

# MISHPOCHEH

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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

**No Saturday Service**

**Board Meeting**  
Sunday, June 12 • 10 a.m.



## RABBI'S COLUMN

### *Taking Ourselves Higher*

Recently, I was listening to Sly and the Family Stone's 1969 version of their hit song, "I Want to Take You Higher," and I was struck by the unbounded joy that pervades nearly every measure of the song. There is a sense of awe when we listen to music that challenges us to discern between the numerous elements that make up something so complex (at least rhythmically so).

That same unbounded joy is what our ancestors experienced as they approached the holiday of Shavuot. Many of the men had been refraining from cutting their hair during the period of the Counting of the Omer and so the holiday provided a very real sense of release (and perhaps, relief!) from what such personal restrictions can easily cause for most people.

In our lives today, Shavuot gets somewhat short shrift; it is a two-day holiday in the late Spring with only a few significant rituals/customs connected to it. It is a poor cousin to the excitement of Sukkot with its eating al fresco and the intense transformations and family ties renewed with the arrival of Passover. It is ironic, therefore, that Shavuot is, in many ways, the most culturally and theologically important holiday for the Jewish People. After all, our tradition teaches us to commemorate the receipt of the Law at Sinai — three days of intense preparation and revelation culminating in a new mission and theology and, thereby, culture for a rag-tag group of ex-slaves and similarly disenfranchised. Eating blintzes, though most of us would agree is an endlessly tasty thing to do, does not do justice to such an important event.

In truth, Shavuot is about "[taking us] higher." And, like the unmitigated excitement expressed in (and that I feel when I hear) Sly Stone's song, we needn't think that expanding our consciousness has to be boring . . . it most certainly can be exciting and joyous! Any time we expand our horizons, we take ourselves higher; any time we get a little lost in something greater than ourselves, we take ourselves higher.

Our ancestors lived a truly miserable existence in Egypt, without a sense of community and without an over-arching framework for their spiritual lives. Some Rabbis' commentaries on the experience of the pre-Sinai, "Egyptian Jew" describes them as being lost, rudderless and anchorless in life. Between our religious tradition and millennia of scientific advances in the fields of physical and mental health, we know even better how to "take ourselves higher." We need a worthy purpose in life.

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## Coming Events

**Wednesday, June 8**

**Shavuot**

Office Closed

**Thursday, June 9**

**Yizkor Service, 10 AM**

Office Closed

**Monday, June 13**

**Book Club, 1:30 PM**

**Saturday, June 25**

**Party on the Bay**

8:30 PM

**Thursday, July 7**

**Children's Bingo**

begins for the season

**Sunday, August 7**

**Salute to Summer**

**Boat Trip**

(rain date, 8/14)

**Sunday, August 21**

**Annual Bazaar**

## Party on the Bay

**Come join us for an evening of fun, food and drink on  
June 25 starting at 8:30 p.m. ending 11 p.m.**

**at the Solomon's award winning home on the Bay,  
913 Bayshore Avenue.**

A donation of \$25 per person is requested.

Call 266-0403 for tickets and reservations. Tickets are limited!

## Friday Night Services

Attendance at services has dropped off. We *must* have a Minyan to fulfill our obligations to our congregants and mourners. It is very important that you make every effort to attend services. An hour on a Friday night is not too much to ask. Come join us and share coffee, tea and cake afterwards.

Lill Shender

## A Message from the Treasurer...

Our 2010-2011 Fiscal Year is coming to a close, and I thank you for your generosity this past year. Be on the lookout for our annual membership dues invoice which will be mailed to you in early June for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year. I'm happy to tell you that there will be no increase in the cost of dues this year.

Lill Shender, *Treasurer*



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Temple Beth Shalom is spiffed up with a new roof, outside improvements and a new security system.

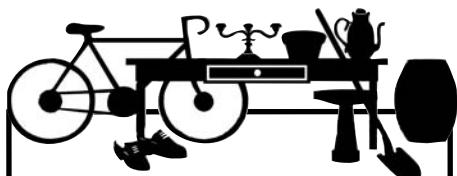
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for his donation to our summer Bingo games for young children.



Gather together your donations for our

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Sunday, August 21  
9 a.m.

