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GETTING READY FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

Sounding the Shofar



The most prominent feature of the month of Elul is the sounding of the *shofar* each morning, except on Shabbat. Three primary reasons are given for this practice.

The first one is to confuse Satan about the date for Rosh Hashanah, so that he will not be able to affect God's judgment of people with his accusations against them.

The second one pertains to a rabbinic legend, which says that Moses' ascent to receive the second tablets on the first of Elul was accompanied by blasts of the shofar. Therefore, the shofar reminds us of the story of the Golden Calf and that we must always be aware of our potential for sinning.

The third one has as its source the famous phrase heard at many weddings from the Song of Songs (6:3) *Ani l'dodi v'dodi li*, meaning "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine." The first letters (*aleph, lamed, vav, lamed*) of each Hebrew word form an acrostic for the word Elul. From this hint, we gather that the period extending from the beginning of Elul through Yom Kippur (a total of 40 days) is a time ripe to become beloved by God. The shofar alerts us to that loving relationship.

(My Jewish Learning Prayers to say, vows to renounce. By [Rabbi Paul Steinberg](#))

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

All Friday evening services begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated, Saturday morning Shabbat services begin at 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning minyan begins at 9:00 a.m.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sat Aug 1	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
Sun Aug 2	Sunday Morning Minyan and Men's Club Breakfast	9:00 AM
Tues Aug 4	Jewish Customs and Practices	7:30 PM
Fri Aug 7	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Aug 8	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
Sun Aug 9	Sunday Morning Minyan and Men's Club Breakfast	9:00 AM
Tues Aug 11	Rabbi Mishkin's Book Discussion	11:00 AM
Thurs Aug 13	Daytimers trip to Shanghai Ghetto	2:00 PM
Fri Aug 14	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Aug 15	Shabbat Morning Services Rosh Chodesh Elul Baby Naming of Layla Anne Weiss	9:30 AM
Sun Aug 16	Sunday Morning Minyan and Men's Club Breakfast	9:00 AM
Tues Aug 18	Jewish Customs and Practices	7:30 PM
Wed Aug 19	Federation Board of Trustees Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri Aug 21	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Aug 22	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
Sun Aug 23	Sunday Morning Minyan and Men's Club Breakfast	9:00 AM
Thurs Aug 27	Temple Exec Board and Board Of Trustees	7:00 PM
Fri Aug 28	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Aug 29	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM
Sun Aug 30	Sunday Morning Minyan and Men's Club Breakfast	9:00 AM

Message from Rabbi Mishkin

“A Meeting with a Friend”



The other day I had the pleasure to reconnect with a friend of many years. His name is Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz. Matt is a native of Freehold, New Jersey. He lives in Israel today with his wife, Miriam and three children where he is the director of Israel programs for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He was in the states for a few days to visit with his folks and attend some meetings at the seminary.

As old friends will do, we caught up on the details of our lives since we last saw each other a year ago and Matt expressed his enthusiasm at the prospect of our congregational trip to Israel next May. He hoped that we would have a chance to get together while we were in Israel and he ventured forth with the names of several associates who might lend some of their expertise to me in the ongoing planning of our trip.

On another matter I asked Matt what the feeling was in Israel regarding the diplomatic events of the past few weeks. Matt shared with me that the state of mind in Israel today was one of heightened anxiety. He spoke of his personal sense of unease over the negotiations taking place involving Iran and the proposed deal to prevent them from developing an arsenal of nuclear weapons. He expressed his fear that this deal was just applying a Band-Aid to the problem and that it was only postponing the outcome for the next few years. He also expressed his trepidation that Israel one day would have to deal with this reality on her own terms. I listened carefully to his words and acknowledged his sentiments. I will admit that I have a hard time disagreeing with anything he said and I can only hope that those of us who love Israel deeply will remain vigilant in guaranteeing that she will never be left alone and vulnerable to such an outcome. Regardless of politics this is something we Jews must agree upon.

Rabbi Joel Mishkin

On yet another matter altogether, Beverly and I would like to thank the members of our congregation for the lovely Oneg Shabbat in celebration of the anniversary of my first year as your rabbi. It was most touching. We look forward to the coming year with warm feelings and high hopes.

Message from our Congregation Beth Ohr President,

Phil Rabinowitz

On the Occasion of Honoring Rabbi Mishkin

On His First Anniversary with Congregation Beth Ohr



Tonight the synagogue board and congregation celebrate Rabbi Mishkin's First anniversary as our Rabbi at Beth Ohr with a special Oneg Shabbat. Both Beverly and the Rabbi have made a very positive impact on the Jewish community.

