Words sometimes fail us. We cannot help it, but just when we need the right word or phrase, the sentiments in our heart cannot seem to find their way from the isolation of our brain to the world awaiting them. Whether in the role of parent, grandparent, or even great-grandparent, whether co-worker or neighbor, and most often a loved one or a friend, the world around us expects a certain, somewhat predictable set of words to leave our lips and be heard aloud. We spend so much of our lives meeting these expectations, but as I have now reached my recent milestone of turning 50 years old, I cannot help but ruminate on whether our compliance with what is expected of us is a gift or not.

Each of us keeps close a part or many parts of our selves. We are not quick to share our thoughts. And, for the most part, this is a good thing. Without the proper thought or consideration of our words, we are able to hurt, disregard or hide from, and certainly cultivate confusion within our relationships and our lives. And yet, some of the consequences of our holding back our true selves involves separating ourselves from the people about whom we care so much. Without equal consideration of the consequences of our fitting into a role or actively censoring ourselves, while essential for the righteous reasons that I mentioned above (and more), we end up not really being known by those who matter to us most.

Earlier this month, we will be celebrating the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, traditionally when we receive our holy Torah from God. In both the giving and the receiving of these words, both our ancestors and now each of us in our time have been given the opportunity to become closer to our God and to each other. Our Sages taught that this experience was only possible through the willingness of each party. So it is in our own lives. We must be willing participants in order to have relationships in our lives that matter, that have a depth of meaning to them.

The key in developing any relationship of meaning is to find a way to share ourselves without judgment of ourselves or others. And, to be fair, this is not an easy thing because it requires that we all have an inherent preciousness while remembering that it is within the right of those with whom we share to listen or to ignore us. So much human conflict results from our insistence (growing out of a core set of expectation) that others must acknowledge and even celebrate our thoughts/opinions. The true honor, however, is in another's serious consideration of our words not in their acceptance of them. If we remember that simple fact, we might avoid a great deal of pain and anger. We needn't get upset; rather, we might consider feeling blessed to have had the opportunity to share ourselves with others and to be considered worthy of being heard.

It has struck me that, as I have heard my sons call out for me, again and again and again and again . . . and again until I respond, that there remains some of our childhood mindset within each of us no matter our age. In the end, each of us simply wants (and, truthfully, needs) to be heard.

As we enter this season of vacations and family visits, let us remember to be considerate of others while not withholding the most wonderful parts of ourselves that
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Thank You
For May
Friday, May 2 – Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball in memory of Roberta’s father, Fred P. Robin.  
Friday, May 9 – Sean & Shelley Kardon in memory of Shelley’s mother, Natalie Lock.  
Friday, May 16 – In honor of our Abba. Love, Matan & Doron; Carl & Beth Apter in memory of Beth’s father, Milton Cohen.  
Saturday, May 17 – Carl & Beth Apter in memory of Carl’s parents, Robert & Molly Apter.  
Friday, May 23 – Sidney & Shirley Morgan in memory of Shirley’s mother, Gertrude Neumann.  
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Simkha, Simkha — Read All About It!

Don’t Keep It to Yourself — if you have great news, share it! Please let us know about your wonderful news such as births, gradations, promotions, awards and, we hope for many, weddings, and so on! No matter your joy, we’d like to share in it! Whether with a blessing or an “attaboy,” communities are built by getting to know each other and sharing both bad times, but even more so, our good times! Contact us at the office via phone or via email at office@seashul.org or rabbi@seashul.org for Rabbi Fox.

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

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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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WELCOME TO ALL OF MY READERS

Finally Spring is here and the Piping Plovers are returning along with our summer bookies. The book club met on Monday, May 12 to discuss the book “Moloka’i” which is definitely a must read. We had several new bookies and we welcome them into our group. This book follows the life of a fictional character who lives the majority of her life within the confines of the very real leper colony of Kalaupapa on the island of Moloka’i.

Our next book club will meet on Monday, June 16 at 1 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 139. The book to be reviewed is “The Invention of Wings” by Sue Monk Kidd.

July 21 we will meet again at the Community Center to review “Americanah,” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

I would like to add that our Rabbi Fox recently celebrated his 50th birthday and a great big Mazel Tov and wishes for a wonderful life go out to him. He is truly an inspiration to all who know him.

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
Erev Shavuot
Tuesday, June 3

Shavuot
Wednesday, June 4

Shavuot Yizkor Service,
Thursday, June 5

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Jewish Community
Selichot Program & Services

Join us as we prepare ourselves to welcome the New Year of 5775. We are excited to host, FOR THE FIRST TIME, this community-wide event featuring a brief Havdalah Service beginning at 8:45 p.m. (Sept. 20) with a warm and uplifting program of Jewish song and storytelling performed by the remarkable and renown duo Rabbi Cantor Mark Novak and Renée Brachfeld from 9 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. followed by a delicious offering of special refreshments.

The Jewish Community Selichot Service itself, featuring the region’s Rabbis and Cantors, including our own Rabbi Fox and High Holiday Hazzan, Rabbi LaPayover, begins at a little after 10:30 p.m. and lasts approximately one hour. To make this amazing evening the most accessible to all of our guests, there will be FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE JCC IN MARGATE!!

L’Shanah Tovah U’Metukah!!

