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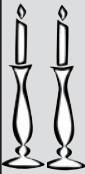
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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

Elul 5768 / Tishrei 5769

SERVICES



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

Saturday Services

September 13, 2008 • 10 a.m.
(Followed by Kiddush luncheon)

Board Meeting

Sunday, September 14
at 10 a.m

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, Sept. 29

Service8pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Service9:30am

Tashlich Service.....2:30pm

ROSH HASHANAH

(2nd day)

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Service9:30am

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

(Elks Club - corner of Bayshore
& West Shore Drive)

RABBI'S COLUMN

Precious Moments Without Regrets

If we ask ourselves, alone and in a quiet moment, what is our greatest wish, our greatest desire that could not be fulfilled, it would almost certainly be to interact with someone long gone. In particular, when people are asked what they regret in life, their answers invariably involve not communicating clearly, or at all, the love and importance of those close to them. I see this all the time in my life as a chaplain, visiting patients in hospitals and nursing home residents – everyone wishes that they had said “I love you” more and had been more free with the simple words, “I’m sorry.”

What pains most human beings is not being “wrong” but rather not having an opportunity to become “right.” It is my theory that while Judaism emphasizes that “*benching Gomerl*” – reciting the prayer after a dangerous or near-death experience – is about accepting the gift of life that God has granted us, it is much more about being thankful for being granted the ability to become the best we can be. I have spoken to you many times, in newsletter articles, in sermons, and in private conversations, about striving to become the unrealized self that each of us can achieve. We are, to put it mildly, works in progress. It is our ignorance of this fact that allows us to be nasty to others, to ignore the love we receive, and to accept broodingly the stagnation in our lives.

As so we come to the month of Elul, the traditional time of soul-seeking and forgiveness-seeking. It is at this time of year that we are commanded to think of ourselves, but not selfishly so. We seek to be honest with ourselves in order to know the work ahead; during Elul, we do not seek self-happiness, instead we seek self-awareness. It has been commonly

said that you cannot change what you do not acknowledge and that is just what the month of Elul seeks to teach us . . . to teach us about ourselves.

As we look at the tragedies that befall those less fortunate than us in the world, we must ask ourselves the age-old question: Why are we granted such a rich life? Why am I here? One of our greatest sages, Hillel, famously asked the tripartite question: “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?” Each of our lives, despite the sometimes considerable challenges we face, is awash with great opportunities to make the world a better place. I know that, by and large, we are good people, that we have sacrificed for family, friends, and even strangers. I wonder, however, what each of us will regret when we no longer have an opportunity available to us to heal ourselves, those who we love, or even someone in need who crosses our path. What will you regret next year? Let’s not find out . . . let us let loose the best of who we are inside to become today what we could be tomorrow.

As we consider these big questions over the coming weeks, I ask you not to live another day for who you are but to live every day for who you could be.

May be enriched by this season of introspection, forgiveness, and celebration that is the gateway to your bright tomorrows. And, of course, Sarah and I offer you every blessing for the New Year for yourself and your loved ones.

L’Shanah Tovah Tikateivu

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

Sukkot Dinner • 6 p.m.

followed by Friday night services

Tuesday, October 21

Shemini Atzeret

Yiskor Service – OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, October 22

Simchat Torah – OFFICE CLOSED

Reservations are now being accepted for Sukkot Dinner. Come enjoy a full course dinner and dine with your friends in our beautiful Sukkah. Donation will be \$25 per person. More information to come. Call the office, 266-0403.

General Donations

Sid & Shirley Venitsky to thank us

for the warm welcome during their vacation.

Michael & Carol Albert in memory of Nathan Dratch.

Message Cards

Ron & Lill Shender – condolences to Rob & Robin Salanon on the passing of Rob's mother.

Condolences

Harry Fishman, a member of our Congregation since 2003, passed away July 25th while summering in Brigantine. He lived in N. Palm Beach, Florida.

Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques

Purchased by **Michael & Carol Albert** in memory of their parents, Maxwell B. & Sarah N. Albert and Abe S. & Betty S. Eisen.

Purchased by **Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein** in memory of Steve's mother, Elsie M. Rosenblatt.

Leaves on Tree of Life

Purchased in memory of Harry Fishman by his friends, **Ellie Risso & Family, Rita, Phil, Nancy & Marcy** and his Nephew, **Howard & Cheryl Swartz**

Get Well

Carol Albert, Milton Berkes, Gene Blum, Saul Grossman, Pearl Kaye, Rachel Layton (wife of John Layton), Andrew Schneider (brother of Stolove's daughter-in-law), Shirley Schreiber, Lorraine Stolove, Sandra Wray (sister of Lill Shender) Jennifer Zuckerman, Thelma Zuckerman.

Presidents' Column

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu.

Let me be the first to wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

The Board and I want to tell you about the exciting new programs we are in the process of planning for the New Year. We are looking forward to starting a Jewish Book Club and a discussion group that will be held after each Saturday Kiddush luncheon where we will cover current events, Jewish holidays, prayers, etc. Tell us what you might like to cover.

