- 1/23 Stephen & Eileen Engber *in memory of Stephen's father, Samuel Engber*
- 1/24 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of Cheryl's grandmother, Etta Brownstein*
Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of Elaine's father, Nathan Nerenberg*
Samuel Richmond

- 1/25 Deborah Cimini *in memory of her mother, Shirley Goldberg*
David Horowitz *in memory of his sister, Louise Horowitz*
Rose Zeltser *in memory of her father-in-law, Morris Zeltser*
- 1/26 Linda Oram *in memory of her father, David Masket*
- 1/27 Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of Lill's father, Jule Harrison*
Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of her cousin, Irwin S. Scherzer*
- 1/28 Harvey & Diane Steiner *in memory of Harvey's mother, Hilda Steiner*
- 1/31 Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of her grandfather, Joseph Blum*
David & Estelle Silver *in memory of David's sister, Ethel Young*

FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

- 2/1 Selma Sofsky *in memory of her brother, Jacob Moskowitz*
- 2/2 Harvey Fern *in memory of his father, David Fern*
Dr. Ira & Donna Wertheimer *in memory of Ira's mother, Anna Wertheimer*
- 2/3 Bessie Horn
Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of Michael's grandfather, Morris Kurland*
- 2/5 Betty Chaikin *in memory of her brother-in-law, Mason Waronker*
- 2/6 Carol Dranoff *in memory of her mother, Mary Epstein*
Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of Larry's mother, Celia Hatoff*
Faye Kahn *in memory of her father, Leroy Landau*
Lena Rosendorf
Betty Chaikin *in memory of her sister-in-law, Lillian Waronker*
- 2/7 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*
- 2/8 Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of their brother-in-law, Paul Berger*
- 2/10 Anita Erman *in memory of her husband, Dr. Jerome J. Erman*
Hannah Leonard
- 2/12 Edmond Hyrum Nelson
- 2/13 Beverly Rosendorf & Erika Brooks *in memory of Beverly's uncle & Erika's grandfather, Norman Kaye*
Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of Robert's mother, Jeannette Linzner; and their friend, Laila Orr*
- 2/14 Judge Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane *in memory of Sandra's grandfather, Louis Levin*
- 2/17 Ronald & Shelley Miller *in memory of Ron's father, Murray Miller*
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Sid's aunt, Anne Morgan*
Terry & Fred Horowitz *in memory of Terry's mother, Elinore Scher*
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of Harriet's mother, Faye Singer*
- 2/18 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*

- 2/19 Ronald & Shelley Miller *in memory of* Ron's mother, Lola Miller
Gregory & Bella Royzman *in memory of* Bella's father,
Gersh Sapozhnikov
- 2/20 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
- 2/21 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* Harriet's father,
Sidney Singer
- 2/22 John & Lena Elzufon *in memory of* John's mother, Muriel Elzufon
Susan Mintz *in memory of* her husband, Jeffrey A. Mintz
Dorothy Swartz
- 2/23 Vera Getz *in memory of* her husband, Solomon Getz
Joseph Goldstein
Dr. Joseph Hassman *in memory of* his uncle, Robert Magalnick
- 2/24 Jack Lieberman *in memory of* his Son-in-law, Jonathan Friedman
- 2/25 Natalie Solomon *in memory of* her mother,
Muriel Samuelson Schenker
Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of* Norma's sister,
Joan Weiss
- 2/26 Betty Chaikin *in memory of* her father, Harry Schindler
- 2/27 Carol Dranoff *in memory of* her father, Max Epstein
Bret Bergman *in memory of* his grandmother, Jean Wiener
- 2/28 Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of* her grandmother,
Lillian Blum
Stephen & Eileen Engber *in memory of* Stephen's mother,
Anna Engber

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afterwards the joyous holiday of *Purim*. And soon after that yet, Spring will have established itself and brought with it everything special about that season. For now, though, let us embrace the quietness of Winter and its power to transform.

Like anyone who has had the blessing of raising children, I'm beginning to see the very slow march away from the connections that were once necessary for my children's survival. Now, sadly, the game is afoot: Suddenly, we are simply left to their whims. It is a common theme: As we grow older, we seek our own path, only to long for the depth of connection of our most earliest days. We are at our most divinely human when we face these quiet moments, face our longing for connection, and arrive at the other side transformed and renewed. And, if we are lucky, we find ourselves better and wiser than when we started.

It is at the core of our Jewish heritage to struggle with our identity — both personal and communal. Let us use our quiet moments this Winter to cultivate well our humanity, so well that we remember our triumphs and our joy while our sorrows remain yet faded in the distance. Only then will we have the balance to cultivate becoming our best selves.

May you find meaning in every puzzle your life puts before you and may you find every day brighter than the next.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox,

Simply Shirley . . .

Welcome to my fellow readers

**HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!
MAY THIS BE A WONDERFUL YEAR
FOR EVERYONE!**

The annual Brigantine Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was hosted by TBS this year on Tuesday, November 26th. It was attended by over 170 people and was truly a Community event to be proud of. Our own Gloria Jacoby baked a feast of delicious desserts, which I think could have been shown on any TV special and won awards. It was truly a night which made you realize how special living in Brigantine is, and to all who made this possible I say – Thank You.

The book club met on Monday, December 9 at the home of Beth Apter and, once again, we were blessed with a wonderful assortment of goodies. Our hostesses have been truly fabulous and I say thank you to you all who have gone over and beyond. You have made our book club so special. The book we reviewed was: "A Secret Kept" by Tatiana De Rosnay. "This book is truly about love and its secrets and its power, its magic, and I suppose its surprises."

This was a very special book club as it was our farewell to Betty Chaikin. However, I truly hope she will still be able to come in occasionally and say hello to her friends. Beth had a beautiful and delicious special cake baked for Betty and the book club presented Betty with a Lucky Bamboo plant.

We have selected our January book to review which is: "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn," by Betty Smith. The date is: Monday, January 13 and our hostess will be Arlene Waronker at 4 Atlantis Cove. We will be meeting at 1 p.m.

The February book club will be held Monday, February 10 and will be hosted by MaryAnne Miller at The Cloisters #3304. The book to be reviewed is: "The Assistant" by Bernard Malamud. We will be meeting at 1 p.m.

Please contact Shirley at 609-266-8599 or ssmorgan3@verizon.net should you be interested in being added to our book club list.

Until I write again,

Simply Shirley



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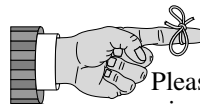
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Yizkor Memorial	Minimum \$10
Building Fund	Whatever you desire
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	Whatever you desire
Library Fund	Whatever you desire
Kiddush Fund	Whatever you desire