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SERVICES



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

Light Refreshments

Saturday Service

May 17 • 10 a.m.

June 14 • 10 a.m.

Sunday Board Mtg.

May 18 • 10 a.m.

June 8 • 10 a.m.

Coming Events

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day,
Office Closed

Wednesday, June 4

1st Day Shavuot,
Office Closed

Thursday, June 5

2nd Day Shavuot
Yizkor Service, 10 am
Office Closed

Friday, Saturday,

Sunday,

September 19, 20, 21
Selichot Weekend

HELP EXPAND

OUR FAMILY

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

RABBI'S COLUMN

Honoring Every Milestone...Every Day

“Hi! It’s AARP calling! We want to wish you a happy upcoming birthday and we hope you have received your birthday card and are considering membership in...” The words of the telemarketer who called my home a couple of months ago began to blur into the background as my mind wandered...was I actually turning 50?!

Like most people, as I politely excused myself off the phone, I began to consider the trajectory of my life. My first thought was the same that most everyone has at the arrival of a milestone birthday: Where had all the years gone? Soon, though, I was reminded of the fact that as a particularly reflective person and as a Rabbi, I already consider the trajectory of my life on a regular basis. Our heritage teaches us that doing so is a mitzvah, that we should not just take things for granted or let them slide by without notice. In fact, for those people with a particularly rich and disciplined spiritual life, the ancient pillars of a well-lived Jewish life – study, prayer, and performing acts of loving kindness – are a regular, if not daily, practice.

That said, in a busy life filled with the countless details of ‘toddlerdom’ or other all-consuming aspects/periods of the human condition, much can fall by the wayside and be lost in the background or the cutting room floor of our lives. And so, as I sat in an old, broken-down easy chair in my living room, I began to remember a few of the words we say upon waking each day: “My God, the soul with which You have endowed me is pure.” These words, for many Jews, are the start of good days and bad ones. They are the most central reminder that we Jews have, even more so than the words of the *Mahzor*, the High Holiday prayerbook, recited on Yom Kippur that enjoin us to seek forgiveness from each other and from God, that we and our lives are always in the process of being created. We are both the same being who we were when we were a child and who we are today, having gone through many years, many thousands and thousands of days of heating and cooling, of falling and lifting up, of being defeated and achieving success.

Every day, the Rabbis, our greatest Sages, taught us, we are as pure as one who has not faltered. With this knowledge, we can meet each day without the weight of our failures – big and small – to discourage us from striving to be better, to be greater, to be our best selves. Sure, we fail in so many ways to meet the expectations set by ourselves and others, but the act of being human is by its very nature an exercise in overcoming. We are human because we try, not because we fail or we succeed. Failing and achieving are simply symptoms of our efforts, but we are defined, appreciated, and even held up as models because of our willingness to persevere. And, it is these words that allow us to think that anything might be possible; that each of us should persist in making our best efforts while holding fast to the faith that we can not only overcome but achieve something greater than the human condition might seem to allow.

“My God, the soul with which You have endowed me is pure.”

Whether it is on the day we turn 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, or even 120, we should remember that any day and every day is worthy of being raised up as a moment like no other. After all, do we even possibly have the wisdom enough to know the length



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General Donations

Diane & Marvin Waxman in honor of Rabbi Fox's birthday.

Beth & Carl Apter in honor of Rabbi's special birthday; and in honor of the upcoming wedding of Justin Richman.

Condolences

Deepest sympathy to **Jacqueline & Fred Fabel** on the loss of their nephew, Jeffrey Bilk, who passed away March 30.

Get Well

Barry Bornstein, Dr. Frank Kern, Dr. Sarah Kern, Diane Waxman, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation was made by **Leslie & Susan Tuerk**.

Message Cards

Lill Shender:

Thank you to **Jack Lieberman** for all his efforts straightening the store room;

Thank you to **Gloria Jacoby** for a wonderful job baking the Passover goodies for our Yizkor Service.

Yahrzeit Donations

Barbara Pearlman in memory of her mother, Therese Salus; and her husband, David Pearlman.

Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein in memory of Steve's mother, Elsie M. Rosenblatt.

Jack Lieberman in memory of his father-in-law, Louis Eisenstein; mother-in-law, Reba Eisenstein; son-in-law, Jonathan Friedman; and parents, Hyman & Ida Lieberman.

Howard & Carol Serotta in memory of Carol's mother, Ceila Hecht.

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Barry & Sandy Cogan in memory of Barry's mother, Hilda Cogan.

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Howard & Janis Rosenberg in memory of Janis's father, Henry Miller; and Howard's mother, Seena Rosenberg.

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Seymour & Norma Trachtman in memory of Norma's mother, Elsie Freidberg; and their lifetime friend, Carole Kramer.

Aaron & Joan Grossman in memory of their grandparents, Anna & Philip Goldberg.

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

Camille & Bernard Rosenberg in memory of Lillian Rosenberg.

