

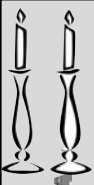
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Join our Jewish Community Shaliach (Israel Emissary) as he explains the dynamic Israeli political system; emphasis will be placed upon the important elections to be held on March 17.

Open to the public.

Refreshments will be served.

**Please help us be better hosts by RSVPing  
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## Condolences

*Deepest sympathy to Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva on the loss of Danny's mother, Sue Alva, who passed away January 29, 2015.*

## General Donations

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### For February

Friday, February 6 – **Tema Steele** *in memory of  
 her father, Moe Lurie;*

**Betty Chaikin** *in memory of her father-in-law,  
 Isador Chaikin.*

Friday, February 20 – **Betty Chaikin** *in memory  
 of her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mason  
 & Lillian Waronker;*

**Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker** *in memory  
 of Arlene's mother, Edith Rosenthal.*

Friday, February 27 – **Betty Chaikin** *in memory  
 of her sister, Helen Lipkin.*

## Simply Shirley . . .

*Welcome to all of my readers.*

On February 6th we were treated to a wonderful Tu B'Shevat Seder and Shabbat Dinner. First of all, the dinner was just wonderful, delicious and the presentation beautiful. Once again a big Thank You to Lill, Ron and Jack for cooking up a feast and also to the elves who always seem to come out and help. To the Rabbi, for putting this evening together, much appreciation. Yuval Shefi was our special guest speaker for the evening. The information he provided on his homeland, Israel, was most enlightening. Truly a very memorable night.

Our book club met on Monday, February 9 at the home of Arlene Waronker who, as always, was a wonderful hostess. The book we discussed was "Once We Were Brothers," which is truly a worthwhile book to read. This is a difficult book, which shows the best and worst of humanity during the Holocaust period.

Our next book club dates are: Monday, March 16. The book to be discussed is: "South of Broad" by Pat Conroy, hosted by Mary Anne Miller. Monday, April 13. The book to be discussed is: "The Girl on The Train" by Paula Hawkins, hosted by Lill and Ron Shender.

Please contact Shirley at 609-266-8599 or [ssmorgan3@verizon.net](mailto: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*

# Rabbi (continued from page 1)

Let me paint a picture:

A few years ago, I was walking through a city park (I believe in New York), and I was struck by the sudden sound of laughter. This was not the kind of laughter that one expects to hear in a park; namely, the high-pitched laughter of children punctuated by screeches and screams. Instead, I heard deep guffaws and hearty “ho-ho-hos” with a few rapidly delivered “he-he-hes.” I quickly turned my head back and forth to identify the source and I was shocked and amused to see more than a dozen or so adults laughing as a group. Some in the group were clearly overtaken by something that they found funny, but I noticed that there were a few “hold-outs” who seemed to be forcing the laughter out as if they were mandated to do so. And yet, as I watched them for the 30-45 seconds that it took to walk by and for their laughter to fade, I noticed that that was all the time it took for those “fake laughers” to be overtaken by the experience and to begin to succumb to the absurdity of it all. They could not stop laughing as broad smiles opened upon their faces like curtains being pulled back to uncover the true nature of things behind them. The wholesome joy of the moment, slightly stymied by my struggle to ignore the seeming oddness of the scene, eventually allowed me to take in the purely positive emotional experience of witnessing individuals in the act of healing themselves. And that impression has stayed with me.

In the Jewish month of *Adar*, we are commanded to be happy because our ancestors were spared as described in the narrative of Purim found in the Book of Esther (for those who have not read it carefully in the English in a while, I recommend it — it is a great read!). Not an easy task, especially if you are facing tough issues in your life or, even more so, if you are stuck believing that you will always be who you are.

I have come to a realization — slowly, at first, but now, more rapidly and more fully — that while everyday Jewish rituals and experiences are meant to nourish our lives with stability, the opposite is true of the Jewish holiday/year cycle; they are meant to uproot our stale thinking and to open spiritual windows to enable us to breathe fresh air.

