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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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

Saturday Services October 10, 2009 • 10 a.m. Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor (Followed by Kiddush luncheon)

Board Meeting Sunday, Nov. 15 • 10 a.m.



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Gather up your broken chains, your one earring, Aunt Minnie's old estate jewelry you never wear or would not want to wear, and donate them to Temple Beth Shalom.

We will sell them and give you up to 80% of their value with 20% going to the synagogue. Or, if you want, donate 100% of the proceeds to the shul. We will give you a tax donation form that you can use at tax time.

So get your picks and shovels and start digging!

Please take your goodies to the synagogue in an envelope or plastic bag marked with your name. We'll take it from there.

RABBI'S COLUMN

Resetting Your Spiritual Clock

As we envision OUR New Year and how we hope to live our lives moving forward, I have come to one central idea: There is no way to manage the expectations others place upon us other than to live our lives as best we can and then to speak up for who we are, for who we know we are. And doing that requires a clear mind and a nourished soul.

So how do we do these things? We clear our minds and nourish our souls through a discipline of thoughtful practice, which is most successful when we have a plan. Here is my list of nine ways to reset your spiritual clock:

Wake up with a prayer.

When you wake up in the morning, set the tone for your day – every day or even just once or twice a week – with a prayer. The one I'd suggest is the prayer we traditionally say upon waking up, in which we thank God for the complex functionings of our body. But don't just stop there – add in a word or two about your hopes for the day. There is nothing like a morning prayer to remind you that there is more to life than the minutiae in which we often find ourselves mired.

Allow yourself to laugh at something.

Whether it is a morning newspaper blown around your front porch or something silly we forget, laughing at the sometimes annoying details of our lives is a surefire way to gain control over them. And doing so doesn't hurt in setting you up for a much happier mood, as well!

Have a conversation with someone during which you just listen.

So much of our conversation with loved ones or even someone we just met is filled with the competition of sharing. Listening, really listening, is a central spiritual practice. When we listen to what someone has to say without interrupting them with our own story, we allow space for the person with whom we're speaking to share things that they would never had thought to share. "Attentive silence" is a great healer and becoming a spiritual person is also about healing – both you and those around you.

Have a cup of tea.

Tea, whether decaf, herbal, or otherwise, can help you slow things down. Our fast-paced world is often at odds with the contemplative nature of a well-considered (translation: spiritual) life. Making tea takes time and attention and usually draws your mind away from your seemingly overwhelming troubles. Try sharing a cup with a like-minded person for the added benefit of companionship.

Take a mini-vacation from your life.

It may sound odd, but it works: Close your eyes or just stare out a window and day dream. Imagining yourself being somewhere else twice a day, maybe more, will lower your heart rate and raise your spirits. There is no greater spiritual healing than that which comes from meditation or prayer, which usually works best in a new setting (real or imagined!).

Presidents' Column

L'Shanna Tova

What a glorious start to the New Year!

Our services this year were truly inspiring. Rabbi Fox and Rabbi LaPayover led our services to new heights. They were well attended and everyone seemed to be uplifted. They even ended at a reasonable time. Good job and thanks to everyone who participated!

Our thanks to Bernie Cohen who arranged our Breakthe-Fast this year at the American Legion Post. It went off without a hitch and was delicious. By the way, that beautiful white Ark curtain was donated by Bernie in memory of Morray Cohen, his dear departed wife.

Special thanks to the crew that set up our sukkah this year: Ron Shender, Mike Albert, Sid Morgan, Henry Jacoby and Marv Waxman. It was especially hard this year because of the high winds. Lots of sore muscles!

The Sukkot dinner was a success again this year. Good food, good friends, warm feelings – what else could you want? A couple more people maybe.... Again thanks to Ron Shender, Mina Kramer, the Morgans, the Goldenbergs and to everyone who graciously helped make this event a success.

Our special events committee is meeting this week to plan activities and events for the coming year. Stay tuned and if you want to help – call me!

As Rabbi mentioned during the High Holidays, Temple Beth Shalom is planning a trip to Israel sometime in mid-May 2010. Start saving and join us on this trip of a lifetime. It will be great! More info to come.

Thanks again to all,

Lill Shandar President

P.S. Just a friendly reminder to redeem your pledges as soon as possible.



Len Coplein Library

You are invited to browse through the library in the office. Anything you want to know about Judaism is available there. There are children's books, novels and information about Jewish holidays.

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Treat yourself to show you love you.

Try setting up a special treat for yourself every day that you know that you won't ever miss. This is your time, your gift to yourself, to use as you please. You could go on a 10-minute walk, stop by the library for 15 minutes, or just read a chapter or two of your favorite book. No matter what it is, make sure that it is a treat and not an indulgence – you want to recharge your batteries, not reinforce bad habits.

