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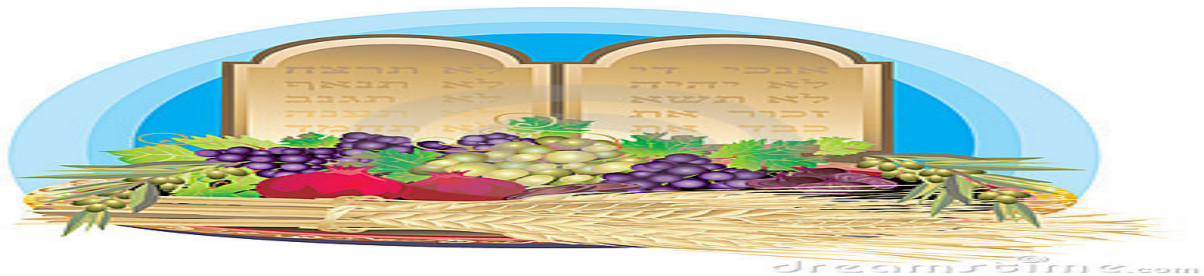
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## *Shavuot*



Shavuot is the culmination of the seven-week-long "counting of the Omer" that occurs following Passover. The very name "Shavuot" means "weeks," in recognition of the weeks of anticipation leading up to the Sinai experience. The giving of the Torah was an event of awesome proportions that indelibly stamped the Jewish nation with a unique character, faith and destiny. And in the 3,300 years since this event, Torah ideals - monotheism, justice, responsibility -- have become the moral basis for Western civilization.

We are invited to spend Erev Shavuot, on June 11, 2016 at 8:00 pm at Temple Beth Ahm in Aberdeen, NJ. Rabbi Mishkin will be teaching Tikkun Leyl Shavuot along with Rabbi Lisa Malik and Rabbi Ed Friedman. The evening will feature learning, noshing & schmoozing to celebrate our ancestors receiving the gift of Torah. Blintzes, cheesecake, and other dairy delicacies will be served throughout the night.

On Sunday, June 12, 2016 Services will be held at Beth Ohr at 9:30AM followed by kiddush and on Monday, June 13, 2016, the second day of Shavuot, Yizkor is recited. We plan to have a Kiddush after services. Everything is being done to encourage you to come to our Synagogue to celebrate and pray together during this important holiday.

Since it is customary to make a memorial contribution to the Synagogue at this time, we trust that you will continue to aid our Congregation as generously as possible. Please send your checks along with the form below to: **Congregation Beth Ohr, P.O. Box 206, Old Bridge, NJ 08857**

Thank you,  
The Ritual Committee

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**Congregation Beth Ohr  
Yahrzeit/Yizkor Donation**

**In Loving Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 AND SERVICES

Wed June 1	Spanish Class	11:00AM
	Sisterhood Donor Dinner	6:00PM
Thurs June 2	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri June 3	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat June 4	Saturday Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun June 5	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
	Journal Dinner Dance	6:00PM
Tues June 7	Rabbi's Customs & Practices	7:30PM
Wed June 8	Sisterhood Fashion Show	7:00PM
Thurs June 9	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew class	11:00AM
	Daytimers Princeton Art Museum	12:30PM
Fri June 10	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat June 11	Saturday Morning Service	9:30AM
	Erev Shavuot Service at Beth Ahm in Aberdeen	8:00PM
Sun June 12	Shavuot Service	9:30AM
Mon June 13	Shavuot Service and Yizkor	9:30AM
Tues June 14	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed June 15	Sisterhood Installation	7:00PM
Thurs June 16	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri June 17	Friday Evening Service	7:30 PM
Sat June 18	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun June 19	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
	Father's Day	
Tues June 21	Rabbi's Jewish Practices and Customs Class	7:30PM
Thurs June 23	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
	Temple Exec Board Meeting	7:00PM
	Temple Board Meeting	8:00PM
Fri June 24	Friday Evening Service	7:30 PM
Sat June 25	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
	Bat Mitzvah of Makenna Heslin	
Sun June 26	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues June 28	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed June 29	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thurs June 30	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	11:00AM

## Rabbi Mishkin's Message

### “Reflections of a Magnificent Trip”



Thumbing over the pages of a journal I kept during our eleven-day journey through Eretz Yisrael, reviewing the epic number of destinations we visited and still trying to shake off the seven-hour jet lag I was clearly overwhelmed by the cumulative impact of our trip. I have visited Israel several times but this trip was something genuinely special. Perhaps it was the energetic guide who didn't understand the meaning of the word exhaustion. Perhaps it was obvious closeness of the twelve individuals with whom I traveled or perhaps it was a combination of just absorbing everything about the glorious state, but this was a privileged opportunity I was glad to have taken.

