

# MISHPOCHEH

Temple Beth Shalom ☆ Brigantine Jewish Community Center

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Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

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## SERVICES



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

Light Refreshments

## Saturday Service

April 9 • 10 a.m.

## Sunday Board Meeting

April 10 • 10 a.m.

## RABBI'S COLUMN

### *The Exodus: Wilderness, Reflection, and Purpose*

*I've looked at life from both sides now,  
from win and lose, and still somehow  
it's life's illusions I recall.  
I really don't know life at all.*

—Joni Mitchell

You are not alone if you have been feeling that the pace of change in our society and reflected in our daily lives has been overwhelming. Aspects of our society that we once relied upon seem as if they are no longer reliable. The future feels uncertain because we are aware of how many forces there are pushing on all sides against the arc of history.

So it must have been for our ancestors in Egypt as they were asked to leave what they knew; albeit, not on balance a positive world in which they found themselves, but it was, nonetheless, familiar to them. Proof of this is in the narrative of the Torah that describes anxiety, fear, anger, and many other emotions connected with facing an uncertain future. Often improperly characterized as a desert, our ancestors left Egypt and entered the wilderness of Sinai, and portended a future unknown. This wilderness was a place that appeared to them as an empty space, a place where they were forced to face their reality and themselves.

Just like our ancestors, we are frightened to face the silence, the emptiness, at key moments in our lives that requires our attention to detail, particularly engendering honest assessments of ourselves and our world around us. No one likes to look back at where we have been and think that our journey was for naught; this is the pain of the loss of a child or, less severely, the undoing of our achievements in workplaces and holy spaces. And yet, if we are to live life as we are intended to live it, as our Jewish heritage directs us, we must

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## Coming Events

### Friday, April 15

Guest Speaker –  
Jewish Federation's  
Matthew Bennett, 8 p.m.

### Sunday, April 17

Special Book Club,  
1 p.m.

### Friday, April 22

Erev Pesach  
No Shabbat Service

### Friday, April 29

7th Day Pesach  
Office Closed

### Saturday, April 30

8th Day Pesach  
Yizkor/Kiddush Service,  
10 a.m.

### Tuesday, May 3

Yom Hashoah Community  
Service, 7 p.m.

### Friday, May 13

Guest Speaker –  
Assemblyman  
Chris Brown,  
8 p.m.

## Zionism Revitalized?

### Lessons for Jews and the Jewish Community



Our own Jewish Federation's Matthew Bennett will consider what the future holds for the Jewish People redefined; he will offer an honest look at Israel and the Jewish future.

Join us for a thought-provoking talk regarding the redefining relationship between Jews and Israel. As we approach Passover, it is natural for us to reconsider our relationship with our homeland.

Matthew Bennett, the Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May Counties' Israel and Community Relations Director, speaks at Temple Beth Shalom on

April 15, 2016, during Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) services, beginning at 8:00pm. No reservations are necessary.

## The Prez Sez

The Hebrew word *Kehilah* is being used more frequently in Jewish publications. The term is used as a synonym for community. So TBS is the center of your Jewish *Kehilah* in Brigantine. To be technically correct, Rabbi Fox might say *Kehilah Kedosha*, or Holy Community, but *Kehilah* is enough for me.



TBS is the face of Judaism in Brigantine. To many Brigantine residents our *Kehilah* may be the only exposure they have to Jewishness. That puts a burden on us to make sure that activities set the image that we want to communicate.

Let's take inventory of what Brigantine sees:

- ✧ A bulletin board that announces our schedule
- ✧ Children's BINGO that brings many local residents into a Jewish House of Worship for the first time
- ✧ An Annual Bazaar that exposes others to a shul
- ✧ Participation in the annual Thanksgiving Interfaith celebration
- ✧ A book club
- ✧ The rabbi's benediction at solemn civic affairs
- ✧ Articles in the local press
- ✧ The occasional speaker to which the public is invited
- ✧ Our Scholars' Week-end
- ✧ Volunteers in the True Spirit Coalition who help package food for the needy and who make PB&J sandwiches for the Sister Jean's Kitchen once a month.

Do you think that is enough? I do not. I feel strongly that TBS has an obligation to constantly remind the Brigantine area that the Jewish *Kehilah* is a vital element of the local fabric.

There are other activities in the works: We are inviting the community to a book club meeting in TBS on April 17; Lill Shender will provide social action opportunities through the Federation's JCRC task force. (See articles in this newsletter.)

