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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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SERVICES

Light Refreshments

Sunday Board Meeting

October 13 · 10 a.m.

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

Saturday Service

October 12 • 10 a.m.

Coming Events

Saturday, Oct. 12 Learner's Minyan, 10 am Sunday, Oct. 13 Fox Twins' Upsherin 11:30 am Tuesday, Nov. 26 **Thanksgiving**

Interfaith Service Hosted by Temple Beth Shalom, 7 pm Wednesday, Nov. 27

Hanukah Eve Thursday, Nov. 28 1st Day Hanukah Thanksgiving Day

RABBI'S COLUMN

Making an Anchor of Ourselves

In a world partly defined by the ever-increasing buzz of human beings doing what human beings do, it is hard to find an empty spot. Even more so, these days, I can assure you that it is hard to find a quiet spot! We are lucky to share an island, a community, and a shul where there is both the opportunity for connection and for quiet reflection.

In a figurative sense, that is where we find ourselves in the secular month of October. In fact, you may find yourself nodding your head in agreement when you read these words: There is a kind of eeriness to this year's Jewish calendar. Like its seasonal disjunctiveness, we feel unsure of ourselves – I have already heard from several congregants regarding their disrupted sleep patterns and a feeling of being unmoored from a normally predictable and rigid schedule.

So, in a world in which seasons seem disconnected from the normal patterns of our lives, how do we regain control and find firmer footing? Our most well-known Sage, Hillel, answers our malaise both directly and indirectly with these words (Mishnah Pirkei Avot 2:5):

Do not separate yourself from the community; do not be sure of yourself until the day of your death; do not judge another until you stand in his place; do not say something that cannot be understood, thinking that it may be understood one day; do not say, "when I have time, I will study," as you may never have the time to do so.

On the surface, Hillel's directions may themselves seem disconnected. They are not. Hillel (and Judah HaNasi, the redactor of the Mishnah) has cleverly made the associations between several behaviors that help to define a person and to bring them the grounding and the clarity necessary to live a full life. Ultimately, the theme of humility sews his words into a beautiful garment that, if accepted and acted upon, can only serve to warm our souls. Hillel is clear, and I think very right: We need each other; we cannot exist (or at least not comfortably so) without the wisdom we pass along to each other, both inherited and earned through the experiences.

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Temple Beth Shalom Learner's Minyan

Have you ever sat in shul and felt uncomfortable or confused or that you just didn't belong? Now is your chance to begin to change that – join us for the first ever TBS Learner's Minyan!

Communal prayer is meant to be both meaningful and moving. After all, the act of praying may be a mystical experience, but it needn't be so mysterious that after the service is over you don't know if you've had a spiritual experience or not!

Join Rabbi Fox and your fellow congregants (and welcome visitors) for a tour through the structure of the Shabbat morning service, with a special focus on the meaning and recitation of key selections. Following our learning about the service, we will discuss the weekly Torah portion.

Finally, we will conclude with the blessings over the wine and bread as we join together to share a delicious Shabbat Kiddush lunch.

Let's start the New Year right by increasing our Jewish knowledge and expanding our spiritual awareness.

10am to 12pm noon, October 12, 2013; Kiddush lunch to follow.



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Sid & Shirley Morgan: Condolences to Jerry & Sheila Cohen in memory of Bernie Cohen; Condolences to Camille Rosenberg and family.

Mitch & Mina Kramer: Condolences to Jerry & Sheila Cohen in memory of Bernie Cohen.

Welcome New Members

Dr. Ira & Donna Wertheimer of Margate City, N.J. Steven Titlebaum of Takoma Park, Md.

General Donations

Natalie Solomon in honor of Beth Apter Natalie Solomon in memory of Roz Lieberman **Howard & Debra Schlesinger**

Helena Berger to the Bingo Fund in memory of Nancy Clancy

Get Well

Fred Fabel, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)



BOOK CLUB

The next book club will meet

Monday, Oct. 21, 1p.m. to review

"Turbulent Souls"

by Stephen Dubner.

The club will meet at the

Brigantine Community Center, Room #139 located at 265 S. 42nd Street

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

Uahrzeit Donations

Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Al's mother, Betty (Becky) Dragon.

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Drs. Burton & Judith Schwartz in memory of Burton's father, Albert M. Schwartz.

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Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker in memory of Howard's father, Isadore Waronker.

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Saul & Sheila Feder in memory of Saul's parents, Jacob & Lillian Feder, and Sheila's mother, Dora Werbin.

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Fred & Marlene Paul in memory of Marlene's father, Leon Lindenberg.

Toby Waller in memory of her brother-in-law, Shep Waller. Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern in memory of Frank's mother, Shirley Kern.

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For September

Friday, August 23 – Wayne & Gail Lieberman & Family; Barry & Sandy Cogan in honor of their 49th Anniversary.

Friday, August 30 – Lorraine & Burton Stolove in memory of Lorraine's father, Erwin Augenfeld.

