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SERVICES

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

Light Refreshments

Saturday Service

October 13 • 10 a.m.

Board Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 4 • 10 a.m.

Coming Events

Monday & Tuesday October 1 & 2
Office Closed for Sukkot

Friday, Oct. 5
Sukkot Dinner 6:30 p.m., followed by services

Monday, Oct. 8
Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor Services 10 a.m.
Office Closed

Tuesday, Oct. 9
Simchat Torah
Office Closed

RABBI'S COLUMN

Living Humbly

Wanna do a mitzvah while sitting? Wanna do a mitzvah while eating? Wanna do a mitzvah while sleeping? I will tell you how, but first let me ask you a question . . . perhaps it may seem like an absurd question to ask, but here goes: Why is Nature important? Why break down the modern barriers between us and the natural world around us that we have fought so hard to create to keep us safe? See, I said it may seem like an absurd question, but now, tell me, what is the answer? Not so easy, right?!

In the play, "My Dinner with Andre" (and the film of the same name), one of the characters bemoans the fact that he experiences suffering in his life. He focuses on the boundaries that he has built up over the course of his life to protect him from the incessant beatings that he along with all of humanity suffer as a part of just living each day. His companion is flabbergasted by this pessimistic resignation to a sorrow that he states is the result of his friend being misguided by the way that the world operates. He tells his friend that he is missing the point of living, that life is meant to have moments of joy and sorrow, moments of comfort and suffering; it is in the full spectrum of experiences that we find the meaning and value to our very existence. In fact, he gives an example: If he leaves the heat on "low" in his New York apartment during the winter and he experiences what it is like to be a little cold, he is forced to use a blanket or two to find comfort. Just the simple act of piling a few blankets onto his bed at night to keep him warm, he says, brings to his mind an awareness of the seasons, of the weather, of the world around him, and even of how other people are also feeling this experience of the cold. All of this leads one to be connected to the world around them and not to be lulled into a comfortable waking mental "sleep," if you will.

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Come and join us on

Friday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.

in our beautifully decorated Sukkah which will be erected in the Temple's parking lot.

Celebrate the Sabbath and Sukkot with all of us at Temple Beth Shalom. A full course dinner will be served for a donation of only $25 per person.

Reservations are an absolute must. RSVP by calling the office TODAY at 609-266-0403 but no later than September 28.

Bring your families and friends to celebrate the Festival of the Booths with us!

Congratulations

Mazel tov to former longtime member **Shirley Schreiber** on the birth of her 9th great-grandchild! Owen Gabriel Fox was born September 13, 2012, weighing in at 7 lb., 1 oz., 19 ½ inches long. Congratulations to the whole family!

General Donations

Linda Hahn *in honor of* Gloria Jacoby's birthday.
Howard & Debbie Schlesinger.

Message Card

From **Betty Chaikin** to **Gloria Jacoby** *in honor of* her recent award for her volunteer efforts with the South Jersey Cancer Fund.

Welcome New Member

David Horowitz of Melrose Park, Pa. and Brigantine.

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!

Prayer cannot mend a broken bridge, rebuild a ruined city, or bring water to parched fields. Prayer can mend a broken heart, lift up a discouraged soul, and strengthen a weakened will.

Thank You *To the Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors For September*

Saturday, September 8 – **Ronald & Jo-Ann Massanova** *in memory of* Jo-Ann's mother, Rose Aufiero**.**

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Friday, September 21 – **Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman** *in memory of* Joe's mother, Ethel Hassman;

Dr. Eli & Nancy Zucker *in memory of* Eli's mother, Minnie Zucker.

Friday, September 28 – **Betty Chaikin** *in memory of* her sister, Ruth Bocour;

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Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Al's mother, Betty (Becky) Dragon.
Faye Kahn *in memory of* her mother, Malka Mittelman Landau.

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Now, I am sure that many of you will not want to drop the use of your furnace this winter, but it is certainly something to think about as we enter into the new year. It is always good to consider how our lives are connected to the world around us. It should come as no surprise, then, that Judaism has something to help us to start the year off toward being better people: It's called a sukkah!

You see, according to our religious heritage, during Sukkot we build a sukkah (as we at Temple Beth Shalom do each year) – a temporary dwelling place, to sit in, to rest in, to eat in, and even to sleep in – each one of which is a mitzvah that we can fulfill with relative ease. But, to what end do we do this?

We are told that, in part, we do so to be reminded that we are not islands unto ourselves. No matter how secure our lives are, or appear to be, we are connected to and affected by the world around us. In making this connection, we are reminded to start off the adventure that is the New Year with a wonderful message: To live humbly. The hidden reminder in this humility and in our celebration of Sukkot is the great comfort of knowing that we are connected to everyone and everything around us.

And, in the end, these are the building blocks to a truly tremendous year ahead! *Moadim L'Simkha* – May every day of this season be a joyous reminder of the blessings all around us.

Rabbi Gerald R. Fox

Simply Shirley . . .

Welcome to my fellow readers

Well, I am sorry to say that summer is over; however, the lovely fall weather is now upon us and the colors of nature are just beautiful to see. My wishes for a happy, sweet and healthy new year go out to all my faithful readers and to their families.