Beth & Carl Apter in memory of all their departed loved ones.

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

For April

Friday, April 4 – **Michael & Carol Albert** in memory of Carol's father, Abe S. Eisen;

Howard & Debbie Schlesinger in memory of Howard's father, Herbert Schlesinger.

Friday, April 11 – **Joshua & Elaine Shapiro** in memory of Elaine's mother, Gertrude Nerenberg;

Selma Rosenblum in memory of her husband, Mickey Rosenblum.

Friday, April 18 – **Terry & Fred Horowitz** in memory of Terry's brother, Mark Scher;

Marvin & Diane Waxman in honor of Rabbi Fox's birthday.

Friday, April 25 – **Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball** in memory of Bob's father, Simon Ball;

Carol Dranoff in memory of her brother Alan Epstein.

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.

For only \$25 for a Friday night or \$100 for a Saturday Kiddush lunch, this has got to be the biggest bargain on the planet!

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

HELP WANTED

TBS seeks authors for our monthly newsletter "Mishpocheh" to write articles on current Jewish events – here and in Israel. If interested, call Lill, 264-9347, or Diane, 266-0403.

Ray Frank, 1861 - 1948

Ray Frank's position in American Jewry was truly a novel one. In 1890, she became the first Jewish woman to preach formally from a pulpit in the United States, inaugurating a career as "the Girl Rabbi of the Golden West" that would help to blaze new paths for women in Judaism. Virtually overnight, Frank became a sensation in the Jewish world, and she would remain so for nearly a decade.

Earlier in the nineteenth century, women like Rebecca Gratz had explored new responsibilities in many areas, including education and philanthropy. But the expansion of American Jewish women's social and cultural opportunities had not been matched by expansion of their religious roles. Although women had become the majority at many congregations' services, their participation in public ritual was still limited to the occasional mixed-sex choir.

Despite the fact that Frank claimed to have no interest in becoming a rabbi, her actions forced American Jewry to consider the possibility of the ordination of women seriously for the first time. Frank spoke passionately about the abilities and spirituality of Jewish women and had no doubt about the necessity of their becoming a greater presence in the synagogue. The content of her speeches and her presence as a female religious leader not only served as an inspiration to the women who heard her, but also demonstrated to the Jewish world that Jewish women were ready for widespread change.



BIRTHDAYS

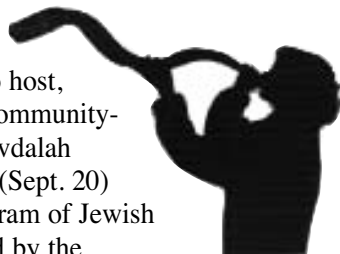
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| 7.....Dr. Burton W. Schwartz | Howard Schlesinger |
| 10.....Bruce Bortner | 15.....Barry Cogan |
| 13.....Carol Dranoff | 21.....Dr. Warren Heymann, |
| Dr. Robert Schwab | Dr. Rhonda Schnur |
| 14.....Barbara Glaser | 27.....Lilyan Cralle |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3.....Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova |
| 24.....Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva |
| 27.....Howard & Carol Serotta |
| 31.....Carl & Beth Apter |

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!!

'Tell us about your tired, your sick, ...'

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.

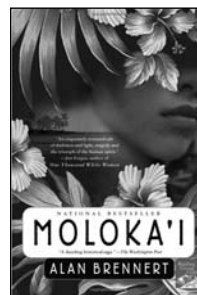
BOOK CLUB

Monday, May 12, 1 p.m.

to review
"Moloka'i"

by Alan Brennert.

The club will meet at the home of
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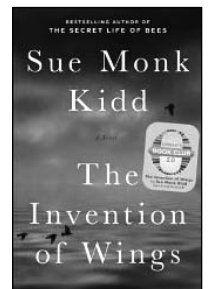


Monday, June 16, 1 p.m.

to review
"The Invention of Wings"

by Sue Monk Kidd.

The club will meet at the
Community Center,
Room 139



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

The Kern Family Scholar's Weekend

Please join us for a special weekend of prayer, food, music, story and learning!

Temple Beth Shalom proudly announces the The Kern Family Scholar's Weekend to be held **September 19-21, 2014**. Rabbi Cantor Mark Novak and his wife, storyteller Renée Brachfeld, will be our guests for Shabbat through mid-day on Sunday. The schedule is as follows:



Friday, September 19

8 p.m. – Rabbi Cantor Mark Novak will lead an uplifting musical Shabbat

Saturday, September 20

12 noon – Congregants and guests welcome Rabbi Cantor Novak and Renée Brachfeld for a Shabbat lunch followed by Shabbat song and a story or two

8:45 p.m. – Join us for Havdalah and the Community Selichot Program of a special blend of story and song led by Rabbi Cantor Novak and Renée Brachfeld

Sunday, September 21

11 a.m. – Workshop on The Art of Prayer: The Spiritual Magic of the Niggun (Rabbi Cantor Novak)

12 noon – Catered lunch

12:45 p.m. – Workshop on Intergenerational Storytelling: Preserving Precious Memories (Renée Brachfeld)

Rabbi Cantor Mark Novak has spent decades delighting audiences with his voice and music, in solo performances or with his bands. Renée Brachfeld is a noted storyteller whose works have been published in most prominent anthologies of Jewish Stories; she has performed in front of large audiences and small venues for many years. Together, these incredible talents have brought their unique blend of Jewish story, song, and learning to more than 130 synagogues and Jewish venues across North America.

