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Join us for a great night out to celebrate Purim!

Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00pm  
At Congregation Etz Chaim  
(Monroe Township Jewish Center)



Join us as we listen to  
the Megillah Reading together

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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 EVENTS

- **Fri., Feb. 27** Evening Services start at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 28** Shabbat Services begin at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 1** Morning minyan begins at 9:00 a.m followed by Men's Club Breakfast.
- **Wed., Mar. 4** Megillah Reading at Monroe Township Jewish Center at 7:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 6** Evening Services start at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 7** Shabbat Services begin at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 8** Morning minyan begins at 9:00 a.m followed by Joint Sisterhood/.Men's Club Brunch
- **Fri., Mar. 13** Evening Services start at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 14** Shabbat Services begin at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 15** Morning minyan begins at 9:00 a.m followed by .Men's Club Breakfast.
- **Tues., Mar. 17** Rabbi Mishkin's Book Review at 11:00 a.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 18** Sisterhood Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Thur., Mar. 19** Daytimer's Passover Program
- **Fri., Mar. 20** Evening Services begin at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 21** Shabbat Services begin at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 22** Morning minyan begins at 9:00 a.m followed by .Men's Club Breakfast.
- Daytimer's/Jewish Federation Music Appreciation Program with Jessica Sibelman Davy at 2:00 p.m.
- Special tribute to Lisa Sibelman in honor of her years of service to Congregation Beth Ohr.
- **Wed., Mar. 25** Rebbe's Tisch at 11:30 a.m.
- **Thur., Mar. 26** Temple Executive Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Temple Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- **Fri., Mar. 27** Evening Services begin at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 28** Shabbat Services begin at 9:30 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 29** Morning minyan begins at 9:00 a.m followed by .Men's Club Breakfast.
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## “From High School to Retirement Home”



Jennifer Weiner is an author of a particular genre of literature, popularly known as “chick lit” – a style that I am obviously not drawn to. So it was something of a surprise for me to read a column in the paper by her the other day that caught my attention. The column was titled “Mean Girls in the Retirement Home.” Ms. Weiner began this article describing a recent conversation that she had with her ninety-seven year old grandmother who had lived in Florida for the last twenty-eight years. After a recent accident in her home, Nanna, as Ms. Weiner affectionately calls her, had decided to move back to Detroit, Michigan so that she could be nearer to her eldest daughter.

And so it was that last summer Ms. Weiner’s “Nanna” moved into an independent living facility with a range of services and activities for people in her age group. One day Jennifer was speaking to her Nanna on the phone, asking her how things were going in her new home and this is what her grandmother told her.

“Well,” Nanna began, her apartment was lovely. The food was just fine, and there were all kinds of classes and courses for her to while away the hours. However, when Jennifer innocently asked her grandmother, “Have you made any friends?” in the same chipper tone she used when her younger child returned from her first day at kindergarten, there was a pause, and the following words obviously shocked Ms. Weiner.

“They won’t let me sit at their table!” Nanna cried. “Wait, what? Who won’t let you sit at their table?” “You try to sit and they say, ‘That seat is taken!’” “Oh my God,” I said, instantly thrust into a painful flashback of junior high, when I walked into the cafeteria and was greeted with the sight of leather purses looped across the chair backs and the sound of one girl with dramatically plucked eyebrows announcing, “Those seats are taken!” I hadn’t known enough to carry a purse. I had a lunchbox. “And just try to get into a bridge game,” Nanna continued. “They’ll talk about bridge and you’ll say, ‘Oh, I play,’ and they’ll tell you, ‘Sorry, we’re not looking for anyone.’” “Mean girls!” I said. There are mean girls in your home!” “It’s not a home,” Nanna said sharply.

And with this astonishing turn of events it became clear to me something that deep-down I knew was true, but hoped otherwise: That there was a constant pecking order at play in most social and professional situations and it did not matter whether you were a sixteen-year-old teenager in high school or a ninety-year-old retiree living in a retirement home. Ms. Weiner explains:

“We have all heard sad tales of senior citizens being beaten, starved, or neglected by the people paid – usually underpaid – to care for them. The notion that a threat to seniors is their peers is somewhat new, and usually played for laughs. It goes against a truism handed down from mothers to daughters for generations: This too shall pass. Mean girls are not girls or mean forever. High school doesn’t last forever. Everyone grows up. But Nanna’s experience suggests otherwise. It says that the cruel, like the poor, are always with us, that mean girls stay mean – they just start wearing support hose and dentures.”

