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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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Temple Beth Shalom

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RABBI'S COLUMN

Making Happiness?

"Where have all the flowers gone?" the Seeger-Hickerson song questions. A shade of the same question is what we are asking ourselves in these troubling times. Though we are commanded to be happy as the month of Adar arrives, we are hesitant to bring ourselves a greater weight by ignoring our and our neighbor's troubles. We are told that our happiness should come from the joy and faith spouted from our recollection of the survival against great odds of our ancestors as we read the Book of Esther. And yet, in this, our generation's greatest challenge, it would be disingenuous to ignore the damper these tough times place upon the groggers and merrymaking. Indeed, our minds are occupied by the far more mundane when we think about the joy of Adar and Purim. We wonder how we got to this place; we wonder how we will be without worry again; we wonder how and when our lives will be filled with joy.

In all of the Book of Esther, God's name is not mentioned once. This does not mean that the Sages did not consider this book a holy book – on the contrary, they included it in the Tanakh, the Hebrew Bible. Perhaps its holiness, however, may rest in our recognition that God's role is not to pull the strings of a maturing people, but rather to meet each Human act of Godliness by stepping aside for that act to gain purchase, to play itself out. Perhaps, therefore, the lesson of Purim is that each of us is and always will be the one chosen by lot, by the "Pur."

Our People's stepping forward to save them-selves in the Book of Esther is a stark reminder, as we face this time of angst and uncertainty, that we must find our happiness by making our happiness.

So, how can we? While a fuller discussion of this question might be better suited for a place that allows for more exploration than the newsletter (certainly you can hear some of my answers in the coming weeks and months in my sermons), I can say that this is the time to head back to basics, with a few added twists. For example, surely we can begin making our own happiness by sharing meaningful moments with

our families, with our neighbors, and with fellow Jews; first we might attend services more often – while attendance has been on the increase lately, you are always welcome to join in finding solid ground in your rich heritage.

Also, surely we can share a meal or simply dessert and coffee/tea with a neighbor or a fellow congregant; or perhaps develop new bonds with others through volunteering in our community, whether on the Island or in the Jewish community. In the end, however, let us not lose sight of what is real: Our happiness hinges upon a simple truth yet fully realized . . . we need more community, we need more connections, we need more of each other in our lives.

To that end, I have a wonderful way for you to make your own happiness: Let's join together in a weekend of programming that I put together with Rabbi Weis of Congregation Beth Israel in Northfield and Rabbi Gaber of Congregation Beth Judah in Ventnor. Our congregation, with the help of Federation, and theirs, are bringing the Musician, Storyteller, and Jewish Educator, Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein, to the area for a weekend of events. Temple Beth Shalom's involvement will center around Rabbi Becker-Klein leading his signature Friday evening service, "'Shabbat in the Groove,' a service of Music, Mussar, and the Mystical," and his lecture and discussion at a free light Sunday brunch (please RSVP for food) on the issue of keeping Kosher and our expression of Jewish ethics. These events are open to the entire Jewish community in the area as is his Havdallah service and concert at Congregation Beth Israel on Saturday evening. He will also hold a family education program for the religious school at Congregation Beth Judah. Please check the shul's newsletter and our website's (www.seashul.org) calendar for further details and late-breaking information.

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Presidents' Column

I would like to dedicate this month's column to give you a brief history lesson just in case you come upon a situation in which you have to defend Israel to any of the uninformed bleeding hearts.

