

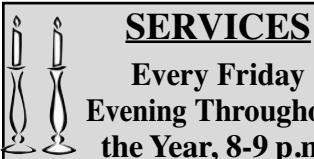
# MISHPOECH

Temple Beth Shalom ✡ Brigantine Jewish Community Center

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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

December 12 • 10 a.m.

## Sunday Board Meeting

No meeting in December

## Coming Events

**Sunday, December 13**  
**Community Chanukah**  
**Celebration, 4-7 pm**  
**Milton & Betty Katz JCC,**  
**Margate**  
**Complete details**  
**included in this issue**

## Save the Date

**Friday, Jan. 22, 2016**  
**Tu B'Shevat Seder/**  
**Dinner, 6 pm**  
**Friday, March 4, 2016**  
**Shabbat Across**  
**America Dinner, 6:30 pm**  
**Details to be announced!**

## NEED A RIDE?

If you need a ride to Friday night services, call the office at 266-0403 and leave a message by Thursday each week. We will do our best to accommodate you!

## RABBI'S COLUMN

### *There is Strength in Kindness*

How many of us have stood in an elevator, waited in line at a store, attended an event or religious services, and allowed ourselves to pause and take in what is going on around us? Most of us can't help reacting to the angry person (there's always at least one), the worried person, the truly stressed person looking to walk up your back and down the other side to get to where they're going, not to mention the person who is engaged in the same observational awareness as you, sometimes locking eyes. We try at first to ignore those around us, but we can't help but be fascinated by our fellow human beings. We look to uncover a mirror into our own nature, but what often rises up is our quiet desire to understand the unknowable about life — why we are here and how we ought to live.



What would happen if, instead of rolling our eyes or sighing or inadvertently throwing a judgmental look, we smiled and said "hello?" What would happen if we assume that it is our obligation to meet every opportunity to perform a mitzvah with a willing heart, taking an approach in life of "heal and be healed?"

Having lived in two countries (Great Britain and Israel) that suffered the collective worry over acts of terror occurring at any time, and having grown up in a city where I and my fellow school students were victimized by crime or subject to be victimized at any time, I came to the decision early on that I would live my life as engaged and transformatively as possible for however long I have in this life while remaining open and loving toward my fellow human beings. That doesn't mean that I'm not wary of people who have shown disregard for me or hurt me, especially purposefully so — "mama didn't raise no fools" — but I begin each interaction in life with the perspective that I cannot possibly know the heart or the purpose of anyone I meet.

As with the recounting in the Torah of Jacob's dream of angels traveling up and down a ladder from Earth to Heaven, I acknowledge that anyone I may meet may be an angel of God, or at least someone devoted to increasing the measure of holiness in our broken world. How can I choose to be any less devoted?

It is not lost on me that my children are about the age I was when I lost my father 45 years ago this month. Are we forever shaped by such losses or even later traumas such as those I alluded to above? The simple answer is, "yes." More importantly, though, do we allow ourselves to stop growing because of them? Our entire heritage, our Jewish laws and traditions, along with those who love us, encourage us by reiterating the value of persistence and self-improvement. We must not be impeded from becoming our best selves.

Will we give up in the face of worry? No. Will we give up in the face of trauma? No. Will we give up in the face of illness or injury, brokenness or being lost? No. How much more so, then, should we cultivate a welcoming soul? We must find a way to disassociate the perception that kindness in the face of challenges is a form of weakness. They are not the same. In fact, many of the commonly perceived "weak" people I know are also concurrently some of the most courageous and the most kind people I know.

We cannot wait for anyone else to make our lives better any more than we can wait for anyone else to make our world better. Only we can make that difference, whether in small ways and, yes, large ones. We are the angels we are looking for . . . we are only too frightened of the potential impacts of our own kindness to acknowledge it. Now is the time, however, to look around us to see those near and far as holy beings capable of being better with nothing more than the encouragement of our kindness.

(RABBI continued on page 2)

## The Prez Sez

Since this issue covers the end of one year and the start of another, it is a good time to look back and then forward.

Looking back, I think about some of the things for which I am grateful.