Find out more about them at www.jewishstorytelling.com.

For more information on this incredible Scholar's Weekend that will raise our spirits in preparation for the Jewish New Year to begin a few days later, please contact the synagogue office or Rabbi Fox.

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Erev Shavuot
Tuesday, June 3

Shavuot
Wednesday, June 4

Shavuot Yizkor
Service,
Thursday, June 5

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of our days? Almost certainly not. And so, let us remember one of the greatest blessings that the wisdom of our Jewish heritage bestows upon us: Namely, that we are granted the blessing to begin each day with infinite possibilities ahead.

May we all find joy in our greatest moments and find faith in our smallest ones. And may the knowledge of the endless possibilities within each moment we are alive become ever-present for us, like the ripples of a daily prayer, so that we may live inspired lives.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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, graduations, 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 Yahrzeits

- 5/1 John & Lena Elzufon *in memory of* Lena's father,
Albert M. Jacobs
- 5/2 Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of* Robert's father,
Myer Linzner
- 5/3 Rebecca Hirsch
Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova *in memory of* Jo-Ann's aunt,
Lenore Yudof
- 5/4 Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of* her aunt,
Jessica Frances Blum
Susan Mintz *in memory of* her mother-in-law,
Lillian G. Mintz
- 5/5 Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of* Larry's father,
Edwin Hatoff
- 5/6 Amy Hammel *in memory of* her father, Irving Lutin
Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball *in memory of* Roberta's father,
Fred P. Robin
- 5/8 Barry & Sandy Cogan *in memory of* Barry's mother,
Hilda Cogan
Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of* their lifetime
friend, Carole Kramer
- 5/9 David Horowitz *in memory of* his father, Jerome Horowitz
- 5/10 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of* Rhoda's father,
Solomon Boyer
Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Judy's brother,
Allen Lam
Paul & Dr. Janet Sachs *in memory of* Janet's brother,
Stephen Sandell
Dora Young
- 5/11 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Joan's grandfather,
Philip Goldberg
- 5/12 Sean & Shelley Kardon *in memory of* Shelley's mother,
Natalie Lock
- 5/13 Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum *in memory of* Bruce's father,
Marvin Nussbaum
- 5/14 Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of* Milton's father,
Morris Berkes
Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby *in memory of* Henry's mother,
Pearl Jacoby
Linda Hahn *in memory of* her mother, Sylvia Klevit
Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby *in memory of* Gloria's father,
Louis Yablonsky
- 5/15 Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of* Barry's father,
Percy Savitz
- 5/18 Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of* Beth's father, Milton Cohen
Philip Goisman & Gale Hoffman *in memory of* Philip's
step-mother & Gale's aunt, Virginia Goisman
Nettie Semel
- 5/19 Stanley & Judith Levick *in memory of* Stanley's father,
Max Levick
- 5/20 Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of* her mother,
Sylvia Bearman
Maurice Howard Leibowitz
- 5/21 Albert Goldstein
Paul & Dr. Janet Sachs *in memory of* Janet's aunt,
Paula Naphtalie
- 5/22 Henry & Janis Garson *in memory of* Janis's mother,
Lenora Goldstein
- 5/23 Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of* Lill's mother,
Evelyn Harrison
Howard & Janis Rosenberg *in memory of* Howard's
mother, Seena Rosenberg
- 5/25 John & Lena Elzufon *in memory of* Lena's brother,
Dr. Jack S. Jacobs
Bertha Kanter
- 5/26 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* their uncle & aunt,
Bernard & Rosa Foster
Amy Hammel *in memory of* her mother, Rosalind Lutin
- 5/27 Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of* Shirley's mother,
Gertrude Neumann
- 5/28 Lilyan Cralle *in memory of* her father-in-law,
John Hutchinson Cralle Sr.
Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of* Linda's mother,
Ethel Raichlen
- 5/29 Linda Hahn *in memory of* her grandmother,
Bertha Haufman
David S. Horowitz *in memory of* his daughter,
Leah Horowitz
Ronald & Susan Panitch *in memory of* Susan's father,
Irving Wallin
- 5/30 Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of* Norma's
mother, Elsie Freidberg
Howard & Janis Rosenberg *in memory of* Janis's father,
Henry Miller
Barbara Pearlman *in memory of* her husband,
David Pearlman



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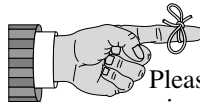
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