1. Nationhood and Jerusalem. Israel became a nation in 1312 BCE. Two thousand years before the rise of Islam.
2. Arab refugees in Israel began identifying themselves as part of a Palestinian people in 1967, two decades after the establishment of the modern State of Israel.
3. Since the Jewish conquest in 1272 BCE, the Jews have had dominion over the land for one thousand years with a continuous presence in the land for the past 3,300 years.
4. The only dominion since the conquest in 635 CE lasted no more than 22 years.
5. For over 3,300 years, Jerusalem has been the Jewish capital. Jerusalem has never been the capital of any Arab or Muslim entity. Even when the Jordanians occupied Jerusalem, they never sought to make it their capital and Arab leaders did not come to visit.
6. Jerusalem is mentioned over 700 times in Tanach, the Jewish Holy Scriptures. Jerusalem is not mentioned once in the Koran.
7. King David founded the city of Jerusalem. Mohammed never came to Jerusalem.
8. Jews pray facing Jerusalem. Muslims pray with their backs toward Jerusalem.
9. Arab and Jewish Refugees: In 1948 the Arab refugees were encouraged to leave Israel by Arab leaders promising to purge the land of Jews. Sixty-eight percent left without every seeing an Israeli soldier.
10. The Jewish refugees were forced to flee from Arab lands due to Arab brutality, persecution and programs.
11. The number of Arab refugees who left Israel in 1948 is estimated to be around 630,000. The number of Jewish refugees from Arab lands is estimated to be the same.
12. Arab refugees were INTENTIONALLY not absorbed or integrated into the Arab lands to which they fled, despite the vast Arab territory. Out of the 100,000,000 refugees since World War II, theirs is the only refugee group in the world that has never been absorbed or integrated into their own people's lands. Jewish refugees were completely absorbed into Israel, a country no larger than the state of New Jersey.
13. The Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Arabs are represented by eight separate nations, not including the Palestinians. There is only one Jewish nation. The Arab nations initiated all five wars and lost. Israel defended itself each time and won.
14. The PLO's Charter still calls for the destruction of the State of Israel. Israel has given the Palestinians most of the West Bank land, autonomy under the Palestinian Authority and has supplied them.
15. Under Jordanian rule, Jewish holy sites were desecrated and the Jews were denied access to places of worship. Under Israeli rule, all Muslim and Christian sites have been preserved and made accessible to people of all faiths.
16. The UN Record on Israel and the Arabs: of the 175 Security Council resolutions passed before 1990, 97 were directed against Israel.
17. Of the 690 General Assembly resolutions voted on before 1990, 429 were directed against Israel.
18. The UN was silent while 58 Jerusalem Synagogues were destroyed by the Jordanians.
19. The UN was silent while the Jordanians systematically desecrated the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives.
20. The UN was silent while the Jordanians enforced an apartheid-like policy of preventing Jews from visiting the Temple Mount and Western Wall.

These are incredible times. We have to ask what our role should be. What will we tell our grandchildren about what we did when there was a turning point in Jewish destiny, an opportunity to make a difference?

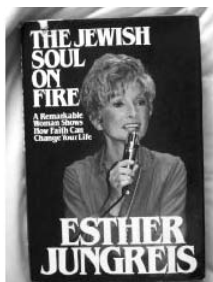
WE MUST STAND STRONG! UNIFIED! WE MUST TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A JEW! STAND UP AND BE COUNTED. IT'S TIME TO COME OUT OF THE CLOSET!

March 9, 2009 starts the festival of Purim when Queen Esther saved the Jews. We can do no less. **HAPPY PURIM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Lill Shender, President

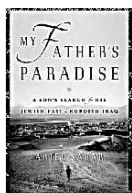
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM BOOK CLUB

Last month the Book Club discussed "The Jewish Soul On Fire" by Esther Jungreis, the Billy Graham of Orthodox Judaism. It was decided it needed additional discussion so each member has been asked to review a chapter of the book. If you would like to partake of the group, call Cheryl Guterman, 266-6220. The afternoon was stimulating



plus we enjoyed Cheryl's awesome house.

The next book on our docket is "My Father's Paradise" by Ariel Sabar. It is a novel about a family that migrates to the USA and the changes in their adjustment.



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

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Barbara Pearlman *in memory of her brother, Herbert Salus*

Bernie Cohen *in memory of his wife, Morray Cohen, and his mother, Rose Cohen*

Rabbi *(continued from page 1)*

And so there you have it – here's a way to bring happiness into your life, without much cost or complaint. Simply come to these events to practice your feelings of joy and I promise that you'll remember where all the flowers have gone – each of us carries one of our own; it is when we come together that we create the sweetest smelling of bouquets.

