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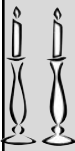
Temple Beth Shalom ☆ Brigantine Jewish Community Center

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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 Service

Jan. 9 & Feb. 13 • 10 a.m.

## Sunday Board Meeting

Jan. 10 & Feb. 14  
10 a.m.

## RABBI'S COLUMN

### *New Years, Fears and Nature's Tears*

Imagine a holiday, in the middle of Winter yet devoted to budding life, to new things in the season when life dies or, at least, hides from view; a holiday that is lesser known yet has great significance, especially in an era when Jews have made our holy land sprout forth; a holiday that speaks about the ethereal world of God while born of and describing the tangible natural world around us; a holiday that appears to speak in contradictions yet remains clear in its purpose. If you are thinking of *Tu B'Shevat*, then you are right . . . you have entered the "Jewish Zone!"

Much of Jewish life — whether holiday or celebration, study or service, music or holy writings — is filled with meaning that is not readily accessible on the surface. Our religious civilization is so complex, so rich in that which is both above and below the surface, that we are easily overwhelmed by how to engage it.

*Tu B'Shevat* is no different: It is the holiday by which we make Jewish legal decisions with regard to agriculture, particularly in connection with harvesting tree fruits and nuts, but also the holiday that focuses us on what we can do to save our world just as it seems impossible, stymied by the cold and nature's ceding the realm of the living. In truth, though, *Tu B'Shevat* is a call to our minds (and stomachs) that we can and must make a difference in our world by being a partner with God in the daily unfolding of creation. This may sound "hokey," but think about this: Every time that we reach out to do something good for someone in need or for our community or the environment to help the environment function more healthily, we participate in creating a small part of our world.

If you could fashion a new year, making choices with regard to meaning, custom, celebration, importance (or lack thereof), and so on, what would you choose? The new

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## Coming Events

**Friday, January 22**

**Tu B'Shevat Seder &  
Dinner, 6 p.m.**

**Friday, March 4**

**Shabbat Across America  
Dinner, 6 p.m.**

**Friday, March 25**

**Funny Hat Purim, 8 p.m.**

## 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.

**6th Annual Temple Beth Shalom**

**Tu B'Shevat Seder and Shabbat Dinner**

**Friday, January 22, 2016, 6 p.m.**

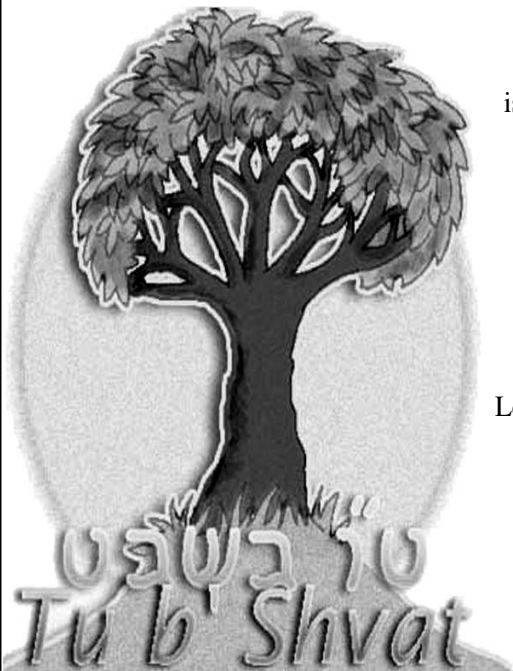
Let's celebrate the renewal of life in Israel as we drink, eat, and merrily welcome the holiday and Shabbat! Jews from all over the country and world will be partnering with the JNF to make this a particularly special evening.

Please join us for this wonderful event and services.

Don't miss this opportunity!

Cost is \$18 per person.

Reservations are required. Please call the office at 266-0403 no later than January 18.



## The Prez Sez

It is customary to start the New Year with resolutions, so I too will succumb and share with you some of my (less private) resolves for the coming year.

✧ I will work hard to live up to the honor you gave me by electing me president.

✧ I will ask for your financial support.

✧ I will do my best to greet everyone that attends one of our services or programs.

✧ I will do all I can to make everyone that visits our shul feel comfortable and welcome.

✧ I will work with my board of directors to develop plans to assure our future.

✧ I will do all I can to find new members. (Decreasing membership is our greatest survival threat.)

✧ I will listen to your comments, thoughts and suggestions. This is your shul and you have a say in how it should operate.

✧ I will ask for your financial support.

✧ I will seek out presentations and speakers to enrichen the programs for our members and the community.