Children’s Bingo
Returns

Our long-standing summer tradition of hosting Bingo for the kids will kick off on Thursday, July 10, and will continue for eight Thursday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. until August 28.

Karen Sederholm has graciously agreed to MC the program this season, but she will need lots of help! Please contact the office to volunteer!!!

It will make your heart happy and we will appreciate any time you can share.
June Yahrzeits

6/1 Alan Simon in memory of his wife, Carol Simon
6/2 Stephen & Eileen Engber in memory of Eileen’s father, Norman Greenspun
Dr. Burton & Ruth Weiss in memory of Burton’s mother, Pauline Weiss
6/3 Benjamin Zuckerman
6/4 Stanley & Judith Levick in memory of Judith’s father, Arthur Goldman
Irene Siegel in memory of her mother-in-law, Gertrude Siegel
6/5 Harry David & Gloria Caplan in memory of Gloria’s sister, Jean Abrams
Fannie Lacobow
6/6 Betty Chaikin in memory of her mother-in-law, Katie Chaikin
Aaron & Joan Grossman in memory of Joan’s grandmother, Anna Goldberg
6/7 Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva in memory of Eileen’s mother, Matilda Keiser
Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Barbara’s aunt, Sophie Lonsky
Janis Murphy in memory of her son, Andrew Milstein Murphy
Howard & Janis Rosenberg in memory of Howard’s father, Louis Rosenberg
6/8 Debbie & Gail Coplein in memory of their grandfather, Harry Coplein
6/9 Milton & Phyllis Berkes in memory of Phyllis’s father, Herman Gould
6/10 Theresa Hanish
6/11 Monroe “Hank” Hanish
Seymour & Dorothy Katz in memory of Seymour’s mother, Hannah Katz
Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Barbara’s grandmother, Leah Lonsky
Marvin & Diane Waxman in memory of Diane’s father, Phillip Rose
6/12 Leslie & Susan Tuerk in memory of Susan’s father, William Taylor
6/13 Leo Harris
Howard & Myrna Levin in memory of Howard’s mother, Rose Levin
6/15 Drs. Burton W. & Judith P. Schwartz in memory of Judy’s father, Herman Parker
6/16 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon in memory of Ronald’s mother, Selma Bermon
Gerald Pepper in memory of his brother-in-law, Elliott J. Rosman
Stephen & Jamie Satz in memory of Steve’s father, Joseph Satz
6/17 Lillian Schlessinger
Philip Segal
6/18 Joseph Besse in memory of his grandmother, Sylvia Mesraue
6/19 Mark & Pearl Erdman in memory of Pearl’s father, Samuel Blady
Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker in memory of Arlene’s father, Max Glaberson
Vera Getz in memory of her mother, Shirley Greenberg
6/20 David & Estelle Silver in memory of Estelle’s father, Samuel Watzler
6/21 Edward & Judith Rubin in memory of Ed’s father, Morris Rubin
Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch in memory of Fran’s father, Nathan Dratch
Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Barbara’s uncle, Morris Lonsky
Dr. Martin & Linda Millison in memory of Linda’s aunt, Vivian Rabineau
6/24 Fred & Terry Horowitz in memory of Fred’s mother, Bella Horowitz-Cobert
Edward & Judith Rubin in memory of Judy’s mother, Sarah Lam Linberg
6/25 Ronald & Susan Panitch in memory of Susan’s mother, Rose Davis
6/26 Norton & Gloria Freedman in memory of Gloria’s mother, Minnie Kuperstein
Helen Spinrad in memory of her husband, Milton Lapayowker
6/27 Jerald & Sheila Cohen in memory of Jerald’s mother, Vera B. Cohen
Stanley & Judith Levick in memory of Stanley’s mother, Mary Levick
6/28 Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Al’s father, Samuel Dragon
Cary & Trudy Durant in memory of Trudy’s sister, Ellen Frunzi
Ronald & Susan Panitch in memory of Ron’s father, Max Panitch
William Richmond
6/29 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon in memory of Rhoda’s mother, Esther Boyer Altaker
Saul Grossman in memory of his mother, Lena Grossman
Linda Hahn in memory of her father-in-law, Isidor Hahn

Prayer Book Dedication

We are offering you a chance to purchase a memorial/honorarium plaque to be placed in our new prayer books (inside front cover) for only $36. We have only 21 books remaining for dedication, so call the office at 609-266-0403 and make your wishes known.

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Because we often have busy lives, sometimes we forget to tell others of our trials and tribulations. If you know of someone who is sick, in the hospital, or just suffering difficult times, please let us know. Rabbi Fox and your fellow congregants want to help — whether with prayer or a helping hand. Contact us at the office via phone or via email at office@seashul.org or rabbi@seashul.org for Rabbi Fox.
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others yearn to know. Shared with love and true kindness (not just saying something we want to get off our chest in a sweet voice), we might just find that the world around us was waiting not for the expected but instead for the unexpected.

Speaking of which, I want to thank each of you for your unexpected outpouring of affection and respect for me as I approached and passed this milestone in my life. Your gifts, donations, and, most importantly, your words have been greatly appreciated in ways I cannot even express.

In reflection, may we all find joy in the words and the time we spend together with those around us, especially those who matter to us most. And let us not forget that the greatest blessings in life are found in those special moments when we share what is closest to our heart.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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