Tiberias, Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv were our three home bases but the trip we took covered extraordinary ground. We seemed to go everywhere. Yes, we went to Caesarea, Sefat, the Golan Heights, Bet Shean, Masada, the Dead Sea, the Western Wall, Hezekiah's Tunnel and so much more, but we also shared in some unique moments that made our journey not only memorable but also magical. None of us would ever forget the excitement of witnessing a ruin called Ein Kashtot in the Golan that displayed a meticulous reconstruction of a synagogue destroyed in 749. None of us would forget the feeling we had on the Friday evening we gathered near the wall and prayed together welcoming the Shabbat. And none of us would forget the feeling of pride that we felt as we were almost constantly overrun by the number of young people travelling to Israel on Birthright.

It was simply the high point of my rabbinate since coming to Congregation Beth Ohr two years ago. However, what made the trip most enjoyable was not only the sites that we saw but also the infectious attitude that my travelling companions had as we continually and exhaustively traveled from place to place. Yes, there were a few times when we all felt as if we could not take another step but through it all there was nary a genuine complaint or even a hint of a kvetch. Everybody simply was delighted to be in Israel and the Israelis whom we met on this trip were delighted to see us.

All I can say as I approach the Shabbat immediately following our trip is that I feel very fortunate to have gone and returned home with people whom I thought that I knew but now know so much better than when we left. It is with these few thoughts in mind that I return to life in the Diaspora and feel even more strongly that our commitment to Israel in America is as strong and powerful as it ever was.

Rabbi Joel S Mishkin

## President's Message



I am happy to present to you the Board of Directors for the upcoming fiscal year. This slate was voted on and approved by a quorum of the members attending the Annual Membership meeting which took place on Thursday May 12. The new slate of Officers will take over at the next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday June 23.

### CONGREGATION BETH OHR 2016-2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President	Phil Rabinowitz
First VP	Jeff Perlman
Second VP	Roberta Karpel
Third VP	Bernie Pincus
Financial Secretary	Allen Skupp
Treasurer	David Honig
Recording Secretary	Marty Israel
Communications Chair	Allen Appel
Membership Chair	Terrie Polovsky
Good & Welfare Chair	Paula Yourman
Ritual Chair	Chuck Rogol
Budget Chair	Stuart Rizick
Programing Chair	Open
Fund Raising Chair	Open
House Chair	Open

I wish my outgoing board members Toda Raba for your outstanding volunteer work to make my first year as President very successful. To Allan Benish, Second Vice President, Joe Shafran, Ritual Chair, Lisa Clark, Board of Education Chair, and Edna Yourman, Fund Raising Chair – You are all shining stars who care deeply about Congregation Beth Ohr.

I welcome Chuck Rogol and Stuart Rizick back to the Board in their roles as the new Ritual Chair and the new Budget Chair. I am extremely grateful to Roberta Karpel for accepting the position of Second Vice President after serving as the Budget Chair this past year.

As you can see there are 3 openings to be filled on the new board. If anyone is interested to serve as a chair or to serve on any of these committees, please contact me to discuss the responsibilities.

I am so proud to be the President of our congregation!!

Shalom

Phil

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9: PRINCETON ART MUSEUM**

Join the Daytimers for a trip to the Princeton Art Museum for a 12:30 PM free private guided tour of the exhibit "By Dawn's Early Light: Jewish Contributions to American Culture from the Nation's Founding to the Civil War." The exhibit consists of more than 160 books, maps, manuscripts, prints, and paintings, including some of the earliest novels, plays, scientific treatises, and religious works produced by Jews in America. There will be time to informally view other exhibits.

Space on the tour is very limited - first come, first served. Please RSVP to Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) or Linda ([732-251-0447](tel:732-251-0447)).

