# MISHOCHEH

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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** 

May 11 • 10 a.m.

**Sunday Board Meeting** 

May 19 • 10 a.m.

# Our Light Dispels Darkness

RABBI'S COLUMN

By now, all of us have had time to digest the incredible devastation that we experienced recently – in one week, we saw suffering caused by seemingly disturbed adherents to the false god of "right by might" and another apparently caused by random factors associated with good people just doing their jobs. In one, the devastation wrought by a violent act seemed senselessly preventable



– a willing choice of adults who should (and once did) know better; the other, the devastation wrought by a violent act that seemed out of human control. Like most extreme situations, I believe that each event's backstory will one day come into clearer focus to yield a far more distorted truth.

Life is messy. In fact, it is far messier than often we are willing to admit. As human beings, we simultaneously crave both boundaries and boundlessness. We like a combination of rigidity and flexibility when it comes to living our daily lives. After all, we are an uneasy compact of both logic and emotion. We only need to look at our own evolving religious civilization to see this clearly: Judaism is rife with clarifications of our laws and traditions – for each rule there are many refinements and exceptions.

No matter what we do, however, we cannot escape our sense of despair when too many rules – human made or seemingly universal – are broken. We use rules to guide our thoughts, our decisions, our behavior. So, it is reasonable that we are deeply disturbed by an inability to find firm ground on which to stand. It is not uncommon for us to seek harmony in a world of variables and confusion. This is the source of our need to bring order to our lives. One might even venture to say that doing so brings Godliness into our lives. And yet, compassion, something that would call for a suspension or breaking of rules, is a most central aspect of our understanding of God's nature and something to be emulated.

That said, how do we face the violence in our lives or in the world in general without sinking into despair, without declaring human beings as evil, or the world as without redeeming value; how do we avoid cynicism and a hollow, jaded sadness? It is to see the world for what it is and not measure it only against our vision of what it

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# Coming

Wednesday, May 15
1st Day Shavuot
Office Closed

Thursday, May 16

2nd Day Shavuot/ Yizkor Service, 10 a.m.

Office Closed
Friday, May 24

Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day
Office Closed

Thursdays,

July 11 - August 22 Children's Bingo Season

Sunday, August 18
Annual
Bazaar



The "Birthday Boy," Bernie Cohen with Miss New Jersey 2013.



Donation of \$18/pp Reservations absolutely required by May 17!

followed by Services

# Condolences

To former member **Gerald Pepper** on the loss of his dear wife, **Barbara (Bobbi) Pepper**, who passed away March 17, 2013.

# Congratulations

To **Dr. Harry & Sarah Chaikin** *on the birth of* their granddaughter, **Fiona Rizzo**, born on March 20, 2013 to their daughter and son-in-law, **Hannah & Tony Rizzo**. *Mazel Tov and best wishes to* the whole family!

To **Betty Chaikin** *on the birth of* her great-granddaughter, **Fiona Rizzo**.

To **Irene Siegel** on the March 16th wedding of her grandson, **Brian Lazar to Tania**. *Mazel Tov and best wishes to* the happy couple!

# General Donations

**Lorraine & Burt Stolove** *in the blessed memory of* Bobbi Pepper.

**Irene Siegel** *in honor of* her grandson Brian Lazar's recent marriage to Tania.

**Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern** *in honor of* Bernie Cohen's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2023!

# Get Well

Bernie Cohen, Fred Fabel, Roz Lieberman, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)

# Message Cards

Sid & Shirley Morgan: Congratulations to Dr. Harry & Sarah Chaikin on the birth of their granddaughter.

Congratulations to Betty Chaikin on the birth of her great-granddaughter.

Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Bernie Cohen.

**Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby:** Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Bernie Cohen.

Happy Birthday wishes to Jackie Fabel.

# Welcome New Member

Irene Brodsky of Brigantine



# Len Coplein Library

We have several new additions in our library. You are invited to browse through the library in the office during the week between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Anything you want to know about Jewish religion, customs, humor, travel, etc. is available. Take advantage of our FREE library!

# Yahrzeit Donations

Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker *in memory of*Howard's mother, Fay Waronker;
and Arlene's father. Max Glaberson.

