

# MISHPOCHEH

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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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## SERVICES



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

*Light Refreshments*

### Saturday Service

April 12 • 10 a.m.

### Sunday Board Mtg.

April 13 • 10 a.m.

### Tuesday, April 22

10 a.m.

Pesach Yizkor Service

## RABBI'S COLUMN

### *Cultivating Gratitude in Every Moment*

Some of our strongest memories involve food or family gatherings. How the more so do our memories remain fresh when both food and family are intertwined and then coupled with a powerful religious ritual?! We cannot even hope to escape such memories for they are not like the echoes of normal memory but, instead, they become a part of who we are. Such was reasoning that fashioned the Passover seder.

For our ancestors and for us, life is made meaningful by finding purpose and holding onto that awareness through moments that transcend our limited lives: births, weddings, deaths . . . major traumas or uplifting joyous events of every kind. The reminder that our lives are made with an inheritance of wisdom, values, and traditions, and that those gifts are beyond measure, is all the more easily retained when we mark important moments and feelings. With regard to our upcoming holiday, I think you'd agree that the creation of the Jewish People (with its attendant laws, rituals, and culture) is worthy of marking with a ceremony that acknowledges its holiness. Bearing witness to the holiness within the events, objects, and especially people, is central to our heritage.

For most of us, the value of Passover as an appropriate celebratory marker of the importance of freedom for our People (and, by extension, for all peoples) is a given: in a recent study nearly 80% of American Jews reported attending a Passover Seder (yes, I wish that figure were 100%); an impressive figure in a country where intermarriage is exceedingly common. Something about Passover, about deriving sacredness out of the nexus of the creation of our People's story moves us to reconnect with our heritage. No matter the amount of bickering or complexity associated with Passover, the divergence from the Haggadah script, or even the difficulty in convening far-flung family and friends to a single location, nothing seems to be able to thwart our desire to experience a taste of the sacredness of our beginnings as a People. With its messages that are both particular to Jews and to all human beings in their longing to be free, participating in a Passover seder makes a big statement on the holiness of our lives.

Okay. That's Passover (in many ways, the biggest of Jewish familial sacred rituals). You may ask, however, how do I bring holiness to my everyday life? How do I or even could I bring even just the basic elements of holiness to my life?

The obvious answer may seem to be "prayer," but it is not. Our heritage teaches that bringing holiness to our lives through prayer cannot bring a deep reverence, a pure sacredness, to our lives without a genuine *Kavannah*, or "intention" / "appreciation." Through this we can easily extrapolate that we must have a sense of gratitude as we travel through life in order to bring a sense of holiness to it. When we assume that we deserve everything, we value nothing and suffer horribly the longing for something that affirms our deservedness; when we assume that all that we have is so precious that we do not deserve it, we suffer horribly from the worry that we will never have enough; but when we develop a balanced understanding that we are partners in what we receive, we also develop a healthy gratitude for the blessings of life. When we mark these special moments or achievements, we cannot help but to bring even more meaning into our lives.

So, as we approach Passover this year, let's not just see the holiday as two nights of seders, or even eight days of a beautiful family and communal holiday, but instead see it as an opportunity to begin again our practice of appreciation, of making a choice to allow ourselves to feel and to express gratitude for every important and small moment of significance in our lives.



## Coming Events

### Tuesday, April 15

1st Day Pesach,  
Office Closed

### Wednesday, April 16

2nd Day Pesach,  
Office Closed

### Monday, April 21

7th Day Pesach,  
Office Closed

### Tuesday, April 22

8th Day Pesach,  
Yizkor Service, 10 am  
Office Closed

### Sunday, April 27

Geniza Burial,  
10am-Noon,  
Beth Kehillah-Rodef  
Shalom Cemetery

### Tuesday, April 29

Yom HaShoah Service,  
Beth El Synagogue

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## General Donations

**Beth & Carl Apter** in memory of Steve Satz's beloved brother, Elliott; and  
in memory of Bev Rifkin, daughter-in-law of  
Mrs. Ann Rifkin.

## Bronze Yahrzeit Plaques

Two plaques were purchased by **Jerald & Sheila Cohen**  
in memory of Sheila's parents,  
Nancy Clancy and David Weil.

## Leaves on the Tree of Life

Three leaves were purchased by **Dr. Janet & Paul Sachs and Family** in memory of Louis Sandell, Stephen Sandell and Paula Naphtalie.