I want to thank all of you who filled out your survey form and returned it to me. It is of great help. We are busy categorizing all the information and will incorporate it in our upcoming plans for the New Year. All of you who have not yet filled out your form, please do so ASAP and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope. It is very important. If you do not have a form, please call the office and we'll get you one.

The various committees have been formed and are looking for "a few good people." Please check out the following and contact the chairperson and tell them you want to participate. Join us....you'll like it.

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As the end of this year draws near, I personally want to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to all who have made this year 5768 so special and successful.

Bring on 5769...We'll be ready with YOUR help!

Lill Shender, President

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!



L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu

As new editor of the *Mishpocheh* newsletter, I shall continue the extraordinary publication of **Lillian Shender**. If there is anything of interest you wish to add, contact me.

Betty Chaikin

Simchas

Sept.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

2.....Judith Levick	14.....William Boyd Deane,
5.....Sandra Axelrod	Tema Steele
8.....Marsha Goldenberg,	21.....Mark D.Erdman
Marvin Siegel	26.....Judith Blum-Crawford,
10.....Eileen D.Alva	Dr. Stephen Weinstein
12.....Evlynne Harmon	29.....Leon Ackovitz,
	Milton Berkes

ANNIVERSARIES

2.....Barry & Ellen Savitz
3.....Judith Blum-Crawford & Max Crawford
5.....Harvey T. & Diane Steiner
6.....Howard A. & Janis B. Rosenberg
12.....Jeffrey & Sheryl Mazur
29.....Norton A. & Gloria Freedman
30.....Sanford R. & Karen Dare

Yahrzeit Donations

- Linda Hahn** *in memory of her father, B. Max Klevit*
- Arnie & Lory Schuster** *in memory of Arnie's father, Karl Schuster, and Lory's mother, Eva Zeidel*
- Norton & Gloria Freedman** *in memory of Norton's father, Leon Freedman, and Gloria's father, Charles Kuperstein*
- Frank & Martha Cohen** *in memory of Frank's brother, Daniel Cohen*
- Seymour & Norma Trachtman** *in memory of Seymour's father, Nathan Trachtman*
- Bruce & Dee Bortner** *in memory of Bruce's father, Benjamin Bortner*
- Barbara & Albert Dragon** *in memory of Barbara's step-father, Max Hyman*
- Jacqueline & Fred Fabel** *in memory of Jackie's mother, Betty Bilk*
- Dr. Martin & Linda Millison** *in memory of Martin's mother, Mamie Millison*
- Trudy & Cary Durant** *in memory of Trudy's father, Eugene Deutsch*
- Norman & Pearl Kaye** *in memory of Norman's father, David Koetseroff and Pearl's brother, Sol Rosendorf*
- Norton A. & Gloria Freedman** *in memory of Norton's mother, Mollie Freedman*

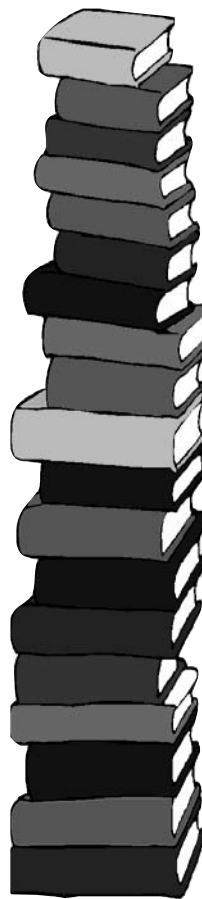
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To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

For August

- Friday, Aug. 1 **Michael & Carol Albert**
in memory of Michael's mother, Sarah Albert
- Saturday, Aug. 9 **Jo-Ann & Ronald Massanova**
in memory of Jo-Ann's father, Albert Aufiero
- Friday, Aug. 15 **Lisa Yuen** *in memory of her mother, Harriette Sagan Sengin*
- Friday, Aug. 29 **Bernard & Norma Gittelman**
in memory of Norma's father, Sam Cohen

BAZAAR & BOOK FEST



Super, just super...what a bazaar we had. There were hundreds of people attending and buying.

But without the great support of the following, we would have not been successful. These people were here Saturday night to set up, Sunday to man the tables and Monday to distribute and clean up:

Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva
Len & Marsha Goldenberg
Sid & Shirley Morgan
Fred & Jackie Fabel
Ron & Lill Shender
Myrna Levin
Betty Chaikin
Roz Weinstein
Janis Murphy
Gloria Jacoby
Sue Tuerk
Sheryl Mazur
Josh Shapiro

Thanks guys for a super human effort!

Edith Krimstock,
Chairperson

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Just a reminder that all 2008 membership dues must be paid in full before September 12, 2008. In order to attend High Holiday Services, you must be a member-in-good-standing.

Guests and non-members can attend services for \$75 plus \$25 if they wish to attend the Break-The-Fast.

