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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

November 8, 2008 • 10 a.m.

(Followed by Kiddush luncheon
& Round Table Discussion)

Board Meeting

Sunday, November 9
at 10 a.m.

RABBI'S COLUMN

Grateful Thanksgiving

There is no way around it: We are living in historic times. From the financial to the political to the cultural to the scientific and so on, our world is going through dramatic shifts. Our anxieties, most of them, at least, have to do with the unknowns of the future in such times rather than the knowns of some sort of a coming debacle. No one knows the future in any age, but when the rules of the game seem to be shifting, that's when even old hands on the tiller get a little nervous.

To help calm these concerns, here are some pieces of good news: First, as a people — both as Jews and as Americans — we have gone through far more uncertain times and not only survived but thrived. Second, we have a lot of experience in our community that we can call on to help guide us through these choppy waters. And finally, we are smart enough — all of us — to know an opportunity when we see one. And this is, indeed, an opportunity (perhaps not a chosen one or one without some level of pain, but an opportunity nonetheless).

As the elections come to a head and a new President is chosen by our nation, there will be great opportunities for us to participate in our own lives and in the life of our community that have the potential to change positively and permanently how we live our lives. There is no greater joy than helping others — I know...I have made a career of it — and as our nation's future unfolds, I am certain that whoever is elected President will call upon us to offer our talents in service to our neighbor, to our community, and to our nation.

As we shift from campaign and election mode in the early part of the month to Thanksgiving at the end of the month (don't forget to come to the Brigantine Interfaith Thanksgiving Service to be held

at our synagogue this year), we will most certainly begin to wonder about what we should be thankful for. I do not downplay the potential challenges ahead. I know that in tough times such as these, it is hard to feel grateful for very much that we once assumed as a bare minimum in our lives. It is just at these moments, however, that we need to cultivate a keen sense of appreciation of and amazement at the wonders of Life.

Perhaps we can look honestly at our lives, remember that challenges are made to be met, and that a more positive future is simply awaiting our efforts to make them come true. As my childhood Rabbi, Stanley Rabinowitz, once wrote: "Thanksgiving in thankless times provides a real test of faith." Now that we have the prescription, what shall we do?

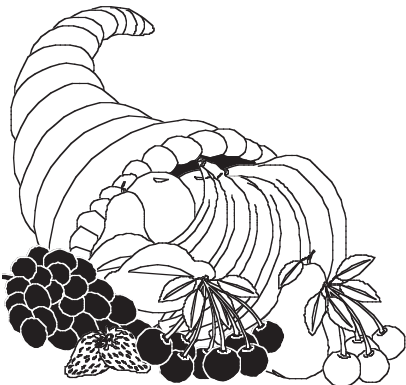
Our response should be clear: We can have faith, act for the good, and keep cultivating an appreciation of our lives, our relationships, and the simple pleasures we enjoy each day. To do anything less would be to cheat us of the wondrous world and lives that we have been granted so graciously. If every moment is precious, and indeed it is, then let's not waste a single one wallowing in what could have been, but rather let's, each of us, concentrate on making them even more blessed.

I wish you the blessings of courage, calm thoughts, and good judgment, and I offer you the caring support of your Rabbi to help you stay steady on the path ahead.

B'Shalom v'Hoda'ot

(In Peace and Thanksgiving),

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox



**Tuesday, Nov. 25
7 p.m.**

Brigantine Interfaith Community Service

at Temple Beth Shalom

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

Please bring a donation of
non-perishable food for the
Food Bank.

Thank you

to the Jacobys for hosting the cantor over the High Holidays...

to Rabbi, Sarah and all who participated in our inspiring services...

to Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein for generously donating our High Holiday flowers.

to Michael Guterman, Ron Shender, Josh Shapiro, Ron Miller, Fred Fabel, Betty Chaikin and Lill Shender for the erection and decoration of our beautiful sukkah...