Barbara Pearlman *in memory of* her mother, Therese Salus; and her husband, David Pearlman.

Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of* Larry's father, Edwin Hatoff.

Howard & Carol Serotta *in memory of* Carol's mother, Ceila Hecht.

Gale Hoffman *in memory of* her aunt, Virginia Goisman. Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of* her aunt, Jessica Frances Blum.

Estelle & David Silver *in memory of* Estelle's sister, Beverly Axman.

Howard & Janis Rosenberg *in memory of* Howard's mother, Seena Rosenberg.

Irene Siegel *in memory of* her husband, Marvin Siegel; her parents, Max & Rita Perlstein; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ben & Gertrude Siegel.

Beverlee Bearman Reiter *in memory of* her mother, Sylvia Bearman.

Norton & Gloria Freedman *in memory of* Gloria's mother, Minnie Kuperstein.

Dr. Burton & Ruth Weiss *in memory of* Burton's mother, Pauline Weiss.

Lillian & Ronald Shender *in memory of* Lill's mother, Evelyn Harrison.

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

# 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.

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Gloria Jacoby

Steering Committee, BrigStrong 609-266-3004

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#### **BIRTHDAYS**

IDr. Roberta Ball	15Barry Cogar
10Bruce Bortner	21Dr. Warren Heymann,
13Carol Dranoff	Dr. Rhonda Schnu
Dr. Robert Schwab	27Lilyan Cralle
14Barbara Glaser,	
Mina Kramer,	
Howard Schlesinger	

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

3	Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova
	Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva
	Howard & Carol Serotta
31	Carl & Beth Apter

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# Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

#### For March

<u>Friday, March 29</u> – **Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball** *in memory of* Bob's father, Simon Ball.

### For April

<u>Friday, April 5</u> – **Jerald & Sheila Cohen** *in honor of* their father, Bernie Cohen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

<u>Friday, April 12</u> – **Judith Blum-Crawford** *in memory of* her aunt, Jessica Frances Blum;

**Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball** *in memory of* Roberta's father, Fred P. Robin.

Saturday, April 13 – Carl & Beth Apter in memory of Carl's parents, Robert & Molly Apter, and Beth's cousins, Leah Cutler and Toby Coleman.

<u>Friday, April 19</u> – **Sean & Shelley Kardon** *in memory of* Shelley's mother, Natalie Lock;

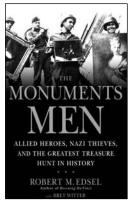
**Linda Hahn** in memory of her mother, Sylvia Klevit.

<u>Friday, April 26</u> – Lillian & Ronald Shender *in memory of* Lill's mother, Evelyn Harrison.

# **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 31 books remaining for dedication, so call the office at 609-266-0403 and make your wishes known.

# **BOOK CLUB**



The next book club will meet

Monday, May 20, 1 p.m.

to review

# The Monuments Men

by **Robert Edsel**.

