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## SERVICES

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

*Light Refreshments*

## Saturday Service

November 10 • 10 a.m.

## Board Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 4 • 10 a.m.

## RABBI'S COLUMN

### *A Yiddishe Thanksgiving?*

“STOP! . . . STOOOP!! . . . STOOOOOOOP!!!”

These are some of the words that we hear, with a prerequisite whining tone, when extended family and friends get together for a holiday meal or an extended visit. Playing often leads to fighting, which, in turn, leads to screaming, and so on. That's in the kids' world, but for adults it's a little more complicated.

Most of us gather for the better part of a day, perhaps even two full days, with family with whom, in our over-scheduled and far-flung lives, we spend very little regular time. In some cases, we are forced into small spaces with people within whom we find numerous faults. We lack the skill set to navigate perfectly the interpersonal land mines and inevitably, we hurt others or get hurt ourselves.

So, why do we subject ourselves to such discomfort? Why do we rush to make ourselves uncomfortable for at least several hours each year at Thanksgiving? It is rather simple: We hope to be accepted for who we are in the same way that our family and friends seek the same approval from us.

Also, because we realize that family is often at the core of our identity. Most of us want to remember the soil in which our roots originally took hold and so participating in such gatherings is a firm reminder of that.

But, this is not the case for every such holiday and not everywhere: It may come as a surprise to you that, when I was living in Israel about 15 years ago, more than 250,000 Jews left Israel on vacation for Passover (I understand that those numbers are higher now) – sort of a disturbing reverse Exodus!

When I asked my friends (and family) why they made their yearly treks to Cyprus or to Greece or to Italy or even to the United States, they would say that it was a way to avoid family friction . . . they'd often insist that it saved everyone a lot of *tzurus*. To me, it was rather disturbing that Jews were leaving Israel for Passover when so many Jews had given their lives or suffered just to make it to our Promised Land. Nonetheless, I understand the

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## Coming Events

### Tuesday

**November 20**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**Interfaith Service**

**Thursday, Nov. 22**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**Office Closed**



## *Annual Thanksgiving* *Interfaith Service*

**Tuesday, November 20 • 7 p.m.**  
**at Community Presbyterian Church**  
1501 W. Brigantine Avenue

**This traditional service has for many years brought people from all faiths together on our little island. Given the current turmoil in the world, it is most appropriate that we gather to offer prayers for Peace on Earth and Good Will to all.**

*Please plan to join the Brigantine community for services and refreshments.*

## Condolences

Deepest sympathy to **Tina & Dr. Martin Freedman** on the loss of Tina's mother, Edythe Ribowsky, who passed away October 19, 2012.

## Get Well

**Bernie Cohen, Fred Fabel, Edith Krimstock, Roz Lieberman, Sandra Wray** (sister of Lill Shender)



## Len Coplein Library

We have several new additions in our library. You are invited to browse through the library in the office during the week between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Anything you want to know about Jewish religion, customs, humor, travel, etc. is available. Take advantage of our FREE library!

## Bronze Yahrzeit Plaques

Purchased by **Marvin & Diane Waxman** in memory of their parents, Belle & Max Waxman and Ethel & Phillip Rose.

## Leaf on the Tree of Life

Purchased by **Judith Blum-Crawford** in memory of her parents, Eugene & Sheila Blum.

## Thank You So Much!

We have so much to be grateful for, but we especially want to thank the following members and let them know how much we appreciate their kindness and generosity:

**Jamie & Steve Satz** for graciously donating the magnificent High Holiday floral arrangements from Bloomingsales, which adorned the Bimah during the High Holidays.

**Roz & Jack Lieberman** for the gorgeous huge mum, which we will enjoy throughout the fall season.

**Dr. Joe & Lillian Hassman** for procuring the abundance of delicious challahs for our Sukkot Dinner.



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

Friday, October 5 – **Judith Blum-Crawford** in memory of her father, Eugene Blum.

Friday, October 12 – **Bernie Cohen** in memory of his brother, Frank Cohen;

**Bernard & Norma Gittelman** in memory of Bernie's mother, Henrietta Gittelman.

Friday, October 19 – **Ronald & Lillian Shender** in memory of Ron's mother, Leah Shender;

**Michael & Cheryl Guterman** in memory of Michael's father, Hyman Guterman.

Friday, October 26 – **Bernie Cohen** in memory of his father, Albert Cohen.

## Yahrzeit Donations

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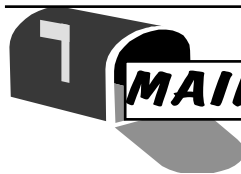
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**Arnie & Lory Schuster** in memory of Arnie's mother, Margot Schuster.



**Fred Fabel** greatly appreciates all of the get well cards, gifts and wishes from TBS members, as he recuperates at home.