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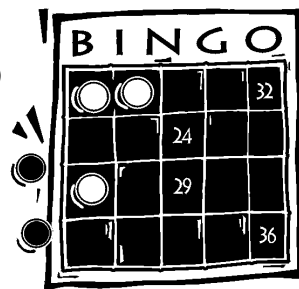
if you have any questions or need to make special arrangements.

Eddie Krimstock, *Chairman*

## Children's BINGO Returns

Our long-standing summer tradition of hosting Bingo for the kids will kick off on Thursday, July 7 and will continue every Thursday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. until August 25. The 2011 season is made possible because of the extremely generous donation from **Dr. Frank Kern** to cover the expenses, and because **Jamie Satz** has once more graciously agreed to MC the program. She is fantastic with the children, but she needs help.

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## *Congratulations*

The Jewish Theological Seminary's 2011 Community-Wide Awards Dinner is honoring Sandra Berkowitz and Jeffrey Shender with the Shin Award on June 2. **Ron and Lill Shender** are very, very proud of their children. **Ron and Lill** also welcomed the birth of their first great-grandson, Liam Martin Shender, born May 18. *Mazel Tov!*

**Jack & Rosalie Lieberman** on the graduation of their grandson Craig Lieberman from Rutgers University, May 16. Best wishes to **Linda Hahn and Dr. George Feuer** who will be married on Sunday, May 29 in Philadelphia. We are so happy for them and wish them all the best. *Mazel Tov!*

## *General Donations*

**Terri Ciullo** in honor of Edie Krimstock's birthday.  
**Rabbi and Sarah Fox** in honor of the wedding of Linda Hahn and Dr. George Feuer. May they find love continually renewed.

**Judie Bramnick** in honor of Dr. Eli Zucker's 70th birthday.

*Year-End Appeal Donation*  
**Bernard & Norma Gittelman**

## *For Yizkor*

**Marvin & Irene Siegel** in memory of their parents, Gertrude & Ben Siegel and Rita & Max Perlstein.

## *Get Well*

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

## *Yahrzeit Donations*

**David & Estelle Silver** in memory of Estelle's sister, Beverly Axman.

**Barbara Pearlman** in memory of her husband, David Pearlman.

**Dr. Martin & Linda Millison** in memory of Linda's mother, Ethel Raichlen and her aunt, Vivian Rabineau.

**Marvin & Irene Siegel** in memory of Marvin's mother, Gertrude Siegel.

**Beverlee Bearman Reiter** in memory of her mother, Sylvia Bearman.

**Erika Brooks** in memory of her mother, Carol Brooks.

**Norma & Seymour Trachtman** in memory of Norma's mother, Elsie Freidberg.

**Howard & Janis Rosenberg** in memory of Howard's father, Louis Rosenberg.

**Dr. Burton & Ruth Weiss** in memory of Burton's mother, Pauline Weiss.

**Albert & Barbara Dragon** in memory of Barbara's grandmother, Leah Lonsky, and her aunt, Sophie Lonsky.

## *Thank You* To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors *For May*

Friday, May 6 – **Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball**, in memory of Roberta's father, Fred Robin.

Friday, May 13 – **Sid & Shirley Morgan** in honor of Harry Chaikin for receiving an award from the Kiwanis Club of Atlantic City.

Saturday, May 14 – **Sandy Cogan** in honor of her husband Barry's 70th birthday.

Friday, May 20 – **Beth & Carl Apter** in memory of Beth's father, Milton Cohen.

**Lill & Ron Shender** in memory of Lill's mother, Evelyn Harrison.

**Howard & Janis Rosenberg** in memory of Howard's mother, Seena Rosenberg.

Friday, May 27 – **Janis & Howard Rosenberg** in memory of Janis's father, Henry Miller.



## *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!

## *\*Shavuot*

Shavuot begins the evening of June 7. It celebrates the end of the omer – 49 days from the 2nd day of Passover. On the 50th day, Shavuot, the feast of weeks, (the wheat harvest) is celebrated.

Kabbalists read mystical meaning into the ritual of the counting between the deliverance of Israelites from Egypt and their betrothal of Torah at Sinai.

