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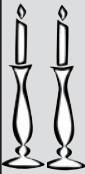
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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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SERVICES



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

Saturday Services

October 11, 2008 • 10 a.m.

(Followed by Kiddush luncheon
& Round Table Discussion)

Board Meeting

Sunday, October 12
at 10 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULE

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Kol Nidre6pm

YOM KIPPUR

Thursday, Oct. 9

Morning Service9:30am

Yizkor Service.....12pm

Mincha & Neilah4:30pm

Break-the-Fast7:30pm

at Elks Club - corner of Bayshore
& West Shore Drive

Annual Food Drive

\$20/person Donation

For Reservations call 266-0403

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Please bring canned goods & non-perishable food items when you attend Yom Kippur Services.

These items will be donated to the Jewish Family Service Food Bank. Your donations are gratefully

appreciated. Be as generous as possible as the need is great. Thank You!



RABBI'S COLUMN

Fragile and Strong

What is stronger than steel and weaker than paper? Sounds like a riddle, but it is a simple reflection I shared with someone in a recent pastoral visit. The answer is obvious: We are. Each of us can steel ourselves against the worst that Life has to offer and yet we can crumble very easily, under the right conditions. We view ourselves as an unrealistic mirage if we assume simply one or the other vision – that we are only strong or only weak. We are complex and our religious traditions recognize and celebrate this fact.

As the unmitigated joy of the New Year fades and even the ominously solemn tone of Yom Kippur becomes an echo in our psyche, what are we left with? What is the “take away” message for the coming year? Obviously, the details are different for each of us, but the long view is most definitely universal: Each of us must live better, embracing a more healthy, more full life than the year before. Judaism is not about stagnation, it is about transformation.

While Judaism expresses what we might call universal or eternal truths, our heritage uses and has always used the language of transformation. Whether it is Passover’s message of a people’s birth, Hanukkah’s message of rebirth, or Shavuot’s retelling of the Jewish People’s acceptance of God’s laws, to name just a few, Judaism speaks its religious language of transformation in constantly loud tones.

The *Yamim Noraim* (Days of Awe) reflect this metaphor in the most extreme and personal way. We perform a personal inventory during the preceding month of Elul and then experience the happiness of the New Year, which leads us into the direct engagement with God and with ourselves on Yom Kippur. Then what? We are stripped bare, exposing our

deficiencies and for what purpose? To feel uncomfortable? To give God a chuckle? To keep us under God’s “thumb?” No.

To allow us to make brand new choices in who we will be from that moment forward.

Our tradition reminds us at this time of year that, while God is above us in the “food chain,” we are responsible for ourselves. We are directed to make that overarching decision to move forward with our lives – to shed our lives of pettiness, to excise from our mind the illness of foul-thinking, to work toward a real understanding of our fellow, *to grow into ourselves* – in order to move our spirit to a higher place (to borrow from *Chasidische* theology). This “higher place” is a way of living, a way of being a Jew and a human being, that requires all of the best we have to offer and promises the same.

What is inherent in our heritage’s *Yamim Noraim* promise is that each of us will benefit from seeing the world differently and from living in it cannot predict who will meet with tragedy (or what kind of tragedy – small or large) in the coming year, but we can constantly manage and adjust to what Life has to offer us. In the end, we have only one life and one world in which we can live; we must live in the present and live wholly and well. The time is now and the choice is up to you.

I offer you now my blessing for the *Yamim Noraim*: May your journey be uplifting and bring you to the life of which you feel you can only dream.

*G'mar Hatima Tovah and
Hag Sameach (for Sukkot),*

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



October Happenings!!!

Tuesday, October 14

1st Day of Sukkot – OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, October 15

2nd Day of Sukkot – OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, October 17

First Shabbat Dinner of 5769 • 6 p.m.

Join your friends for a full-course delicious dinner in our festive, beautiful Sukkah.

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Tuesday, October 21

Shemini Atzeret

Yiskor Service – OFFICE CLOSED

Services 10 a.m. – Light lunch to follow

Wednesday, October 22

Simchat Torah – OFFICE CLOSED

Presidents' Column

Oy Vey! Hurricanes Hanna and Ike! The volatility of Wall Street...it's down...it's up. Oil...it's down...it's up. Get my drift?

Let's all stop and take some really deep breaths and welcome in the New Year.

Yes, our lives are stressful. It seems that everyone wants something from us whether it be money, time etc. Everyone wants a piece of us.

Now is the time to step back...reflect...think about how we can simplify our lives, re-energize ourselves so that we will be able to face this brand New Year. Too many people depend on us. We cannot afford to pull the covers over our heads and give up.

So as they say in the Marines, "Suck it up." We can and we will force change so our lives, our Temple, our Country can once again be the best place on Earth.

L'Shana Tova!

Lill Shender, President

Save the Date

Tuesday, Nov. 25
Brigantine Interfaith
Community Service

Join the Brigantine community for services and refreshments. All are welcome.