I am grateful for:

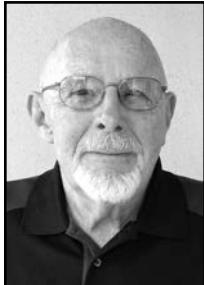
- ✓ A long, happy marriage and a wife who completed me and made me a *mensch* (and someone we all miss);
- ✓ A family of children, spouses, mates, grandchildren, brother and sister-in-law and cousins who are there when needed and who keep me on track with their support and love;
- ✓ A temple where my spiritual and religious needs are met;
- ✓ A congregation that extends the arms of friendship to me and to all who enter our premises;
- ✓ A rabbi and his family that brings life to our shul and goes beyond the call of duty;
- ✓ An office administrator (Diane) with a smile on her face, who keeps that shul operating with efficiency and accuracy;
- ✓ A core group (the Shenders, the Morgans, the Jacobys, Howard Abber) who are there when volunteers are needed and without whom we would have very few off-season *minyans*;
- ✓ My new board that is determined to make our organization one which we can all be proud of;
- ✓ The congregation that gave me the opportunity to lead and hopefully, make a difference.

Looking ahead I eagerly look forward to:

- ✓ My first visit to Israel;
- ✓ A growing partnership between Israel and the United States;
- ✓ A period of lessening tensions world-wide;
- ✓ Some way that Republicans and Democrats find a way to work together;
- ✓ A year when we solve the mystery of how to attract new members;
- ✓ Dinners and programs in our shul that allow the feelings of friendship and good will to nurture and grow;
- ✓ Some sprucing up of our facilities to increase the pleasure of our services and programs;
- ✓ Finding oil under our property so I don't have to worry about finances;
- ✓ Being able to accommodate the needs of all of our members;
- ✓ Getting to know all of you better;
- ✓ A happy (secular) new year.

*Shalom.*

*Jack*



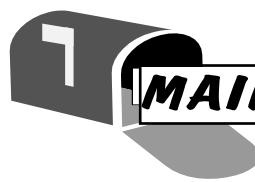
### WINTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that during the months of December, 2015 and January, 2016 the office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Menorahs

*The Press of Atlantic City is doing a feature on family Menorahs with a story. If you have such a Menorah, here are the details.*

Are you a South Jersey resident who celebrates Hanukkah? We're looking for your stories about the menorah you will be lighting at sundown on December 6. We want to know if your menorah is a family heirloom that's been passed down for generations, if someone custom made your menorah or if there's a story behind how or where you got your menorah. Contact reporter Nicole Leonard at 609-272-7022 or [nleonard@pressofac.com](mailto:nleonard@pressofac.com).



### MAILBAG

*Dear Friends,*

Thank you all for your prayers and good wishes. All is well. We arrived safely in Florida and are enjoying our new life style. Looking forward to fun activities and making good friends.

We won't be joining a temple at this time. Temple Beth Shalom is a hard act to follow. Miss everyone. Hope to visit in the spring.

*All my best,  
Terry Horowitz*

## BOOK CLUB

There will be no Book Club meeting in December. You are invited to celebrate the New Year at the Morgans on Monday, January 4, 2016 @ 1 pm. BYOB – Bring Your Own Book to discuss and start the New Year with your fellow Bookies! RSVP Shirley 609-266-8599 or [ssmorgan3@verizon.net](mailto:ssmorgan3@verizon.net).

## Rabbi (continued from page 1)

It is my wish for you that the light of Hanukkah reminds you of all of the good in your world and that each candle is kindled only with help of another. Why not join me in recommitting ourselves to bringing that light into our lives, into the lives of those around us, and in the world? You will be nourished all the more so now and forevermore.

Now, go forth and make a difference . . . and while you're at it, have a latke or two!

*Rabbi Gerald R. Fox*

## *Get Well*

**Dr. Roberta Ball, Barry Bornstein,  
Fred Fabel, Bernie Gittelman, Saul Grossman,  
Fred Horowitz, Diane Waxman**

## *Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*

Terry & Fred Horowitz

## *Yahrzeit Donations*

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Samuel Glaser.

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David Weil, and their grandmothers,  
Helen Greenberger & Sarah Levine.

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Adeline Taylor.

