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SERVICES

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

Light Refreshments

Saturday Service

June 8 • 10 a.m.

Sunday Board Meeting

June 9 • 10 a.m.

Coming Events

Thursdays, July 11 - August 22
Children's Bingo Season

Devotion By The Ocean

6 p.m.
Friday, July 12
Friday, August 2
Friday, August 30

Sunday, August 18
Annual Bazaar

RABBI'S COLUMN

Becoming Lighter Than Our Baggage

As we age (yes, I have been feeling my recent ascent to 49 pretty fiercely), we are generally squeezed into having two reactions to our life's experiences and left with two choices: First, we can either be diminished by the sorrows and joys, the challenges and windfalls, or be augmented by our unfolding path and, second, we can choose to lift ourselves forward or give in to the winds that buffet us, for good or for bad, and live ostensibly without a rudder. In the end, each of us faces living a life of perpetual wonder and surprise or a life of predictability and self-engineered, expected outcomes. Of course, many of us fall within some sort of spectrum between these end points, but to better understand where we are and where we'll end up, the question we need to ask ourselves is, "Where are we headed?" and "What is our purpose?"

In preparing for my sermon offered during the Erev Shabbat service on the 36th anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah (Parshat Naso), I was taken aback by how much of the Torah portion became mysteriously revealed to me. In particular, I was struck by the layers of meaning behind a central element of the Torah portion: the description of the Nazarite.

While it is clear that in the long history of Jewish life, the overwhelming "winner" between the extremes of asceticism and indulgence has been the latter, but there remains, even to this day, a tiny portion of our People who have committed themselves to an almost monastic life.

Nazarites do not cut their hair and do not drink alcohol (remember Samson?), devoting their waking moments to the service of God and raising their spiritual awareness.

What struck me so intensely is the connection between piety and being able to let go – of people, of things, even of specific outcomes and our hopes and dreams. The message is clear: Our spiritual awareness, our ability to be attuned to the world around us, enables us to see the world profoundly differently. Without cultivating our ability to reframe our lives, we become trapped within them. And so, despite the sacrifices made in the name of developing a greater spiritual connection (ie. maintaining a certain perceived rigidity connected with Shabbat laws), we actually are granted a freedom to see the world more clearly and richly that far outweighs our sacrifices.

Each day of our lives we acquire all kinds of "baggage," bad and good. It is this baggage, this ballast, that most directly impacts our ability to raise our spiritual awareness. Much like a hotair balloon cannot lift to the heights above without releasing its ballast, we cannot hope to see the world from a "higher" perspective without letting go of what is holding us back. And yet, this is not just a pile of words – we can achieve a new perspective only by cultivating one and that means wanting to let go and experience a view from a new place. It is simple arithmetic:

When we give up some of what weighs us down, we change a little of who we are... hopefully, for the better.

Judaism believes in the constant and never-ending act of improving oneself (think of the many confessionals, especially the many associated with the High Holy Days). Being a Jew means to struggle with oneself and with our relationship with that which is greater than ourselves.

Sometimes, more often than we would like to admit, we are best served by embracing a new view of ourselves and our world. Within Judaism's appreciation of life's abundance, we bring blessings into this world by honoring what is true and letting go of that which is not. It is just that simple.

May you find yourself at peace as you let go of all that binds you and may your vision soar with your spirit as you open yourself up to all that is possible.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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Message Cards

Carl & Beth Apter: *Congratulations to* **Dr. Harry & Sarah Chaikin** on the birth of their granddaughter. *Congratulations to* **Betty Chaikin** on the birth of her great-granddaughter.

Prayerbook Dedication

A dedication has been purchased by **Judith Blum, Max & Brittney Crawford** *in honor of* Bernie Cohen's 90th birthday.

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

Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

The Ministry of Special Cases by Nathan Englander

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul – Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Our 2012-2013 Fiscal Year is coming to a close, and I thank you for your generosity this past year. Be on the lookout for our annual membership dues invoice which will be mailed to you in early June for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. I'm happy to tell you that there will be no increase in the cost of dues this year.

Lill Shender
Treasurer

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Sheila Feder *in memory of* her daughter, Alexandra B. Feiertag.

Ida Levin *in memory of* her father-in-law, Herman Levin.

Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Joan's grandparents, Anna & Philip Goldberg.

Dr. Warren Heymann & Dr. Rhonda Schnur *in memory of* Warren's brother, Andrew Heymann.

Dr. Robert Schwab *in memory of* his mother, Sophie Schwab.