To my astonishment, the facts seem to back up this supposition. Consider the following: A recent study by Karl Pillemer proves the point, showing that aggression among residents in nursing homes is widespread and “extremely high rates of conflict and violence are common.” “One in five residents was involved in at least one ‘negative and aggressive encounter’ with another resident during a four-week period. Sixteen percent were hit, kicked or bitten; 1 percent were victims of “sexual incidents, such as increased promiscuity, touching other residents, or attempting to gain sexual favors;” and 10.5 percent dealt with other residents entering their rooms uninvited or rummaging through their belongings.

As Ms. Wiener would note, “Whether you’re brawling on the playground or battling over the best seats in chair-size, bad-behavior is constant and the rituals for trying to get in with the in-crowd don’t change much. Nanna’s quest for “the Cadillac of walkers,” a \$400 number not covered by Medicare, mirrored my search a decade ago for the nearly thousand-dollar bugaboo that would signal to my urban-mommy cohort that I belonged. What transforms with age are the criteria for judgment: not looks, not wealth, not the once coveted ability to drive at night.

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When you get to be Nanna's age, you're reduced to a number – the younger the better. Even in a residence for the elderly, the 80-somethings will still be cold to the 95-year olds.”

I don't know what you think of Ms. Weiner's surprising tale of the elderly, but it quite literally stunned me and it also reminded me of an incident that happened to me not all that long ago with some members of my former congregation. As do many congregations, we decided to sponsor a trip to Israel for our membership. We were rather pleased with the high response to our invitation. This, mind you, took place a few years ago. In the end we signed up forty individuals, mostly older married couples for the trip. They came from two congregations, one Conservative, the other Reform. The trip itself, the itinerary and the accommodations were mostly well received and the people on the trip seemed to have a good time.

However, as one of two rabbis on the trip, I noticed along with my colleague, that all too often we ended up having to be referees on the trip rather than teachers or spiritual guides. That is to say there were far too many incidents taking place on the trip that reminded us of the kinds of petty feuds that take place in High-School. Most dinner tables were frequently dominated by the same circle of friends and never was an outsider invited to join a certain clique or social group. Like High-School there was the ubiquitous in-crowd! There were arguments and even some disturbances on the bus about who was always sitting up front and who always ended up in the rear seats of the Coach. Again and again I thought back to my days in elementary and high school and identified with the kinds of issues that Jennifer Weiner noticed regarding her beloved elderly grandmother.

Our religion instructs us that this is not the way we should behave. The Torah teaches: “You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall not ill-treat any widow/widower or orphan. If you do mistreat them, I will heed their outcry as soon as they cry out to Me, and My anger shall blaze forth and I will put you to the sword, and your own wives shall become widows and your children orphans.”

Judaism, in this instance, advocates that we should remember our past and learn from it. As we live through past experience and the subsequent stages of life we should remember our experiences; how we have been treated in the past and then we are bidden to do something about it. Rather than lash out at others because of the indignities that we experienced, we should learn from and treat others in our situation with compassion and sensitivity.

In the end it really doesn't matter if you lived in antiquity or today, or if you are sixteen or sixty. We must learn from our past and then use it to inform our actions in the future. That is what the Torah dictates, so that someday there will not be “mean-girls or mean-boys” for that matter, in high schools, in retirement homes, and yes, in Synagogue life.

Rabbi Joel Mishkin

## Rabbi Mishkin's Sermon for Parshat Terumah on Shabbos February 21, 2015

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There is a school of thought among the sages that the Torah, the Five Books of Moses, is absolutely perfect, emanating directly from the mouth of the Almighty. That is to say each and every word that is written in the Torah is necessary. This particular thesis is sorely pressed whenever there appears to be a redundancy found within its pages. So listen to the following verses in this morning's portion.

"The Lord spoke to Moses saying, 'Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts from every person whose heart so moves him. And these are the gifts that you shall accept from them: gold, silver and copper, blue, purple and crimson yarns, fine linen, goat's hair, tanned ram skins, dolphin skins and acacia wood.'