# Simply Shirley . . .

Welcome to my fellow readers

I would first like to make a presentation – drum roll please: The Sukkot Award goes to our own Lill and Ron Shender for making the most wonderful dinner in our beautiful Sukkah. The salmon was truly the best salmon ever and the entire dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. To those who did not attend, you truly missed out on a fabulous dinner. We are very lucky to have you both and thank you for all you do. This evening was also made extra special by the celebration of Matan and Doron’s 2nd birthdays. What a delight they are and how wonderful to be able to celebrate together.

Our famous book club met on Monday, October 22 to discuss the book “Defending Jacob” and what a discussion it was. We had our usual group, as I call them, “My Bookies,” as well as a new addition who happened to be a retired attorney, who only made our discussion a much livelier one. I would say this is a “must read.” Truly a most enjoyable afternoon and well hosted by Lill Shender who made us all feel most welcome.

November 26 will be the next book club and the book we will be discussing is “Those Who Save Us” by Jenna Blum. Please contact Shirley, 609-266-8599, should you be interested in becoming a member and attending this review.

By the time this column is printed, some of our beloved members will have flown away to their winter abodes and, therefore, will not be seen until the Piping Plovers return to our island. To you all I say “you will be missed!”

Stay well, be happy and enjoy life.

*Until I write again,  
Simply Shirley*

# Simchas

Nov. Birthdays & Anniversaries

## BIRTHDAYS - November

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| 1 .....  | Jamie Chaikin,      | 13 ..... | Gale Donohue   |
|          | John A. Elzufon     | 14 ..... | Trudy Durant   |
| 3 .....  | Joseph Weinstein    | 15 ..... | Steven Donohue |
| 5 .....  | Eric Goldstein      | 26 ..... | Lisa Yuen      |
| 12 ..... | Phyllis Hoffrichter |          |                |

## ANNIVERSARIES - November

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| 5 .....  | Dr. Stephen & Rosalyn Weinstein            |
| 23 ..... | Cary & Trudy Durant, Saul & Nancy Grossman |
| 27 ..... | Mitchell & Mina Kramer                     |

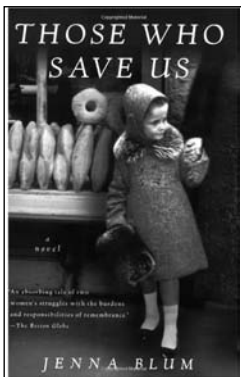
## MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

*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. 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, this has got to be the biggest bargain on the planet! Call Diane at 266-0403 and make your intentions known.

## BOOK CLUB



The next book club will meet **Monday, Nov. 26, 1 p.m.** to review

“**Those Who Save Us**” by **Jenna Blum**. The club will gather at the home of Arlene Waronker, 4 Atlantis Cove. RSVP to Shirley at [ssmorgan3@verizon.net](mailto:ssmorgan3@verizon.net) or call 609-266-8599.

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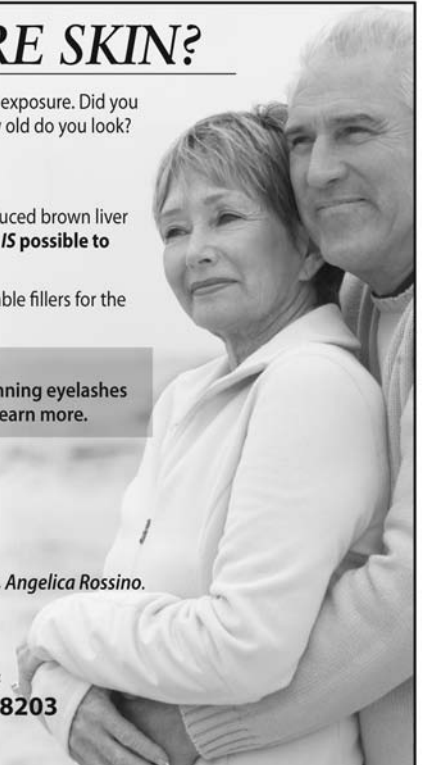
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## *November Yahrzeits*