\*The Standard Jewish Encyclopedia, 1962



**Shavuot Eve - Tuesday, June 7**

**Shavuot - Wednesday, June 8**

**Yizkor Service - Thursday, June 9 • 10 a.m.**

## *Yahrzeit Donations* continued

**Stephen & Jamie Satz** in memory of Steve's father, Joseph Satz.

**Janis Murphy** in memory of her son, Andrew Milstein Murphy.

**Solomon & Vera Getz** in memory of Vera's mother, Shirley Greenberg.

## BOOK CLUB



**“Loving Frank”  
by Nancy Horan  
Monday, June 13**

**1:30 p.m.  
Hostess Shirley  
4800 Harbor Beach  
Blvd., #5102**

**RSVP: 266-8599 or  
ssmorgan3@verizon.net**

## Rabbi *(continued from page 1)*

So, this Shavuot, I encourage you not only to taste some blintzes but to celebrate the holiday by seeking out a worthy purpose — one through which you can express your best, most loving self (as reflected in the story of Shavuot) — something that can joyously “take you higher.”

In fact, let’s start this path together! I invite you to join me and your fellow congregants for our Shavuot service (with Yizkor) on the second day of the holiday (see the newsletter and website for details).

May the upcoming holiday and the exploration that comes with it bring you in a very real way to a higher place.

*Hag Shavuot Sameach!*

*Rabbi Gerald R. Fox*

## June Yahrzeits

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6/1 Lilyan Cralle <i>in memory of her father-in-law, John Hutchinson Cralle, Sr.</i><br>Dr. Martin & Linda Millison <i>in memory of Linda's mother, Ethel Raichlen</i>                                                                                                                                               | 6/15 Albert & Barbara Dragon <i>in memory of Barbara's grandmother, Leah Lonsky</i>                                                                                                                                                                |
| 6/2 Linda Hahn <i>in memory of her grandmother, Bertha Haufman</i><br>Ronald & Susan Panitch <i>in memory of Susan's father, Irving Wallin</i>                                                                                                                                                                       | 6/16 Susan & Leslie Tuerk <i>in memory of Susan's father, William Taylor</i>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6/3 Seymour & Norma Trachtman <i>in memory of Norma's mother, Elsie Freidberg</i><br>Howard & Janis Rosenberg <i>in memory of Janis's father, Henry Miller</i><br>Barbara Pearlman <i>in memory of her husband, David Pearlman</i>                                                                                   | 6/17 Leo Harris<br>Howard & Myrna Levin <i>in memory of Howard's mother, Rose Levin</i>                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6/5 Alan Simon <i>in memory of his wife, Carol Simon</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6/20 Ronald & Rhoda Berman <i>in memory of Ronald's mother, Selma Bermon</i><br>Gerald & Barbara Pepper <i>in memory of Barbara's brother, Elliott J. Rosman</i><br>Stephen & Jamie Satz <i>in memory of Steve's father, Joseph Satz</i>           |
| 6/6 Dr. Burton & Ruth Weiss <i>in memory of Burton's mother, Pauline Weiss</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6/21 Richard Tolk <i>in memory of his mother, Lillian Schlessinger</i><br>Philip Segal                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6/7 Benjamin Zuckerman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 6/22 Joseph Besse <i>in memory of his grandmother, Sylvia Mesraue</i>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 6/8 Stanley & Judith Levick <i>in memory of Judith's father, Arthur Goldman</i><br>Marvin & Irene Siegel <i>in memory of Marvin's mother, Gertrude Siegel</i>                                                                                                                                                        | 6/23 Mark & Pearl Erdman <i>in memory of Pearl's father, Samuel Blady</i><br>Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker <i>in memory of Arlene's father, Max Glaberson</i>                                                                                       |
| 6/9 Fannie Labkow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Solomon & Vera Getz <i>in memory of Vera's mother, Shirley Greenberg</i>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 6/10 Betty Chaikin <i>in memory of her mother-in-law, Katie Chaikin</i><br>Aaron & Joan Grossman <i>in memory of Joan's grandmother, Anna Goldberg</i>                                                                                                                                                               | 6/24 David & Estelle Silver <i>in memory of Estelle's father, Samuel Waltzer</i>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 6/11 Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva <i>in memory of Eileen's mother, Matilda Keiser</i><br>Albert & Barbara Dragon <i>in memory of Barbara's aunt, Sophie Lonsky</i><br>Janis Murphy <i>in memory of her son, Andrew Milstein Murphy</i><br>Howard & Janis Rosenberg <i>in memory of Howard's father, Louis Rosenberg</i> | 6/25 Edward & Judith Rubin <i>in memory of Ed's father, Morris Rubin</i>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 6/12 Debbie & Gail Coplein <i>in memory of their grandfather, Harry Coplein</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6/27 Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch <i>in memory of Fran's father, Nathan Dratch</i><br>Albert & Barbara Dragon <i>in memory of Barbara's uncle, Morris Lonsky</i><br>Dr. Martin & Linda Millison <i>in memory of Linda's aunt, Vivian Rabineau</i> |
| 6/13 Milton & Phyllis Berkes <i>in memory of Phyllis's father, Herman Gould</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 6/28 Edward & Judith Rubin <i>in memory of Judy's mother, Sarah Lam Linberg</i>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 6/14 Helen Hanish <i>in memory of her mother-in-law, Theresa Hanish</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 6/29 Ronald & Susan Panitch <i>in memory of Susan's mother, Rose Davis</i>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 6/15 Helen Hanish <i>in memory of her husband, Monroe “Hank” Hanish</i><br>Seymour & Dorothy Katz <i>in memory of Seymour's mother, Hannah Katz</i>                                                                                                                                                                  | 6/30 Helen Spinrad <i>in memory of her husband, Milton Lapayowker</i>                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Simply Shirley . . .