What more can we do?

The short answer is very little unless we get broader support from more of our members. We have a core group who are involved in the items listed above. They do their share and more. To broaden our activities, we need to broaden our base. That means we need you. Do you have time to give our *Kehilah*? Do you have ideas to give your *Kehilah*? Don't be bashful. Participate. Tell me what more you think we should be doing. Tell me what you want to do to strengthen our *Kehilah*. Go to our website and send a message to [president@seashul.org](mailto:president@seashul.org).

Oh yes, there is another exposure element that we are getting serious about. We are in the planning stages to give our kitchen and sanctuary a much needed "face lift." We want to make our TBS environment more pleasant and comfortable for you and for the community. We can undertake a project of this magnitude because some of your

fellow members have provided significant funds to get us started. We do need more donations, but we are on the way.

There will be a lot more information about our plans in future issues.

Please, join in and make our *Kehilah* one that you and the community are proud of.

*Jack*

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explore our lives and continue forward on the path ahead, whether it's through a wilderness or straight on to an idyllic land or life that is promised. Ultimately, the sure steps of tradition and custom make sense in context; our next steps also must be taken with wisdom as we journey through our lives.

The odd thing about our lives is that we cannot choose its start or know its end. We have a truly inefficient existence. In response, we leap forth into organizing and setting routines for ourselves and for others. We create sense out of the baffling mess before us, imbuing meaning into the wilderness of the incomprehensible. Just think about this: Each day, we ask ourselves hundreds, if not thousands, of questions, some of the most common being, "What do I need/want?" and "Why did s/he say that to me?" and "What should I do now?" This internal dialogue (sometimes offered out loud by accident or inappropriately or to invite others to share in solving our dilemmas) is not just unavoidable as we travel through our life's journey, it is part of the experience itself.

Our ancestors had something, at least as described in the Torah, that we struggle to develop and to maintain in our day: a relationship with a unifying, universal force. Some of us call that "God," and others wish it to remain more enigmatic and others wish to avoid the concept entirely. If we take a moment, however, to include in the life-review we perform in the quiet moments of our lives the idea that we are connected to every living thing and certainly every living being that has ever lived, we will discover that the emptiness in our lives fades away and we are no longer isolated as we travel through our lives. We need not be in Exodus from ourselves.

The story of the Exodus, when placed in relief against the myriad of experiences in our lives that create a sum total of our journey, enables us to see our life from both sides and to live with and perhaps even embrace the uncertainty of what we have achieved and certainly of what is ahead. In simple terms, we can choose to have faith in the fact that we have made a difference in the world, even if it is not readily obvious or, as I believe, has been simply for our time in it. This strikes me as one of the truly holiest of acts — being present and fully engaged in the gift of Life.

May we face our wilderness, the seemingly empty parts of our lives, as a blessing that enables us to continue our life's journey with a renewed sense of awareness of our purpose as we acknowledge the gift of Life.

*Ah Zissen und ah Kosher Pesach* — Sarah, Matan, Doron, and I wish you and yours a truly sweet and meaningful Passover!

*Rabbi Gerald R. Fox*

### Condolences

Deepest sympathy to **Jerry & Sheila Cohen** on the recent loss of their aunt, Martha Cohen.

### Get Well

**Beth Apter, Dr. Roberta Ball, Barry Bornstein, Fred Fabel, Bernie Gittelman, Saul Grossman, Diane Waxman**

### General Donations

**Betty Chaikin** in honor of the 70th anniversary of Sylvia & Dave Guralnik; and in honor of the 90th birthday of Edie Krimstock.

**Lorraine & Burt Stolove** in memory of Larry Frierman; in memory of Susan Madsen; and for the recovery of Judy & Marty Hamer.

**Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby** for the recovery of Dr. Harry Chaikin; and congratulations to Linda Hahn on her play.

