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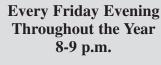
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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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#### **SERVICES**



# Saturday Services April 12, 2008 10 a.m.

(Followed by Kiddush luncheon)

Torah Study before services at 9 a.m.

Board Meeting Sunday, April 13 10 a.m.

#### YISKOR SERVICE

Sunday, April 27 10 a.m.

Please contact the office to let us know if you are coming! 609-266-0403.

Keep in mind, we must have at least 10 people for the service to go on. A light lunch will be served after services.



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#### RABBI'S COLUMN

#### What Does Freedom Bring?

Most studies that have sought to learn how Jews live "Jewish lives" in the last 20 years have pointed to Pesach as having a singular place in the ritual lives of our fellow Jews.

Whether around the world or in our own backyard, Jews are drawn to the warmth and ceremonial nature of the Pesach Seder and meal. For many Jews, however, the Seder is a rare connection with uniquely Jewish foods such as gefilte fish and matzoh ball soup (not to mention matzah itself). So, the question must be asked, with such an assimilated Jewish population, why do so many Jews find the holiday compelling enough to make the relatively significant effort of cooking special foods and wading through a seemingly arcane (even if abbreviated) Seder?

In a truly Jewish response, the answer to this question is found in another question that plays upon the widely understood central theme of Passover: What does freedom bring? In other words, when we obtain the redemptive freedom that the Pesach Seder and rituals recall, then what? How does that knowledge change us and our lives?

And here is where we discover the real gem of the Passover holiday: Pesach (and its unique rituals) is far more about identity than it is about freedom. While others ask, "at what price, freedom?" Jews ask, "for what purpose, freedom?"

Each Jew's identity could not have been born at Mount Sinai with the revelation of Torah if our people's conception had not occurred through our Exodus from Sinai. Freedom is precious to us precisely because it is through our freedom that each of us is able to



develop an identity. Jews love to share the Pesach Seder together because it is a way, even for the least "Jewishly connected" of our community to remember from whence they came. In an ever quickly paced world, remembering something as important and as grounding as who one is can be difficult. Passover reminds us that, as Jews, we believe in the freedom to be different, the importance of kindness to those who are different from us, and that we are inextricably connected to the experiences – holy and otherwise – of our ancestors.

So, what will Pesach bring for you this year? It is my wish for you that you receive an awareness of the blessing of being a Jew, the spiritual healing provided by being connected with our congregation, and the mental comfort of knowing that you belong to a tradition that informed our ancestors' lives with wisdom and meaning.

And so we ask for each other that Passover's reminder of our precious gift of freedom bring a renewed commitment to our Jewish identity with all of its most admirable values. (Oh, and of course, the freedom to have an extra bowl of Matzoh ball soup is allowed and even encouraged!)

A Zissen and a Kasher Pesach (A Sweet and Kosher Passover),

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

## Welcome New Members

Mark & Pearl Erdman of Ventnor

# General Donations

**Burt & Lorraine Stolove** 

in memory of their friend, Rita Baskin

# Leaf on the Tree of Life

Purchased by Bret Bergman in memory of his grandparents, Walter Bergman and Jean Weiner.

# Condolences

**Burt & Lorraine Stolove** 

Deepest sympathy to Susan Mintz & family, on the passing of her husband and former TBS member, Jeffry A. Mintz.

Deepest sympathy to Rabbi & Sarah Fox on the passing of his last uncle, Dr. Myer Sharpe. May time ease your pain.

# Message Card

From Sid & Shirley Morgan to Susan Mintz & family on the passing of her husband, Jeffry A. Mintz.

From The Cloisters to Susan Mintz & family in memory of their friend, Jeffry A. Mintz.

# Get Well

Milton Berkes, Gene Blum, Morray Cohen, Nathan Dratch, Robert Glick, Pearl Kaye, Rachel Layton (wife of John Layton) Evelyn Rothstein, Andrew Schneider (brother of Stolove's daughter-in-law), Burt Stolove, Lorraine Stolove, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender) Jennifer Zuckerman

# **Nahrzeit** Donations

Cheryl & Michael Guterman in memory of Cheryl's mother, Lillian Brownstein

Norma & Seymour Trachtman in memory of Norma's sister, Joan Weiss

Natalie & Howard Solomon in memory of Natalie's mother, Muriel Schenker **Solomon & Vera Getz** in memory of Sol's father, Nathan Getz

# Presidents' Column

Spring has sprung! Brigantine is re-awakening. The early spring flowers are coming up, the song birds are here, Passover is on the horizon and some of our snow birds have already returned.