To all of my readers I say, Welcome to Spring. The trees and flowers are in full bloom, the birds have returned and what a glorious site.

The May 2nd book club met to discuss the book “Not Even My Name” and what an interesting book this was to discuss.

To say that this was truly interesting would be a gross understatement. Our hostess Ulviye prepared a table which went along with the story we had read. The food, plus the Turkish tea, helped us all take part in the story we were discussing. Not only was the book truly a learning experience, but listening to Ulviye discuss her family and life in another country was truly an experience that all of us will remember. I thank our gracious hostess for all that went into making this such a special afternoon.

Our next book club will meet on Monday, June 13th at my home, 4800 Harbor Beach Blvd., #5102; RSVP 609-266-8599 or [ssmorgan3@verizon.net](mailto:ssmorgan3@verizon.net). The book to discuss is “Loving Frank.”

### *Point of Interest:*

On May 12th Dr. Harry Chaikin was honored by the Kiwanis Club of Atlantic City for all of his outstanding work in the community. Our congratulations go out to Dr. Chaikin for his dedication to helping many different causes. Just to mention a few – Atlantic City Rescue Mission, American Cancer Society, Multiple Sclerosis, Battle Against Hunger – and this is certainly not all of the many charities which have been helped by Dr. Chaikin’s efforts. His many efforts have been recognized by Philadelphia magazine and by New Jersey Monthly magazine as best internist and a top doctor.

Remember to always enjoy what we take for granted. Walk on the beach, smell the flowers, look at nature and enjoy life.

*Until I write again,*

*Simply Shirley*



### BIRTHDAYS

1.....Arlene Waronker,	15.....Sheila Cohen
Dr. Howard Waronker	16.....Leslie Tuerk
2.....Albert Dragon	19.....Dr. Martin N. Freedman
4.....Andrea Abramowitz	20.....Donald Hoffrichter
6.....Meryl Elfant	21.....Jody H. Caplan
7.....Gene Blum	23.....Ronald L. Shender
8.....Sarah K. Chaikin,	27.....Ronald P. Massanova,
Dr. Jeffrey Delson	Carol Serotta
13.....Cheryl Guterman	

### ANNIVERSARIES

5.....Jonathan S. & Jody H. Caplan
9.....Ronald L. & Susan Panitch
10.....Bruce & Dolores Bortner
13.....Bernard & Norma Gittelman
14.....Sidney & Shirley Morgan
17.....Jack & Rosalie Lieberman
18....Dr. Harry L. & Sarah K. Chaikin, Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern
20.....Marvin & Meryl Elfant
21.....Steven M. & Carol E. Dranoff
23.....Michael M. & Susan K. Axler
24.....Drs. Robert A. & Roberta Ball
25.....Albert & Barbara Dragon
26.....Allan & Andrea Abramowitz

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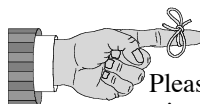
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- Message Card* .....\$5 each
- Yizkor Memorial* .....Minimum \$10
- Building Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Library Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Kiddush Fund* .....Whatever you desire