And so it is with the month of *Adar* and the holiday of Purim. Let’s force a smile and bellow out a cackle or two or even offer a few strained chortles or chuckles. We just might find that the joy we allow within ourselves will create a chain reaction of elation that will cause others to echo our naked happiness.

After all, should we not be happy with the essence of our selves . . . ? Just think: Others were overjoyed at our arrival in this Life, so who are we to challenge our elders’ wisdom?

May we find our bliss and share it generously. And, in so doing, maybe we can stop telling the same jokes about the Rabbi. 😊 HAPPY PURIM!!

**Rabbi Gerald R. Fox**



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 .....Patricia Koutcher, Rosalyn Weinstein
- 9 .....Sandy Cogan
- 10 .....Michael B. Albert
- 11 .....Norma Gittelman
- 12 .....Stanton L. Levin, Dr. Eli W. Zucker
- 13 .....Marvin A. Waxman
- 15 .....David S. Horowitz
- 17 .....Faye Kahn
- 19 .....Jerald Cohen
- 20 .....Dr. Barry L. Glaser
- 23 .....Howard Serotta
- 25 .....Frances Goldstein
- 27 .....Bret Bergman
- 30 .....Sarah Fox

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 .....John & Lena Elzufon

## BOOK CLUB

The next book club will meet

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

to review

**“South of Broad”**

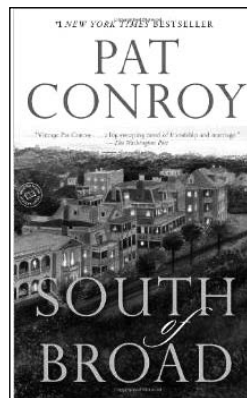
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**1 p.m.**

to review

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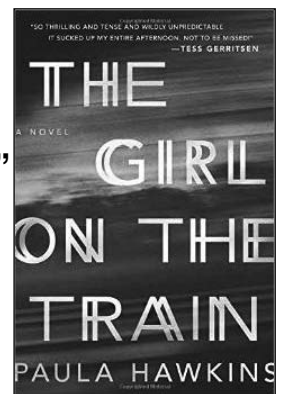
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## March Yahrzeits