Beverly is the director of Senior Services at Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Mercer County. Our Rabbi has expanded the presence of Beth Ohr as he networked with leadership at Jewish Federation and United Synagogue, fellow rabbis in Middlesex and Monmouth Counties, other denominational clergy in Old Bridge, Old Bridge's Mayor Owen Henry and the Old Bridge Council, and has led programs at the Old Bridge library. He has created a new excitement for our members. Our attendance at services has increased, the Tuesday morning and evening discussion groups are thriving, and he works closely with the synagogue Board to plan for the present and the future. A few of the programs already scheduled in my first year as President include guest cantor Jennifer Rolnick, Rabbi Ethan Seidel scholar-in-residence, the rebirth of our Torathon, a congregational trip to Israel, and a Dinner Dance as our major Fundraiser.

We all look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries with Rabbi and Beverly. Continue to support the synagogue with your participation and invite your friends to our services and programs. Word of mouth is the most successful way to get unaffiliated Jews in the area to know about us!!

MEN'S CLUB *Minyan Every Sunday. Come and also enjoy a bagel and the camaraderie.*



Pictured above from top left is the Tisha B'Av Sunday Morning Torah reading by **Phil Rabinowitz** with Cohan Aliyah by **Harvey Cohen** flanked by Gabbi's **Chuck Rogol** and **Allen Appel**. Next are Pennsylvania natives **Ken Deitz** and **Phil** at a Minyan, followed by a photo of the "B Team" substitutes for Harvey: **Herb Goldenberg**, **Ivan Gelb** and **Chuck Rogol**.

There have been two additional reported insurance savings from the "**You show me yours and I'll show you mine**" program. Come to the Minyans and our programs—you will benefit in many ways including saving \$\$\$.

Good Shabbos! Greeting:

A suggestion is for all Men's Club members and Beth Ohr Congregants to call someone they haven't spoken to in a while and wish them a Good Shabbos. A few of us have done it and had very gratifying results. Try it—You'll like it!

Special Gift:

A special gift will be given to everyone that came to one of the two Shabbos' when Rabbi Mishkin was on vacation and Joe Shafran and I gave the Dvar Torahs; and if they come to at least one Minyan in August. Gift and recipients will be announced in next newsletter.

For next month's newsletter: Send photos of you or your family history, on vacation, or with famous people.

[Things really happen at the Men's Club. Come to a Minyan once in a while.](#)

MEN'S CLUB PROGRAM SCHEDULE: SUNDAY PROGRAMS FOLLOWING THE MINYAN AND BAGEL BREAKFAST

Jul and Aug - Minyans every Sunday and interesting discussions over bagels and other surprises.

Sep 6—Photo Sunday: Everyone at the Minyan will be in a Rosh Hashanah photo.

Ed Mendlowitz, Men's Club President, emcpa1@aol.com tel 732 890-3344

If you don't usually attend, try coming once in a while and see what we have to offer. It ain't what you think it is!

**"Heine,
My Sunday
mornings
never seem
to get a
jump start."**

**"Why
don't you
go to
the
Minyan!"**

BETH OHR PHOTO GALLERY



Photos

The top photo shows Daytimers' "Head Counselor" **Ira Donenfeld** followed by a partial photo of the Daytimers at a program at Jewish Family Services in Monroe about Sephardic Jews in NJ. Next is **Andy Mendlowitz** holding the Chumash his Grandmother Ellen Mendlowitz dedicated for his Bar Mitzvah in 1986. 2nd row is **Ken Kaufman** at his 75th Birthday party flanked by **Maxine** and his family, The next photo shows the Ritual Committee at work. The 3rd row shows **Roberta Fachler** and her twin brother Norman at his Bar Mitzvah with the proud parents and grandparents. Then a photo of the over 20 people at the Rabbi's Book Club that meets every other Tuesday morning. And a selfie last month of **Ken Deitz** and Jason Alexander. **If you don't send photos to Ed, they cannot be in the Newsletter.**

June 5, 2016 Journal Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Beth Ohr will be having a major fund raiser on June 5, 2016. This will be a huge event! Put it on your calendar now to save the date. If you would like to serve on the committee, contact Ed Mendlowitz at 732 890-3344 or emcpa1@aol.com .

Starting with this issue of the *Beth Ohr Newsletter* information will be presented about our history leading up to our **60th Anniversary celebration in the Fall of 2016**
FOLLOWING IS A REPRINT OF AN ARTICLE ABOUT OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
This article originally appeared following the celebration dance. Unfortunately many of the people quoted have passed on, but the article represents the feelings and activities of our Shul at that time.