Spring is the time of rebirth. It is the rebirth of the Earth and the rebirth of our Temple. We who live here full time have held down the fort during this cold and wet winter (but no snow to speak of) and are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

So join us for the Passover 2nd night Seder, our renewal and rededication BBQ (weather permitting) and above all for Friday night and Saturday services.

Welcome All!

Lill Shender President

# TEMPLE BETH SHALOM



**PASSOVER** 2ND SEDER

SUNDAY, **APRIL 20 • 6 PM** 

Join us for our annual 2nd Seder. Rabbi Gerald Fox will conduct the second night Passover Seder. The congregation along with family and friends are cordially invited to participate in this annual event.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NOW! The cutoff date is April 9. We are dealing with a new caterer for this event and he has requested our head count by the beginning of April. Call Diane at 266-0403 ASAP.

A traditional full course dinner will be served:

Gefilte fish w/horseradish,

Matzo ball soup

Individual Cornish hen or baked fish,

Matzo stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans

Cake and fruit

Wine, seltzer, coffee and tea.

All reservations must be accompanied by a check and entree choice. No money will be collected at the door. The cost for the Seder is \$45 each adult. Children under 12 will be a reduced charge.

Again, please call Diane at the Temple, 609-266-0403 if you have any questions or dietary requirements.

### **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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IBernie Cohen	15Idie Benjamin
2Joan Grossman	17Eugene N. Bass
4Allen Abramowitz,	20Rabbi Gerald R. Fox
Linda Oram	21Beverlee Bearman Reiter
6Barbara A. Nussbaum	22Marvin Elfant,
7Janis B. Rosenberg	Ronald Miller, Fred Paul
8Saul Grossman	23Edith Krimstock,
13Jacqueline Fabel,	Shirley H. Schreiber
Ruth Weiss	26David Lee Winner

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

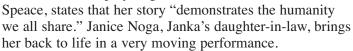
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3	Howard & Myrna Levin, Marvin & Irene Siegel
14	Stanley & Judith Levick
16	Drs. Mark & Linda Baum
17	Steven & Gale Donohue
22	Leslie & Susan Tuerk
24	Stephen & Jamie Satz
	Bernie & Morray Cohen

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Through a very generous grant from the Civic Foundation, Inc., the play

# "Janka" will be presented as Brigantine's 11th Annual Holocaust Memorial Program.

This play, which has been performed throughout the United States and the United Kingdom, is the story of Janka Festinger, a Holocaust survivor, who near the end of her life, struggled to relate her experiences in the concentration camps to her son. Son and playwright, Oscar



Because of the play's popularity, there will be two performances in Brigantine: **Wednesday and Thursday evenings, June 18 and 19** at **7 p.m.** at the **Brigantine Library**. Admission is free, but due to limited seating, reservations are absolutely required.

A dessert buffet will follow each performance. Reservations will be accepted beginning in May. Please call the library at 609-266-0110. This event is coordinated by Gloria Jacoby, former President of Temple Beth Shalom and Chairperson of Brigantine's Annual Holocaust Memorial Program.

# Thank You

To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

#### For March

<u>Friday, March 7</u> **Gene Blum & Judy Blum-Crawford** *in memory of* Gene's mother and Judy's grandmother, Lillian Blum; and

Howard & Carol Serotta in memory of Howard's father, Paul Serotta

Saturday, March 8 No Sponsor

Friday, March 14 **Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin** *in memory of* Betty's sister, Helen Lipkin

<u>Friday, March 21</u> **Cheryl & Michael Guterman** *in memory of* Cheryl's mother, Lillian Brownstein

Friday, March 28 No Sponsor

# The Seder Plate:

The seder plate contains the five symbols of the seder.
The foods that make up the seder plate are not actually eaten during the seder They

eaten during the seder. They are:





**Karpas:** a vegetable, usually green such as parsley, to symbolize Spring and rebirth. It is dipped into salt water near the beginning of the seder.

**Haroset:** a mixture of chopped apples, nuts, wine and spices like cinnamon or nutmeg. We dip the maror into the haroshet to lessen



the bitter herb's tasts. It also symbolizes the mortar that the slaves made for bricks in Egypt.