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**Beth Ohr News and Thank You's**

No one hit the Sisterhood Lottery! Everyone received donor! Will be calling Next Year!!!!!!Thanks as always for your support !!!!!!! Roberta Bernstein

Marcia & Perry Trechak would like to thank their Beth Ohr family for all the tributes and good wishes on the engagement of their son Brad to Missy Levy.

To all the wonderful, caring, loving congregants of Congregation Beth Ohr. We are so appreciative of all the beautiful Tributes sent to us in honor of our son and daughter-in-law's Wedding. Love, Helen and Ben Levine

Mazel Tov to Alice and David Honig on the birth of their new grandson, Nicholas George. Alice's son, Mathew and his wife Lisa Mussante are the proud parents.

Thank you to Ann Branfman, Harriet Feld, Edna Yourman, Paula Yourman, Meryl Finkelstein, and Ira Donenfeld, for helping out in the Congregation Beth Ohr office.

Mazel Tov to Barilynn and Shawn Heslin on the occasion of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Makenna Lauren Heslin on June 25, 2016.

Thank you to Barilynn and Shawn Heslin for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Makenna Lauren Heslin on June 25, 2016.

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**Condolences**

Our Sincerest Condolences are extended to Linda and Ira Shapiro on the loss of Ira's brother, Harold.

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**Calling all Bowlers**

The East Brunswick Seniors bowling league is looking for bowlers. We bowl Monday mornings at AMF Brunswick Lanes (the old Carolier Lanes) beginning from 10:00AM until approximately 12:30. This is strictly a fun league with no cash prizes. The cost is \$12 per week which includes an end of season luncheon. There are current openings as well as openings for next season beginning in September. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN EAST BRUNSWICK RESIDENT TO JOIN.** Please call Roberta Karpel, [732-642-7881](tel:732-642-7881) for more information.



# Yahrzeit Memorial Fund<sup>6</sup>

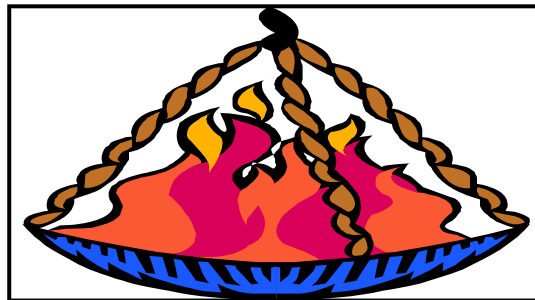
We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits were observed during the month of **April, May, and June**. We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

**DONATED BY:**

Marilyn Gilbarg  
Lawrence and Robert Fachler  
Joseph and Caroline Klein  
Paul Eisen  
Randy Philips  
Andrea and Mark Chassen  
The Feder Family  
Suzanne Edwards  
Elias Engber  
The Karpel Family  
Paula Yourman and Family  
Eileen Birnbaum  
The Aroyo Family

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Joseph Gilbarg  
Minnie Fachler  
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Mel Narol  
Seymour S. Philips  
Howard Chassen  
Isaac Feder  
Bertha Lowenthal  
David Ingber  
Harold Karpel and Sylvia Karpel  
Helen and Sol Yourman  
Aaron Kanter  
Louis Aroyo



## **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 the individual plot only, all other costs such as funeral, plot opening, memorial tablet costs, etc., are borne by the family. Please call Phyllis Greenberg in the Synagogue Office 732-257-1523 for further details

## June Jahrzeits

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The actual date that the Jahrzeit 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 Jahrzeit. 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

### June 3, 4

Edward Haft	6/4
Eli Jaffe	6/4
Esther Beer	6/5
Abraham Mann	6/5
Mildred Weissman	6/6
Simon Douglas Babitz	6/7
Molly Pincus	6/7
Alice Rogol	6/7
Samuel Star	6/7
Ben Handler	6/8
Marlene Honig	6/9
Max Mordecai Klein	6/9
Frank Schaffer	6/9
Stephen R. Silberstein	6/9
Bernard Berkley	6/10
Mary Elkan	6/10
Abram Erlick	6/10
Bessie Nemet	6/10
Richard Sommers	6/10