Once again the holiday services were truly wonderful thanks to our Rabbi Fox and also to Cantor Rabbi LaPayover.

TBS is really unique since we are proud to say we have our own angel. As many of you know, that would be Gloria Jacoby who was recently given the "Angel of the Year Award" presented by the Christina M. Rush Foundation. Gloria is truly an angel for all she does for the South Jersey Cancer Foundation and this award was presented in recognition of her volunteering as the patient liaison.

The Bazaar, which was held in August, was a tremendous success. All of the hard work which was of course led by Lill and Ron and their group of helpers certainly made this bazaar very successful. There were many satisfied customers who walked away with many bargains including myself, who purchased a lovely necklace.

Our next book club will meet on Monday, October 22 at Lill Shender's home and we will be discussing "Defending Jacob." Please contact me at 609-266-8599 if you wish to attend or email ssmorgan3@verizon.net.

Stay well, be happy and enjoy life.

Until I write again,
Simply Shirley

Simchas

Oct. Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS - October

2 .....Harriet Ackovitz
4 .....Vera Getz
5 .....Ida Levin
9 .....Daniel-Paul Alva
10 .....Larry Hatoff
Judge Sandra Mazer Moss
14 .....Anna Weinstein
15 .....Michael Kurland
16 .....Betty Chaikin
17 .....Arlene Maisus,
David W. Silver
19 .....Diane A. Waxman
22 .....Carl P. Apter
26 .....Howard Abber
28 .....Sidney Morgan
30 .....Nancy K. Zucker

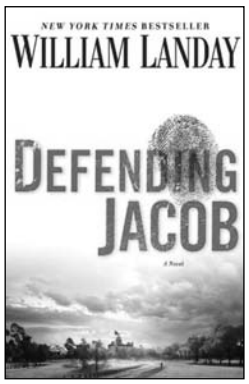
ANNIVERSARIES - October

6 .....Michael & Carol Albert
10 .....Jerald & Sheila Cohen
13 .....John & Beth Bacha
22 .....Dr. Joseph & Lillian Hassman
31 .....Jacqueline & Fred Fabel

New Prayer Book Dedication

We are offering you a chance to purchase a memorial/honorarium plaque to be placed in our new prayer books (inside front cover) for only $36. We have only 33 books remaining for dedication, so call the office at 609-266-0403 and make your wishes known.

BOOK CLUB



The next book club will meet **Monday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m.** to review **"Defending Jacob"** by **William Landay**. The club will gather at the home of Lill Shender, 348 Seashell Lane. RSVP to Shirley at ssmorgan3@verizon.net or call 609-266-8599.

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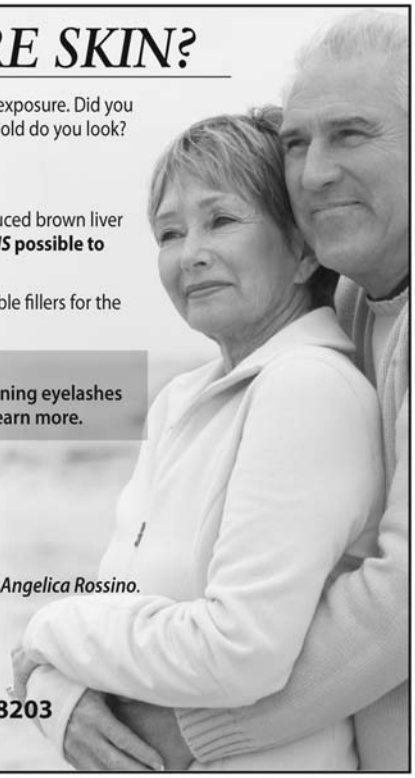