Now listen to a brief selection of what we shall read next month from another Torah portion called Vayakhel also in the Book of Exodus. "This is what the Lord has commanded: Take from among you gifts to the Lord; everyone whose heart so moves him shall bring them – gifts for the Lord: gold, silver, and copper, blue, purple and crimson yarns, fine linen and goat's hair, tanned ram skins, dolphin skins and acacia wood."

If you believe that there never was any extraneous material in the Torah and that every word teaches something new, it begs the question, why do we need this impeccably accurate repetition? What on earth could a repetition of a list of materials teach us?

To resolve this issue the rabbis decided that the sin of the Golden Calf and God's subsequent forgiveness actually took place on Yom Kippur. Based on that tradition Rashi sees the events of Va-ya-khel occur the day after Yom Kippur after the events of Ki Tissa. Moses therefore urges the people to renew their relationship with God by

keeping the Sabbath and contributing to the tabernacle. Hence the need for the repetition! What had been predicted by the Almighty in Terumah will be implemented in Parshat Vayakhel. Therefore both accounts are necessary.

Our sages also believed that we should renew our relationship with God following the alienation of the Golden calf through the keeping of Shabbat and contributing funds towards the building of a Mishkan – a Tabernacle. These are timeless activities. We are still celebrating Shabbat and we continue to support sacred institutions. But there is something equally necessary for the renewal of this relationship. In the Bible one had to renew one's relationship with God amidst a community. That is why Moses assembles the whole Israelite community to restore the sense of unity and shared purpose that had existed at Mount Sinai and devolved into divisiveness with the sin of the Golden Calf. And that is a critical point for us today as well.

One of the problems presently facing us in Judaism is the decline of the more liberal denominations. Here is a quotation from an article printed not-too-long-ago concerning this phenomenon. It begins with the following words. "Conservative Judaism's membership rolls are in free fall. According to a strategic plan for renewal issued by the denomination's congregational arm, the number of families served by synagogues belonging to what was once American Judaism's leading stream has shrunk by 14% since 2001. In the denomination's Northeast region, the number of families has dropped by 30%."

Anyone living in this section of the country would be hard-pressed to debate such findings. With a few exceptions notwithstanding we have witnessed a shrinking of numbers of most

conservative congregations. As a matter of fact, during my search for a new pulpit one of the few things that almost every synagogue I looked at had in common was a decline in their membership across-the-board and we see that this is not only true of Conservative Judaism but of the other liberal denominations as well.

Furthermore we have witnessed the growing influence of synagogues without walls, virtual synagogues and other contraptions that are technologically linked to the Internet and are supposed to fulfill the needs of a traditional synagogue. Recent articles cite new strategies with voluntary dues structures to entice new members and novel ways to access Judaism. For example you can hire a tutor for your child to become a Bar Mitzvah via the internet and you don't need the membership structure of a synagogue to support that. Funerals today even take place without the physical presence of mourners. The logic being that it is too difficult for people who are so spread out to reunite at a time of grief. Easier to merely Skype a eulogy and have the relatives watch the funeral service on their iPads or their smartphones!

Now, while convenience and expense are necessary considerations there is a considerable drawback with this sort of thinking and that is because there is a communal aspect to Judaism that is perhaps our faith's most vital contributory factor. The community, the fellowship and the physical closeness is what makes Judaism live.

Here are some words by Michael Fishbane regarding the vitality and significance of the synagogue. He writes the following in his book *Sacred Attunement*, "Synagogue is foundational. It is a second community transcending the family unit. The synagogue is a *beit kneset*, a house of gathering; it is a place for the spirit and the people, a community of families, even a metafamily. For Jewish theology, the synagogue is the eternal Sinai in communal space – for it is the place where the primary words of the covenant

are recited and interpreted before the people. The synagogue is also the space of tradition, ideally permeated by teachings of God's reality and realized presence and infused by the values of sanctity and sanctification. Speech here is distinct: Scripture is declaimed by cantillated chants, and prayers are uttered in communal recitation, punctuated by the conjoint avowal of "amen." In times of exile, the synagogue is wholeness and preparation; it is a community in anticipation of peace and fellowship and a place where gifts are bestowed and received. In the synagogue the community lives with deepest density, suffused by the memory of the dead, the absent members of this living communion. Those of the past are recalled daily and annually, according to ancient custom; and the entire community assents with "amen" to their recollection."