## Get Well

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

## Message Cards

**Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby:**  
Get well wishes to Barry Bornstein.

## Yahrzeit Donations

**Ronald & Shelley Miller** in memory of Ron's parents,  
Murray & Lola Miller.

**Jerald & Sheila Cohen** in memory of Jerald's  
grandmother, Rose Cohen, and his step-mother,  
Murray Cohen.

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father, Herbert Schlesinger .

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Howard's mother, Fay Waronker.

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David Grossman.

**Albert & Barbara Dragon** in memory of their aunt, Rose  
Marcus, and their uncle, Myer Moskowitz.

## Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

### For March

Friday, March 7 – **Betty Chaikin** in memory of her sister,  
Helen Lipkin.

Friday, March 14 – **Leslie & Susan Tuerk** in memory of  
Leslie's father, Stanley H. Tuerk.

Saturday, March 15 – **Cheryl & Michael Guterman** in  
memory of Cheryl's mother, Lillian Brownstein.

Friday, March 28 – **Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman** in  
memory of Lill's mother, Esther Davis.



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4 .....	Linda Oram
8 .....	Saul Grossman
13 .....	Jacqueline Fabel
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17 .....	Dr. Judith P. Schwartz
20 .....	Rabbi Gerald R. Fox
21 .....	Beverlee Bearman Reiter
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23 .....	Edith Krimstock
24 .....	Terry Horowitz

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2 .....	Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby
17 .....	Steven & Gale Donohue
22 .....	Leslie & Susan Tuerk
24 .....	Stephen & Jamie Satz

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"Mishpocheh" to write articles on current  
Jewish events – here and in Israel. If interested,  
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## HELP EXPAND OUR FAMILY

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

# Jews in the Old West

By Lilyan Cralle

Some years ago, I went on a study mission to New Mexico to explore the history of the Jews of the Old West. Here are just three of the interesting things I learned:

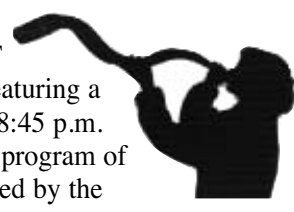
Solomon Bilbo, a Jew originally from Prussia, was a wagon driver in the Old West who married the granddaughter of the chief of the Acoma tribe and eventually became their leader himself. We all know Jews who are doctors and lawyers — now you know one who was an Indian chief!

During the Spanish-American War in 1898, a sizeable number of Jewish cowboys joined Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders, one of whom was promoted for bravery and another, 16-year-old Jacob Wilbusky, who was the first Rough Rider killed in action. Just picture John Wayne with a yarmulke!

Western lawman Wyatt Earp, the U. S. Marshall involved in the famous OK Corral gunfight, was married to a Jewish woman named Josie for fifty years. Josie is the one who originally wrote a Hollywood screenplay about Wyatt — it didn't sell but was the inspiration for someone else's best-selling biography which did make Wyatt famous around the world. They are both buried together in a plot in a Jewish cemetery in Colma, California with a man named Max Weiss. No one seems to know for sure who Max was, but there's speculation he was Wyatt's bookie. Picture John Wayne with a Jewish wife and in Gamblers Anonymous! Oy vey!

## 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.

# Simply Shirley . . .

*Welcome to all of my readers and above all, welcome to Spring.*

It has been a very interesting winter and now we can move on to our Spring weather, which we have all been longing for.

I would like to say how wonderful our "Shabbat Across America and Canada" dinner was thanks to Ron and Lill for all of the hard work and planning which went into making this a success.

Our March book review was held on Monday, March 24. Thank you to our hostess, Stephanie Miller, for doing a fabulous job and to all of my fellow bookies who made our discussion such an enjoyable one. The book reviewed was: "Me Before You" by JoJo Moyes. In my opinion, this was truly a wonderful book, which illustrated as the title put it — my wishes before yours. You must have a box of tissues when reading this; however, it is truly worthwhile.

Our next two book reviews will be held:

Monday, May 12, 1 p.m. at my place. The book to be reviewed is "Moloka'i," by Alan Brennert;

And June 16, 1 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 139. The book to be reviewed is "The Invention of Wings," by Sue Monk Kidd.