Do something for the fun of it.

Most of our day – working or retired – is spent doing things that either are or feel like obligations. Bring a little whimsy into your life – this is different from a treat in that this is without any goal in mind or specific redeeming value. Fun is just that – it is "down time" from our everyday lives.

Listen to music that moves you.

No matter the time of day or your mood, music can fundamentally change your outlook. In a world that is more often than not focused on entertainment that is video or computerdriven, our souls are even more thirsty for a drink of imagination. And you really can't beat the nourishment that your soul gets from music. If you aren't doing it already, just for fun, try listening to a song or two that you haven't heard for a long time. "Rinse and repeat" – the more you practice this activity (within reason), the more likely each day will find you more and more grounded and spiritually centered.

Take stock of your blessings at bedtime.

For most people, unfinished business is the biggest latenight, anxiety-producer. Instead of thinking about what you failed to complete that day, try thinking about how lucky you are to have the life you have. Being grateful – no matter what time of day, actually – is a great sedative and spiritual practice. After all, who wants to live a life that feels like it is without at least a few blessings?!

It is my blessing for you, each of you, that these spiritual practices (or some of your own) will enrich your life, clear your mind, and nourish your soul in the coming year. Remember: Changing your habits is not an overnight process, so don't assume you'll feel different immediately. In the end, slow and steady makes you ready . . . for anything!

May you find all the nourishment you need in the coming year and beyond!

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New Members

Jewish residents of Atlantic County are invited to join Temple Beth Shalom. If you are interested in joining a friendly synagogue where you will know everyone and everyone will know you, call 266-0403. Bring your friends—visitors welcome. Annual membership \$550/family, \$275/single.

TRIP TO ISRAEL

Start saving your shekkels and make plans to join us. We're going to Israel next May led by Rabbi Fox. It should be an awesome, rewarding excursion. Details to follow.

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

For September

- <u>Friday, September 4</u> **Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball** *in memory of* Roberta's mother, Evelyn Robin, who passed away August 13th and whose 91st birthday would have been today.
- <u>Friday, September 11</u> Lorraine & Burt Stolove in memory of Lorraine's father, Erwin Augenfeld.
- Saturday, September 12 Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman in memory of Joe's parents, Benjamin & Ethel Hassman.
- <u>Friday, September 18</u> Jack Greenberg in memory of his mother, Janet Greenberg;

Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern *in memory of* Frank's mother, Shirley Kern.

Friday, September 25 **Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin** *in memory of* Betty's sister, Ruth Bocour;

Jo-Ann & Ronald Massanova

in memory of Jo-Ann's mother, Rose Aufiero.



Thank you for helping us usher in the New Year in such a meaningful way. We wish Temple Beth Shalom a

great New Year and are happy if we can help make it happen.

Best to our Brigantine Shul community.

Jonathan & Jody Caplan & Family

Obituaries

Temple Beth Shalom mourns the passing, on Sept. 26, of **Sylvia Leibowitz**, former President and Bat Mitzvah recipient. She was a cornerstone of Temple Beth Shalom who gave of herself completely to help us grow. She was very talented and wrote jingles for every occasion. Sylvia was a very warm and



friendly person who volunteered her time and energy for every committee. We will feel her presence here forever.

Donations in memory of Sylvia can be made by sending a check payable to Temple Beth Shalom, for the Sylvia Leibowitz Memorial Fund. This fund will be used for the beautification of our synagogue.

Mildred Richmond passed away August 18 in California where she lived for many years. She was a fine lady who worked to develop Temple Beth Shalom from its very beginning in the 1970's.

Donations to The Sylvia Leibowitz Memorial Fund

Bernie Cohen, Jacqueline & Fred Fabel, Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby, Sidney & Shirley Morgan



Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

۱	Phyllis Berkes	14Anna Weinstein
2	Harriet Ackovitz	I6Betty Chaikin,
4Vera Getz, Barbara Pepper		Lillian Hassman
5	Ida Levin	17David W. Silver
6	Karen Dare	19Pearl Kaye,
9	Daniel-Paul Alva	Diane A. Waxman
10.	Larry Hatoff	28Les Cahn, Sidney Morgan
	Judge Sandra Mazer Moss	30Nancy K. Zucker

ANNIVERSARIES

4	Robert & Dr. Evlynne Harmon
6	Michael B. & Ćarol E. Albert
10	Sheila & Jerald Cohen
13	John M. & Beth A. Bacha
22	Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman
	Jacqueline & Fred Fabel

THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Founded in 1913 by Dr. Solomon Schechter as the Association of Conservative Synagogues in North America, the USCJ, through its numerous programs and publications, serves as a resource to its affiliated congregations and works to formulate a Conservative Jewish response to pressing social and religious issues. The United Synagogue, which works actively in the areas of educational programming and youth activities, also maintains an active presence in the State of Israel.