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New Jersey Jewish News Online
Greater Middlesex County Feature
by Debra Rubin, NJJN Bureau Chief/Middlesex, 05.29.07

Congregation Beth Ohr Celebrates 50 years

Early members of Congregation Beth Ohr in Old Bridge harbor memories of a place where young families, many transplanted from New York, could find a place to socialize, worship, and educate their children.

More than 50 years later, those families are older and congregational members are fewer, but Beth Ohr is still a place where they turn to socialize and worship.

Minna Leff, like many others who have been there almost from the beginning, remembered with affection the original one-story building that everyone referred to "as the bomb shelter." "I remember there was a room for praying and a bathroom," said Leff who has been a member for almost 45 years. "We looked forward to belonging. All my friends came from New York, and it was something to keep us together."

Marilyn Karlstein called Beth Ohr "my home for 45 years." "It was a very young congregation, hard-working, with a lot of volunteering and a lot of baby-sitting — and very enthusiastic," she said. "Whenever we had a function it was sold out. We were like one big happy family. Everybody was always there for each other."

Karlstein, who chaired a May 20 dinner-dance celebrating Beth Ohr's golden anniversary, recalled an active sisterhood, men's club, and Yiddish club as well as a large United Synagogue Youth chapter. There were also large Hanukkah celebrations and Purim parties. "We had all moved out of the city and were struggling to build a home away from home," said Karlstein, who also became an adult Bat Mitzvah at Beth Ohr.

The idea for the synagogue began in 1956 when two women with young children in Madison Township, which was later renamed Old Bridge, were sitting around having coffee and wondering whether there were other Jewish families in the area. They located others and with their husbands founded the Madison Township Jewish Center, which later became Congregation Beth Ohr.

It met in a variety of venues, including a firehouse and a bowling alley, before members bought a building on Route 516 in 1960. The synagogue building was dedicated on March 26, 1961, with classrooms and a multipurpose room for worship and programs.

By the mid-1960s, the synagogue had expanded to a second floor that included an office, a larger all-purpose room, and larger kitchen facilities. In 1989, the synagogue again grew; a sanctuary was built to seat 200, with a partition that could be opened for an all-purpose room seating 600.

In 2003, the Ranit Krinsky Lubliner Memorial Children's Library and Rose Rosenbaum Memorial Office were created.

Although the synagogue no longer has a USY chapter, it still has a thriving religious school and has actually picked up members in the last three years, according to Rabbi Eugene Wernick. Membership now stands at between 180 and 190 family units, he said.

Wernick is leading a 50th anniversary congregation pilgrimage to Israel Dec. 19-Jan. 4. Although its dynamics have changed, the Conservative shul remains active and viable, said Wernick. "Our services are completely egalitarian and very traditional, and there's a great interest in adult education," said Wernick, who has been with Beth Ohr three years. "We have a thriving sisterhood and men's club as well as the Daytimers, which is like a USY group for retirees."

Still, demographics have taken their toll. "The youth part of our population is depleted because there are scarcely any young families moving in," said Wernick. "We have become a senior and middle-age congregation, although our Hebrew school is going. I'm more than happy here. The congregants show a lot of respect."

Larry Vogel is an original member who has often read the Torah and still blows the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. He recalled the synagogue's infancy in a school room in Parlin,

near where most of its early members lived. "There weren't very many Jews in the area and then it started to grow," said Vogel, who recalled that early on, the synagogue's school was the only one in the area outside Perth Amboy.

A former ritual chair for almost 40 years and former president now retired in Monroe, Vogel remembered many rabbis and 1,000 people worshipping on the High Holy Days. "We prayed and grew a lot of children," he said, recalling that to save money "and feel a part of the place" the men's club put up the inside paneling and other finishing touches themselves for the building's first addition.

Mitchell Feinman and his wife moved from Brooklyn 35 years ago to be near their daughter and son-in-law in East Brunswick and escape the city. Now 96, Feinman believes he and his 94-year-old wife, Sarah Leah, are the synagogue's oldest members. Feinman said he immediately joined the shul upon coming to Old Bridge, but found it lacked warmth. "So I asked the rabbi if I could greet people when they walked in Erev Shabbos and Shabbos and he said it might be a good idea," recalled Feinman. "I was injecting a little warmth. I shook hands at the door for almost 15 years every Shabbos and holiday, and it got to the point where I got to know so many

congregants by their first name. It was a real warm feeling greeting someone you knew."

The Feinmans left after 18 years for Florida, but 12 years later returned to East Brunswick to live with their daughter and rejoined their old shul.

"It was really the Jewish community center for Old Bridge," said Karlstein, a past Hadassah and sisterhood president who now lives in Marlboro. "It really stands out how the community changed. We had this big dynamic center. Now, most of our members have gone to retirement centers."