### **June 10, 11**

Meyer Salstein	6/11
Joel Weprin	6/11
David Benish	6/12
Herb Reinstein	6/12
Minnie Fachler	6/13
Leon Kurtz	6/13
Pearl Cohen	6/14
Joseph Gilbarg	6/14
Bernard Weiss	6/14
Edward Katz	6/15
Jack Schneider	6/15
Rose Rabinowitz Cabelly	6/16
Zelda Levitt	6/16
David Edelman	6/17

### **June 17, 18**

Simon Isadore	6/18
Fred Goldberg	6/19
Perl Fishman	6/20
Bertha Lowenthal	6/20
Sol Fachler	6/21
Isaac Feder	6/21
Max Kasloff	6/21
Shirley Silverstein	6/21
Abraham Douglas	6/22
Joseph Tischler	6/22
Lillian Burstein	6/23
Michele Feinstein	6/23
Pearl Sovorn	6/23
Eleanor Perlman	6/24
Eva Rosenfeld	6/24

### June 24, 25

Eisig Kornreich	6/25
Morris Rosenthal	6/25
Samuel Schechter	6/25
George Feldstein	6/26
Sarah Oshinsky	6/26
Miriam Schreier	6/26
David Schweidel	6/26
Irene Himelstein	6/27
Zindel Praport	6/27
Larry Greene	6/28
Al Tyberg	6/28
Ilana Weiner	6/28
Robert Frank	6/29
Mel Narol	6/29
Irving Solomon	6/29
Arlene Baron	6/30
Esta Bloness	7/1
Marvin Lanzoff	7/1

### **Mazel Tov to all Our Graduates**

Cooper Simon, grandson of Bab and Mala Simon, is graduating middle school. His grandma and grandpa Simon, wish him all their good wishes and love.

Burt and Sharen Silverman are proud to announce that their daughter, Jaime, will graduate from DeVry University on June 24, 2016 with honors.

Jared Goldenberg, grandson of Herb and Susan Goldenberg, is graduating from Manalapan H.S. and will be entering The University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

We have two graduations in our family. Dori Polovsky, daughter of Meryl and Peter Polovsky and granddaughter of Terri Polovsky, will be graduating from High School, and will be attending Binghamton University. Emily Polovsky, daughter of Meryl and Peter Polovsky and granddaughter of Terri Polovsky, will be graduating from Byram Township Intermediate School and will be attending Lenape Valley Regional High School.

Blaine Henn, grandson of Wilma and Allen Appel, will be graduating from Marlboro High School and will be attending Ramapo State College in the fall.

Phyllis and Harry Greenberg are kvelling. Three of their four grandchildren will be graduating in June. They will have to wait until next year when their fourth grandchild, Rachel, will be graduating from the University of Maryland.

- Jessica Greenberg will be graduating from Colts Neck High School and will be going to Yale University in the fall with a full ROTC scholarship for the four years.
- Julia Redavid will be graduating from West Windsor Plainsboro High School North and will be going to Syracuse University in the fall.
- Michael Redavid will be graduating (they call it a Salute) from Community Middle School and will be going to West Windsor Plainsboro High School North in the fall.

Harriet Cohen is proud to announce that her twin grandchildren Rachel and Jordan Cohen are graduating High School in June.

Gail and Stuart Rizick are happy to announce that their son, Arynn is graduating Old Bridge High School Class of 2016.







**Bat Mitzvah**  
**Of**  
**Makenna**  
**Heslin**  
**Saturday,**  
**June 25, 2016**

Makenna Lauren Heslin is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade, high honor roll student at Jonas Salk Middle School. She loves music and theatre. She has performed in a number of musicals and choral productions at school and through community theatre, and she plays the flute in her school's band and marching band. Additionally, this year, she was accepted into the Middlesex County Middle School of the Arts program. She also plays soccer and ran cross country for her school team. Makenna is very excited and honored to be becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

**CONGREGATION BETH OHR MEMORIAL FUNDS**

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

*David Benish Memorial Fund  
Stephen Edwards Memorial Youth Fund  
Elaine Leibowitz Memorial Fund  
Beautification Fund  
Herman & Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund  
Mindy Nightingale Memorial Fund  
Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund  
Herb Reinstein Memorial Fund  
Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund*

\*\*\*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.