- 3/1 Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of Milton's brother, George Berkes*  
Anita Erman *in memory of her husband, Dr. Jerome J. Erman*  
Hanna Leonard  
Betty Chaikin *in memory of her sister, Helen Lipkin*  
Gerald Pepper *in memory of his father, George Pepper*
- 3/3 Edmond Hyrum Nelson
- 3/4 Beverly Rosendorf & Erika Brooks *in memory of Beverly's uncle & Erika's grandfather, Norman Kaye*  
Robert & Eileen Linzner *in memory of Robert's mother, Jeannette Linzner, and their friend, Laila Orr*
- 3/5 Joel & Stephanie Miller *in memory of Joel's grandfather, Harold Adler*  
Judge Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane *in memory of Sandra's grandfather, Louis Levin*
- 3/6 Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of Milton's mother, Rose Berkes*  
Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of Cheryl's mother, Lillian Brownstein*
- 3/8 Ronald & Shelley Miller *in memory of Ron's father, Murray Miller*  
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Sid's aunt, Anne Morgan*  
Terry Horowitz *in memory of her mother, Elinore Scher*  
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of Harriet's mother, Faye Singer*  
Leslie & Susan Tuerk *in memory of Leslie's father, Stanley H. Tuerk*
- 3/9 Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of Mina's mother, Anne Braverman*  
Harry Labkow  
Nancy Gordon *in memory of her mother, Julia Louise Manheimer*  
Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Sid's mother, Laura Morgan*
- 3/10 Ronald & Shelley Miller *in memory of Ron's mother, Lola Miller*  
Gregory & Bella Royzman *in memory of Bella's father, Gersh Sapozhnikov*
- 3/11 Jerald & Sheila Cohen and Martha Cohen *in memory of Jerry's grandmother & Martha's mother-in-law, Rose Cohen*  
Lilyan Cralle *in memory of her mother, Judith Plaskow Fireman*  
Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of their grandfather, Percy Gomberg*
- 3/12 Vera Getz *in memory of her father-in-law, Nathan Getz*  
Barbara Pearlman *in memory of her brother, Herbert Salus*  
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of Harriet's father, Sidney Singer*
- 3/13 John & Lena Elzufon *in memory of John's mother, Muriel Elzufon*  
Susan Mintz *in memory of her husband, Jeffrey A. Mintz*  
Stephen & Jamie Satz *in memory of Steve's brother, Elliott Satz*  
Dorothy Swartz
- 3/14 Joel & Stephanie Miller *in memory of Joel's uncle, Alfred Adler*  
Vera Getz *in memory of her husband, Solomon Getz*
- 3/14 Joseph Goldstein  
Dr. Joseph Hassman *in memory of his uncle, Robert Magalnick*
- 3/15 Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch *in memory of Barry's grandmother, Fanny Denbow*  
Jack Lieberman *in memory of his son-in-law, Jonathan Friedman*
- 3/16 Natalie Solomon *in memory of her mother, Muriel Samuelson Schenker*  
Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of Norma's sister, Joan Weiss*
- 3/17 Betty Chaikin *in memory of her father, Harry Schindler*
- 3/18 Carol Dranoff *in memory of her father, Max Epstein*  
Bret Bergman *in memory of his grandmother, Jean Wiener*
- 3/19 Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of Carl's mother, Molly Apter*  
Jacqueline Fabel *in memory of her nephew, Jeffrey Bilk*  
Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of her grandmother, Lillian Blum*  
Stephen & Eileen Engber *in memory of Stephen's mother, Anna Engber*
- 3/20 Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball *in memory of Bob's mother, Anna Ball*  
Dr. Joseph Hassman *in memory of his mother-in-law, Esther Davis*
- 3/21 Lawrence & Karen Metzger *in memory of Lawrence's father, Eli Metzger*
- 3/23 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Debra's mother, Saundria Nager*
- 3/24 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*
- 3/25 Jacqueline Fabel *in memory of her grandmother, Rebecca Cantor*  
Larry Goldberg *in memory of his father, Jack Goldberg*  
Joel & Stephanie Miller *in memory of Stephanie's grandmother, Rose Sulkin Holober*
- 3/26 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Debra's grandmother, Bella Hoffman*  
Gerald Pepper *in memory of his wife, Barbara Pepper*  
Joel & Stephanie Miller *in memory of Stephanie's grandmother, Dr. Bertha Segal*  
John Spinrad *in memory of his mother, Darcy Spinrad*
- 3/28 Susan Orloff *in memory of her grandmother, Yetta Levin*  
Morty & Harriet Liss *in memory of Morty's father, David Liss*
- 3/29 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*
- 3/30 Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of Diane's father, Max Lefkowitz*  
Howard & Debbie Schlesinger *in memory of Howard's father, Herbert Schlesinger*

## Lighthouse Players present "Rumors"

The community theater of Brigantine, known as the Brigantine Lighthouse Players, will be putting on another great hit play "Rumors," a sophisticated comedy by Neil Simon. One of TBS's own, Jamie Satz, is one of the talented actors! Performances will be held at the Community Presbyterian Church, 1501 W. Brigantine Avenue:



**Fridays & Saturdays, April 17 & 18 and  
April 24 & 25 at 8 p.m.  
Sundays, April 19 & 26 at 2 p.m.**

Buy your tickets in advance at Bloomingsales Gift and Flower Shop, Harbor Beach Blvd. Town Square - \$15, or \$20 at the door.

*See you at the show!*

## Sharing the Joy of Purim

After most acknowledged traumas, there is a catharsis. For Jews, that catharsis often takes the form of a commemorative celebration that includes food! So it is with Purim. We all know at least the rough narrative of the Book of Esther underlying the celebration of Purim, namely that our ancestors were saved from a truly wicked man and his plans for the destruction of the Jews. What is less commonly known and practiced in non-Orthodox communities is the mitzvah of *Mishloach Manot* — the mutual sharing of food gifts, particularly festive ones, to commemorate the survival of the Jews in the story of Esther and the joyous festivities that occurred thereafter. Just as Jews recall and relive and reconsider the story of the Exodus during *Hag Pesach*, the holiday of Passover, we can participate in the joy of our People's survival by giving each other ready-to-enjoy tasty treats; doing so is an act of fellowship and bonding that reflects our strength as a People and our shared fate in the past, in the present, and in the future.