Leff, who now lives in Freehold, has warm memories of Friday night services, the annual dance where congregants would break the Yom Kippur fast, and the time Dr. Ruth Westheimer was the guest at a synagogue program. "They were great memories," she added, "but people die and move out of the area."

Karlstein said she is looking on the bright side when it comes to Beth Ohr's future. "I'm an optimist," she noted. "It's such a fabulous congregation and I want everyone to know Beth Ohr is alive and kicking, and we are still one big happy family. It has been my other home and I truly could not give it up. I could not live without it. It's a way of life for me."

Couples dancing at a May 20 celebration marking the 50th anniversary of Congregation Beth Ohr in Old Bridge.



CONGREGATION BETH OHR MEMORIAL FUNDS

The following is a listing of the Memorial Funds that you may make tax-deductible contributions to:

Stephen Edwards Memorial Youth Fund
Elaine Leibowitz Memorial Fund
Lenore Linder Youth Fund
Larry & Ida Vogel Memorial Fund
Beautification Fund
Herman & Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund
Mindy Nightingale Memorial Fund
Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund
Herb Reinstein Memorial Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund
David Benish Memorial Fund

In the future when donating to these funds, please make your checks out to **CONGREGATION BETH OHR** and write in the fund in the memo portion of the check. Thank you, Phyllis Greenberg

A New Memorial Fund

A story – When the Benish family was “shul shopping” after they moved to their new home, they attended Friday night Shabbat services at a synagogue not far from where they lived. The synagogue was Conservative, and the service was one in which the family felt comfortable. But their son, David, walked out of the service saying he could not join this synagogue. When asked why, he told his parents, “I can’t go to a synagogue where they don’t smile and they don’t sing. Subsequently, the family joined Beth Ohr and has been smiling and singing for almost 32 years. So the Benish family is starting the David Benish Fund to support synagogue programs that will “make people smile and make people sing.” Thanks to your generosity and kindness, the first program supported by this fund will be another musical Shabbat weekend with Cantor Jennifer Rolnick in the Fall. Look for date in the emails and mark it on your calendar and join us there to continue bringing David’s wish to life.

Thank you from Linda and Allan Benish and family

To all our friends and family at Beth Ohr:

There are truly no words that can express our gratitude for all the kindness and caring we were shown when our son David passed away. The way the people of this congregation are there for each other is what makes this congregation so special. We were overwhelmed by the support given to us, and we can't thank you enough for all your thoughtfulness, for your visits, your phone calls, your donations, and just the compassionate thoughts of concern sent our way. A special thank you to Rabbi Mishkin who helped us through those first few hours and was nearby the whole shiva, and to all the members of this congregation, thank you for all you do to make this such a special place.

Thank you from Arlene and Nelson Silver

Nelson and Arlene Silver extend a great big "Thank you" for making our 50th Wedding Anniversary so special.

"Thank You" for the cards, donations and good wishes.

"Thank You" for joining us for Friday night services and staying for the oneg too.

"Thank You" for all the love you have shown us since we joined your Temple and the Beth Ohr family. You have made us feel welcome and comfortable and thankful that we belong to your Temple.

"Thank you" to Phyllis for all the work that you have done to make our 50th so memorable.

"Thank You" Ashna, Ann, and Lisa for the hours you spent preparing for the oneg. You washed, chopped plattered, set up and cleaned up. You have made it lovely and special.

"Thank You" Linda for being so supportive and helpful. You showed us what we needed to know to make our 50th celebration work.

"Thank You" Marty for refrigerator and freezer space and for getting Yahneice to be there to help.

"Thank you" Rabbi Mishkin. You made our day the best of the best. The service was beautiful and so special to us, our children and grandchildren. We will remember this day with warmth and a smile. We will cherish your caring and friendship always.

"Thank You" our Beth Ohr family for making our 50th so memorable. It was a wonderful celebration of a wonderful 50 years.

We wish you all good health and much happiness.

Much Love,

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Arlene and Nelson Silver

Thank you from Burt and Sharen Silverman and Family

Burt and Sharen Silverman and family say thank you to everyone for your prayers and support during this time of sadness for the loss of Burt's mother, Annette Silverman.

More Beth Ohr News and Thank You's

The congregation thanks Joe Shafran for delivering the Dvar Torah during the Rabbi's vacation and to Joe and Dorothy Shafran for sponsoring the Kiddush Lunch on Saturday, July 18.

The congregation thanks Ed Mendlowitz for delivering the Dvar Torah during the Rabbi's vacation and to Ed and Ronnie Mendlowitz for sponsoring the Kiddush lunch on Saturday, July 25.