May you find joy in the month of Adar and may that joy propel you toward a happier future each day, each moment, of your life.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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7.....Karen Metzger	19.....Sheila Cohen
9.....Sandy Cogan	20.....Dr. Barry L. Glaser
10.....Michael B. Albert, Toby P. Waller	23.....Howard Serotta
11.....Norma Gittelman	25.....Frances Goldstein
12.....Stanton L. Levin, Dr. Eli W. Zucker	28.....William Boutin
	30.....Sarah Fox

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

16.....Seymour & Norma Trachtman
22.....John & Lena Elzufon
26.....Solomon & Vera Getz



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Burt & Lorraine Stolove *in honor of their friend Eve Levy's special birthday.*

Get Well

Dr. Joseph Chaikin, Pearl Kaye, Mitchell Kramer, Aimee Levin, Andrew Schneider (brother of Stolove's daughter-in-law), Shirley Schreiber, Marvin Siegel, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)

Condolences

Deepest sympathy to **Harvey & Karen Fern** *on the loss of Harvey's mother, Dorothy Fern, who passed away December 13, 2008.*

Deepest sympathy to **Rebekah & Judith Puntin** (daughters of Afton Koontz) *on the loss of their father, Edward Puntin, who passed away January 3, 2009.*

Deepest sympathy to **Robert & Eileen Linzner** *on the loss of their daughter, Meg (Margaret) Linzner, who passed away January 5, 2009.*

Leaves on the Tree of Life

Purchased by **Harvey & Karen Fern** *in memory of Harvey's parents, David & Dorothy Fern.*

Message Cards

Get well wishes to Aimee Levin, who had foot surgery on January 5.

March Yahrzeits

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Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin <i>in memory of Betty's sister, Helen Lipkin</i>
Gerald & Barbara Pepper <i>in memory of Gerald's father, George Pepper</i></p> <p>3/8 Davalene Hirsch <i>in memory of her fiancé, Edmond Hyrum Nelson</i></p> <p>3/9 Ronald & Lillian Shender <i>in memory of Lill's father, Jule Harrison</i>
Robert & Eileen Linzner <i>in memory of Robert's mother, Jeannette Linzner, and their friend, Laila Orr</i></p> <p>3/10 Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane <i>in memory of Sandra's grandfather, Louis Levin</i></p> <p>3/11 Milton & Phyllis Berkes <i>in memory of Milton's mother, Rose Berkes</i>
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Barbara Pearlman <i>in memory of her brother, Herbert Salus</i>
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz <i>in memory of Harriet's father, Sidney Singer</i></p> <p>3/18 Susan Mintz <i>in memory of her husband, Jeffrey Mintz</i>
Dorothy Swartz</p> <p>3/19 Mildred Richmond <i>in memory of her father, Joseph Goldstein</i></p> <p>3/20 Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch <i>in memory of Barry's grandmother, Fanny Denbow</i></p> <p>3/21 Howard & Natalie Solomon <i>in memory of Natalie's mother, Muriel Samuelson Schenker</i>
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Bernie Cohen <i>in memory of his wife, Morray Cohen</i>
Fred & Marlene Paul <i>in memory of Fred's father, Max Paul</i></p> <p>3/30 Jacqueline & Fred Fabel <i>in memory of Jackie's grandmother, Rebecca Cantor</i>
Larry Goldberg <i>in memory of his father, Jack Goldberg</i></p> <p>3/31 Laurence & Debra Berger <i>in memory of Debra's grandmother, Bella Hoffman</i>
Edith Krimstock <i>in memory of her brother-in-law, Harry Krimstock</i>
John Spinrad <i>in memory of his mother, Darcy Spinrad</i></p> |
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“Cutting Against the Grain: Keeping Kosher After Postville”

with **Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein**

Musician, Storyteller, Educator

March 22 • 12:30 p.m.