**Jacqueline & Fred Fabel** *in memory of* their daughter-in-law,  
Maria Fabel.

**Robert & Eileen Linzner** *in memory of* Robert's daughter,  
Margaret (Meg) Linzner.

**Aaron & Joan Grossman** *in memory of* Joan's father,  
Harry Broder.

**Rose Zeltser** *in memory of* her sister, Adelaide Pullis, and  
brother-in-law, Gary Zeltser.

**Harvey & Diane Steiner** *in memory of* their fathers,  
Benjamin Steiner & William Fabrizio.

**Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein** *in memory of* Roz's  
father, Irving Lowe.

**Albert & Barbara Dragon** *in memory of* their aunt,  
Ethel Moskowitz.

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Pam Massanova.

**Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby** *in memory of* Henry's father,  
Milton Jacoby.

**Beverlee Bearman Reiter** *in memory of* her sister,  
Merna Marshall Reiter.

## *Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors*

### *For November*

Friday, November 6 – Michael & Carol Albert *in  
memory of* Michael's father, Maxwell B. Albert.

## *Simply Shirley . . .*

*Welcome to all of my readers.*

The TBS book club met on Monday, November 23 at the lovely home of Judy and Burt Schwartz and we discussed "All The Light We Cannot See." This is another most interesting book and one which is a "must read." The author Anthony Doerr's acutely sensory style captures the extreme perceptiveness Marie-Laure has developed by the time World War II begins. The book opens in August 1944, two months after D-Day, with the sound of things falling from the sky and rattling against windows. Should you want to know more, please do read the book since it is most interesting. (I must say these words were chosen from a review which I read – I would like to take credit for them but, alas, I am much too honest to do so.)

I would like to thank Judy and Burt for welcoming us into their beautiful home and for once again making us all feel so very welcome.

TBS book club will be shutting down for December and will open its doors once again January 4 at Sid and Shirley's home. This event is a BYOB which means "Bring your own book" (fooled you). We will bring in the New Year together and toast to a wonderful New Year for all. The following month we will meet at Arlene Waronker's on February 8 to discuss Patrick Kennedy's book "The Common Struggle."

I would like to personally say that two of our bookies moved away recently – one being Diane Waxman and the other Terry Horowitz. Should you perhaps be reading this column, please know the TBS book club will miss you and we wish you a wonderful, healthy and happy life in your new homes. I will always think of you as one of my "Bookies."

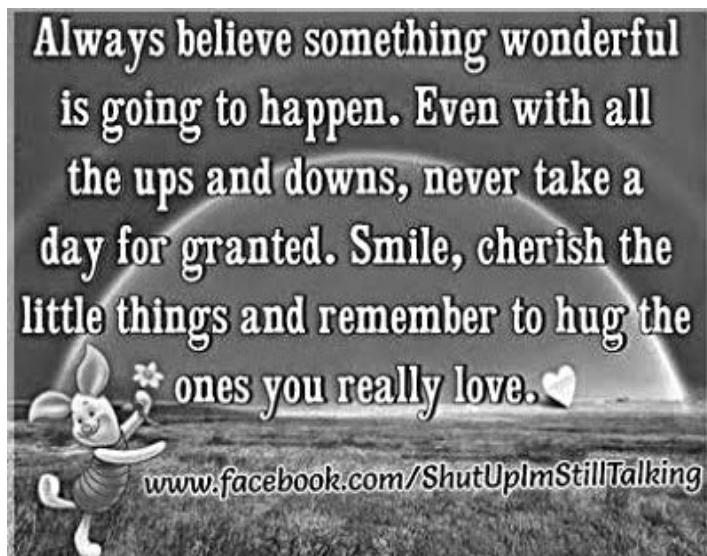
To all of my readers I wish a Happy, Healthy and Wonderful Holiday Season for you and your families. May the year 2016 be a year in which our countries can find a way to live in peace.

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

We welcome suggestions regarding any good read you may have and thank you in advance.

*Happy Reading,*

*Simply Shirley*



**Always believe something wonderful  
is going to happen. Even with all  
the ups and downs, never take a  
day for granted. Smile, cherish the  
little things and remember to hug the  
ones you really love.**

## 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.

## Prayer Book Dedication

Purchase a memorial/honorarium plaque to be placed in our new prayer books (inside front cover) for only \$36. We have only 15 books remaining for dedication, so call the office at 609-266-0403 and make your wishes known.