I Believe

I believe in the sun, Even when it is not shining. I believe in love Even when I am not feeling it. I believe in God

Even when God is silent.

(Found on the wall of a cellar in Cologne, where Jews hid from the Nazis.)

BOOK CLUB For book club information, call Lill Shender, 264-9347.

WWW. SEASHUL.ORG For Temple Information

Be sure to sign in to our website. It contains a wealth of information. Remember you can use PayPal to take advantage of this convenient method of payment for your dues, your donations or anything else.

October Yahrzeits

- 10/1 Ida Kessel in memory of her father, Louis Young
- 10/2 Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin *in memory of* Betty's sister, Ruth Bocour Rose Zeltser *in memory of* her husband, Ronald H. Zeltser Thelma Zuckerman *in memory of* her husband. Martin Zuckerman
- 10/3 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Ed's brother, Jeffrey Rubin
- 10/4 Natalie Fishman
- Bessie Holtzman
- 10/5 Earl & Doris Berger, Gale Hoffman & Philip Goisman *in memory* of Doris' mother, Gale's grandmother & Philip's friend, Janet Kerstetter

Seymour & Dorothy Katz in memory of Dorothy's father, Louis Perilstein

- 10/6 Edith Krimstock in memory of her mother, Minnie Kunis
- 10/7 Edward & Judith Rubin in memory of Judy's uncle, Nathan Bell Helen Spinrad & John Spinrad in memory of Helen's husband and John's father, Malcom Spinrad
- 10/8 David & Faye Kahn in memory of Faye's mother, Malka Mittelman Landau Gerald & Barbara Pepper in memory of Gerald's mother, Tillie
- Pepper-Blum 10/9 Henrietta Burke
- Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of* Fred's mother, Celia Paul 10/10 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* Leon's father, Julius Ackovitz
- Jacqueline & Fred Fabel *in memory of* Jackie's father, Emanuel Bilk
- John Spinrad *in memory of* his grandmother, Eve Frankel 10/12 Charlotte Sweet
- 10/13 Anita Erman *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Rosalie Erman Susan Mintz *in memory of* her father-in-law, Aaron Herbert Mintz Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* their uncle, Albert Orner
- 10/15 Helen Spinrad & Stewart Lapayowker in memory of Helen's mother and Stewart's grandmother, Mary Moskowitz

10/16 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of* Ron's father, Samuel Bermon

Bernie Cohen and Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of* Bernie's brother and Jerald & Sheila's uncle, Frank Cohen Martha Cohen *in memory of* her husband, Frank Cohen

Michael & Marcia Kurland in memory of Michael's father, Irving Kurland

Annieta Mann in memory of her mother, Virginia Shanack

- 10/17 Arnie & Lory Schuster *in memory of* Arnie's mother, Margot Schuster
- 10/18 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Albert's mother, Betty (Becky) Dragon
- 10/19 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of* Rhoda's sister, Marilyn (Mikki) Boyer



Gerald & Norma Wexler in memory of Gerald's mother, Ida Wexler

- 10/21 Bernard & Norma Gittelman *in memory of* Bernie's mother, Henrietta Gittelman
 - Milton & Phyllis Berkes in memory of Phyllis's mother, Mollie Gould
- 10/22 Annieta Mann in memory of her father, Leon Shanack
- 10/24 Ida Levin *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Fannie Levin Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of* Ron's mother, Leah Shender
- 10/25 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Joan's mother, Esther Broder Anna Leibowitz
- 10/26 Jacqueline & Fred Fabel in memory of Fred's father, Lewis Fabel Jack Segal
- 10/27 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of* Michael's father, Hyman Guterman
- 10/29 Mark & Pearl Erdman in memory of Mark's father, Nathaniel Erdman

Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of* Mitch's father, Harry Kramer Ida Levin *in memory of* her sister, Sara Rutberg

- 10/30 Ira & Toby Waller in memory of Ira's brother, Shep Waller
- 10/31 Bernie Cohen and Martha Cohen *in memory of* Bernie's father and Martha's father-in-law, Albert Cohen
 - Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of* Martin's brother, Carl Millison
 - Norman & Pearl Reiff in memory of their daughter, Jill Reiff

Yahrzeit Donations

Beverlee Bearman-Reiter in memory of her father, S. Sumner Bearman Evlynne & Robert Harmon in memory of Evlynne's mother, Betty Freed Norton & Gloria Freedman in memory of Norton's mother, Mollie Freedman Lorraine & Burt Stolove in memory of Lorraine's father, Erwin Augenfeld Susan Orloff in memory of her father, Maurice Orloff Dr. Martin & Linda Millison in memory of Martin's father, Harry Millison Jo-Ann & Ronald Massanova in memory of Jo-Ann's mother, Rose Aufiero Philip Goisman in memory of his grandmother, Fannie Goisman Seymour & Norma Trachtman in memory of Norma's father, Jacob Freidberg



Welcome New Members

Carl & Beth Apter of Brigantine and Gwynedd Valley, Pa. Michael & Susan Axler of Brigantine. Steven & Carol Dranoff of Philadelphia, Pa. and Brigantine.