### Yahrzeit Donations

**Aaron & Joan Grossman** in memory of Aaron's father, Reuben Grossman.

**Ronald & Shelley Miller** in memory of Ron's parents, Murray & Lola Miller.

**Michael & Cheryl Guterman** in memory of Cheryl's mother, Lillian Brownstein.

**Howard & Carol Serotta** in memory of Howard's father, Paul Serotta.

**Leslie & Susan Tuerk** in memory of Leslie's father, Stanley H. Tuerk.

**Laurence & Debra Berger** in memory of Laurence's brother, Dana Berger, and Debra's grandfather, Michael Hoffman.

**Seymour & Norma Trachtman** in memory of Norma's sister, Joan Weiss.

**Larry & Diane Hatoff** in memory of Diane's father, Max Lefkowitz.

**Howard & Debbie Schlesinger** in memory of Howard's father, Herbert Schlesinger.

**Linda Oram** in memory of her mother, Esther Masket.

**Stanton & Aimee Levin** in memory of their niece, Elizabeth Schmerling.

**Jacqueline & Fred Fabel** in memory of their nephew, Jeffrey Bilk, and grandmother, Rebecca Cantor.

**Dr. Howard & Arlene Waronker** in memory of Howard's mother, Fay Waronker

## BOOK CLUB

Sunday, April 17, 1 p.m.

to review

### "A Backpack, A Bear and Eight Crates of Vodka"

by **Lev Golinkin.**

Hosted by **Sid & Shirley Morgan**  
Temple Beth Shalom



Monday, May 23, 1 p.m.

to review

### "Turbulent Souls"

by **Stephen Dubner.**

Hosted by **Drs. Robert & Roberta Ball**  
5216 Ocean Drive South



RSVP Shirley 609-266-8599 or ssmorgan3@verizon.net.

## Shabbat Across America and Canada

For the twentieth consecutive year the National Jewish Outreach Program (NJOP) sponsored Shabbat Across America and Canada. The program encourages Jews in North America to get together to celebrate Shabbat. This year close to 500 organizations (synagogues, federations, army bases, and clubs) participated.

The Temple Beth Shalom congregation once again was happy to be part of the thousands to enjoy the evening of good food and fellowship. A great off-season group gathered at TBS to enjoy a delicious 3 course meal catered by Bubbies of Ventnor. The emphasis was on enjoying the meal and each other's company. A feeling of good will and fun pervaded.

After dinner, Rabbi Fox and Sarah led the group in some festive and traditional Hebrew melodies. The rabbi also conducted a discussion of three different biblical views of angel/human interactions.

The evening segued into our Shabbat service. The highlight of the evening was a rousing version of Adon Olum with Doron Fox as choirmaster.

Mark your calendar for March 3, 2017 for the next installment of this event.

### Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors For March

Friday, February 26 – **Sidney & Shirley Morgan** in memory of their deceased family members.

Friday, March 4 – **Betty Chaikin** in memory of her father, Harry Schindler.

Saturday, March 12 – **Beth & Carl Apter** in memory of Beth's mother, Ruth Cohen, and her cousin, Leah Cutler.

Friday, March 18 – **Betty Chaikin** in memory of her sister, Helen Lipkin.

Friday, March 25 – **Leslie & Susan Tuerk** in memory of Leslie's father, Stanley H. Tuerk.