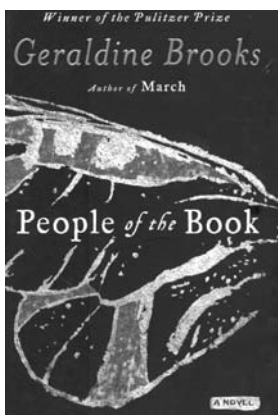
More to come.

Children's Bingo

was a great success for Temple Beth Shalom and the Brigantine children. Our heartfelt thanks to Jamie and Steve Satz and their crew for a job well done.



Book Club



We are forming a book club to occupy your spare time this winter. Chairman Cheryl Guterman has chosen "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks as our first selection. This book, inspired by a true story, is at once a novel of sweeping historical grandeur and intimate emotional intensity, an ambitious,

electrifying work by an acclaimed and beloved author. The book review will be followed by coffee and cake. If interested, call our office, 266-0403. More to follow.

Many thanks to

Rabbi Gerald & Sarah Fox
for sponsoring our beautiful
Rosh Hashanah Oneg.



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You are invited to browse through the library in the office. Anything you want to know about Judaism is available there. Don't just listen to me...investigate this great opportunity.

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Having the feeling you've seen the same exasperated look on your mother's face, but not knowing exactly when.

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Simchas

Oct.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1...Phyllis Berkes, Harriet Liss	16.....Betty Chaikin,
2.....Harriet Ackovitz	Lillian Hassman
4..Vera Getz, Barbara Pepper	17.....David W. Silver
6.....Karen Dare	19.....Pearl Kaye,
9.....Daniel-Paul Alva	Diane A. Waxman
10.....Larry Hatoff	28.....Les Cahn, Gerald Etter,
Judge Sandra Mazer Moss	Sidney Morgan
14.....Anna Weinstein	30.....Nancy K. Zucker
15.....Michael Kurland	

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Yahrzeit Donations

Lillian Froom *in memory of her sister-in-law, Tina Tolk*
Norma & Seymour Trachtman *in memory of Norma's father, Jacob Freidberg*

Dr. Robert Schwab *in memory of his father, Irving Schwab*

Dr. Martin & Tina Freedman *in memory of Tina's father, Solomon Ribowsky*

Sue E. Goldstein *in memory of her mother, Evelyn Lipson*

Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Debra's father, Simon Nager*

Brenda Sacks *in memory of her mother, Matilda Altschuler and her daughter, Ina Gordon*

Norman & Pearl Kaye *in memory of Pearl's father, Isadore Rosendorf*

Beverlee Bearman-Reiter *in memory of her father, S. Sumner Bearman*

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

Linda Hahn *in memory of her brother, Dr. Harvey Klevit*

Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman *in memory of Joseph's father, Benjamin Flassman*

Saul & Nancy Grossman *in memory of Saul's father, Samuel Grossman*

Harvey & Diane Steiner *in memory of their fathers, Benjamin Steiner and William Fabrizio, and their uncle, Abraham Motel*

Lorraine & Burton Stolove *in memory of Lorraine's father, Erwin Augenfeld*

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

For August

Saturday, Aug. 9 **Barry & Sandy Cogan**

in honor of their children's visit from Israel and their 44th Wedding Anniversary.

For September

Friday, Sept. 5 **Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin**

in memory of Betty's mother, Belle Schindler and Betty's sister, Esther Epstein;

Karen Sederholm *in memory of her mother, Harriet Sederholm.*

Friday, Sept. 12 **Brenda Sacks** *in memory of her mother, Matilda Altschuler and her daughter, Ina Gordon.*

Saturday, Sept. 13 **Dr. Frank & Sarah Kern**

in memory of Sarah's mother, Sylvia Mandy.

Friday, Sept. 19 **Bernie & Norma Gittelman** *in memory of Bernie's father, Major Gittelman.*

Friday, Sept. 26 **Jack Greenberg**

in memory of his mother, Janet Greenberg;

Jamie & Steve Satz *in memory of Jamie's father, Joseph Kessel;*

Lorraine & Burt Stolove *in memory of Lorraine's father, Erwin Augenfeld.*

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.

Congratulations

To **Thelma Zuckerman** *on the birth of her 6th great-grandchild, Maxwell James Zuckerman. He was born on August 18, 2008 and weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. Mazel Tov!*

General Donations

Thelma Zuckerman *in honor of the birth of her 6th great-grandchild, Maxwell James.*

Norman & Donna Shapiro *as a thank you for allowing their family to feel at home during their vacation in Brigantine.*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

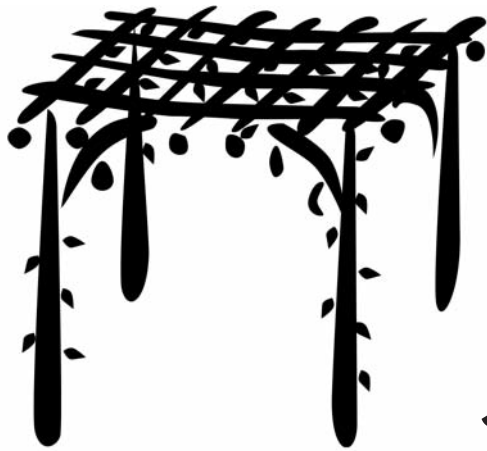
Janis Murphy

Get Well

Milton Berkes, Pearl Kaye, Andrew Schneider (brother of Stolove's daughter-in-law), Lorraine Stolove, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender), Dr. Eli Zucker, Jennifer Zuckerman