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| <p>11/1 Barry &amp; Sandy Cogan <i>in memory of</i> Sandy's father, Morris Rubinstein</p> <p>11/2 Dr. Howard &amp; Arlene Waronker <i>in memory of</i> Howard's father, Isadore Waronker</p> <p>11/3 Fred &amp; Marlene Paul <i>in memory of</i> Marlene's father, Leon Lindenberg</p> <p>11/4 Ronald &amp; Shelley Miller <i>in memory of</i> Shelley's father, David Gitomer<br/>Michael Axler <i>in memory of</i> his mother-in-law, Ruth Myers</p> <p>11/6 Amy Hammel <i>in memory of</i> her husband, William Hammel<br/>Beverly Rosendorf &amp; Erika Brooks <i>in memory of</i> Beverly's aunt and Erika's grandmother, Pearl Kaye</p> <p>11/7 Mark &amp; Pearl Erdman <i>in memory of</i> Pearl's mother, Clara Blady</p> <p>11/8 Mark &amp; Dr. Linda Baum <i>in memory of</i> Linda's father, Jacob Bornstein</p> <p>11/12 Michael &amp; Carol Albert <i>in memory of</i> Michael's father, Maxwell B. Albert<br/>Michael &amp; Cheryl Guterman <i>in memory of</i> Cheryl's aunt, Rose Gilden Talbin</p> <p>11/13 Dr. Joseph &amp; Lillian Hassman <i>in memory of</i> Lill's father, Morris Davis<br/>Nancy Clancy <i>in memory of</i> her mother, Sarah Levine</p> <p>11/16 Lilyan Cralle <i>in memory of</i> her mother-in-law, Sue Marie Cralle<br/>Ida Levin <i>in memory of</i> her mother, Sima Lotstein</p> <p>11/17 Dr. Henry &amp; Gloria Jacoby <i>in memory of</i> Gloria's mother, Rose Yablonsky</p> <p>11/18 Debbie &amp; Gail Coplein <i>in memory of</i> their mother, Constance Coplein, and their great-grandfather, Eli Erlichman</p> <p>11/19 Edward &amp; Judith Rubin <i>in memory of</i> Judy's father, Herman Lam<br/>Susan Mintz <i>in memory of</i> her mother, Lilyan Politzer</p> <p>11/20 Helen Hanish <i>in memory of</i> her father-in-law, Jack Hanish<br/>Seymour &amp; Dorothy Katz <i>in memory of</i> Seymour's father, Joseph Katz</p> | <p>11/21 Ida Levin <i>in memory of</i> her brother, Leon Lotstein<br/>Marvin &amp; Diane Waxman <i>in memory of</i> Diane's mother, Ethel Rose</p> <p>11/23 Michael &amp; Cheryl Guterman <i>in memory of</i> Cheryl's father, David Brownstein<br/>Anne Paulin<br/>Gregory &amp; Bella Royzman <i>in memory of</i> Bella's brother, Khaim Sapozhnikov<br/>Seymour &amp; Norma Trachtman <i>in memory of</i> Seymour's mother, Yetta Trachtman<br/>Dr. Eli &amp; Nancy Zucker <i>in memory of</i> Eli's father, Irving Zucker</p> <p>11/25 Dr. Barry &amp; Barbara Glaser <i>in memory of</i> Barry's father, Samuel Glaser<br/>Dr. Eli &amp; Nancy Zucker <i>in memory of</i> Nancy's mother, Helen Kotzin<br/>Jerald &amp; Sheila Cohen <i>in memory of</i> Sheila's father, David Weil</p> <p>11/26 Deborah Cimini <i>in memory of</i> her father, Gerson Goldberg</p> <p>11/27 Marvin &amp; Diane Waxman <i>in memory of</i> Marvin's mother, Belle Waxman</p> <p>11/30 Betty Chaikin, Dr. Harry &amp; Sarah Chaikin, William Boutin &amp; Jamie Chaikin, and Steven &amp; Gale Donohue <i>in memory of</i> Betty's husband and the children's father, Dr. Joseph Chaikin<br/>Jacqueline &amp; Fred Fabel <i>in memory of</i> their daughter-in-law, Maria Fabel<br/>Jerald &amp; Sheila Cohen <i>in memory of</i> Jerald's grandmother, Helen Greenberger<br/>Gerald &amp; Barbara Pepper <i>in memory of</i> Barbara's mother, Elizabeth Rosman<br/>Susan &amp; Leslie Tuerk <i>in memory of</i> Susan's mother, Adeline Taylor<br/>Arnie &amp; Lory Schuster <i>in memory of</i> Lory's father, Harry Zeidel</p> |
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impetus, to which I alluded already.

Since my arrival at Temple Beth Shalom, at least one person (one year it was six!) has approached me for advice on how to survive what feels like a nebulous and torturous civic holiday. One might make the reasoned assessment that beyond the meal itself, and perhaps the social experience of cooking and the more recent advent of Black Friday shopping, there is not much that differentiates Thanksgiving from any other family Shabbat (or Sunday) dinner. And so I thought many years ago: Why not add a Jewish flavor to the holiday?

For several years, I brought a pamphlet or two of prayers and readings to my family's Thanksgiving Day meal. In the few years we didn't read the prayers and readings, I have always made sure that a little Yiddishkite was added through an opportunity to share the blessings for which we are thankful.