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

*Until I write again, Think Spring!*

*Simply Shirley*

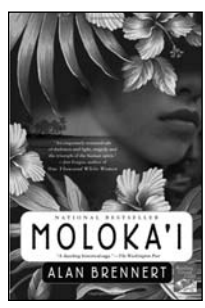
## BOOK CLUB

**Monday, May 12, 1 p.m.**

to review  
**"Moloka'i"**

by **Alan Brennert.**

The club will meet at  
**Shirley's,**  
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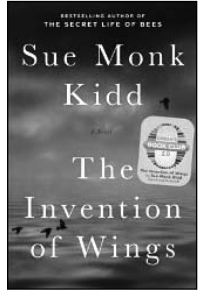


**Monday, June 16, 1 p.m.**

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

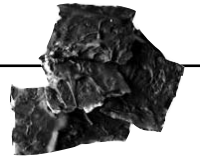
**12:45 p.m.** – Workshop on Intergenerational Storytelling: Preserving Precious Memories (Renée Brachfeld)

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](http://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.

## RECIPE FOR MATZO TURTLES



Line cookie sheet with aluminum foil.  
Place matzo on foil. Matzo can be broken into large pieces and they can overlap.  
Sprinkle with salt.  
Melt 1 cup brown sugar and 1 cup butter until thick and bubbly.  
Keep stirring – about 10 minutes.  
Pour over matzo, bake in oven @ 400 degrees about 10 minutes at the most, until it is bubbly.  
Remove from oven.  
Sprinkle 10 oz. chocolate chips over matzo.  
Bake one minute.  
Remove from oven and spread chocolate with spatula.  
Let cool – put in refrigerator until completely cool.  
Remove from refrigerator; pull off foil and break matzo into pieces.  
Store in Ziploc bags. Can be frozen.  
Enjoy!

## Community Yom HaShoah Service

Keynote Speaker:  
**Sam Kaufman**

April 29 • 7 p.m.

at Beth El Synagogue  
Margate

**Yom HaShoah**  
HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please join Rabbi Fox and many of your fellow Temple Beth Shalom congregants and fellow Jews from the entire region as we gather to honor the memories of those who perished in the Holocaust.

## Rabbi (continued from page 1)

May we all learn to see the importance and the beauty of meaning in both the simple and the powerful moments of meaning in our lives, and may we be blessed with a feeling of gratitude for every one of our days.

A sweet and kosher Passover to us all!

*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](mailto:office@seashul.org) or [rabbi@seashul.org](mailto:rabbi@seashul.org) for Rabbi Fox.

## April Yahrzeits

- 4/1 Lawrence & Karen Metzger *in memory of* Lawrence's father, Eli Metzger
- 4/3 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of* Debra's mother, Saundria Nager
- 4/4 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* Leon's mother, Lee Ackovitz  
Toby Waller *in memory of* her mother, Ceilia Cohen  
Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of* Jerry's stepmother, Morray Cohen  
Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of* Fred's father, Max Paul
- 4/5 Jacqueline Fabel *in memory of* her grandmother, Rebecca Cantor  
Larry Goldberg *in memory of* his father, Jack Goldberg
- 4/6 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of* Debra's grandmother, Bella Hoffman  
Gerald Pepper *in memory of* his wife, Barbara Pepper  
John Spinrad *in memory of* his mother, Darcy Spinrad
- 4/8 Susan Orloff *in memory of* her grandmother, Yetta Levin  
Morty & Harriet Liss *in memory of* Morty's father, David Liss
- 4/9 Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of* Carl's father, Robert Apter  
Michael & Carol Albert *in memory of* Carol's father, Abe S. Eisen  
Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* their uncle, Myer Moskowitz
- 4/10 Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of* Diane's father, Max Lefkowitz  
Howard & Debbie Schlesinger *in memory of* Howard's father, Herbert Schlesinger
- 4/12 Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of* Lill's cousin, Dr. Harvey Goldman  
Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of* Michael's mother, Devera Kurland
- 4/13 Wendy Martelli *in memory of* her mother, Donna Himmelstein  
Rabbi David & Janet Maharam *in memory of* Rabbi's mother, Besse Maharam  
Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva *in memory of* Eileen's grandmother, Katie Wallach
- 4/14 Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of* Elaine's mother, Gertrude Nerenberg
- 4/15 Samuel Fishman  
Ida Levin *in memory of* her father, Morris Lotstein Fannie Melnitzer
- 4/16 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Judy's aunt, Celia Bell  
Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of* her grandmother, Rebecca Furst  
Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Aaron's brother, David Grossman  
Linda Hahn *in memory of* her grandmother, Cheitel Hahn  
Lilyan Cralle *in memory of* her aunt, Betty Levin  
Jennie Segal
- 4/17 Anna Harris  
Donald & Phyllis Hoffrichter *in memory of* Donald's mother, Marcella Hoffrichter  
Selma Rosenblum *in memory of* her husband, Mickey Rosenblum  
Stanton & Aimee Levin *in memory of* their niece, Elizabeth Schmerling
- 4/18 Harry David & Gloria Caplan *in memory of* David's brother, Saul Caplan  
Jack Lieberman *in memory of* his father-in-law, Louis Eisenstein
- 4/19 Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum *in memory of* Barbara's mother, Rita Coopersmith  
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of* Sid's father, Abraham Morgan  
Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein *in memory of* Steve's mother, Elsie M. Rosenblatt
- 4/20 Linda Hahn *in memory of* her aunt, Miriam Schloff  
Rose Zuckerman
- 4/21 David & Estelle Silver *in memory of* Estelle's sister, Beverly Axman  
Dr. Ira & Donna Wertheimer *in memory of* Donna's father, Ervin Bergenfeld  
Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Al's aunt, Rose Marcus
- 4/22 Erika Brooks *in memory of* her mother, Carol Brooks  
Judge Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane *in memory of* Sandra's grandmother, Dora Boyer Levin
- 4/23 Albert Greenberg
- 4/23 Earl & Doris Berger, Gale Hoffman & Philip Goisman *in memory of* Doris's father, Gale's grandfather & Philip's friend, Charles Kerstetter  
Terry & Fred Horowitz *in memory of* Terry's brother, Mark Scher
- 4/24 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
- 4/25 Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball *in memory of* Bob's father, Simon Ball  
Linda Oram *in memory of* her mother, Esther Masket  
Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of* Dorothy's brother, Jules Perilstein
- 4/26 Dr. Dranoff *in memory of* her brother, Alan Epstein
- 4/27 Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker *in memory of* Howard's mother, Fay Waronker
- 4/29 Drs. Burton W. & Judith P. Schwartz *in memory of* Burton's mother, Frances W. Schwartz
- 4/30 Esther Fishman  
Carol & Howard Serotta *in memory of* Carol's mother, Celia Hecht  
Estelle Lungo  
Barbara Pearlman *in memory of* her mother, Therese Salus