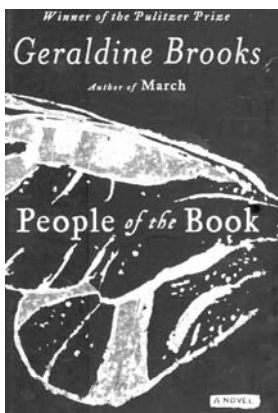
to Shelley Miller, Lill & Ron Shender, Shirley Morgan, Mina Kramer and all of the people who helped cook and serve the fantastic Sukkot supper.

Kudos to

the Adult Jewish Education Brochure Committee for the newly produced cooperative Educational Program Guide.

All Jewish activities and synagogues in this area are listed. This is a guide for Jewish programming. We have these in the office if you would like one. 266-0403.

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. Are you interested? For information call our office, 266-0403, now.

**HIGH HOLIDAY PLEDGES DUE NOW. TEMPLE BETH SHALOM NEEDS YOUR HELP. SEND NOW!
THANK YOU!**

Presidents' Column

He said! She said! Augh! .

At long last the longest presidential campaign is finally drawing to a close. Doesn't it seem that between the primaries and the actual campaign, it's been at least two years? Way too long! Way too much money spent!
NOW IS THE TIME NOVEMBER 4, 2008 VOTE

As they say, "It is time for all good men and women to come together." "For evil and corruption to flourish, good men and women must do nothing."

You say you are not satisfied. You say you want more for your hard-earned money. You say you want change. Well get off the couch and

VOTE NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Way too much blood and sacrifices made so that we still have the right to select our leaders in a free country. I don't have to remind you of your civic duty and your responsibility as a citizen of this great country. You know what it is!

For the sake of America, for Israel and for our own Brigantine Island – and for your own sake.

VOTE NOVEMBER 4, 2008

See you at the Polls!

Lill Shender, President

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.

DID YOU KNOW....

Ron Shender designed our synagogue pamphlet?

The wise man, even when he holds his tongue, says more than the fool when he speaks.

If the rich could hire other people to die for them, the poor could make a wonderful living.



BIRTHDAYS

1 .Jamie Chaikin, John Elzufon	13	Howard Solomon,
3	Joseph Weinstein	Seymour Trachtman
5	Eric Goldstein	14
9	Dr. Arnold Dragon	15
10	Morty Liss	16
11	Norma Trachtman	19.....
12.....	Phyllis Hoffrichter	23.....
13.....	Gale Donohue,	25.....
Susan Orloff,	26.....	Lisa Yuen

ANNIVERSARIES

5 ...Fred & Marlene Paul, Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein,	Gerald & Norma Wexler
17	Dorothy Grayson & Eugene N. Bass
23	Cary & Trudy Durant, Saul & Nancy Grossman
27	Mitchell & Mina Kramer
29	David & Sandra Axelrod

Saturday Morning

Rabbi Fox conducted a very interesting overview of the history of Sukkot after the October Saturday morning service and luscious lunch. It is a happy holiday when Israelite people lived in booths for seven days to celebrate their harvest in the desert after the exodus from Egypt. Today many Jewish people make a sukkah near their homes and enjoy festivities with music and gaiety.

He then lectured on the migration of Jews in the 19th century. Jews were excluded from villages and countries and endured economic and religious persecution. He then gave out a library copy of Jewish populations in all countries. Did you know Zimbabwe had 400 Jews in 2006?

Join us Saturday, November 8 for a stimulating morning.



Library Fund

Burt & Lorraine Stolove in memory of Doris Stolove.

Thank You To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors

For October

Friday, Oct. 3 Howard & Carol Serotta

in memory of Carol's father, William Hecht. Michael & Carol Albert in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Friday, Oct. 10 Dr. Joseph & Betty Chaikin

in memory of Betty's sister, Ruth Bocour.