These moments inevitably change the dynamic of the gathering and "make" the experience that much more worthwhile.

So, how about bringing a little of your Jewish selves to the holiday this year? After all, being thankful is a pretty established Jewish practice - as our ancient Psalms offer proof. So, if you want to make dark-meat Turkey kishke, Turkey gribenes, or simply a traditional potato kugel (of course, check with your cardiologist), that's great, but also consider gathering before the meal to recite the *motzei* over some wonderfully warm bread and then sharing a reading or two followed by allowing each person a chance to express a grateful heart, and then closing with the *Shehechyanu*.

Whatever you do, I hope that you remember that you can never replace the people around you despite the likely bumps during your celebration. So, why not take a chance and tell them that you are thankful for them being in your life ... I know I will!

*Yom Hodu Sameach!* (amazingly, both "Happy Thanksgiving Day" and "Happy Turkey Day")

***Rabbi Gerald R. Fox***

## New Postage Stamp Honors Unsung Rescuer of Jews from the Nazis

Who was Hiram Bingham and why is he getting a stamp?

Just an interesting piece of evidence of the curious behavior of the Roosevelt administration toward the Jews during WWII:

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell gave a posthumous award for "constructive dissent" to Hiram (or Harry) Bingham, IV. For over fifty years, the State Department resisted any attempt to honor Bingham. For them he was an insubordinate member of the US diplomatic service, a dangerous maverick who was eventually demoted. Now, after his death, he has been officially recognized as a hero.

Bingham came from an illustrious family. His father (on whom the fictional character Indiana Jones was based) was the archeologist who unearthed the Inca City of Machu Picchu, Peru, in 1911.

Harry entered the US diplomatic service and, in 1939, was posted to Marseilles, France, as American Vice-Consul. The USA was then neutral and, not wishing to annoy Marshal Petain's puppet Vichy regime, President Roosevelt's government ordered its representatives in Marseilles not to grant visas to any Jews. Bingham found this policy immoral and, risking his career, did all in his power to undermine it. In defiance of his bosses in Washington, he granted over 2,500 USA visas to Jewish and other refugees, including the artists Marc Chagall and Max Ernst and the family of the writer Thomas Mann. He also sheltered Jews in his Marseilles home, and obtained forged identity papers to help Jews in their dangerous journeys across Europe. He worked with the French underground to smuggle Jews out of France into Franco's Spain or across the Mediterranean and even contributed to their expenses out of his own pocket. In 1941, Washington lost patience with him. He was sent to Argentina, where later he continued to annoy his superiors by reporting on the movements of Nazi war criminals.

Eventually, Harry was forced out of the American diplomatic service completely.

Bingham died almost penniless in 1988. Little was known of his extraordinary activities until his son found some letters in his belongings after his death. He has now been honored by many groups and organizations including the United Nations and the State of Israel.

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"Brigantine," we said, "fishing shanties and green flies!" We had nothing to lose though so we came to look and, lo and behold, we crossed the bridge and we just knew it was the right place for Molly and Marvin and me! And so it has been for almost 10 years.

And on top of everything, there was this tiny little synagogue just like the one we belonged to when we were raising our children. It was small and struggling and friendly and struggling and beautiful and struggling and it just called to us.

And now we live here in Brigantine for 6 months out of the year and we come to Services on most Friday nights and our children and grandchildren come here too, and we all love our home in Brigantine. So, we thank Molly all the time for taking us to this wonderful little island called Brigantine!

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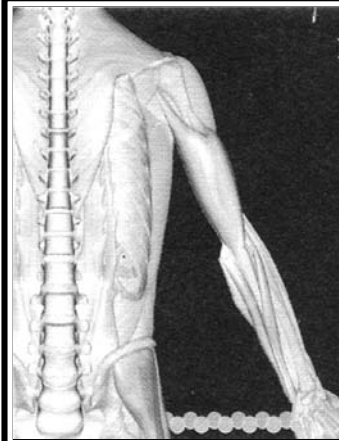
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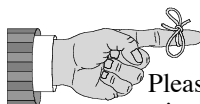
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 events in your life. Unsolicited general donations are needed to  
 help the Temple meet its annual operating expenses. Keep in  
 mind, less than 50% of our operating expenses are covered by  
 membership dues. Listed below are the various items to which  
 you can contribute.

- Bronze Memorial Plaque* .....\$300
- Leaf on the Tree of Life* .....\$50
- Oneg Shabbat Sponsor* .....\$25
- Kiddush Sponsor* .....\$100
- Message Card* .....\$5 each
- Yizkor Memorial* .....Minimum \$10
- Building Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Library Fund* .....Whatever you desire
- Kiddush Fund* .....Whatever you desire