Mazel Tov to David and Alice Honig and Robert and Eloise Honig on the Baby Naming of their granddaughter and great granddaughter Layla Anne Weiss. Thank you David and Alice Honig for sponsoring the Kiddush on August 15.

Condolences

The congregation sends their heartfelt sympathy to Barbara Greenstein, Sisterhood Member, on the loss of her husband, Aaron Greenstein and to Ilene and Barry Gray, on the loss of their brother-in-law, Aaron Greenstein.

ETZ CHAIM CHUMASH

We sincerely thank the following members and friends for purchasing the new Etz Chaim Chumash:

Liz & Michael Aroyo	In Honor of Lee Aroyo and Ross Aroyo
Lee & Paul Hyman	In Memory of Ida & Alex Waranch and Bella & Morris Hyman
Congregation Beth Ohr Mens Club	
Roberta & Larry Fachler	In Honor of Arlene & Nelson Silver's 50 th Anniversary In Honor of Our Anniversary
Ashna & Bernie Pincus	In Memory of David Benish In Honor of Arlene & Nelson Silver's 50 th Anniversary
Irene Denicolo, Marge & Elliot Kuchinsky, Joan Wagner, Lois Zeidner	In Honor of Arlene & Nelson Silver's 50 th Anniversary
Alice Celeste	In Memory of Heidi Rogol In Memory of Sydney Lustgarten In Memory of Al Nussenbaum
Meryl Finkelstein	In Memory of Clara & Joseph Gray

If you are interested in purchasing the new Etz Chaim Chumash, please contact Harriet Rabinowitz by e-mail at harriet.rabinowi@gmail.com. Books may be purchased to memorialize someone special or in honor of a simcha. The cost is \$54.00 each and checks should be made payable to Sisterhood, Congregation Beth Ohr. The Chumash must be paid in full before a bookplate will be affixed.

2015-2016 YIZKOR BOOK

Many of you have already received personalized Yizkor Book Letters. If you have not yet sent in your request, please complete the bottom portion of this page and email it to me so that we can insure that your loved ones names are included in this year's listing.

DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015

Any names received after August 21, 2015 cannot be included. If you wish to find out the names that were included in last year's Yizkor booklet, please call me at the Synagogue office and I will be more than happy to go over it with you. Please make every effort to respond in a timely fashion. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, Phyllis Greenberg

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

IN MEMORY OF:

MEMORIAL OFFERING BY:

Please send a check payable to CONGREGATION BETH OHR in the amount of \$10.00 per memorial book inscription to:

P.O. Box 206
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

You can also use your credit card if you wish—just call Phyllis in the office with your number to insure security of your card.

Reminders from Your Financial Secretaries

Bills covering dues, tuition, building fund and Kol Nidre Pledges were mailed out to all members during the month of June. Please remit payment as soon as you receive your bill. **ALL** financial obligations **MUST BE CURRENT** to receive High Holiday tickets.

The congregation approved the budget for 2015-2016 at the Budget meeting in April.

Our Constitutional By-Laws state that to qualify for the senior citizen dues discount, you must be over 65 and retired. Contact your financial secretary if you fall into this category.

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Dear Congregants,

While we hope that all of our members remain part of the Beth Ohr Family forever, we recognize that job changes, retirement to Florida, etc. make it necessary for some families to leave the synagogue. Our Constitutional By-Laws obligate our members **FINANCIALLY** until the Financial Secretary is notified in writing that a member must leave. You will be responsible for dues, tuition, building fund, etc. until he is notified.

Thank you for your continued support of Beth Ohr.

If you have any questions, please call:

Your Financial Secretary
Allen Skupp 732-895-4111

HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION

High Holiday Ticket Sale

High Holiday Ticket letter/registration forms have just been mailed out to you. Please complete the forms, return them to the Synagogue office with your payment so we can mail your tickets to you.

If you prefer, tickets will be sold in the Synagogue during the following time:

Wednesday, August 19, 2015	7:00 to 8:30 PM
Sunday, August 30, 2015	10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Payment by check or credit card is required with your completed forms. If you would like to use your credit cards, please give us a call with your information and we will process the charge to your account. All past balances must be paid in full in order to be issued High Holiday tickets.