## December Yahrzeits

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|-------|--|-------|---|
| 12/1  | Jacob Greenberg<br>Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern <i>in memory</i> of Frank's father, Harry Kern  | 12/19 | Dr. Evelynne Harmon <i>in memory</i> of her brother-in-law, Steven Harmon<br>Terry Horowitz <i>in memory</i> of her father, Herman Scher  |
| 12/2  | Joel & Stephanie Miller <i>in memory</i> of Joel's grandmother, Ida G. Miller  | 12/20 | Brenda Sacks <i>in memory</i> of her father, Jack Altschuler  |
| 12/2  | Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch <i>in memory</i> of Barry's father, N. Herman Bornstein  | 12/21 | Robert & Eileen Linzner <i>in memory</i> of Robert's daughter, Margaret (Meg) Linzner<br>Beverlee Bearman Reiter <i>in memory</i> of her sister, Merna Marshall Reiter  |
| 12/3  | John & Beth Bacha <i>in memory</i> of John's father, Andrew Bacha<br>Philip Hanish   | 12/22 | H. David & Gloria Caplan <i>in memory</i> of David's father, Jules Caplan<br>Joel & Stephanie Miller <i>in memory</i> of Joel's grandfather, Dr. Harry Miller   |
| 12/4  | Linda Hahn <i>in memory</i> of her grandfather, Abraham Haufman  | 12/23 | Brenda Sacks <i>in memory</i> of her husband, Alfred Sacks<br>Dr. Warren Heymann & Dr. Rhonda Schnur <i>in memory</i> of Rhonda's brother, Marvin Schnur  |
| 12/4  | Stanton & Aimee Levin <i>in memory</i> of Aimee's father, Daniel Schmerling  | 12/24 | Anita Erman <i>in memory</i> of her father-in-law, David Erman<br>Charles Hirsch<br>Nathan Lindenbaum<br>Lilyan Cralle <i>in memory</i> of her cousin, Lenore Levin London  |
| 12/5  | Jacob Melnitzer  | 12/25 | Paul & Dr. Janet Sachs <i>in memory</i> of Janet's father, Louis Sandell  |
| 12/5  | Herbert & Rita Axelrad <i>in memory</i> of Herbert's father, Irving Axelrad  | 12/26 | Michael & Cheryl Guterman <i>in memory</i> of Michael's mother, Esther Bella Guterman<br>Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein <i>in memory</i> of Roz's father, Irving Lowe  |
| 12/7  | Betty Chaikin <i>in memory</i> of her sister, Corrine Queenie Goldstein<br>Carol Lucile Hirsch   | 12/27 | Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum <i>in memory</i> of Barbara's father, Edward Coopersmith<br>Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby <i>in memory</i> of Henry's father, Milton Jacoby<br>Jerald & Sheila Cohen <i>in memory</i> of Jerry's aunt, Barbara Oei<br>Gilbert Richmond<br>Edward Segal |
| 12/8  | Helen Spinrad <i>in memory</i> of her father, Bernard Moskowitz  | 12/28 | Joel & Stephanie Miller <i>in memory</i> of Joel's mother, Marilyn Miller   |
|       | Rose Zeltser <i>in memory</i> of her sister, Adelaide Pullis   | 12/29 | Mitchell & Mina Kramer <i>in memory</i> of Mina's father, Barney Braverman<br>Bernard & Norma Gittelman <i>in memory</i> of Bernie's grandmother, Anna Galblum  |
|       | Howard & Carol Serotta <i>in memory</i> of Howard's mother, Jeanne Serotta   |       | Aaron & Joan Grossman <i>in memory</i> of Aaron's father, Reuben Grossman<br>Judge Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane <i>in memory</i> of Sandra's father, Marvin Mazer   |
|       | Harvey & Diane Steiner <i>in memory</i> of Harvey's father, Benjamin Steiner   |       | Susan Orloff <i>in memory</i> of her mother, Bernice Orloff   |
|       | Seymour & Norma Trachtman <i>in memory</i> of Seymour's brother, Marvin Trachtman  | 12/30 | Burton & Lorraine Stolove <i>in memory</i> of Lorraine's mother, Frances Augenfeld<br>Jerald & Sheila Cohen and Martha Cohen <i>in memory</i> of Jerry's uncle and Martha's brother-in-law, Henry Cohen<br>Abraham Horen  |
| 12/11 | Dr. Martin & Linda Millison <i>in memory</i> of Linda's father, Samuel Raichlen  |       | Edith Krimstock <i>in memory</i> of her husband, Samuel Krimstock   |
|       | Shirley Schreiber  | 12/31 | Sanford & Karen Dare <i>in memory</i> of Sanford's father, Sol Dare<br>Stanley & Judith Levick <i>in memory</i> of Judith's mother, Claire Goldman<br>Dr. Eli & Nancy Zucker <i>in memory</i> of Nancy's father, Jacob Kotzin   |
|       | Dora Asher Schweitzer  |       |   |
| 12/9  | Irene Siegel <i>in memory</i> of her brother, Sam Perlstein  |       |   |
| 12/10 | Dr. Martin & Tina Freedman <i>in memory</i> of Marty's father, Philip Freedman<br>Eva Richmond   |       |   |
| 12/11 | Aaron & Joan Grossman <i>in memory</i> of Joan's father, Harry Broder<br>Gerald Pepper <i>in memory</i> of his father-in-law, Edward Rosman  |       |   |
| 12/13 | Edith Krimstock <i>in memory</i> of her mother-in-law, Anna Krimstock<br>Albert & Barbara Dragon <i>in memory</i> of their aunt, Ethel Moskowitz   |       |   |
| 12/14 | Gregory & Bella Royzman <i>in memory</i> of Bella's mother, Sara Perlmuter<br>Alan Simon <i>in memory</i> of his mother, Adele Simon   |       |   |
| 12/15 | Dr. Warren Heymann & Dr. Rhonda Schnur <i>in memory</i> of Rhonda's father, Louis Schnur<br>Rose Zeltser <i>in memory</i> of her brother-in-law, Gary Zeltser  |       |   |
| 12/17 | John & Lena Elzufon <i>in memory</i> of John's father, Milton Elzufon DPM<br>Robert & Elizabeth Kramer <i>in memory</i> of Robert's mother, Sadele Kramer<br>Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova <i>in memory</i> of Ron's mother, Pam Massanova<br>Joel & Stephanie Miller <i>in memory</i> of Joel's father, Paul S. Miller<br>Irene Siegel <i>in memory</i> of her mother, Rita Perlstein |       |   |
| 12/19 | Harvey & Diane Steiner <i>in memory</i> of Diane's father, William Fabrizio<br>Judith Blum-Crawford <i>in memory</i> of her grandfather, Edward Furst  |       |   |



