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SERVICES

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

Saturday Services

January 12, 2008
February 9, 2008
10 a.m.

(Followed by Kiddush luncheon)

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services at 9 a.m.

Board Meetings
Sunday, January 13
Sunday, February 10
10 a.m.



RABBI'S COLUMN

Renewing Your Soul

Winter is certainly blowing in this year as the winds of politics are inevitably whipping up to a frenzy, both in what seems now like a darkness that promises no immediate end. Where are we? Perhaps we have abandoned our shore home in favor of our everyday home, perhaps we are struggling to commute to our oceanside oasis, or perhaps we are simply inhabiting our everyday world here in the environs of Brigantine. Regardless, we are looking for something to sustain us, something to enliven our soul.

And, to the rescue like an oasis in a Winter desert, comes the holiday of Tu B'Shevat. Many of you know that, on the surface, Tu B'Shevat is a minor holiday. There is no direct mention of it in the Torah, but our sages sought a way to keep the Torah's directive to refrain from using the fruit of trees until they were four years old and so they chose this day, the 15th of the month of Shevat, as the New Year for trees! It is at this time in Israel when the bulk of the rains have fallen and the fruit is beginning to be seen on the trees.

So, too, it is with us. In this time of when the Heavens open with life-giving water (sometimes in the form of snow), we need to look at renewing ourselves while things are a little more quiet, quiet enough for us to hear our own thoughts. What do we want for ourselves as the weather clears... how will our lives clear, too? What brings meaning to our lives, real meaning, so that we feel nourished without the food of baubles and gadgets? How might we make time for our family, friends, and community as we discover the riches returned from caring for and about others?

Tu B'Shevat is a marker of sorts, a marker of new fruit yet to hang low from the tree of life, and yet to be picked. The new fruit, I hope, will be a better balance for each of us of labor and leisure, of self and selflessness. We battle one thing in our post-Modern world more than any other: time. Time is fleeting – we all know this – but we forget sometimes how to recapture it. In truth, we must make the most of however much time we have.

Like a tree, we must stand tall and we must stand for something. It is by learning about who we are, experiencing life in depth, not just breadth, and in sharing life's special moments with others, such as in prayer and in conversation with your fellow congregants at Temple Beth Shalom that will grow strong our roots and broad our crown. Let's each of us commit to renew ourselves this Winter by bringing new life and new joy to our services, to our congregation, and to our community.

May you all stay warm and stay healthy.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



Many thanks to Bernie Cohen, Michael Guterman and Ron Shender for making our Chanukah Party so delicious. Fantastic Job!

בית שלום

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Burt Stolove, Lorraine Stolove,

Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)

Jennifer Zuckerman

Presidents' Column

Patient Needs a Nurse – That's You

The patient has symptoms of severe apathy, lack of cheer, and even a measure of lethargy. Many of us remain faithful to the patient and so we've tried several remedies, but nothing seems to take hold to brighten the patient. We've planned event after event, but often, too few people attend. Cases in point: We had to cancel the upcoming New Year's Party due to a lack of support . . . and at last year's Purim celebration, there were more people on stage for our schpiel than were in the audience.

We've tried to make the patient's experience warm, friendly, inviting, and informative – from services to study to holidays – we even feed the patient well! Still, a weak response.

Malaise is a disease with many dangers and many cures: Each member of our community can make a difference. If we each don't join in now, get involved, and help raise the patient's spirits, what are things going to be like two years or five years from now? Will the patient survive without our love?

Please, help us nurse the patient; send your diagnosis along with a cure asap. Be in touch with me via the shul, our website, or just call me at (609) 264-9347. We love our patient, and we want you to know the joy of being involved in the patient's recovery. It's up to each of us. *We* are the patient.