Now while his literary style may be flowery Fishbane's theme is paramount. We still need real synagogues with real rabbis, real cantors and real educators because they, better than any other institution, can promote a sense of community. The kind of authentic caring that takes place in a synagogue simply cannot be replicated through technology. You can't touch another person or look into someone's eyes and understand what he is lacking in his life through a poke on Facebook or a session of Skype. Yes it can be helpful but it is definitely not the same. When all is said and done we still need Judaism and we still need synagogues such as this one with real people like you and like me, real people who really care.

How then do we promote the Judaism we love? Through fervent appeal to our family and friends who are not yet affiliated. We have to convince them that their lives would be richer, more complete and more meaningful with such community. It doesn't matter if they don't think of themselves as religious, the simple truth is that if they are human then they need community and there is still no finer and more stable community for Jews of all stripes today than the synagogue. We who know this must now spread the word.

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



## Big events at the Sunday Minyan:

**Upper row** from left: Me speaking at my 35th Annual Financial Program—*Money Secrets of the Rich and Famous*. Next is me running the FJMC World Wide Wrap at the Minyan in **Rabbi Mishkin's** absence since he had to conduct a funeral. And our president **David Honig** in one of his Hillel's Angels leather vests that he wears on his "bike."

**On the second row** is a photo of **Professor Milton Heumann** who will speak at our Joint meeting with Sisterhood on March 8 sponsored by the **Herman and Freda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp**. Next are our two Men's Club Tzedaka boxes. The first was given to us by a 6 year old Josh Rabinowitz—we added a new cover, but the pushka came from him. The next was donated by **Stuart and Terrie Polovsky**. And then we have a photo of two Hebrew School buddies—**Bob Nagler** and **Herman Schneider**.

**For next month's newsletter:** **Syd Lustgarten** suggested great lines from the movies. Send me your favorite lines. Syd gave me a whole bunch that will be included. Also, send photos of you or your family in Israel, and/or with famous people.

*Things really go on at the Men's Club. Come to a Minyan once in a while. It is good, not bad!*

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

Mar 1 Purim Workshop with Rabbi Mishkin

Mar 8 Joint program with Sisterhood sponsored by Herman and Freda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp. Rutgers Professor Dr. Milton Heumann will speak on "Reflections on Privacy and Competing Values; A Case Study." This will cover the Alan Dershowitz' situation and other evasion of privacy issues currently in the news. Also the use of well know people in current fiction.

May 3 Shavuot Workshop with Rabbi Mishkin

Dec 2015 dates to be announced: Gift Book Sunday, Sydney Lustgarten Mensch of the Year Award

**Suggestions welcomed.** We are working on some exciting and interesting programs. Thank you for ideas to **Harvey Cohen, Paula Yourman, Marilyn Karlstein, Marty Israel, Terrie Polovsky, Sydney Lustgarten, Ashna Pincus, Allen Appel** and **Ivan Gelb**.

**The Men's Club – where things are happening!** The entire congregation and guests are always welcome to come to all of our programs and the weekly bagel breakfast that is sponsored by the Men's Club.

*Ed Mendlowitz*

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!***

# Men's Club & Temple Photo Gallery



Top row: Tree of Life on wall facing entry doors in Temple—additions always available; Torah cover donated in memory of Herman Lipp used on Shabbos; Map of Middle East (try to spot teeny, tiny Israel).  
 Second row: U.S. Supreme Court Justices with three Jews—Stephen Breyer (top row second from left), Ruth Bader Ginsburg (bottom right) and Elena Kagan (top right); a commemorative collectors cover honoring the placement in service of sea transport U.S.A.T. Gen. Maurice Rose from collection of Seymour Nussenbaum.  
 Bottom row: Painting of Joseph fleeing wife of Potiphar in Princeton University Museum—a good visit and no charge; Plaque of Hank Greenberg from Baseball Hall of Fame—at bottom is insignia indicating his service in U.S. Army; Electronic signs at Yankee Stadium telling fans to get Louder. This is the way we should say “announcements” at the end of each Sunday Minyan—Nice and Loud.

## Beth Ohr Photo Gallery

Beth Ohr is the Best!



### **Beth Ohr News**

Deepest condolences to Helen Levine and the entire Feinman Family on the recent passing of Sara Feinman.