The club will gather at the home of **Betty Chaikin** 

56 Ocean Drive West

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

# May Yahrzeits

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- 5/2 Henry & Janis Garson *in memory of* Janis's mother, Lenora Goldstein
- 5/3 Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of* Lill's mother, Evelyn Harrison Howard & Janis Rosenberg *in memory of* Howard's mother, Seena Rosenberg
- John & Lena Elzufon in memory of Lena's brother, Jack S. Jacobs, MD Bertha Kanter
- 5/6 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* their uncle and aunt, Bernard and Rosa Foster Amy Hammel *in memory of* her mother, Rosalind Lutin
- 5/7 Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of* Shirley's mother, Gertrude Neumann
- 5/8 Lilyan Cralle in memory of her father-in-law, John Hutchinson Cralle Sr.
   Dr. Martin & Linda Millison in memory of Linda's mother, Ethel Raichlen
- 5/9 Linda Hahn *in memory of* her grandmother, Bertha Haufman David Horowitz *in memory of* his daughter, Leah Horowitz Ronald & Susan Panitch *in memory of* Susan's father, Irving Wallin
- 5/10 Seymour & Norma Trachtman *in memory of* Norma's mother, Elsie Freidberg
  Howard & Janis Rosenberg *in memory of* Janis's father,
  Henry Miller
  Barbara Pearlman *in memory of* her husband,
  David Pearlman
- 5/12 Alan Simon in memory of his wife, Carol Simon
- 5/13 Stephen & Eileen Engber in memory of Eileen's father,
   Norman Greenspun
   Dr. Burton & Ruth Weiss in memory of Burton's mother,
   Pauline Weiss
- 5/14 Benjamin Zuckerman
- 5/15 Stanley & Judith Levick *in memory of* Judith's father, Arthur Goldman Irene Siegel *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Gertrude Siegel
- 5/16 Fannie Labkow
- 5/17 Betty Chaikin *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Katie Chaikin Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Joan's grandmother, Anna Goldberg
- 5/18 Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva in memory of Eileen's mother, Matilda Keiser Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of Barbara's aunt, Sophie Lonsky Janis Murphy in memory of her son, Andrew Milstein Murphy Howard & Janis Rosenberg in memory of Howard's father, Louis Rosenberg
- 5/19 Debbie & Gail Coplein *in memory of* their grandfather, Harry Coplein
- 5/20 Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of* Phyllis's father, Herman Gould
- 5/21 Theresa Hanish
- 5/22 Monroe "Hank" Hanish Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of* Seymour's mother, Hannah Katz

- Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Barbara's grandmother, Leah Lonsky
  Marvin & Diane Waxman *in memory of* Diane's father,
  Phillip Rose
- 5/23 Susan & Leslie Tuerk *in memory of* Susan's father, William Taylor
- 5/24 Leo Harris Howard & Myrna Levin *in memory of* Howard's mother, Rose Levin
- 5/27 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon in memory of Ronald's mother, Selma Bermon Gerald Pepper in memory of his brother-in-law, Elliott J. Rosman Stephen & Jamie Satz in memory of Steve's father, Joseph
- 5/28 Lillian Schlessinger Philip Segal
- 5/29 Joseph Besse in memory of his grandmother, Sylvia Mesraue
- 5/30 Mark & Pearl Erdman *in memory of* Pearl's father, Samuel Blady
  - Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker *in memory of* Arlene's father, Max Glaberson
  - Vera Getz in memory of her mother, Shirley Greenberg
- 5/31 David & Estelle Silver in memory of Estelle's father, Samuel Waltzer

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could be (or should be). I am not suggesting that we abandon our vision of a better world but I am suggesting that we need multiple methods to arrive at a true measure.

When we look at the world around us we see both chaos and order, both suffering and pleasantness, both ugliness and beauty. We must remember one truth: Life is created before it is received. When we make the decision that our participation is needed to make our own lives and even the whole world a better place, then we begin not only to heal our lives and our world but also ourselves. It is not a cliché to adhere to the belief that we are the agents of goodness in our world. It is a simple truth: When we do good, then the world is made more good.

Let us remember the evidence of the power of such faith and its reflection in acts of loving kindness (gemilut hasadim) in the world: Whenever there is a tragic event, there are those who rush toward the brokenness to contain it, to reduce it, to heal it. It is light that conquers darkness in our world and we should not forget that. How can we? Though it takes time, every night we are blessed with proof: Even our eyes adjust to the darkness to allow us to see the dimmest light. Light can never be conquered, only delayed.

May your eyes adjust to see the light in your life and in the world around you and may you be blessed with the strength to share that light with the world.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

# Children's

# B||(()) 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

The April book club met to discuss "The Aviator's Wife," which is a worthwhile story containing a history of Charles Lindburgh's life, both as the celebrated aviator as well as the very interesting person he was. Actually it is the story of his wife and her life with Charles. This was a very interesting book to read and made for a wonderful discussion at our book club.

Our next book club will be on May 20th at 1 p.m. and the book to be discussed is *The Monuments Men* by Robert Edsel.

Please know you are all welcome to join us. Please contact me at 609-266-8599 or ssmorgan3@verizon.net.

Spring weather has finally arrived! Be sure to take time to look at all the beautiful flowers and trees which have started to bloom.

Until I write again,
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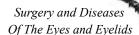
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