Lill Shender
President



Check it out! Our website is up and running! It's beautiful, informative and just all around super. On that note, we would like to have your e-mail addresses to be able to communicate with you faster and more efficiently. These addresses will be for Synagogue use only and will not be used by any outside source. Take a second to fill in the enclosed form. Drop it off or mail to the office. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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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Friday, Nov. 30 **Dr. Frank & Sarah Kern** in memory of Frank's father, Harry Kern

For December

Friday, Dec. 7 **Rose Zeltser** in memory of her sister, Addie Pullis, and her brother-in-law, Gary Zeltser;
Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of their aunt, Ethel Moskowitz

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Friday, Dec. 21 **Gene Blum, Judy Blum-Crawford, Max Crawford & David Blum** in memory of Gene's wife and Judy & David's mother, Sheila Blum; and Gene's father-in-law and Judy & David's grandfather, Edward Furst

Friday, Dec. 28 **Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein** in memory of Roz's father, Irving Lowe



In the Mailbag

Hi, Lill -

I know it's a while

off, but I thought some of the other women at Temple Beth Shalom might be interested in attending "Vashti's Banquet" in New York City on Sunday, March 8, 2008 at 3PM. The cost is \$65 per person.

It's a program sponsored by the Women's League of Conservative Judaism and is billed as a "rousing Purim celebration for women that will replicate some of the activities of the harem with music, belly dancing, food, storytelling, and henna design." It's being held at Congregation Anshei Hessed at Riverside Ave. & 100th St.

I've asked them to mail me a reservation form once it's available. There might be some more info on their website womensleague@wlcj.org or you could call 212-870-1260.

Sincerely,

Lilyan Cralle

Willingboro, NJ

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- 1/7 Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of* Sarah's father, Dr. Arthur Mandy
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- 1/10 Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of* Phyllis's step-mother, Mary Gould
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- 1/11 Linda Hahn *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Helen Hahn
- 1/14 Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of* their grandmother, Anna Gomberg
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- 1/20 Drs. Mark & Linda Baum *in memory of* Mark's mother, Ethyl Baum
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- 1/26 Geraldine Greenberg;
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- 1/27 Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of* Trudy's mother, Bernice Deutsch

- 1/28 Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of* Michael's uncle, Lewis Kurland
- 1/29 Stephen & Eileen Engber *in memory of* Stephen's father, Samuel Engber
- 1/30 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of* Cheryl's grandmother, Etta Brownstein
Elaine & Joshua Shapiro *in memory of* Elaine's father, Nathan Nerenberg
Mildred Richmond *in memory of* her father-in-Law, Samuel Richmond
- 1/31 Rose M. Zeltser *in memory of* her father-in-Law, Morris Zeltser

February Yahrzeits

- 2/1 Linda Oram *in memory of* her father, David Masket
- 2/6 Gene Blum and Max & Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of* Gene's father and Judy's grandfather, Joseph Blum
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- 2/8 Harvey & Karen Fern *in memory of* Harvey's father, David Fern
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- 2/12 Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of* Larry's mother, Celia Hatoff
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Mildred Richmond *in memory of* her aunt, Hanna Leonard
- 2/18 Davalene Hirsch *in memory of* her fiancé, Edmond Hyrum Nelson
- 2/19 Ronald L. & Lillian H. Shender *in memory of* Lill's father, Jule Harrison
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- 2/20 Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane *in memory of* Sandra's grandfather, Louis Levin
- 2/23 Ronald & Shelley Iris Miller *in memory of* Ron's father, Murray Miller
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* Harriet's mother, Faye Singer
- 2/24 Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of* Mina's mother, Anne Braverman
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Gregory & Bella Royzman *in memory of* Bella's father, Gersh Sapozhnikov
- 2/26 Bernie & Murray Cohen and Frank & Martha Cohen *in memory of* Bernie & Frank's mother, Rose Cohen
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- 2/28 Harry Fishman *in memory of* his sister, Dorothy Swartz
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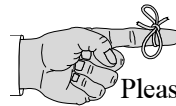
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