Temple Beth Shalom

Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein explores and discusses the effects of the Postville, Iowa Kosher slaughterhouse scandal on keeping Kosher in America. His discussion will include an overview of new approaches to kashrut, including “Eco-Kashrut” and the new “Magen Tzedek” designations.

For further information, www.seashul.org or call 609-266-0403.

“A Modern Melaveh Malka”

with **Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein**

March 21 • 8 p.m.

Congregation Beth Israel

2501 Shore Road, Northfield, N.J.

Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein has been performing and writing contemporary Jewish music for over 20 years. His music is influenced by bluegrass, folk, rock, klezmer, and world music. His music and songwriting embraces the Jewish spirit by bringing new melodies and contemporary meaning to the ancient sentiments of Jewish life. He is a founding member of Shabbat Unplugged, a musical troupe formed in 1995 in Philadelphia that created the Friday Night Alive service. In 2007, he began the “Friday Night in the Groove” service for communities of Western Massachusetts. Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein is currently the Director of Jewish Life and Education at the Springfield Jewish Community Center in Springfield, Mass. For further information about Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein, see his website: www.rabbimicah.com.

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For January

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Rhonda Schnur *in memory of her father, Louis Schnur; and her brother, Marvin Schnur.*

Eugene Blum & Judith Blum-Crawford
in memory of Gene's father-in-law and Judy's grandfather, Edward Furst.

Friday, Jan. 9 **Bernie Cohen** *in memory of his brother, Henry Cohen; and his sister-in-law, Barbara Oei.*

Bernard & Norma Gittelman
in memory of Bernie's grandmother, Anna Galblum.

Saturday, Jan. 10 **Ronald & Lillian Shender**
in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

Friday, Jan. 16 **Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva**
in memory of Daniel-Paul's father, Ezequiel Alva,
Gregory & Bella Royzman
in memory of Greg's father, Shlema Zelman-Royzman.

Friday, Jan. 23 **Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern**
in memory of Sarah's father, Dr. Arthur Mandy,
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in memory of Shirley's father, Abraham Neumann.

Friday, Jan. 30 **Marvin & Irene Siegel**
as a thank you for all the prayers that have been said for them, their family and friends.

For February

Friday, Feb. 6 **Michael & Carol Albert**
in memory of Carol's mother, Betty Elsen.

Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin
in memory of Joe's father, Isador Chaikin.

Friday, Feb. 13 **Cheryl & Michael Guterman** *in memory of Cheryl's grandmother, Tema Gittle Gilden.*

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Friday, Feb. 20 **Cheryl & Michael Guterman**
in memory of Cheryl's grandmother, Etta Brownstein.

Friday, Feb. 27 **Allan & Andrea Abramowitz**
in memory of Allan's father, Bernard Abramowitz.

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and their brother-in-law, Mason Waronker.*

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Thelma Zuckerman *in memory of Mitch Rosalsky.*

Allan & Andrea Abramowitz.

Sylvia Leibowitz called us from her home in Corvallis, Oregon. She misses us as much as we miss her and that's much! She claims to be healthy – thank God!

Anita Erman, wife of ex-president Jerry Erman, celebrated her special birthday at a party in Cranberry, N.J.
Happy birthday, Anita.

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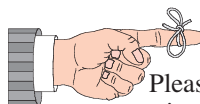
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A Reminder

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
 Rabbi's 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.

- Bronze Memorial Plaque*\$300
- Leaf on the Tree of Life*\$50
- Oneg Shabbat sponsor* (Friday night)\$25
- Kiddish Sponsor* (Saturday Luncheon).....\$100
- Message Card*\$5 each
- Yizkor Memorial*Minimum \$10
- Ackovitz Education Fund*Whatever you desire
- Building Fund*Whatever you desire
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*.....Whatever you desire
- Library Fund*Whatever you desire
- Kiddush Fund*Whatever you desire