# COMMUNITY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Milton & Betty Katz JCC** – 501 N. Jerome Avenue, Margate  
**Community Glatt Kosher Chinese food and Latke Buffet**

Served from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

## Celebrate With Activities For All Ages!

- Gourmet Latkes Tasting
- Chanukah Themed Children's Crafts
- Facepainting
- PJ Library Storytime & Book Exchange
- Menorah Lighting
- Sing-A-Long & Jam: Bring Your Instruments

### ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMMING | 6:00 – 7:00 PM

- "The Real Story of Chanukah"
- Dr. Marcia Fiedler, Coordinator of Jewish Studies  
at Stockton University

**Admission: \$8 per person or \$18 for a family (up to 6 people). Children under 5 are FREE!**

There is no charge to attend the Adult Education portion at 6 PM.

Please register and pay in advance by phone or at the Milton & Betty Katz JCC by contacting Josh Cutler, Program Director, at **609-822-1167, Ext.138** or email [jcutler@jccatlantic.org](mailto:jcutler@jccatlantic.org).

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# Simchas

Dec.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

3	Michael Guterman
7	Susan T. Tuerk
8	Lillian H. Shender
11	Marcia Kurland, Sheryl Mazur
12	Lena J. Elzufon, Dr. Janet Sachs
14	Fran Dratch
24	Susan Panitch
26	Janis C. Murphy
29	Gloria G. Caplan
5	Fred & Terry Horowitz
11	Mark & Pearl Erdman
12	Joel & Stephanie Miller
18	Stanton & Aimee Levin
20	Dr. Barry & Barbara Glaser
	Sean & Shelley Kardon
27	David & Estelle Silver
28	Judge Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane

## "ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT IDEAS"

One of our members, Dave Silver, has volunteered to chair a round table discussion on how to get better returns on retirement plans and investments, while instilling greater confidence and peace of mind.

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