✧ I will do all in my power to make sure that our community is reminded that Temple Beth Shalom is a vibrant and important element in Brigantine.

✧ I will do all I can to make reading this column worth your time.

✧ I will ask you to volunteer your time for an event or a committee.

✧ I will continue the on-going plans to make our facilities more inviting and attractive.

✧ I will consult with the rabbi and our religious committee to see what diversity we can add to our services. (Yes, I heard your comments.)

✧ I will make sure that you are aware of Federation programs. Like the Chanukah program that some of you enjoyed, there are many opportunities for us to participate in important and entertaining area programs.

✧ I promise not to bore you (too much) with the pictures and stories of my trip to Israel.

✧ I will ask for your financial support.

It is my intention that these resolutions will not be like many others in the past (for example, “go on a diet”). I plan to keep this list prominently displayed and to do all in my power to keep each of these. I owe you that.

It is not too late for you to make some resolutions. Please, make at least one resolution concerning what you will do to better your relationship to Temple Beth Shalom.

*Shalom.  
Jack*



## BOOK CLUB

Celebrate the New Year at the Morgans on **Monday, January 4, 2016 at 1 p.m.**

BYOB – Bring Your Own Book to discuss and start the New Year with your fellow Bookies!

**Monday,  
February 8, 1 p.m.**  
*to review*

**“A Common Struggle”**

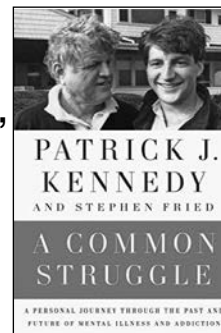
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year that we know best, Rosh Hashanah, is joyous with a smidge of trepidation. We are excited for what we have achieved, while still being aware that we are broken as individuals, that we need to redirect the compass of our lives and to help our neighbor to do the same. In contrast, *Tu B'Shevat*, the “New Year for trees,” reminds us that the perfection of the Universe is all around us, that God transmits this message by creating relationships in the natural world around us to which we are irrevocably bound.

Winter brings all kinds of natural challenges; from snow and freezing rain to fierce winds and darkness, and the cold itself. In Israel, the intensity may be less extreme, but no less significant. We are naturally frightened of Winter and the challenges it brings, along with the quiet message that we are getting older and nearer to participating in the scariest part of the cycle of Life. Darkness and having the breadth of the sky obscured from view by cloud cover are not particularly reassuring, either. There is, however, a reframing of this time of year that Judaism offers that at once acknowledges our experience and offers a way out.

As a New Year, *Tu B'Shevat* has much to offer us. We only need to open ourselves to its powerful message and we cannot help but find comfort and renewal. Whether it is a simple plant or our complex lives, this holiday is steeped with rebirth and renewal. We deserve to bathe ourselves in its message that will uplift every part of our lives.

Let's begin January's 'other New Year' together at our *Tu B'Shevat* Seder and Shabbat dinner (see the details elsewhere in this newsletter) — I can't wait to share the sweet promise of new growth, both external and internal, as we look toward the Spring and the new shoots of our lives!

*Rabbi Gerald R. Fox*

## WINTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that during the month of January 2016 the office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Get Well

Beth Apter, Dr. Roberta Ball, Barry Bornstein,  
Fred Fabel, Bernie Gittelman, Saul Grossman,  
Fred Horowitz, Diane Waxman

## General Donations

**Drs. Burton & Judith Schwartz** in memory of their cousin,  
Robert Bornstein

**Lorraine & Burt Stolove** in memory of their dear neighbor,  
Ralph Dugan

## Yahrzeit Donations

**H. David & Gloria Caplan** in memory of David's parents,  
Jules & Henrietta Caplan, and Gloria's mother, Rose Leiken.

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**Irene Siegel** in memory of her mother, Rita Perlstein, and  
brother, Sam Perlstein.

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

**Joel & Stephanie Miller** in memory of Joel's parents, Paul &  
Marilyn Miller, and grandfather, Dr. Harry Miller.

**Jerald & Sheila Cohen** in memory of Jerry's aunt, Barbara  
Oei, and uncle, Henry Cohen.

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

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

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

**Susan Orloff** in memory of her mother, Bernice Orloff.

**Tema Steele** in memory of her father, Moe Lurie.

**Betty Chaikin** in memory of her father-in-law, Isador Chaikin.

**Joshua & Elaine Shapiro** in memory of Josh's mother, Mae  
Shapiro, and Elaine's father, Nathan Nerenberg.

**Rose Zeltser** in memory of her father-in-law, Morris Zeltser.

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### For December

Friday, December 4 – **Betty Chaikin** in memory of  
her husband, Dr. Joseph Chaikin and sister, Corrine  
Queenie Goldstein;

**Max & Judy Blum-Crawford** in memory of  
Judy's mother, Sheila Blum.

Friday, December 11 – **Albert & Barbara Dragon**  
in memory of their aunt, Ethel Moskowitz;

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

**Joel & Stephanie Miller** in honor of their wedding  
anniversary.

Saturday, December 12 – **Alan Simon** in memory of  
his mother, Adele Simon.