### Geniza Ceremony and Community Learning: Sharing the Stories of our Past

Please join Rabbi Fox and your fellow congregants as we partner with Congregation Beth Judah to learn about the cemetery's symbols and customs. During this family program for all ages, we will learn about how to decipher *Matzevot* (gravestones and monuments) and the stories they tell. During our visit to Beth Kehillah-Rodef Shalom Cemetery on the Black Horse Pike (Rte. 40), we will honor those who perished in the Holocaust with a brief Yom HaShoah remembrance. Finally, we will engage in a rare *Geniza* Ceremony, during which we will conduct a burial of *Shaimot* (damaged holy materials of any kind with God's name).

This will be held on **April 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon** at Beth Kehillah-Rodef Shalom Cemetery on the Black Horse Pike (Rte. 40).

**IMPORTANT:** If you have worn or damaged prayerbooks or other holy objects that contain God's name in Hebrew (eg. *Yod-Hey-Vav-Hey*), **DO NOT THROW THEM OUT**; instead, bring them to Temple Beth Shalom by Friday, April 25, so that they can be respectfully buried in the *Geniza* Ceremony to be held that morning.

If you have any questions about this wonderful opportunity or about what might constitute something that should be buried, please contact Rabbi Fox at [rabbi@seashul.org](mailto:rabbi@seashul.org) so that he can guide you in making your decision.



## Browse Our Library

Books that have been discussed by our Book Club and other best sellers have been placed in the Temple Library for your enjoyment. If you would like to read any of these books, or any others that we have, the office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day of the week.

*The Yiddish Policemen's Union* by Michael Chabon

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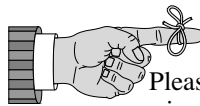
**Treasurer: Lillian H. Shender**

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**Corresponding Secretary: Mina Kramer**



### 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 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.

<b>Bronze Memorial Plaque</b> .....	\$300
<b>Leaf on the Tree of Life</b> .....	\$50
<b>Oneg Shabbat Sponsor</b> .....	\$25
<b>Kiddush Lunch Sponsor</b> .....	\$100
<b>Message Card</b> .....	\$5 each
<b>Yizkor Memorial</b> .....	Minimum \$10
<b>Building Fund</b> .....	Whatever you desire
<b>Rabbi's Discretionary Fund</b> .....	Whatever you desire
<b>Library Fund</b> .....	Whatever you desire
<b>Kiddush Fund</b> .....	Whatever you desire