ELUL STORIES
Sharing our stories, sharing lives, creating community

Elul is the month leading up to Rosh HaShanah. Each day during the month, a different Temple Beth Torah congregant will respond to the question:

What is the best gift you have ever received?

A Special Lady
Stan Broitman

I have received many gifts in my life. The ones that seem to stand out are from my childhood: the Jolly Roger pirate ship, my Lionel trains with the 240 watt double throttle transformer, etc.

It is not hard however to pick my best gift; Ruth Miriam Szmulewicz Broitman. As a person she is beautiful, smart, caring and with so many other loving (and loveable) traits. This gift came to me in July 1965. It was not easy to receive this gift. I really had to be on my best behavior. I wooed her with great romantic fervor. It worked! In 1965 she agreed to become my wife.

The gift part was not just all of the above, actually it never stops giving. Every day. Every time I think of her this warmth just invades every cell of my body.

We are coming to our fiftieth year together (of marriage), on February 4th 2017. What a gift it is too. It doesn't matter how we celebrate our 50th anniversary, our lives together remain the best gift of my life; every day.
Stan Broitman and his bride, Ruth have been members of TBT for over 25 years. Stan is one of the leading forces behind ADEPT (our Adult Education and Entertainment Program at TBT) and is an active member of our Social Action Committee. He is very generous in sharing his expertise with our community.

Would you like to share your Elul Story? Answer the question: What is the best gift you have ever received? You can interpret the word gift very liberally- a moment, a thing, a find, advice, a surprise. Send it to me at: ravsusie@gmail.com. If you missed any of the previous Elul Stories you can go to www.tbtny.org (media galleries/elul stories).