Friday, December 18 – **Robert & Eileen Linzner** in  
memory of Robert's daughter, Margaret (Meg)  
Linzner;

**Terry & Fred Horowitz** in memory of Terry's  
father, Herman Scher.

Friday, December 25 – **Bernard & Norma  
Gittelman** in memory of Bernie's grandmother,  
Anna Galblum.

## "ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT IDEAS"

One of our members, Dave Silver, has volunteered  
to chair a round table discussion on how to get better  
returns on retirement plans and investments, while  
instilling greater confidence and peace of mind.

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session at a convenient time and place.



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office to make your reservations. Reservations deadline is  
February 29.

## January Yahrzeits

- 1/1 Lilyan Cralle *in memory of her father, Albert Fireman*  
Irene Brodsky *in memory of her father, Abraham Gamerman*  
Philip Goisman & Gale Hoffman *in memory of Philip's father and Gale's uncle, Louis Goisman*  
Irving Schreiber
- 1/2 Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva *in memory of Danny's father, Esequiel Alva*
- 1/3 Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of Burt's mother, Rose Stolove*
- 1/4 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 Greg's father, Shlema Zelman-Royzman*
- 1/5 Alex Artman  
Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Laurence's brother, Dana Berger*  
Claire Poller  
David & Estelle Silver *in memory of David's father, Nathan Silver*
- 1/6 David & Sandra Axelrod *in memory of their fathers, Charles Axelrod and Daniel Solomon*  
Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of Barbara's mother, Miriam Meinster-Hyman*
- 1/8 Carol Dranoff *in memory of her husband, Steven M. Dranoff*  
Dr. Evlynne Harmon *in memory of her father, Hyman David Freed*  
Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of Ellen's father, Nate Kaplan*
- 1/9 Rose Artman  
Jeffrey & Sheryl Mazur *in memory of Sheryl's mother, Rose Lena Gandel*  
Susan Mintz *in memory of her father, William Politzer*  
Saul Grossman *in memory of his mother-in-law, Sarah Silverwood*
- 1/10 Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of Sarah's father, Dr. Arthur Mandy*
- 1/11 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*
- 1/12 Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of Beth's mother, Ruth Cohen*  
Dora Kaye  
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Shirley's father, Abraham Neumann*
- 1/13 Irene Siegel *in memory of her father, Max Perlstein*  
Thelma Zuckerman
- 1/14 Linda Hahn *in memory of her mother-in-law, Helen Hahn*
- 1/17 Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of their grandmother, Anna Gomberg*  
Burton & Lorraine Stolove *in memory of Burt's father, Max Stolove*
- 1/18 Michael Axler *in memory of his mother, Frances Axler*  
Eva Goldstein  
H. David & Gloria Caplan *in memory of Gloria's father, Benjamin Leiken*  
Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of Barry's mother, Sara Savitz*
- 1/19 Joel & Stephanie Miller *in memory of Joel's grandmother, Dorothy Adler*  
Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva *in memory of Danny's mother, Sue Alva*  
Vera Getz *in memory of her mother-in-law, Virginia Getz*  
William Segal
- 1/20 Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of Cary's mother, Janet Durant*  
Harry Horn
- 1/21 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Debra's grandfather, Michael Hoffman*
- 1/22 Samuel & Arlene Maisus *in memory of Sam's father, Philip Maisus*
- 1/23 Mark & Dr. Linda Baum *in memory of Mark's mother, Ethyl Baum*  
Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of Josh's mother, Mae Shapiro*
- 1/24 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*
- 1/25 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of Cheryl's grandmother, Tema Gittle Gilden*
- 1/28 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*
- 1/29 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*
- 1/30 Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of Trudy's mother, Bernice Deutsch*
- 1/31 Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of Michael's uncle, Lewis Kurland*
- 2/1 Stephen & Eileen Engber *in memory of Stephen's father,*