If giving *Mishloach Manot* is new to you, how much more so will your Purim celebration will be augmented by participating in this tradition?! It is not a hard task to complete and it brings one great happiness to know that you are bringing some unexpected frivolity and simple kindness into the life of another human being.

To help you along with this mitzvah, I have culled some ideas from a list created by Mara Strom and published two years ago on her website, [www.kosheronabudget.com](http://www.kosheronabudget.com) — please take a look at the list below for ideas or inspiration or both. After that, of course, I encourage you to visit her website for more interesting takes on Jewish living.

*Happy Adar and Happy Purim!*

**Rabbi Gerald R. Fox**

## No Shabbat Services

### Erev Pesach – Passover Eve

Temple Beth Shalom will NOT be holding our normal *Erev Shabbat* services on Friday evening, April 3, to allow everyone to observe the *mitzvah* of the Passover Seder with family and friends as we welcome the holiday in our homes.

We wish you all *ah zissen und ah kasher Pesach* – a sweet and kosher Passover!

#### **Please note:**

The office will be closed on the final two holy days of Passover, including Friday, April 10.

Passover Yizkor Services will be held on Shabbat, Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m. A kosher for Passover light kiddish lunch will be served.

### Rabbi Fox's 25 favorite *Mishloach Manot* ideas from "101 Mishloach Manot Ideas" by Mara Strom,

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[www.kosheronabudget.com](http://www.kosheronabudget.com):

1. Chips and Salsa (homemade)
2. Tea Time — [basket of teas and homemade baked goods]
3. S'mores Kits
4. Apples — apple juice, apple sauce, apple muffins, etc. ("you're the 'apple of my eye'")
5. Breakfast Bites — Homemade muffins and jam, bagels and cream cheese, etc.
6. Hot Chocolate in a Jar
7. Movie Night: Popcorn, candy, and soda, wrapped up in popcorn boxes
8. In Flight Delight — mini bag of peanuts, pretzels, bottle of water (or mini bottles of alcohol!)
9. Orange: "Orange you glad it's Purim" with all orange treats
10. Pizza Kit: ready-made crusts (or mini crusts), homemade sauce, grated cheese, etc.
11. Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Cracker Jacks, Peanuts, Cotton Candy, etc. (wrapped up in a baseball cap)
12. Rainbow: One food for each color of the rainbow
13. Prescription Purim: small medicine-style bottles or weekly pill boxes filled with various candies and treats (with "Rx Purim" labels)
14. Day at the Beach Summer snacks wrapped up in a plastic pail
15. Shabbat in a Bag: challah rolls, mini grape juice, chicken soup, etc.
16. Spice of Life: Spice tea, spice cake, oranges with cloves, cinnamon sticks, etc.
17. Kugel and cake



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## 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.

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**Mishloach Manot Ideas**

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18. Esther's Jewels: ring pop, candy necklace, etc., in a jewelry box or fancy gift bag
19. We're Bananas for You: banana bread, banana chips, banana-flavored taffy, etc.
20. Bread and Butter: homemade bread and spreads
21. How Your Garden Grows: mini-pots of mint (and/or other spices)
22. Pretzels: homemade pretzels with dipping sauces
23. Ray of Sunshine: All yellow treats
24. Health Nut: all healthy/organic snack
25. [Atlantic City]: 100 Grand Bar, gold coins, a mini deck of playing cards or dice, etc., wrapped up in a large martini glass (Haman gambled with our lives, but the "house" didn't let him win!)



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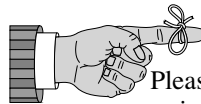
*Treasurer: Lillian H. Shender*

*1st Vice President: Ron Shender*

*2nd Vice President: Beth Apter*

*Recording Secretary: Jack Lieberman*

*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.

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