Friday, September 6 – Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern in memory of Frank's mother, Shirley Kern.

Friday, September 27 – Bernie Cohen in memory of his brother, Frank Cohen;

Judith Blum-Crawford in memory of her father, Eugene W. Blum.

HELP EXPAND OUR FAMILY

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

IN MEMORIUM

We sadly note the passing of one of our founders, Bernard "Bernie" Cohen.

Bernie passed away on September 4, 2013 (Erev Rosh Hashanah) with services being held on September 9 here in Bernie's beloved synagogue.

Bernie was instrumental in procuring the land, the raising of funds and the construction of our building along with our other founders.

He served as president of the congregation and was involved in getting us our first Rabbi. He gave generously of his time and money.

He made sure that the building was open, the coffee and tea made and the oneg was set up for our Friday night services.

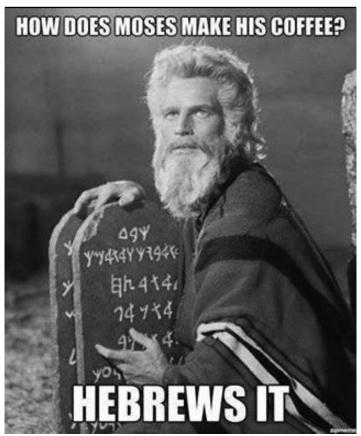
He is survived by his son Jerry, daughter-in-law Sheila and grandson Daryl, granddaughter-in-law Cheryl and sister-in-law Martha.

You will be greatly missed by all of us. Rest in Peace, Bernie.

Desperately seeking a Mah Jong game in Brigantine

Novice player looking to find players, or anyone interested in learning to play Mahjong. Call Carol Dranoff @ 215-280-2141.







Sunday, October 13 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Rabbi and Sarah's twin boys will experience the first cutting of their hair followed by each one receiving his first kippah of his very own to wear chosen by himself. As a child turns three-years-old, parents are obligated to teach him (or her) the wisdom of our ancestors; this is the traditional beginning of a child's formal Jewish education.

While the customs followed in each *Upsherin* may vary, they always include the recitation of the *Aleph-Bet* with dots of honey or the like, blessings, learning, and celebratory food with a focus on sweets. In some communities, music and dancing, are included, as well!!

Rabbi Fox and Sarah invite you to attend the ritual and to join in the joy of the day. If you would like to participate more directly in this milestone, you might consider joining in to cut a small lock of hair and then matching the honor of participating in Matan's and Doron's "growing up" and beginning their Jewish education by making a modest donation into a "pushke" that will be on hand for this special occasion (the funds collected will be sent to a charity named on that day). If you cannot be present to share in the joy of the day, you may still participate in honoring this milestone with Matan and Doron, by making a donation in their name to Temple Beth Shalom.

DON'T MISS THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN AN UNUSUAL AND JOYOUS JEWISH CUSTOM WITH OUR RABBI AND HIS FAMILY!!

The Ritual begins at 11:30 a.m. and the festivities will be completed by 1:00 p.m. While not required, please RSVP to the synagogue office to help to guide food purchases.

October Yahrzeits

- 10/1 Helen Spinrad & Stewart Lapayowker in memory of Helen's mother & Stewart's grandmother, Mary Moskowitz
- 10/2 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon in memory of Ron's father, Samuel Bermon Jerald & Sheila Cohen in memory of their uncle, Frank Cohen

Martha Cohen in memory of her husband, Frank Cohen Michael & Marcia Kurland in memory of Michael's father, Irving Kurland

Annieta Mann in memory of her mother, Virginia Shanack

- 10/3 Arnie & Lory Schuster in memory of Arnie's mother, Margot Schuster
- 10/4 Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Al's mother, Betty (Becky) Dragon
- 10/5 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon in memory of Rhoda's sister, Marilyn (Mikki) Boyer
- 10/7 Saul & Sheila Feder in memory of Saul's mother, Lillian Feder Bernard & Norma Gittelman in memory of Bernie's mother,

Henrietta Gittelman

Milton & Phyllis Berkes in memory of Phyllis's mother, Mollie Gould

Howard Abber in memory of his sister, Joyce Small Selma Sofsky in memory of her husband, Sol Sofsky

- 10/8 Dr. Martin & Tina Freedman in memory of Tina's mother, Edythe Ribowsky
 - Annieta Mann in memory of her father, Leon Shanack
- 10/10 Ida Levin in memory of her mother-in-law, Fannie Levin Ronald & Lillian Shender in memory of Ron's mother. Leah Shender
- 10/11 Aaron & Joan Grossman in memory of Joan's mother. Esther Broder

Anna Leibowitz

- 10/12 Jacqueline & Fred Fabel in memory of Fred's father, Lewis Fabel
 - Stephen & Eileen Engber in memory of Eileen's mother, Gladys Greenspun Jack Segal
- 10/13 Michael & Cheryl Guterman in memory of Michael's father, Hyman Guterman
- 10/15 Mark & Pearl Erdman in memory of Mark's father, Nathaniel Erdman Mitchell & Mina Kramer in memory of Mitch's father, Harry Kramer Ida Levin in memory of her sister, Sara Rutberg