Edward & Judith Rubin of Ambler, Pa. and Longport, N.J. They are friends of members Marvin & Diane Waxman.

Congratulations

Mazel Tov to Sandy & Barry Cogan on their grandson's recent Bar Mitzvah in Israel.

Mazel Tov to Marvin & Irene Siegel on the birth of their second great-grandson, Joseph Dillon.

Thank You

A great big thank you to **David Hassman** for donating a delicious box of challah bread. Our sincere thanks to **Marsha & Len Goldenberg** for

refinishing our Torah crowns and pointers. They look magnificent!

With gratitude to **Rosalie & Jack Lieberman** for donating the gorgeous fall flower arrangement on the bimah. We appreciate your generosity!

General Donations

Jamie & Steve Satz and the Kessel Family in memory of Tola Milestone. Ron & Shelley Miller in memory of Sandy Cogan's mother, Evelyn Rubinstein; and in honor of the Cogan's grandson's Bar Mitzvah.

Donald & Phyllis Hoffrichter.

Sidney & Shirley Morgan in memory of Evelyn Bernstein, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.Marvin & Irene Siegel in honor of the birth of their second great-grandson, Joseph Dillon.

Natalie & Howard Solomon.

Marvin & Diane Waxman as *thank you for* welcoming their daughter as a guest during Rosh Hashanah and *in appreciation for* their Alliyahs.

Get Well

Jack Cralle, Diane Hatoff, Pearl Kaye, Ida Kessel, Edith Krimstock, Howard Levin, Sari Levin, Moe Lurie, Shirley Schreiber, Marvin Siegel, Gerald Wexler, Norma Wexler, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender)



Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin in memory of Sylvia Leibowitz.

Uahrzeit Donations Continued

Rose Zeltser in memory of her husband, Ronald Zeltser Diane & Harvey Steiner in memory of their fathers, William Fabrizio & Benjamin Steiner, and their uncle. Abraham Motel Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman in memory of Joe's parents, Ethel & Benjamin Hassman Dr. Barry & Barbara Glaser in memory of Barry's sister, Flora Furman Thelma Zuckerman in memory of her husband. Martin Zuckerman Bernie Cohen in memory of his brother, Frank Cohen Estelle & David Silver in memory of Estelle's mother, Lillian Waltzer Pearl & Norman Kaye in memory of Pearl's father, Isadore Rosendorf Jerry & Sheila Cohen in memory of their uncle, Frank Cohen Ida Levin in memory of her mother-in-law, Fannie Levin, and her sister, Sarah Rutberg Martha Cohen in memory of her husband, Frank Cohen Stewart Lapavowker in memory of his father, Milton Lapayowker, grandmother, Mary Moskowitz, stepfather, Malcom Spinrad and grandfather, Manfred Lapayowker Jacqueline & Fred Fabel in memory of

Jackie's father, Emanuel Bilk

The Sukkah on Park Avenue



An observant Jew who lived on Park Avenue, built a Sukkah on his balcony. Some of his 'high society' non-Jewish neighbors brought him to court. They claimed that the Sukkah on his balcony was an eyesore and was having a negative impact on the value of their homes in this posh neighborhood.

In court, the man was very worried about the outcome. It was the eve of the eight-day holiday, leaving him no time to make alternative arrangements in case the judge ordered him to take down the Sukkah. He prayed for help. And Hashem listened.

Judge Ginsburg, who was Jewish himself, had a reputation of being a very wise man. After hearing both sides, he turned around to the observant Jew and scolded him: "Don't you realize that you live on Park Avenue, and not in Brooklyn?

There is a certain decorum which is expected on Park Avenue. You have no right to be putting up an ugly hut on this lovely street without a building permit authorizing it. I hereby rule that either you remove the hut, or I will fine you one thousand dollars. You have exactly eight days to do so! Next Case!"

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.

For only \$25 for a Friday night or \$100 for a Saturday luncheon, this has got to be the biggest bargain on the planet! Call Diane at 266-0403 and make your intentions known.





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Your donations in memory of loved ones, simchas, our Rabbi's 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.

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Kiddush Fund	Whatever you desire		