There is a \$20 per member charge to attend Break-The-Fast this year.

Please make your reservations early by calling the office at 609-266-0403. All monies are to be in before Rosh Hashanah.

September Yahrzeits

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| <p>9/1 Nancy A. Clancy <i>in memory of</i> her husband, James Clancy
Mildred Richmond <i>in memory of</i> her aunt, Hannah
Lindenbaum</p> <p>9/3 Gerald & Ellen Etter <i>in memory of</i> Gerald's mother,
Dorothy Etter
Aaron Freedman <i>in memory of</i> his father, Benjamin
Freedman</p> <p>9/4 Bernard & Norma Gittelman <i>in memory of</i> Norma's father,
Sam Cohen</p> <p>9/6 Brenda Sacks <i>in memory of</i> her daughter, Ina Gordon
Rochelle Winston & Aaron Freedman <i>in memory of</i>
Shelly's father, Abraham Hoffrichter
Donald & Phyllis Hoffrichter <i>in memory of</i> Donald's father,
Abraham Hoffrichter</p> <p>9/7 Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin <i>in memory of</i> Betty's sister,
Esther Epstein</p> <p>9/8 David & Sandra Axelrod <i>in memory of</i> David's mother,
Sophia Axelrod
Dr. Robert Schwab <i>in memory of</i> his father, Irving Schwab</p> <p>9/9 Brenda Sacks <i>in memory of</i> her mother, Matilda Altshuler
Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin <i>in memory of</i> Betty's mother,
Belle Schindler</p> <p>9/10 Susan Orloff <i>in memory of</i> father, Maurice Orloff
Karen Sederholm <i>in memory of</i> her mother, Harriet
Sederholm</p> <p>9/11 Jack & Lilyan Cralle <i>in memory of</i> Jack's brother, James E.
Carlin
Laurence & Debra Berger <i>in memory of</i> Debra's father,
Simon Nager</p> <p>9/12 Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman <i>in memory of</i> Joseph's
father, Benjamin Hassman</p> <p>9/13 Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch <i>in memory of</i> Barry's aunt,
Regina Kaufman</p> <p>9/14 Debbie & Gail Coplein <i>in memory of</i> their great-
grandmother, Ethel Erlichman
Linda Hahn <i>in memory of</i> her uncle, David Haufman</p> <p>9/15 Robert & Evlynn Harmon <i>in memory of</i> Evlynn's mother,
Betty Freed
Edith Krimstock <i>in memory of</i> her father, Manus Kunis</p> | <p>9/16 Saul & Nancy Grossman <i>in memory of</i> Saul's father,
Samuel Grossman
Drs. Frank & Sarah Kern <i>in memory of</i> Sarah's mother,
Sylvia Bliss Mandy</p> <p>9/17 Howard & Myrna Levin <i>in memory of</i> Myrna's mother,
Lilyan Cylinder</p> <p>9/19 Larry Goldberg <i>in memory of</i> his mother, Yetta Goldberg
Norman N. & Pearl Kaye <i>in memory of</i> Pearl's father,
Isadore Rosendorf</p> <p>9/22 Mildred Richmond <i>in memory of</i> her husband, Sidney
Richmond</p> <p>9/23 Seymour & Norma Trachtman <i>in memory of</i> Norma's
father, Jacob Freidberg
Harvey T. & Diane Steiner <i>in memory of</i> Harvey's uncle,
Abraham Motel</p> <p>9/24 Norton A. & Gloria Freedman <i>in memory of</i> Norton's
mother, Mollie Freedman</p> <p>9/26 Bernard & Norma Gittelman <i>in memory of</i> Bernard's father,
Major Gittelman
Dr. Martin & Linda Millison <i>in memory of</i> Martin's father,
Harry Millison</p> <p>9/27 Mildred Richmond <i>in memory of</i> her sister-in-law, Lillian
Goldstein
Annette Lipsky <i>in memory of</i> her mother, Rose Segal</p> <p>9/28 Burton & Lorraine Stolove <i>in memory of</i> Lorraine's father,
Erwin Augenfeld
Sylvia Leibowitz <i>in memory of</i> her father-in-law, Sam
Leibowitz
Anita Erman <i>in memory of</i> her mother, Jennie Panitch
Robert & Eileen Linzner <i>in memory of</i> Eileen's mother,
Lillian Rogovin</p> <p>9/30 Philip Goisman & Gale Hoffman <i>in memory of</i> Philip's
grandmother & Gale's friend, Fannie Goisman
Jack Greenberg <i>in memory of</i> his mother, Janet
Greenberg
Stephen D. & Jamie M. Satz <i>in memory of</i> Jamie's father,
Joseph Kessel
Shirley H. Schreiber <i>in memory of</i> her aunt, Lucy Lewis</p> |
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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 Luncheon. It will make you feel good and will help your synagogue carry on this time honored tradition.

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Yom Kippur

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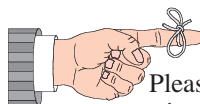
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