October Jahrzeits

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|-------|--|-------|---|
| 10/1 | Beverlee Bearman Reiter <i>in memory of</i> her father,
S. Sumner Bearman
David W. & Estelle Silver <i>in memory of</i> Estelle's
mother, Lilian Waltzer | | Norman N. & Pearl Kaye <i>in memory of</i> their cousin,
Virginia Shanack |
| 10/2 | Helen Spinrad <i>in memory of</i> her sister, Lorraine
Moskowitz | 10/18 | Helen Spinrad <i>in memory of</i> her husband,
Malcom Spinrad
John Spinrad <i>in memory of</i> his father,
Malcom Spinrad |
| 10/4 | Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern <i>in memory of</i> Frank's
mother, Shirley Kern
Sylvia Leibowitz <i>in memory of</i> her husband,
Seymour Leibowitz | 10/19 | David & Faye Kahn <i>in memory of</i> Faye's mother,
Malka Mittelman Landau
Gerald & Barbara Pepper <i>in memory of</i> Gerald's
mother, Tillie Pepper-Blum |
| 10/5 | Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman <i>in memory of</i>
Joseph's mother, Ethel Hassman
Dr. Eli W. & Nancy K. Zucker <i>in memory of</i> Eli's
mother, Minnie Zucker | 10/20 | <i>In memory of</i> Henrietta Burke
Fred & Marlene Paul <i>in memory of</i> Fred's mother,
Celia Paul |
| 10/7 | Robert & Evlynn Harmon <i>in memory of</i> Robert's
father, Jerome Harmon
Carol & Howard Serotta <i>in memory of</i> Carol's
father, William Hecht | 10/21 | Leon & Harriet Ackovitz <i>in memory of</i> Leon's father,
Julius Ackovitz
Jacqueline & Fred Fabel <i>in memory of</i> Jackie's
father, Emanuel Bilk
John Spinrad <i>in memory of</i> his grandmother,
Eve Frankel |
| 10/9 | Fred & Marlene Paul <i>in memory of</i> Marlene's
mother, Eve Lindenberg | 10/23 | Sylvia Leibowitz <i>in memory of</i> her sister-in-law,
Charlotte Sweet |
| 10/10 | Ronald P. & Jo-Ann Massanova <i>in memory of</i>
Jo-Ann's mother, Rose Aufiero
Dr. Barry L. & Barbara L. Glaser <i>in memory of</i>
Harry's sister, Flora Furman | 10/24 | Anita Erman <i>in memory of</i> her mother-in-law,
Rosalie Erman
Susan P. Mintz <i>in memory of</i> her father-in-law,
Aaron Herbert Mintz
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz <i>in memory of</i> their uncle,
Albert Orner |
| 10/13 | Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin <i>in memory of</i> Betty's
sister, Ruth Bocour
Rose M. Zeltser <i>in memory of</i> her husband,
Ronald H. Zeltser
Thelma Zuckerman <i>in memory of</i> her husband,
Martin Zuckerman | 10/26 | Helen Spinrad <i>in memory of</i> her mother,
Mary Moskowitz
Stewart Lapayowker <i>in memory of</i> his grandmother,
Mary Moskowitz |
| 10/15 | <i>In memory of</i> Natalie Fishman
Sylvia Leibowitz <i>in memory of</i> her mother,
Bessie Holtzman | 10/27 | Ronald & Rhoda Bermon <i>in memory of</i> Ron's
father, Samuel Bermon
Michael & Marcia Kurland <i>in memory of</i> Michael's
father, Irving Kurland |
| 10/16 | Gale Hoffman <i>in memory of</i> her grandmother,
Janet Kerstetter
Earl & Doris Berger <i>in memory of</i> Doris's mother,
Janet Kerstetter
Philip Goisman <i>in memory of</i> his friend,
Janet Kerstetter
Seymour & Dorothy Katz <i>in memory of</i> Dorothy's
father, Louis Perilstein | 10/28 | Arnie & Lory Schuster <i>in memory of</i> Arnie's mother,
Margot Schuster |
| 10/17 | Edith Krimstock <i>in memory of</i> her mother,
Minnie Kunis | 10/29 | Albert & Barbara Dragon <i>in memory of</i> Albert's
mother, Betty (Becky) Dragon |
| 10/18 | Annieta Mann <i>in memory of</i> her mother,
Virginia Shanack | 10/30 | Ronald & Rhoda Bermon <i>in memory of</i> Rhoda's
sister, Marilyn (Mikki) Boyer
Gerald & Norma Wexler <i>in memory of</i> Gerald's
mother, Ida Wexler |



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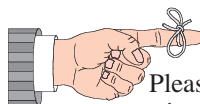
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 and sad events in your life. Unsolicited general donations are
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