**The Following Donations Have Been Made  
During the Month of May**

**David Benish Memorial Fund**

Linda and Allan Benish

**Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund**

Chuck Rogol

**Yahrzeit Plaque**

Anita Kaplan in memory of her mother, Eva Kaplan

**General Fund**

Lisa Cohen

**ETZ CHAIM CHUMASH**



If you are interested in purchasing the new Etz Chaim Chumash, please contact Harriet Rabinowitz by e-mail at [harriet.rabinowi@gmail.com](mailto: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.

This song was written many year ago after one of my Holocaust survivor relatives passed away.

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Feel free to publish the lyrics as this is one song written and dedicated to so many slaughtered, and the dozens in my family.

Steven Maness, Ph.D.

## The Burning Pit

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*This song is dedicated to the memory of those Jewish victims of the SS Waffen and the "Burning Pits".*

They are only bodies, the souls are gone,  
And to face this horror they need not be born,  
The sound of screaming from the gas chambers,  
and the trucks hauling the dead away..  
The Kommandant hopes they will all fit,  
Inside the Burning Pit....

Himmler and Heinrich gave the word to speed things up,  
The smoke rises like the exhaust of a 1000 trucks,  
It's cold and damp, with Tb in the camp,  
The pain in my limbs, I need to sit..  
Far from the stench of the Burning Pit...

**Bridge:** But as for me, freezing in this snow,  
I lost my family long ago,  
From Lodz, Warsaw and Vichy too,  
Even the rats are frozen and blue....

I lost my Anna long ago, she was crushed inside the cattle cars,  
I only survive one day at a time,  
The smell of death and human coals, as the gold teeth are put in jars,  
Have they gone mad, does the world know these crimes?  
Most want to get rid of it, denying the use of the Burning Pit.....

**We shall never find G-d in this life — that is what makes life tragic. But to stop searching for G-d, that makes life meaningless.” - Steve**

**“Many people, especially ignorant people, want to punish you for speaking the truth, for being correct, for being you. Never apologize for being correct, or for being years ahead of your time. If you’re right and you know it, speak your mind. Speak your mind. Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is still the truth.”**

— Mahatma Gandhi

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



## Men's Club 2016-2017 Officers & Board

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|----------------|--------------------|
| President      | Edward Mendlowitz  |
| Program VP     | Harvey Cohen       |
| Ritual VP      | Morton Kamenitz    |
| Secretary      | Herbert Goldenberg |
| Treasurer      | Ken Deitz          |
| Good & Welfare | Ira Donenfeld      |
| Fund Raising   | Robert Nagler      |
| Trustees       | Allen Appel        |
|                | Larry Fachler      |
|                | Seymour Golden     |
|                | Kenneth Kaufman    |
|                | Andy Mendlowitz    |

Join the Men's Club **Triple S** Club  
**S**hul, **S**chmooze and **S**chmear

## Excitement at the Men's Club

Shown in top row is part of the group at the Men's Club Annual BBQ and Election meeting. About 40 people joined in the BBQ and camaraderie. To the right is the ShopRite Kosher Experience sign. We had our own Kosher experience at Beth Ohr. Under the sign is Chef Herb Goldenberg grilling the last of the hot dogs. Special thanks to all who helped at the BBQ including Ann Branfman and Roberta Fachler, The photo on the bottom left is Ivan Gelb who filled in for Harvey and his substitute Chuck who were on the Temple's Israel trip. Thank you Ivan. Also shown is the newly elected Men's Club Board.

Come 3 extra times in next year and join in the fun!

Men's Club Installation on June 5 following Minyan  
 All are welcome. Everyone attending the Minyan will receive a free gift

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—ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



Top row: A typical Sunday morning breakfast following the Minyan. Reading Torah on a Sunday Rosh Hodesh and Lifting Torah following the reading. Next row: Tallis holder outside Men's room made by Harvey Cohen. New bright lines in parking lot painted by David Honig. Nice and ready for the Dinner Dance.

Bottom row: One of the rooms at the Princeton Art Museum showing the current Jewish exhibit. New Year's Eve party group with a bunch of Beth Ohr members celebrating together.

**Send your photos to be included in the Newsletter.**  
Email to [emcpal@aol.com](mailto:emcpal@aol.com)

## Remarks by Martin Tyberg at Beth Ohr Yom HaShoah Program May 5, 2016



Good evening, my name is Martin Tyberg. My dad was a Hidden Child during the Shoah and it's his story that I'll be sharing this evening.