Saturday, Oct. 11 Jo-Ann & Ronald Massanova

in memory of Jo-Ann's mother, Rose Aufiero.

Friday, Oct. 17 Faye & David Kahn in memory

of Faye's mother, Malka Mittelman Landau.

Friday, Oct. 24 Albert & Barbara Dragon in memory of

Albert's mother, Betty (Betty) Dragon.

Friday, Oct. 31 Bernie & Norma Gittelman in memory

of Bernie's mother, Henrietta Gittelman.

Congratulations

To **Steve & Jamie Satz** on their new venture, "Bloomingsales." We wish them much success. *Mazel Tov!*

To **Sandy & Karen Dare** on the birth of their grandson, Nathaniel. *Mazel Tov!*

General Donations

David & Faye Kahn in honor of Evelyn Robin's 90th birthday.

Bruce & Dee Bortner in memory of Fran Dratch's father, Nathan Dratch, and Judy Drasin's aunt, Adele G. Paul.

Howard & Debra Schlesinger.

Ron & Shelley Miller – *Mazel Tov* to Steve & Jamie Satz on their new endeavor, "Bloomingsales."

Get Well

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

Yahrzeit Donations

Jack Greenberg in memory of his mother, Janet Greenberg
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Annieta Mann in memory of her parents, Leon & Virginia Shanack

Jacqueline & Fred Fabel in memory of Jackie's father, Emanuel Bilk, and Fred's father, Lewis Fabel

November Yahrzeits

- 11/1 Bernard & Norma Gittelman *in memory of* Bernard's mother, Henrietta Gittelman
- 11/4 Ida Levin *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Fannie Levin; Ronald L. & Lillian H. Shender *in memory of* Ron's mother, Leah Shender
- 11/5 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Joan's mother, Esther Broder; Sylvia Leibowitz *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Anna Leibowitz
- 11/6 Jacqueline & Fred Fabel *in memory of* Fred's father, Lewis Fabel; Annette Lipsky *in memory of* her father, Jack Segal
- 11/7 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of* Michael's father, Hyman Guterman
- 11/9 Mark D. & Pearl B. Erdman *in memory of* Mark's father, Nathaniel Erdman; Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of* Phyllis' mother, Mollie Gould; Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of* Mitch's father, Harry Kramer; Ida Levin *in memory of* her sister, Sara Rutberg
- 11/10 Ira S. & Toby P. Waller *in memory of* Ira's brother, Shep Waller
- 11/11 Bernie Cohen and Frank & Martha Cohen *in memory of* their father, Albert Cohen; Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of* Martin's brother, Carl Millison; Norman & Pearl Reiff *in memory of* their daughter, Jill Reiff
- 11/16 Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of* Marlene's father, Leon Lindenberg
- 11/17 Ronald & Shelley Iris Miller *in memory of* Shelley's father, David Gitomer
- 11/19 Amy Hammel *in memory of* her husband, William Hammel
- 11/20 Mark D. & Pearl B. Erdman *in memory of* Pearl's mother, Clara Blady
- 11/21 Mark & Dr. Linda Baum *in memory of* Linda's father, Jacob Bornstein
- 11/25 Michael B. & Carol E. Albert *in memory of* Michael's father, Maxwell B. Albert; Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of* Cheryl's aunt, Rose Gilden Talbin; Gerald & Norma Wexler *in memory of* Gerald's brother, Martin Wexler
- 11/26 Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman *in memory of* Lillian's father, Morris Davis; Nancy A. Clancy *in memory of* her mother, Sarah Levine
- 11/29 Jack & Lilyan Cralle *in memory of* Jack's mother, Sue Marie Cralle
Ida Levin *in memory of* her mother, Sima Lotstein
- 11/30 Dr. Henry & Gloria Jacoby *in memory of* Gloria's mother, Rose Yablonsky



Laugh a little

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



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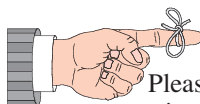
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