Sisterhood Event
A Historical Production

Woman Spy of WW II
Sunday November 8th at 2:30 PM
Performance By Alisa Dupuy

**There Will be a Dessert and
Fresh Fruit Buffet
Coffee, Tea and Soda**

**Cost \$18.00 In Advance
\$20.00 an the door**

**Contact Ilene Gray 732-390-5017 or Liz Aroyo 732-257-6010
IleneG22@comcast.net or MikeLizA3@comcast.net**



**SISTERHOOD SALE OF ISRAELI PRODUCTS
IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
BUT GOOD ANYTIME**

Ein Harod Honey \$8.50 Jar

Aunt Berta's Fruit Preserves \$8.50 Jar

Strawberry, Low Sugar Strawberry, PeachBerry, Apricot , Apple
Cinnamon and Plum (limited quantities of each flavor)

Gaya Olive Oil \$11.00 Bottle

To Reserve Your Choice of Product Contact Liz at 732-257-6010 or
Ilene at 732-390-5017 or email mikeliza3@comcast.net or
ileneg22@comcast.net.

Also will be sold during sale of High Holiday Tickets.



Sisterhood

SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR

ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

2015 - 2016

TEMPLE MEMBERS \$50

NON-TEMPLE MEMBERS \$59

DONOR CREDIT OF \$5 WILL BE AWARDED TO MEMBERS WHO PAY THEIR DUES ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT REJOINED SISTERHOOD BY DECEMBER 31, 2015 FORFEIT ALL PREVIOUSLY ACCUMULATED DONOR CREDIT.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO:

MARJORIE SIMON
22 TUSCARORA CIRCLE
OLD BRIDGE, NEW JERSEY 08857

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS AND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. WE WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE OUR SISTERHOOD LIST. IF YOU HAVE A WINTER ADDRESS, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT AS WELL.

Sisterhood High Holiday Wishes

If you would like to send Rosh Hashanah wishes to the congregation, please fill out the form below with your message and enclose with your \$5.00 per line donation to

Sisterhood Congregation Beth Ohr and mail to the Temple at :

P.O. Box 206,
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
Att: Joyce Silberstein

or drop in the Sisterhood mailbox by August 15th for inclusion in the
Next newsletter.

You can also e-mail greetings to me at cjs041766@aol.com

Thank you and best wishes.

DAYTIMERS NEWS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13: *THE SHANGHAI GHETTO*

The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County (310 Mounts Corner Dr., Freehold, NJ) will present *The Shanghai Ghetto*, a film and discussion led by Henry Meisel.

Mr. Meisel moved to Shanghai from Europe after Kristallnacht. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Shanghai was occupied by the Japanese and Mr. Meisel and his family remained in what became known as the Shanghai Ghetto.

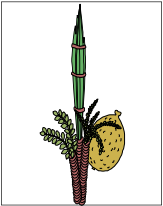
The program is free and begins at 2:00 PM.

For details and to RSVP, please call Linda ([732-251-0447](tel:732-251-0447)) or Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652))

by Sunday, August 9.

The Summer is always a busy time at Beth Ohr.
We are preparing for the upcoming High Holidays.
The following pages include all of the order forms and
important information to assist you with your own High
Holiday preparations. If there's anything we can help you with,
please give me a call. Enjoy the rest of your Summer -
Phyllis Greenberg

Do you want to add meaning to your Jewish life and create special
memories for you and your children or grandchildren?



Order a lulav and etrog for Sukkot this year. We will be taking orders
for the community. The cost is \$36.00 per set. When you buy a set,
you will be doing a double mitzvah because the cost will include a
donation to Jewish Family Services which will help feed the needy of
our community. Please make checks payable to the Rabbi's
Discretionary Fund and send it to the office, attention Phyllis
Greenberg, **no later than Wednesday, August 26, 2015.**

Lulav & Etrog Set

NAME _____

I WISH TO ORDER _____SET (S) @ \$36.00 PER SET

HIGH HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Letters with a raffle book have been mailed out. First prize is 2 free High Holiday seats. Ten reserved parking places at the Synagogue for the holidays will also be raffled. The cost is \$18.00 per raffle or \$54.00 a book.

Please have your ticket stubs and payment mailed to the Synagogue office no later than Monday, August 24, 2015.

P.O. Box 206
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

The drawing will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2015. You do not have to be present to win.

High Holiday Volunteers to check IDs and tickets

As in recent years Beth Ohr is arranging for additional security during High Holidays' services, including checking IDs and tickets at the front entrance.

This year, with support from the Old Bridge Police Department we will continue to do so, but we also need your help. In addition to Men's Club members who traditionally serve as ushers, we are asking for assistance from several additional Synagogue members, both men and women, who can volunteer one hour or so at the front entrance and assist the Old Bridge Police in checking IDs and tickets, and to field questions that may arise.