## HELP EXPAND OUR FAMILY

**We need more new, active members.**

**Do you have friends or neighbors who could join us?**

## April Yahrzeits

- 4/3 Barry Bornstein & Fran Dratch *in memory of Barry's grandmother, Fanny Denbow*  
 4/7 Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of Carl's mother, Molly Apter*  
 Jacqueline Fabel *in memory of her nephew, Jeffrey Bilk*  
 4/8 Dr. Joseph Hassman *in memory of his mother-in-law, Esther Davis*  
 4/9 Lawrence & Karen Metzger *in memory of Lawrence's father, Eli Metzger*  
 4/11 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Debra's mother, Saundria Nager*  
 4/12 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of Leon's mother, Lee Ackovitz*  
 Toby Waller *in memory of her mother, Ceilia Cohen*  
 Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of Jerry's stepmother, Morray Cohen*  
 Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of Fred's father, Max Paul*  
 4/13 Jacqueline Fabel *in memory of her grandmother, Rebecca Cantor*  
 Larry Goldberg *in memory of his father, Jack Goldberg*  
 Joel & Stephanie Miller *in memory of Stephanie's grandmother, Rose Sulkin Holober*  
 4/14 Laurence & Debra Berger *in memory of Debra's grandmother, Bella Hoffman*  
 Gerald Pepper *in memory of his wife, Barbara Pepper*  
 Joel & Stephanie Miller *in memory of Stephanie's grandmother, Dr. Bertha Segal*  
 John Spinrad *in memory of his mother, Darcy Spinrad*  
 4/16 Susan Orloff *in memory of her grandmother, Yetta Levin*  
 Morty & Harriet Liss *in memory of Morty's father, David Liss*  
 4/17 Carl & Beth Apter *in memory of Carl's father, Robert Apter*  
 Michael & Carol Albert *in memory of Carol's father, Abe S. Eisen*  
 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of their uncle, Myer Moskowitz*  
 4/18 Larry & Diane Hatoff *in memory of Diane's father, Max Lefkowitz*  
 Howard & Debbie Schlesinger *in memory of Howard's father, Herbert Schlesinger*  
 4/20 Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of Lill's cousin, Dr. Harvey Goldman*  
 Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of Michael's mother, Devera Kurland*  
 4/21 Wendy Martelli *in memory of her mother, Donna Himmelstein*  
 Rabbi David & Janet Maharam *in memory of Rabbi David's mother, Besse Maharam*  
 Daniel-Paul & Eileen Alva *in memory of Eileen's grandmother, Katie Wallach*  
 4/22 Joshua & Elaine Shapiro *in memory of Elaine's mother, Gertrude Nerenberg*  
 4/23 Samuel Fishman  
 Morris Lotstein  
 Fannie Melnitzer  
 4/24 Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of her grandmother, Rebecca Furst*  
 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of Aaron's brother, David Grossman*  
 Linda Hahn *in memory of her grandmother, Cheitel Hahn*  
 Lilyan Cralle *in memory of her aunt, Betty Levin*  
 Jennie Segal  
 4/25 Anna Harris  
 Donald & Phyllis Hoffrichter *in memory of Donald's mother, Marcella Hoffrichter*  
 Selma Rosenblum *in memory of her husband, Mickey Rosenblum*  
 Stanton & Aimee Levin *in memory of their niece, Elizabeth Schmerling*  
 4/26 H. David & Gloria Caplan *in memory of David's brother, Saul Caplan*  
 Jack Lieberman *in memory of his father-in-law, Louis Eisenstein*  
 4/27 Bruce & Barbara Nussbaum *in memory of Barbara's mother, Rita Coopersmith*  
 Sidney & Shirley Morgan *in memory of Sid's father, Abraham Morgan*  
 Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein *in memory of Steve's mother, Elsie Rosenblatt*  
 4/28 Joel & Stephanie Miller *in memory of Joel's aunt, Rose Goldsmith*  
 Linda Hahn *in memory of her aunt, Miriam Schloff*  
 Rose Zuckerman  
 4/29 David & Estelle Silver *in memory of Estelle's sister, Beverly Axman*  
 Dr. Ira & Donna Wertheimer *in memory of Donna's father, Ervin Bergenfeld*  
 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of Al's aunt, Rose Marcus*  
 4/30 Erika Brooks *in memory of her mother, Carol Brooks*  
 Judge Sandra Mazer Moss & William Boyd Deane *in memory of Sandra's grandmother, Dora Boyer Levin*

## Simply Shirley . . .

### WELCOME TO ALL OF MY READERS

I would like to start by saying how wonderful our Shabbat Across America dinner was. It was held on March 4 and to Jack, Lill, Ron and their helpers I would like to give a big shout out. Not only was the meal delicious but the planning a huge success. To the Rabbi and Sarah – kudos for making it such a pleasant and meaningful evening. It was truly wonderful to see so many members as well as guests who decided to join us in welcoming “Shabbat Across America.” P.S. – To Doron and Matan a big thank you for your good behavior and also for the wonderful singing at the end of the service.

Our March book club was held at the home of Mary Anne Miller to discuss the book: “A Bitter Veil” by Libby Fischer Hellmann. This is truly a book which, as a woman, makes you wonder why anyone would put themselves in the position this woman did and leave the safety of our country. I found it to be worth reading; however, not a light read.

Our April book club will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 1 p.m. at the synagogue. The book to be discussed is: “A Backpack, A Bear and Eight Crates of Vodka.” All fellow Bookies are invited to attend this special book club gathering which will be hosted by Sid and myself.

And yes, we have already picked May 23rd for our May book club and the Balls have graciously offered to host this. The book suggested is: “Turbulent Souls” by Stephen Dubner.

Your RSVP is necessary:

Please contact Shirley at 609-266-8599 or [ssmorgan3@verizon.net](mailto:ssmorgan3@verizon.net) should you be interested in attending any of our book club meetings.

We welcome suggestions regarding any good read you may have and thank you in advance.