Both my paternal and maternal grandparents and my dad emigrated from Europe after WWII. Both sides of my family had endured the travails and horrors of the Shoah. Growing up, my siblings and I listened intently to the stories of their experiences of survival, and this seared into my soul a persistent need to read Holocaust literature and ultimately a strong motivation to travel to Poland, the place of my paternal grandparents' birth and the murder of many members of my family in Auschwitz. One of these stories included my dad's sparse recollection of being hidden in a monastery in Brussels during the war.

This story starts in the years leading up to the outbreak of WWII. My paternal grandparents along with other Jews had emigrated from Eastern Europe in the 1930s to Belgium to escape the rumblings of Nazi Germany, anti-Semitism, and poverty. By the start of the war, 70-75,000 Jews lived in Belgium, the bulk of whom lived in Brussels and Antwerp. My grandfather served as a chazzan in a shul in Brussels. Other parts of my family lived in Antwerp in the diamond district and worked as diamond dealers.

My dad was born in Brussels on May 5th, 1940. A few days later, the German army attacked Belgium on May 10th and after an 18 day battle, Germany occupied Belgium. In the midst of that battle, my grandfather searched for a mohel for my father's bris and managed to find one for the 8th day. Once Belgium had been occupied, laws persecuting Jews were quickly instituted in Oct 1940. Jewish businesses began to be liquidated. Jews were instructed to register with the Association of Jews of Belgium. On April 14th, 1941, the Antwerp Pogrom occurred in which two shuls were burnt down and its sifrei Torahs thrown in the streets. On May 27th, 1942, the German occupation began enforcing the wearing of the yellow badge for all Jews on their clothing.

In this deteriorating environment, my grandparents gave my dad to one of the Jewish resistance groups to send him into hiding in the middle of 1942. At that time, my father was 2 years old. Jewish resistance groups operating in Belgium hid thousands of Jewish children and adults. They did so by finding priests, nuns, and private gentile homes in which to hide them. Briefly thereafter, deportation of Jews to Auschwitz began in Aug 1942. My dad remained in hiding until Sept 1944 when Belgium began to be liberated after which he was re-united with his parents. He had been in hiding for 2.5 years and was 4.5 years old when he was returned to his parents. After the war, my grandparents and my dad and his brother, who had also been in hiding after being born in 1943, remained in Belgium until 1949 at which time they emigrated to the US.

Now fast forward to Aug 2007. My brother was engaged to be married and at his engagement party, my mother chatted with his father-in-law-to-be, Fred, about her husband having been a hidden child during the war. Fred's friend, Marcel, had also been a hidden child so he introduced him to my dad and mom. Marcel informed them of the Hidden Child Foundation in which he was active in providing support and meeting other hidden children. The Hidden Child Foundation has chapters throughout

the world including New York and New Jersey. Some of their activities as stated on their web site include:

- a) Sponsor Hidden Child speakers worldwide to share their stories of survival.
- b) Use our extensive database to help us act as a liaison for all Hidden Children, helping them find each other and learn about their pasts.
- c) Develop educational curricula and materials for schools.
- d) etc.

My parents were interested, contacted the local chapter, and registered my dad's name in their database. Unfortunately, soon thereafter, my dad passed away in June 2008 at the age of 68. While still reeling from the premature passing of my dad, in May 2009, a woman by the name of Rebecca Birnbaum, a professor living in Toronto, Canada, sent the following email to the Hidden Child Foundation:

*"To Whom It May Concern:*

*I[Rebecca Birnbaum] was a Hidden Child in Brussels, Belgium from 1942 to 1944, hidden along with 5 other Jewish children by a brave Belgian widow called Madame Villain. We used to call her "MEME". I was then called Betty (my real name was Rebecca). I would like to honour Madame Villain through her grandchildren since her two children died unfortunately. For that purpose I am now looking for my play companion at that time. His name is ALBERT TYBERG or SPIELBERG. The last I heard about him is that he went to "America".*

*Is there any way that I could post his name on all the organizations that have links with former hidden children? Perhaps he has listed himself in one of those organizations?*

*Please let me know as soon as you can, since nobody is getting any younger, or inform me of other E-mails that I can contact to find him, or allow him to contact me."*