- 10/16 Toby Waller in memory of her brother-in-law, Shep Waller
- 10/17 Martha Cohen in memory of her father-in-law, Albert Cohen

- 10/17 Dr. Martin & Linda Millison in memory of Marty's brother, Carl Millison
- Norman & Pearl Reiff in memory of their daughter, Jill Reiff
- 10/20 Barry & Sandy Cogan in memory of Sandy's father, Morris Rubinstein
- 10/21 Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker in memory of Howard's father, Isadore Waronker
- 10/22 Fred & Marlene Paul in memory of Marlene's father, Leon Lindenberg
- 10/23 Ronald & Shelley Miller in memory of Shelley's father, David Gitomer

Michael Axler in memory of his mother-in-law, Ruth Myers

- 10/25 Amy Hammel in memory of her husband, William Hammel Beverly Rosendorf & Erika Brooks in memory of Beverly's aunt & Erika's grandmother, Pearl Kaye
- 10/26 Mark & Pearl Erdman in memory of Pearl's mother, Clara Blady
- 10/27 Mark & Dr. Linda Baum in memory of Linda's father, Jacob Bornstein
- 10/28 Drs. Burton & Judith Schwartz in memory of Burton's father, Albert M. Schwartz Dr. Ira & Donna Wertheimer in memory of Ira's father, Jacob Wertheimer
- 10/31 Michael & Carol Albert in memory of Michael's father, Maxwell B. Albert Michael & Cheryl Guterman in memory of Cheryl's aunt, Rose Gilden Talbin



BIRTHDAYS - October

2	Harriet Ackovitz	16Betty Chaikin
4	Vera Getz	17Arlene Maisus,
5	Ida Levin	David W. Silver
9	Daniel-Paul Alva	19Diane A. Waxman
10	Larry Hatoff	22Carl P.Apter
Judge S	Sandra Mazer Moss	26Howard Abber
14	Anna Weinstein	28Sidney Morgan
15	Michael Kurland	30Nancy K. Zucker

ANNIVERSARIES - October

6	Michael & Carol Albert
	Jerald & Sheila Cohen
13	John & Beth Bacha
22	Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman
	acqueline & Fred Fabel

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

Simply Shirley . . .

Welcome to my fellow readers

I would like to begin by mentioning some of the past events which took place and are memorable:

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were truly inspiring and Rabbi Fox along with Rabbi Alan LaPayover made this a very special time for all who attended. The Break the Fast was delicious and very well planned. We are so lucky to have Lill and Ron along with their helpers who we know we can always count on.

Next came the putting up of the Sukkah which was done by a loyal group of professional Sukkah putter uppers (so I made up my own words), and may I add they did a fabulous job. Of course this was followed by the feast in the Sukkah. Our own chefs "The Shenders" prepared a feast which could not have been better if it had been prepared at one of the finest restaurants, along with the crew who helped serve, clean up, bring wine, ice, etc. the evening was a complete success.

The book club met on Monday, September 23 and our sponsor was Lorraine Stolove, who did a great job. The book reviewed was: "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese – an unforgettable story of love and betrayal and forgiveness. Once again the discussion was most interesting and it was great being with our fellow bookies who attended.

The next book club date is: Monday, October 21 and will be held at The Community Center, Room 139, at 1 p.m., and will be hosted by Karen Sederholm. The book to be reviewed is: "Turbulent Souls" by Stephen Dubner.

Please contact Shirley at 609-266-8599 or ssmorgan3@verizon.net should you be interested in being added to our book club list.

On a sad note, we lost one of our Founders, Bernie Cohen, who lived life the way he wanted to. He will be missed.

Until I write again, Simply Shirley



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Save the date

Sunday, October 13 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Rabbi (continued from page 1)

When we maintain friendships and connections with people around us, things go better for us; when we accept that our vision is only a part of a whole truth, we open ourselves to growth; when we marry being clear and honest with a love of our neighbor, we cannot possibly hurt ourselves or others; and when we accept that the task of living life (and learning from it) only ends when we release ourselves from our obligations to each other or are relieved of our lifebreath, we live every moment most fully and most richly.

To follow the nautical theme a bit further to its conclusion, the answer then is simple: To find mooring when we are adrift, we must anchor ourselves to each other.

With that as a backdrop, I hope you find comfort in this advice: Make invitations and accept them; gather together for prayer and for worldly pursuits; and find reasons to love your neighbor . . . you may be the only one who will.

In this way, you will fill the emptiness with all that is holy and, in return, you will receive the gift of an indescribable calm found in the repeatedly reinforced knowledge that you are on the right path as each day unfolds before you.

May each of us find the warmth of fellowship despite the increasingly chilly days of Autumn, and may we be blessed to share the same gift with others.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



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