HELP

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

Simchas

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1 .....Arlene Waronker, Dr. Howard Waronker
2 .....Albert Dragon
4 .....Andrea Abramowitz
6 .....Meryl Elfant
8 .....Sarah K. Chaikin, Dr. Jeffrey Delson
10.....Dr. Martin Millison
13 .....Cheryl Guterman
15.....Sheila Cohen
16 .....Leslie Tuerk
19.....Dr. Martin N. Freedman
20.....Donald Hoffrichter
21 .....Jody H. Caplan
23.....Ronald L. Shender
27.....Ronald P. Massanova, Carol Serotta

ANNIVERSARIES

5.....Jonathan S. & Jody H. Caplan
8.....Dr. Martin & Linda Millison
9.....Ronald L. & Susan Panitch
10 .....Bruce & Dolores Bortner
13.....Bernard & Norma Gittelman
14.....Sidney & Shirley Morgan
17 .....Jack & Rosalie Lieberman
18....Dr. Harry L. & Sarah K. Chaikin, Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern
20.....Marvin & Meryl Elfant
23 .....Michael M. & Susan K. Axler
24.....Drs. Robert A. & Roberta Ball
25.....Albert & Barbara Dragon
26 .....Allan & Andrea Abramowitz
29 .....Harvey & Karen Fern

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For May

Friday, May 3 – **Howard & Janis Rosenberg** *in memory of* Janis's father, Henry Miller.

Friday, May 10 – **Betty Chaikin** *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Katie Chaikin.

Saturday, May 11 – **Albert & Barbara Dragon** *in memory of* Barbara's grandmother, Leah Lonsky, and her aunt, Sophie Lonsky.

Friday, May 17 – **Janis Murphy** *in memory of* her son, Andrew Milstein Murphy;

Howard & Janis Rosenberg *in memory of* Howard's father, Louis Rosenberg.

Friday, May 24 – **Carol Dranoff** *in honor of* Rabbi Fox;

Stephen & Jamie Satz *in memory of* Steve's father, Joseph Satz.

Friday, May 31 – **Jerald & Sheila Cohen** *in memory of* Jerald's mother, Vera B. Cohen;

Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of* Beth's father, Milton Cohen.

New Prayer Book Dedication

We are offering you a chance to purchase a memorial/honorarium plaque to be placed in our new prayer books (inside front cover) for only $36. We have only 30 books remaining for dedication, so call the office at 609-266-0403 and make your wishes known.

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Have you noticed the beautiful floral arrangements on our Bima that change with the seasons? Well, we have **Roz Lieberman** to thank for her original and creative masterpieces. These pieces of art are all original design and won't be found anywhere but here in our own Temple.

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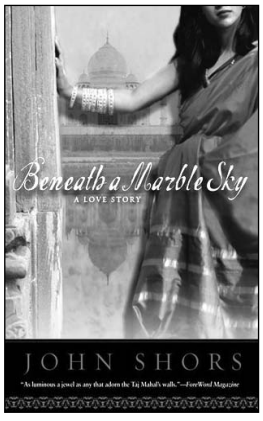
BOOK CLUB



The next book club will meet

Monday, June 17, 1 p.m.

to review

Beneath A Marble Sky

by **John Shors**.

The club will gather at the home of
Maryanne Miller
The Cloisters #3304
4800 Harbor Beach Blvd.