The Hidden Child Foundation responded to her email indicating that they indeed had my dad's name on file but that he had since passed way the year before. Rebecca asked if she could be connected

with the Tyberg family anyway. A representative of the Hidden Child Foundation contacted my mom and asked if her phone number could be released to Rebecca. My mom of course agreed. In May of 2009, Rebecca called my mom and explained who she was. She had been my dad's playmate while in hiding 67 years earlier and they were two of the 6 Jewish children saved by Madam Villain and her teenage daughter Claudia. My whole family felt a surreal moment of disbelief. The one year mourning period had not yet elapsed; his death still raw in our minds and our hearts. Seemingly out of nowhere, this woman appeared suddenly in our lives to reveal details of that time we had never known. Further, she shared information that corrected the story that my dad had always told. He thought he had been hidden in a monastery which he had related to us all those years. It turned out; however, that his brother had been hidden in a monastery. My paternal grandparents were not ones to talk about those years so the story remained as it was and my dad had been too young to remember any differently.

Rebecca was eager to at least meet my dad's family. One of Rebecca's children lives in Lakewood, NJ and she was planning to spend Succot with her son's family there in Oct 2009. She asked if she could meet us in Lakewood at her son's house and spend some time in his sukkah. We of course agreed. In Oct 2009, my mom and I went to Lakewood and met for the first time my dad's playmate, Rebecca. It was quite the emotional reunion. Rebecca searched for recognition of her recollection of my dad's face in my facial features. She remembered my dad as a blond-haired, quiet, gentle boy and she expressed feeling this same persona in me. She showed us pictures from that time, of the Jewish children, including my dad, in Madame Villain's home. She was 2 years older than my dad and felt while in hiding that she was his mom. She told us several stories. In order to better fit into Catholic society, they learned how to cross themselves, how to use the rosary beads, how to kneel in church, etc. When they were returned to their parents, it was initially difficult for them to re-integrate Jewish practices, both having come from Orthodox Jewish homes. After the bombing runs, they would go outside to collect the shrapnel on the ground to play games. In

the attic, Rebecca would scrape the plaster dust off the wall to use as make-up and apply it to my dad's face and her face as a game. Rebecca related to us that other gentiles on the block on which they were hidden knew of the Jewish children's presence but they remained quiet about it. Belgium was one of the more tolerant countries in Europe. However, at one point, a 19 year old woman on the block began dating a Gestapo officer and informed him of the hidden children. But she gave an address that was off by one. A group of German soldiers came and searched the row house next door. Meanwhile, the Jewish children were instructed to hide in the basement and to remain perfectly still and quiet. My dad and Rebecca had to keep the babies quiet. The Germans found no Jewish children. But the Jewish resistance later killed the 19 year old woman. These are the stories that we learned from her.

Rebecca desired to honor the grandchildren of Madam Villian for what their grandmother and mother had done. For the next 1.5 years, she gave us updates as she worked to convince the government in Brussels to establish some kind of public memorial to this righteous gentile woman. She faced much resistance but was finally successful in 2011. A ceremony was scheduled in March 2011. Representing my dad, my mom and I traveled to Brussels for the ceremony where we met Rebecca and stayed with her nephew who sometimes lives in Brussels and sometimes lives in Israel. The ceremony took place at city hall in Ixelles, Brussels. The mayor,

a councilwoman, and the Israeli ambassador to Belgium attended. There were many reporters and other hidden children in attendance, each of whom spoke in either Hebrew, French, or Yiddish. One of the other children hidden with my dad who traveled from Paris was also in attendance. When it was time to honor Madam Villain, I with others arose to approach Madame Villain's grandchildren, and we all hugged and thanked them for the courageous actions of their grandmother. I had an opportunity to speak and presented a short message in English describing how my very existence is in thanks to their grandmother. After the ceremony, we drove to the row house where Madame Villain lived and where the children had been hidden. On the front face of the house, a plaque was erected with the following message in French and Flemish:

"During the Second World War, Germaine Favresse - Villain and her daughter Claudine Villain Hugo were hiding in this house, six Jewish children, saving them from Nazi barbarism, at the risk of their own lives and that of their families. They were recognized as Righteous among the Nations November 17, 2010"

Madame Villain and her daughter were included on the Righteous among the Nations wall at Yad Vashem in Yerushalayim. I plan to one day go back to Israel and find their names on the wall.

Thank you.