October Yahrzeits

10/1 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Ed's brother, Jeffrey Rubin
10/2 Natalie Fishman
Bessie Holtzman
10/3 Doris & Earl Berger, Gale Hoffman & Philip Goisman *in memory of* Doris' mother, Gale's grandmother and Philip's friend, Janet Kerstetter
Seymour & Dorothy Katz *in memory of* Dorothy's father, Louis Perilstein
10/4 Edith Krimstock *in memory of* her mother, Minnie Kunis
10/5 Edward & Judith Rubin *in memory of* Judy's uncle, Nathan Bell
Helen Spinrad & John Spinrad *in memory of* Helen's husband and John's father, Malcom Spinrad
10/6 Faye Kahn *in memory of* her mother, Malka Mittelman Landau
Gerald & Barbara Pepper *in memory of* Gerald's mother, Tillie Pepper-Blum
10/7 Henrietta Burke
Fred & Marlene Paul *in memory of* Fred's mother, Celia Paul
10/8 Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* Leon's father, Julius Ackovitz
Jacqueline & Fred Fabel *in memory of* Jackie's father, Emanuel Bilk
John Spinrad *in memory of* his grandmother, Eve Frankel
Dr. Barry & Barbara Glaser *in memory of* Barry's sister, Flora Furman
10/9 Saul & Sheila Feder *in memory of* Sheila's mother, Dora Werbin
10/10 Judith Blum-Crawford *in memory of* her father, Eugene W. Blum
Charlotte Sweet
10/11 Anita Erman *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Rosalie Erman
Susan Mintz *in memory of* her father-in-law, Aaron Herbert Mintz
Leon & Harriet Ackovitz *in memory of* their uncle, Albert Orner
10/13 Helen Spinrad & Stewart Lapayowker *in memory of* Helen's mother and Stewart's grandmother, Mary Moskowitz
10/14 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of* Ronald's father, Samuel Bermon
Bernie Cohen *in memory of* his brother, Frank Cohen
Jerald & Sheila Cohen *in memory of* their uncle, Frank Cohen
Martha Cohen *in memory of* her husband, Frank Cohen
Michael & Marcia Kurland *in memory of* Michael's father, Irving Kurland
Annieta Mann *in memory of* her mother, Virginia Shanack
10/15 Arnie & Lory Schuster *in memory of* Arnie's mother, Margot Schuster
10/16 Albert & Barbara Dragon *in memory of* Al's mother, Betty (Becky) Dragon
10/17 Ronald & Rhoda Bermon *in memory of* Rhoda's sister, Marilyn (Mikki) Boyer
10/19 Saul & Sheila Feder *in memory of* Saul's mother, Lillian Feder
Bernard & Norma Gittelman *in memory of* Bernie's mother, Henrietta Gittelman
Milton & Phyllis Berkes *in memory of* Phyllis's mother, Mollie Gould
Howard Abber *in memory of* his sister, Joyce Small
Selma Sofsky *in memory of* her husband, Sol Sofsky
10/20 Annieta Mann *in memory of* her father, Leon Shanack
10/22 Ida Levin *in memory of* her mother-in-law, Fannie Levin
Ronald & Lillian Shender *in memory of* Ron's mother, Leah Shender
10/23 Aaron & Joan Grossman *in memory of* Joan's mother, Esther Broder
Anna Leibowitz
10/24 Jacqueline & Fred Fabel *in memory of* Fred's father, Lewis Fabel
Jack Segal
10/25 Michael & Cheryl Guterman *in memory of* Michael's father, Hyman Guterman
10/27 Mark & Pearl Erdman *in memory of* Mark's father, Nathaniel Erdman
Mitchell & Mina Kramer *in memory of* Mitch's father, Harry Kramer
Ida Levin *in memory of* her sister, Sara Rutberg
10/28 Toby Waller *in memory of* her brother-in-law, Shep Waller
10/29 Bernie Cohen *in memory of* his father, Albert Cohen
Martha Cohen *in memory of* her father-in-law, Albert Cohen
Dr. Martin & Linda Millison *in memory of* Marty's brother, Carl Millison
Norman & Pearl Reiff *in memory of* their daughter, Jill Reiff

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The First Jewish President

The year is 2016 and the United States has elected the first woman as well as the first Jewish president, Susan Goldfarb. She calls up her mother a few weeks after election day and says, 'So, Mom, I assume you will be coming to my inauguration?'

'I don't think so. It's a ten hour drive, your father isn't as young as he used to be, and my arthritis is acting up again.'

'Don't worry about it Mom, I'll send Air Force One to pick you up and take you home. And a limousine will pick you up at your door.'

'I don't know. Everybody will be so fancy-schmantzy, what on earth would I wear?'

'Oh Mom,? replies Susan, 'I'll make sure you have a wonderful gown custom-made by the best designer in New York.'

'Honey,' Mom complains, 'you know I can't eat those rich foods you and your friends like to eat.'

The President-to-be responds, 'Don't worry Mom. The entire affair is going to be handled by the best caterer in New York, kosher all the way.

Mom, I really want you to come.'

So Mom reluctantly agrees and on January 20, 2017, Susan Goldfarb is being sworn in as President of the United States. In the front row sits the new President's mother, who leans over to a senator sitting next to her. 'You see that woman over there with her hand on the Torah, becoming President of the United States??'

The Senator whispers back, 'Yes I do.'

Mom says proudly, 'Her brother is a doctor.'

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.

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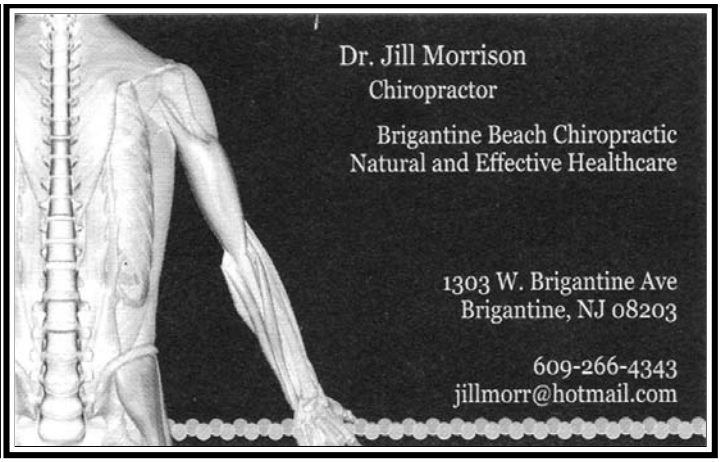

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