You will not be on your own - Men's Club members have assisted over the years and they will help, as necessary. As you are probably aware, this process has been uneventful since it was instituted and we expect the same this year, but we do need everyone's help to make it work. Volunteer for an hour or so and meet and greet your friends and neighbors as they come to celebrate the New Year; it'll be your first mitzvah for 5776. Contact Phyllis Greenberg in the office (732-257-1523) or Harvey Cohen

FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

Toys

The committee is hoping you can help. If you have any toys, books, or games that you would like to donate to the synagogue, we'll take them and use them for our children and grandchildren during babysitting for the High Holiday services. Please drop off your donations at the synagogue, or call Ira Donenfeld at 732-679-2652.



Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits were observed during the month of **June and July**. We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

DONATED BY:

Suzanne Balaban
Seymour Golden
Vera and Seymour Nussenbaum
Paula Yourman
Doris Schulsinger
Sid and Eileen Birnbaum
Arlene and Nelson Silver
Mark and Mindy Isaacs
Meryl Finkelstein and family
Michael Wishnia

Elias Engber
Joyce Silberstein

Eileen and Sid Birnbaum
Sylvia Kagan
Pat and Don Gordon

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Max Balaban
Herbert Golden, Seymour's father
Samuel Nussenbaum
Arnold Yourman
Morris Wishnick
Irving Birnbaum
Lillian Silver
Benjamin Cohen
Clara Gray
Sandra Wishnia
Michael's Mom
Steven Engber
Betty Hill and Simon Lionheart
Stephen Robert Silberstein
Stanley Silberstein
Bertha Kanter
Srul Nemet
Lucille Post



July Yahrzeits

The actual date that the Yahrzeit is observed is to the right of the name. It is customary to light a memorial candle on the eve of this date and to give tzedakah in memory of the deceased. One should recite the Mourner's Kaddish at services the evening before as well as the day of the Yahrzeit. Please call Phyllis in the Synagogue office at 732-257-1523, if you need information about the schedule of worship. The name of your departed will be read at the Friday evening and Shabbat morning services, the week before the Yahrzeit date which are represented by the dates in the columns which are in bold print.

July 31/August 1	August 7,8
Rubin Bionese 8/1	Eva Bakely 8/9
Marion Faffer 8/1	Delia Bemaman 8/9
Louis Fوسفeld 8/1	Herbert Golden 8/9
Harry Levy 8/1	Jack Honig 8/9
Bonnie Robbins 8/1	Ida Polovsky 8/9
George Zwanziger 8/2	Benjamin Nathan Schenker 8/9
Harry Pekor 8/3	Lucille Post 8/10
George Waldman 8/3	Lester Auerbach 8/11
Arthur Abrasley 8/4	Jean Dennis 8/11
Evelyn Besterman 8/5	Ruth J. Frankel 8/11
Edna Kaplan 8/5	Harold Levenson 8/11
Bert Ladinsky 8/5	Benjamin Lipshitz 8/11
Bernard Seltzer 8/6	Ruth Wurtzel 8/11
Merril Goshorn 8/7	David Greenberg 8/12
Harold Lubin 8/7	Alexander Kaplan 8/12
Phillip Weiss 8/7	Edgar Sender 8/14
Morris Wernick 8/7	
Arnold Yourman 8/7	
August 14/15	August 21/22
Thelma Scher 8/15	Heken Edwards 8/22
Shirley Baldachino 8/16	Florence Fuchs 8/22
Benjamin Kobren 8/17	Hannah Heisler 8/22
Norman Rothberg 8/17	Ruth Woodman 8/22
Bertha Staff 8/17	Moshe Atzbi 8/23
Morrie Lanzoff 8/18	Hinde Krakowsky 8/23
Mala Rosenblum 8/18	Mildred Rosenthal 8/23
Benjamin Shapiro 8/18	Julian Scheir 8/23
Roberta Kagan 8/20	Larry Wishnia 8/23
Lenore Linder 8/20	Mary Zekser 8/23
Pearl Weiss 8/20	David Bernstein 8/24
Donald Isaacs 8/21	Regina Deutsch 8/24
Sheila Katz 8/21	Blanche Linz 8/24
Beckie Rabinowitz 8/21	Ernest Schottlander 8/24
	Jean Seltzer 8/24
August 28/29	Toby Zeidel 8/24
Ronnie Bernstein 8/29	David Cohen 8/25
Eugene Bercovici 8/30	Harold Hyman 8/25
Jerry Feldstein 8/30	Trudy Vollweiler 8/25
Frank Simon 8/30	Abraham Morganstein 8/26
Isaac Albert 8/31	Anne Obsatz 8/26
Harvey Smith 8/31	Harriet Rockaway 8/26
Jack Stern 8/31	Marie Horwasth 8/27
Melvin Gravitz 9/1	Hyman Seidner 8/27
Louis Samuel 9/1	Eleanor Silverman 8/27
Morris Hodos 9/2	Sam Silver 8/28
Beatrice Kalb 9/2	Sophie Zaret 8/28
Eva Litwak 9/2	
Pearl Moster 9/2	
Rose Rosenberg 9/2	
Dorothy Cloney 9/3	
Blima Goldwasser 9/3	
Rebecca Paley 9/3	
Milton Schwartz 9/3	
Heinrich Adler 9/4	
Pauline Simon 9/4	





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- Men's Club
- Programming
- Daytimers

Ken has been supplying us with our paper goods needs for the past 3 years and Beth Ohr appreciates all that he does for us.