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

June Yahrzeits

6/1 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Ed's father, Morris Rubin
6/3 Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch *in memory of* Fran's father, Nathan Dratch
Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Barbara's uncle, Morris Lonsky
Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of* Linda's aunt, Vivian Rabineau
6/4 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Judy's mother, Sarah Lam Linberg
6/5 Ronald & Susan Panitch *in memory of* Susan's mother, Rose Davis
6/6 Norton & Gloria Freedman *in memory of* Gloria's mother, Minnie Kuperstein
Helen Spinrad *in memory of* her husband, Milton Lapayowker
6/7 Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of* Jerald's mother, Vera B. Cohen
Stanley & Judith Levick *in memory of* Stanley's mother, Mary Levick
6/8 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Al's father, Samuel Dragon
Cary & Trudy Durant *in memory of* Trudy's sister, Ellen Frunzi
Ronald & Susan Panitch *in memory of* Ron's father, Max Panitch
William Richmond
6/9 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of* Rhoda's mother, Esther Boyer Altaker
Saul & Nancy Grossman *in memory of* Saul's mother, Lena Grossman
Linda Hahn *in memory of* her father-in-law, Isidor Hahn
6/11 Ida Levin *in memory of* her father-in-law, Herman Levin
6/12 Dr. Barry & Barbara Glaser *in memory of* Barbara's mother, Geraldine Field
Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Aaron's mother, Sylvia Grossman
Irene Siegel *in memory of* her father-in-law, Ben Siegel
Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein *in memory of* Steve's father, Irving Weinstein
6/13 Bruce & Dolores Bortner *in memory of* Bruce's mother, Henrietta Bortner
Lawrence & Karen Metzger *in memory of* Lawrence's mother, Bertha S.Metzger
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* their aunt, Selma Orner
Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of* Eileen's father, Morris Rogovin
6/15 Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein *in memory of* Steve's step-father, Samuel Rosenblatt
Howard & Debbie Schlesinger *in memory of* Howard's grandmother, Emma Schlesinger
6/16 Barry & Ellen Savitz *in memory of* Ellen's mother, Miriam Kaplan
6/17 Bernie Cohen *in memory of* his brother, Daniel Cohen
Martha Cohen *in memory of* her brother-in-law, Daniel Cohen
Stephen & Jamie Satz *in memory of* Jamie's mother, Ida Kessel
6/19 Jacqueline & Fred Fabel *in memory of* Fred's mother, Ruth Fabel
6/20 Jack & Rosalie Lieberman *in memory of* Jack's mother, Ida Lieberman
Irene Siegel *in memory of* her husband, Marvin Siegel
Alan Simon *in memory of* his father, Paul Simon
Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of* their niece, Karen Sprintz
6/21 Saul & Sheila Feder *in memory of* Sheila's daughter, Alexandra B. Feiertag
Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Aaron's brother, Dr. Leon Grossman
Irving Semel
6/24 Dr. Robert Schwab *in memory of* his mother, Sophie Schwab
6/25 Dr. Warren Heymann & Dr. Rhonda Schnur *in memory of* Warren's brother, Andrew Heymann
6/26 Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of* Josh's father, Sidney Shapiro
6/27 Bernard & Norma Gittelman *in memory of* Norma's mother, Sonia Cohen
Howard & Debbie Schlesinger *in memory of* Howard's grandfather, Sol Schlesinger
6/28 Neil Goldfarb *in memory of* his mother, Norma Goldfarb
Sue Goldstein *in memory of* her father, George Lipson
6/30 Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of* their father, Dr. Leonard Coplein
Ellie Risso *in memory of* her friend, Harry Fishman
Linda Hahn *in memory of* her father, B. Max Klevit

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

If you would like to be one of our monthly "persons of interest," we'd love to hear from you right now! Call Betty at 266-8801.

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

If anyone has an unoccupied rental property in Brigantine, there are families who have been displaced by Superstorm Sandy looking for rental housing. Please call me if you have a property available, and I will pass along your information to the proper committee.

Thanks,

Gloria Jacoby

Steering Committee, BrigStrong, **609-266-3004**

GO GREEN!

Save trees, energy, and postage. Just email office@seashul.org to request that your **Temple Beth Shalom newsletter**, and other notices and reminders be sent by email. Do it for the planet, do it to save postage, do it for a mitzvah!

Children's BINGO Returns

Our long-standing summer tradition of hosting Bingo for the kids will kick off on Thursday, July 11, and will continue for seven Thursday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. until August 22.
The 2013 season is made possible because of the extremely generous donation from Dr. Frank Kern to cover the expenses, and because Jamie Satz has once more graciously agreed to MC the program. Jamie is fantastic with the children, but she needs assistance.
Call the office to volunteer!!!
It will make your heart happy.

Simply Shirley . . .

Welcome to my fellow readers

Our book club met on May 20 at 1 p.m. and the book we discussed was "The Monuments Men" by Robert Edsel. Our very gracious hostess was Betty Chaikin who once again served wonderful goodies for all to share. This was a very interesting book since it is a true story which is still actually going on. Many items are currently being discovered and, hopefully, being returned to their rightful homes.

Our next book club will meet on Monday, June 17 at 1 p.m. at the home of Maryanne Miller. The book to be discussed is "Beneath A Marble Sky." by John Shors.

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

The Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner was just a fabulous night to remember. Lill, Ron, Karen, Beth and Mina along with a group of helpers are to be given a round of applause for the wonderful dinner which they created. The food was really great and the attendance outstanding. All of the hard work which went into making this such a success is truly appreciated.

Until I write again,
Simply Shirley

Bring us your treasures, not your trash!

ANNUAL BAZAAR

Sunday, Aug. 18 • 9 a.m.

We are accepting good, clean merchandise. NO clothing, electronics or electrical gadgets (NO JUNK, PLEASE)
So go through your closets, kitchens, garages, jewelry boxes, etc. and bring them to the Temple 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Call the office at 609-266-0403 if you have any questions or need to make special arrangements.

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. 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, this has got to be the biggest bargain on the planet!

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

Chuckles

As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, 'You know what?
You have been with me all through the bad times.
When I got fired, you were there to support me.
When my business failed, you were there.
When I got shot, you were by my side.
When we lost the house, you stayed right here.
When my health started failing, you were still by my side…
You know what, Martha?'
'What dear?' she gently asked, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth.
'I'm beginning to think you're bad luck.'

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to all Temple Beth Shalom members
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