Happy Reading,

*Simply Shirley*



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4 .....	Linda Oram
8 .....	Saul Grossman
9 .....	Dr. Leonard Goldfield
13 .....	Jacqueline Fabel
15 .....	Idie Benjamin, H. David Caplan
17 .....	Dr. Judith P. Schwartz
20 .....	Rabbi Gerald R. Fox
21 .....	Beverlee Bearman Reiter
22 .....	Marvin Elfant, Jeffrey B. Rosen
23 .....	Edith Krimstock
24 .....	Terry Horowitz

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2 .....	Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby
22 .....	Leslie & Susan Tuerk
24 .....	Stephen & Jamie Satz

## NO SHABBAT SERVICES EREV PESACH - PASSOVER EVE

Temple Beth Shalom will NOT be holding our normal Erev Shabbat services on Friday evening, April 22, to allow everyone to observe the mitzvah of the Passover Seder with family and friends as we welcome the holiday in our homes.

We wish you all *ah zissen und ah kosher Pesach* – a sweet and kosher Passover!

### Please note:

The office will be closed on the final two holy days of Passover, including Friday, April 29. Passover Yizkor Services will be held on Shabbat, Saturday, April 30 at 10 a.m. A kosher for Passover light kiddush lunch will be served.

## Prayer Book Dedication

Purchase a memorial/honorarium plaque to be placed in our new prayer books (inside front cover) for only \$36. We have only 15 books remaining for dedication, so call the office at 609-266-0403 and make your wishes known.

## Lill Shender to Head JCRC Task Force

The Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May Counties has reestablished the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council). The council consists of a group of five task forces that will sponsor activities that are important to both the Jewish community and to the general public. The task forces are Governmental Relations, Interfaith Relations, Israel Advocacy, Security and Social Action.

Our own Lill Shender has been named co-chairperson of the Social Action task force. That committee will address issues such as homelessness, hunger, run-aways, intolerance, battered spouses and similar topics. The objective will be to catalyze the Jewish community and the general public to participate in programs to make even a small difference towards ameliorating these problems.

If you or an acquaintance of yours would like to participate in this noble effort, contact Lill. It is important for our neighbors to know that Jews care and can make a difference.



*Howard Abber and the Jacobys are shown as part of the crowd of one hundred fifty attending the JCRC luncheon.*

## JCRC Luncheon

More than a dozen TBS members attended a JCRC Israel Advocacy luncheon at Beth Judah. The program featured a presentation from Lt. Colonel Shlomi B. The IDF intelligence officer provided a vivid explanation of the dangers Israel and the world face from the terroristic agenda of a number of Mid-East organizations and sects.

The most moving moments of the program occurred when Shlomi discussed his personal experiences involving the discovery of Gaza constructed tunnels which were dug to allow ingress and egress of terrorists into Israel. When the colonel discussed the loss of some of his fellow IDF soldiers, his pain and pathos were obviously still very close to the surface.

The luncheon was one of many Federation activities which are open to the public. Federation activities will be publicized in this newsletter and featured in the announcements after Shabbat services.

## Hamantaschen Galore

It was the day after Purim when TBS welcomed Andrea Heymann, the Stockton Hillel advisor, and a group of her students to our kitchen to participate in the custom of preparing and baking Hamantaschen. Due to a great deal of preparation by Lill Shender, Judy Schwartz and Sarah Fox, the dough, the implements and supplies were all available. The Hillel crew was assigned the task of cookie cutting, filling and shaping the traditional goodies. For a while poppy seeds, *lekvar* and apricot butter was all a blur as the collegians eagerly attacked their tasks.

Soon dozens of Hamantaschen were going into and out of the oven. The results were traditional and tasty. Enough pastries were produced to allow each participant to take a supply back to their homes and dorms with enough left over to feed our congregants after our Friday services.

After the kitchen was returned to normal, our guests were treated to a Shabbat dinner which was accompanied by the traditional before and after dinner rituals. All in all it was a great way to start Shabbat: the Hillel crew had an opportunity to participate in our traditions and TBS had the opportunity to share some youthful exuberance. As the closest shul to Stockton, we look forward to many more joint activities.



*Lill Shender explains the basics.*



*Judy Schwartz shows Hillel how to flour a work surface.*



*A small example of the fruits of the labor of love.*



*Above, Sarah Fox does a quality check.*



*Left, the Fox family joins our guests for Shabbat dinner.*

# The Post-Purim Megillah

To celebrate Purim TBS had a themed Shabbat service on March 25. Congregants were encouraged to wear funny hats and to show off their own version of homemade Hamantaschen. Since it was Shabbat our reporter could not take photos, so you will have to imagine the chapeaux worn by Howard Abber, Lill Shender, Rabbi Fox and Jack Lieberman and his son Wayne. The diversity of choices was amusing.