## February Yahrzeits

- Samuel Engber
- 2/2 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of Cheryl's grandmother, Etta Brownstein*  
Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of Elaine's father, Nathan Nerenberg*  
Samuel Richmond
- 2/3 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*
- 2/4 Linda Oram *in memory of her father, David Masket*
- 2/5 Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of Lill's father, Jule Harrison*  
Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of her cousin, Irwin S. Scherzer*
- 2/6 Harvey & Diane Steiner *in memory of Harvey's mother, Hilda Steiner*
- 2/9 Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of her grandfather, Joseph Blum*  
David & Estelle Silver *in memory of David's sister, Ethel Young*
- 2/10 Selma Sofsky *in memory of her brother, Jacob Moskowitz*
- 2/11 Harvey Fern *in memory of his father, David Fern*  
Dr. Ira & Donna Wertheimer *in memory of Ira's mother, Anna Wertheimer*
- 2/12 Bessie Horn

## February Yahrzeits *continued*

- Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of* Michael's grandfather, Morris Kurland
- 2/14 Betty Chaikin *in memory of* her brother-in-law, Mason Waronker
- 2/15 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
- 2/16 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
- Sheila Feder *in memory of* her father, Sholem Werbin
- 2/17 Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of* their brother-in-law, Paul Berger
- 2/19 Anita Erman *in memory of* her husband, Dr. Jerome J. Erman  
Hanna Leonard
- 2/21 Edmond Hyrum Nelson
- 2/22 Beverly Rosendorf & Erika Brooks *in memory of* Beverly's uncle and Erika's grandfather, Norman Kaye  
Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of* Robert's mother, Jeannette Linzner, and their friend, Laila Orr
- 2/23 Joel & Stephanie Miller *in memory of* Joel's grandfather, Harold Adler  
Judge Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane *in memory of* Sandra's grandfather, Louis Levin
- 2/26 Ronald & Shelley Miller *in memory of* Ron's father, Murray Miller  
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of* Sid's aunt, Anne Morgan  
Terry Horowitz *in memory of* her mother, Elinore Scher  
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* Harriet's mother, Faye Singer
- 2/27 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
- 2/28 Ronald & Shelley Miller *in memory of* Ron's mother, Lola Miller  
Gregory & Bella Royzman *in memory of* Bella's father, Gersh Sapozhnikov
- 2/29 Jerald & Sheila Cohen and Martha Cohen *in memory of* Jerry's grandmother and Martha's 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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
1 .....Bernard Rosenberg	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

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



## JEWISH MOTHERS

### MONA LISA'S JEWISH MOTHER:

"After all the money your father and I spent on braces, this you call a smile?"

### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS' JEWISH MOTHER:

I don't care what you've discovered, you didn't call, you didn't write."

### MICHELANGELO'S JEWISH MOTHER:

"A ceiling you paint? Not good enough for you the walls, like the other children? Do you know how hard it is to get that schmutz off the ceiling?"

### NAPOLEON'S JEWISH MOTHER:

"You're not hiding your report card? Show me! Take your hand out of your jacket and show me!"

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S JEWISH MOTHER:

"Again with that hat! Why can't you wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

### THOMAS EDISON'S JEWISH MOTHER:

"Okay, so I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb. Now turn it off already and go to sleep!"

### PAUL REVERE'S JEWISH MOTHER:

"I don't care where you think you have to go, young man, midnight is long past your bedtime!"

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ALBERT EINSTEIN'S JEWISH MOTHER:

"Your senior photograph and you couldn't have done something with your hair?"

MOSES' JEWISH MOTHER:


"Desert, schmesert! Where have you really been for the last forty years?"

BILL GATES' JEWISH MOTHER:

"It would have killed you to become a doctor?"

BILL CLINTON'S JEWISH MOTHER:

"Well, at least she was a nice Jewish girl, that Monica."



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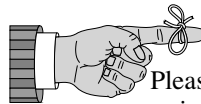
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### A Reminder

to all Temple Beth Shalom members  
 Please notify the office of any births, engagements,  
 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 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.

<b>Bronze Memorial Plaque</b> .....	\$300
<b>Leaf on the Tree of Life</b> .....	\$50
<b>Oneg Shabbat Sponsor</b> .....	\$25
<b>Kiddush Lunch Sponsor</b> .....	\$100
<b>Message Card</b> .....	\$5 each
<b>Yizkor Memorial</b> .....	Minimum \$10
<b>Building Fund</b> .....	Whatever you desire
<b>Rabbi's Discretionary Fund</b> ..	Whatever you desire
<b>Library Fund</b> .....	Whatever you desire