Maror: the bitter herbs. The most common foods used for maror are carefully washed romaine lettuce or freshly ground horseradish. If you use horseradish from a jar, it should be adulterated, without beets or vinegar.

**Beitzah**: a roasted egg, also the symbol of the festival sacrifice. The egg should be hard-boiled and while in its shell scorched on top of the stove burner or roasted in the oven.





**Zeroa:** the shank bone or a roasted bone, another symbol of the festival sacrifice.

# April Yahrzeits

- 4/5 Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman in memory of Lillian's mother, Esther Davis
- 4/6 Lawrence & Karen Metzger in memory of Lawrence's father, Eli Metzger
- 4/8 Laurence & Debra Berger in memory of Debra's mother, Saundria Nager
- 4/9 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* Leon's mother, Lee Ackovitz Ira & Toby Waller *in memory of* Toby's mother, Ceilia Cohen Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of* Fred's father, Max Paul
- 4/10 Jacqueline & Fred Fabel *in memory of* Jackie's grandmother, Rebecca Cantor Larry Goldberg in memory of his father, Jack Goldberg
- 4/11 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of* Debra's grandmother, Bella Hoffman Edith Krimstock *in memory of* her brother-in-law, Harry Krimstock John Spinrad *in memory of* his mother, Darcy Spinrad
- 4/13 Susan Orloff in memory of her grandmother, Yetta Levin Morty & Harriet Liss in memory of Morty's father, David Liss
- 4/14 Michael & Carol Albert *in memory of* Carol's father, Abe S. Eisen Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* their uncle, Myer Moskowitz
- 4/15 Howard & Debbie Schlesinger in memory of Howard's father, Herbert Schlesinger
- 4/17 Michael & Marcia Kurland in memory of Michael's mother, Devera Kurland
- 4/18 Wendy Martelli *in memory of* her mother, Donna Himmelstein David & Janet Maharam *in memory of* David's mother, Besse Maharam
- 4/19 Joshua & Elaine Shapiro in memory of Elaine's mother, Gertrude Nerenberg
- 4/20 Harry Fishman in memory of his father, Samuel Fishman Ida Levin in memory of her father, Morris Lotstein Mildred Richmond in memory of her grandmother, Fannie Melnizer
- 4/21 Gene Blum and Judith Blum-Crawford in memory of Gene's mother-in-law and Judy's grandmother, Rebecca Furst Aaron & Joan Grossman in memory of Aaron's brother, David Grossman Linda Hahn in memory of her Grandmother, Cheitel Hahn

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- 4/22 Joseph Harris in memory of his mother, Anna Harris Donald & Phyllis Hoffrichter in memory of Donald's mother, Marcella Hoffrichter Stanton & Aimee Levin in memory of their niece, Elizabeth Schmerling
- 4/24 Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum *in memory of* Barbara's mother, Rita Coopersmith Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of* Sid's father, Abraham Morgan
- 4/25 Linda Hahn *in memory of* her aunt, Miriam Schloff
  Thelma Zuckerman *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Rose Zuckerman
- 4/26 David & Estelle Silver *in memory of* Estelle's sister, Beverly Axman Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Albert's aunt, Rose Marcus
- 4/27 Norman & Pearl Kaye in memory of their daughter-in-law, Carol Brooks Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane in memory of Sandra's grandmother, Dora Boyer Levin
- 4/28 Albert Greenberg
  - Gale Hoffman and Philip Goisman in memory of Gale's grandfather and Philip's friend, Charles Kerstetter
  - Earl & Doris Berger in memory of Doris's father, Charles Kerstetter
- 4/29 Herbert & Rita Axelrad *in memory of* Herbert's mother, Ruth Axelrad Allen & Natalie Abramowitz *in memory of* Allen's mother, Rae Glass Anita Erman *in memory of* her father, Bernard Panitch
- 4/30 Linda Oram *in memory of* her mother, Esther Masket Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of* Dorothy's brother, Jules Perilstein

## Commitment and Renewal

On May 18, 2008, Temple Beth Shalom is holding a picnic/BBQ to honor its new members and to provide an opportunity for all members to renew their feelings of Jewish community and re-commit to the Shul. We are holding this event the week after Mother's Day to emphasize our "hamishe" character. We are hoping to see many new faces and would like everyone to join us and celebrate as family. A large

tent will be available and the picnic/BBQ will be held rain or shine.

> Josh Shapiro, Chairman

# SAVE THE DATE

On June 27, 2008
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services at 8 p.m.,
we will host the
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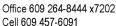
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