BETH OHR CEMETERY

Congregation Beth Ohr owns and operates a cemetery which is located on Ernston Road in Sayreville. The cemetery is a non-profit entity using existing funds and fund-raising as its source of operating revenues. Membership in Beth Ohr entitles our congregants to an individual plot only; all other costs such as funeral, plot opening, memorial tablet costs, etc., are paid by the family of the deceased. Please call Phyllis Greenberg in the Synagogue Office 732-257-1523 for further details.



TREE OF LIFE

You may order leaves for the Tree of Life for weddings, births, graduations, B'nai Mitzvah.

The cost of a leaf is \$118 and the cost of a rock is \$450.

Come and see how our tree has grown!

Please call the office at 732-257-1523 to place your order.

Chavurah News

We would like to start a Daytime Chavurah. The days and times will be left up to your group. If you are interested in having a good time with a small group, call LINDA SKUPP AT 732-251-0447.

SCRIP

Sisterhood sells Shop Rite, A&P, Stop 'n' Shop, and Acme Supermarket Gift Cards.

This ongoing fundraiser helps support our Hebrew School, Oneg Shabbat, and other areas of our congregation. Sisterhood members receive 5% donor credit of their scrip purchase.

We will no longer be offering Pathmark Supermarket Gift Cards. You will now receive A&P Gift Cards which are now accepted at Pathmark.

You may contact the following for purchase and/or information:

Monica Atzbi 732-390-5890

Sharen Silverman 732-266-2389

Marcia Trechak 609-655-9507 (summer months)

Phyllis Greenberg--Temple Office 732-257-1523

When ordering from Phyllis at the temple office, please call in your order at least one day earlier when you want to pick up your scrip and pick up your order during the following hours: 10 am-12 noon or 1:30 pm -3:00pm.

For your convenience, we have included this **Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque Form**. If you would like to order a plaque, please fill out and return this form with a check in the amount of **\$300.00** to the Synagogue office. If you have any questions about Hebrew names and/or dates, please call Phyllis at the office at 732-257-1523.

_____ (Print Name in Hebrew Here)

_____ (Print Name in English Here)

_____ (Date in Hebrew)

_____ (Date in English) PLEDGE

I hereby authorize you to supply and maintain permanently on your Memorial Tablet, a name plate in the size indicated above, *in memory of*

NAME IN FULL _____

for which I agree to pay **\$300.00**. It is mutually agreed that each year, on the Yahrzeit of the departed, and, on other appropriate occasions in accordance with Jewish Custom a Memorial Prayer will also be said.

Signed by _____ Date _____

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Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be
Noon Monday, August 17, 2015

Please send all of your thank you articles
and announcements via e-mail to:

congregationbethohr@gmail.com

or call

Phyllis in the Synagogue office at 732-257-1523

“Ritually Speaking”

If you are interested in sponsoring a Kiddush to celebrate a simcha, commemorate the Yahrzeit of a loved one, or “just because”, contact Phyllis in the office at 732-257-1523.

Sisterhood is selling Kohl’s Cares for Kids Gift Cards. You may purchase these cards as gifts or to pay your bill in the store so you can continue to use your charge card and get your discounts.

For more information and to purchase cards, please call Monica Atzbi at 732-390-5890. When ordering Kohl’s please use a separate check—not to be combined with scrip checks.

Rabbi Mishkin’s Contact Numbers

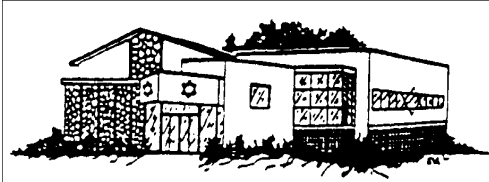
If you need to reach Rabbi Mishkin, please use any of the following phone numbers:

Office Phone # 732-257-7031

Home phone #732-967-6710 after hours for emergencies

e-mail address: rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com

Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.



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Candle Lighting Times for August



August 7	7:48 PM
August 14	7:39 PM
August 21	7:29 PM
August 28	7:19 PM