The service seemed festive with the Rabbi decked out in a Dr. Seuss Cat-In-The-Hat original.

Instead of a traditional *D'var Torah*, the congregation participated and read an abridged, English version of the *Megillah*. The service concluded with the Fox family leading *Adon Olum*.

It had been announced that a prize would be given for the funniest hat. The judges were deadlocked on the decision, but then it was decided to bend the judgement criteria and the Oscars were presented to Matan and Doron Fox for their full body costumes.

The Oneg featured many varieties of Hamantaschen. Tasty morsels had been prepared by Gloria Jacoby, Judy Schwartz and Wayne Lieberman. Oh yes and a gross more made by our Hillel chefs.

Overall, it was a great way for TBS to celebrate our ancient triumph over another fiend who thought that Jews could be eliminated.

Plan to join us next year for the reprise.

## Yom Hashoah

This year the community remembrance of the Shoah will be held at Congregation Beth Judah on **May 3** at 7 p.m. sharp.

Our congregants are urged to attend. The theme is "Unto Every Person There is a Name." Beth Judah is located at 700 N. Swarthmore Avenue, Ventnor, NJ.

## SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Hear Ye Hear Ye For those of you who have always wanted to attend our book club but could not for some reason, there will be a special book club gathering on Sunday, April 17 at Temple Beth Shalom.

We will be discussing the book:

"A Backpack, A Bear and Eight Crates of Vodka" which is a memoir written by Lev Golinkin. I chose this book since it is being read by a group which I recently became involved with called "One Book, One Jewish Community." This book can be gotten at the library or purchased through Amazon or Ebay (which I did).

One Book, One Jewish Community is the largest community-wide Jewish literacy program and each year they make a recommendation for a book to read. I thought it would be interesting to give this a try. I did get the book from the library and have also purchased a copy to share with Sid. Please do join us on April 17 at 1 p.m. and share in the interesting discussions I know we will have.

There will be coffee, tea, cake and more for your pleasure, and Sid and I will be the hosts of this event.

Your RSVP is necessary:

Please contact Shirley at 609-266-8599 or [ssmorgan3@verizon.net](mailto:ssmorgan3@verizon.net) should you be interested in attending.

Of course my fellow Bookies will be included in the afternoon of delight.

*Simply Shirley*

### LATE BREAKING NEWS:

## TBS to Host Assemblyman Chris Brown

Assemblyman Chris Brown will be our guest on Friday, May 13, to share his impressions of his exciting and important mission to Israel. You won't want to miss this very informative evening!



## 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 lunch. 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 Kiddush lunch, this has got to be the biggest bargain on the planet!

Call Diane at 266-0403 and make your intentions known.

## NEED A RIDE?

If you need a ride to Friday night services, call the office at 266-0403 and leave a message by Thursday each week. We will do our best to accommodate you!

## Are you interested?

If we have enough interest, TBS could provide some basic adult classes. As an example, here are some candidates.

- **Hebrew Reading Crash Course:** This program teaches students to read Hebrew in a minimum of five 1.5 hour sessions.
- **Hebrew Level II:** This class helps students understand basic prayers and Jewish texts.
- **Crash Course in Basic Judaism:** This five session course teaches the basics of Jewish thought and practice. Topics include Belief in God, Prayer, Shabbat, Jewish Observance, and Sexuality.
- **Crash Course in Jewish History:** This five session course covers the basics of Jewish history, from Biblical Times until today.

If you want to participate in any of these, please, let us know. Call the office 609-266-0403 or send an email to office@seashul.com. We need your name, which course would you want to attend and your time preference. (Afternoon or evening? Day of the week, etc.) Time of the year (Summer only, anytime, etc.).

If we get a sufficient response, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the next step.

## True Spirit Coalition

Members of TBS regularly volunteer as part of the True Spirit Coalition. That is a group of Brigantine religious, civic and social organizations which was formed in 1990 to provide assistance to needy local families.

In 2015 the Coalition provided monthly assistance to an average of 75 families. In addition, more than 100 special baskets were packed and distributed at Thanksgiving and again at Christmas.

Once a month the coalition prepares PB&J sandwiches for Sister Jean's kitchen to provide weekend sustenance to those dependent on the soup kitchen for their daily food needs.

If you would like more information or want to participate, just drop a note to office@seashul.org.

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