Deepest condolences to Marilyn Bleiweis and Family on the recent loss of her husband, Hugh.

Deepest condolences to Mitch Lustgarten and Family on the recent loss of his father, Syd.

### **Beth Ohr Thank You Notes**

- ◆ **Ann Branfman** would like to thank **Rabbi Mishkin** who kindly visited her in the hospital and rehab, and all those who sent cards, called, and generously offered to help with shopping, etc. after her recent surgery. I truly appreciate the kindness shown to me.
- ◆ **Marilyn Bleiweis** and family would like to thank the congregation for the gold cards she received on the passing of her husband, **Hugh**.

Please look for your next issue of Moment Magazine in your mail. We have received such lovely comments from the Beth Ohr Family and so, we have renewed the magazine for the coming year in loving memory of Stu. The magazine comes to you with our love and good wishes.

Terrie and Family

Dear Friends,

After 17 wonderful years as your Synagogue Administrator it has now come time for me to say farewell to you all. Serving as your Administrator, I had the good fortune of getting to know most of you intimately and have seen our families grow together over the years. I've shared in the many good times and also in times of sorrow. It is never easy to say goodbye to those you love and care for. I intend to be back to visit Beth Ohr and as I hand over the office to Phyllis Greenberg, I know for sure she will give you the same dedication and caring as I have.

Thank you for all of the wonderful memories that I will keep close to my heart.

My warmest regards,

Lisa

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**Jewish Federation**  
OF GREATER MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The Beth Ohr Daytimers in conjunction with a grant that has been given to us by Jewish Federation of Middlesex County, is pleased to announce a Music Appreciation Series presented by Jessica Sibelman Davy.



**Please join us on  
Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.—  
Classical Music through the Ages**

Let's explore the world of classical music! Students are introduced to classical music as a whole, and breaks down music into different eras including Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary. Learn about Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart and Beethoven and much more! At the end of each section there is a "name that tune", where students discover they know more than they realize! This program is open to the public and all are welcome. RSVP by calling Phyllis Greenberg in the office at 732-257-1523.

- **We also will be honoring Lisa Sibelman for her many years of dedicated service to Beth Ohr on Sunday, March 22nd.**

**SAVE THE DATES FOR FUTURE DAYTIMERS/JEWISH FEDERATION MUSIC PROGRAMS**

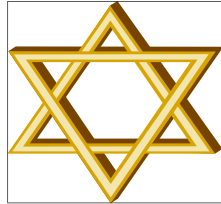
**Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.—Once Upon a Time: Fairy Tales and Music**  
Once Upon a Time... when you hear those words you know that something magical is about to begin. Let your imagination take you somewhere far, far away with music inspired by the most beloved Fairy Tales. From the tragic "Rusalka" (The Little Mermaid) by Dvorak, to Rossini's comic opera "La Cenerentola" (Cinderella), watch your favorite stories come to life. Other works we will explore include Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice", Puccini's "Turandot" and Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty".

**Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.— Love Notes: Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique**

What happened after Beethoven's 9th Symphony? In this class, we talk about the two major directions music went in and talk about the composers including Brahms, Wagner, Liszt and Tchaikovsky, who shaped the styles of Absolute and Program Music. Using Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique, we will learn how these composers used music and the instruments of the orchestra to tell a story.

## March 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 tzedukah 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.

