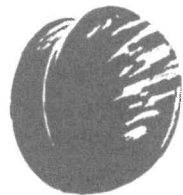


Why I Left a Plum on the Anthology, as a Reminder

Ben-David Seligman

I thought of a poem
on Saturday morning,
but I knew that I would have to wait
till after dark, to write:

“It’s always the plums that suffer,
hidden away in the Frigidaire,
forgotten, fragile,
with purple skin,
they sit sweetly
and grow old.”



Ben-David Seligman's *poems have appeared in Surgam, Columbia Perspectives, Yugntruf, Midstream, and the 1997 Anthology of Magazine Verse, and continue to appear at www.spiralbridge.org. He completed an MFA in Poetry at Syracuse University, has studied at yeshivot in Israel, and is currently practicing law in New Jersey. He and his wife, Jennifer, had their first child, Eli, this past Hanukah.*