<b><u>March 6-7</u></b>	<b><u>March 20-21</u></b>
Mildred Berman 3/7	Julius Edwards 3/21
Nathaniel Greenspan 3/7	Israel Forgotson 3/21
Frieda Schwartz 3/7	Edith Donenfeld 3/22
Elaine Jervis 3/8	Harry Burstein 3/23
Esther Narol 3/8	Eleanor Gray 3/23
Sylvia Boshak 3/9	Max Rothenberg 3/23
Stephen David Edwards 3/9	Ellen Mendlowitz 3/24
Abraham Honig 3/10	Morris Wishnia 3/25
Alexander Linz 3/10	Leonora Cohen 3/26
Herman Lipp 3/10	Pauline Feld 3/26
Sura Rivkah Polovksy 3/10	Regina Shulman 3/26
Seymour Risman 3/11	Mary Cederbaum 3/27
Bernard H. Cadel 3/12	Cynthia Deitz 3/27
Jack Dlugash 3/12	
Esther Egers 3/12	
Paul Katz 3/13	
Pola Schaffer 3/13	
<b><u>March 13-14</u></b>	<b><u>March 27-28</u></b>
Moses Faffer 3/14	Jean Cohen 3/28
Arnold Freedman 3/14	Martha Sender 3/28
Sanford Rothman 3/14	Miriam Schwarzwald 3/29
Roslyn Suriff 3/14	Barbara Geller 3/30
Mollie Borenstein 3/15	Mark Weiss 3/31
Howard Chassen 3/15	Fabian Bloshassa 4/2
Natrhan Freedman 3/16	Herbert Heimlich 4/2
Anna Nussenbaum 3/17	Peisach Nodelman 4/2
Debbie Gold 3/18	Dottie Schwartz 4/2
Sigfried Sender 3/18	Ethel Nightingale 4/3
Rose Kushner 3/19	Marvin Robbins 4/3
Jonas Deitz 3/20	
Goldie Lesser 3/20	
David Richman 3/20	
Miriam Rosenthal 3/20	
Ida Zimmerman 3/20	
	

## **Sisterhood Report for February**

It is my honor to report that the Sisterhood Shabbat was great. We had a terrific turnout of Sisterhood members.

Chuck Rogol and family did the beautiful surprise birthday party for Heidi Rogel's 60th birthday. A great time was had by all. Lisa Rogol was very special in giving out the bouquets to Harriet and Marilyn. A special todah rabah to all our Sisterhood participants. The best of health and happiness to Heidi.

On a serious note, the sad passing of Sarah Feinman brings to mind Judaism's idea that everyone should strive for "a good name." Sarah did that and we remember others like Mitch Feinman, and all those Sisterhood presidents and participants and Men's Club participants and past presidents who have passed. They did so much for our synagogue. It brings to mind My Quote: "Ask not what Judaism can do for you. Ask what you can do for Judaism." "Ask not what your shul can do for you! Ask what you can do for your shul!"

Alice Sarah Celeste would like to recognize some special people in her life:

The Lustgarten's, Rochelle Altman, Barbara Lipp, Janette Golden, Marilyn Samuel, Rae Tanzer, Estelle Weinstein, Fran Kantrowitz, Marilyn Silverberg, Cheryl Canel, Emily Stern, Amy Babst, Lynn Weiss, Liz Aroyo, Monica Atzbi, Ronnie Rosensweig (who published my first writings for Beth Ohr)

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Sarah Celeste

Roberta Bernstein called for sweepstakes tickets. The tickets are still 5 dollars and are good for the first 5 days of Passover! Full Donor Credit is still given on all profits. For more information Call Roberta Bernstein [732 679 4986](tel:7326794986)

### **SCRIP**

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

*We also sell Kohl's Gift Cards. This ongoing fundraiser helps support Oneg Shabbat, children's programming, 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.*

*Kohl's Gift Cards may be used to purchase merchandise or to PAY your Kohl's charge card in-store so you continue to get your discounts. By purchasing Kohl's Gift Cards you are doing a double mitzvah as these card purchases support Kohl's Cares for Kids charities.*

*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.*

*(If you want your scrip on Tuesday, please order by the Monday before.)*

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, Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

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

**congregationbethohr@gmail.com**

or call

Phyllis Greenberg 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 Greenberg in the office at 732-257-1523.

Sat., Feb. 14—**Allan & Linda Benish** in memory of Allan’s father’s yahrzeit.

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.

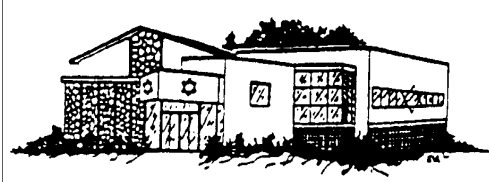
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Rutgers professor Dr. Milton Heumann will present “Reflections on Privacy and Competing Values: A Case Study” at Congregation Beth Ohr, Old Bridge, on Sunday morning, March 8, at 10 A.M. He will discuss the Alan Dershowitz situation and other invasion of privacy issues currently in the news, including portraying deceased personalities in current fiction.

The program is under the auspices of the Beth Ohr Men’s Club and Sisterhood and is sponsored by the Herman and Freda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp.

The talk is open to the public, at no charge, and a bagel breakfast will be provided.

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