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### Beth Ohr Photo Gallery

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Shown above is Paula Yourman with nephew Mitchell Litwak flanking Henry Gross (first guitarist in Sha-na-na and first hit single, Shannon, in 1976). Next is info about the Mercaz Choir Program on June 9. You can get ticket info from Roberta Fachler who is in the Choir by calling her at (609) 860-6479. The photo on the right is the Old Bridge Investment Group at a meeting with all present except Mel Prussack who is sunning himself in Florida. Shown from left: Stu Simon, Morty Kamenitz, Bob Nagler, Ira Donenfeld, Ed Mendlowitz, Allen Skupp and Steve Lerner (all Beth Ohr members).





# Beth Ohr Israel Trip May 15-26 Photo Gallery (this and following 2 pages)



Getting ready to leave for Israel



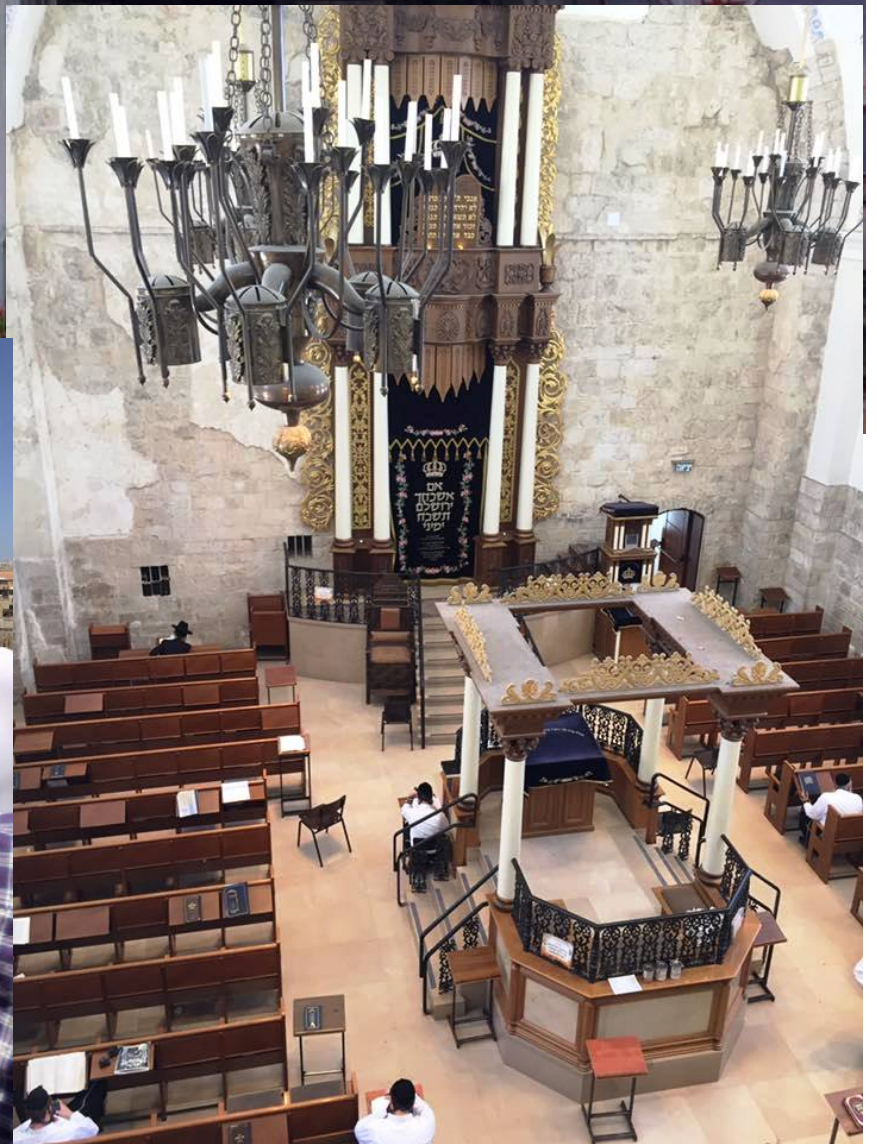
Israel travelers at Sunday Minyan  
after trip



**Congrats to all of them! They did a Mitzvah!**



**If you have photos of your trip to Israel, send them to Ed who will include them in future Newsletters.**

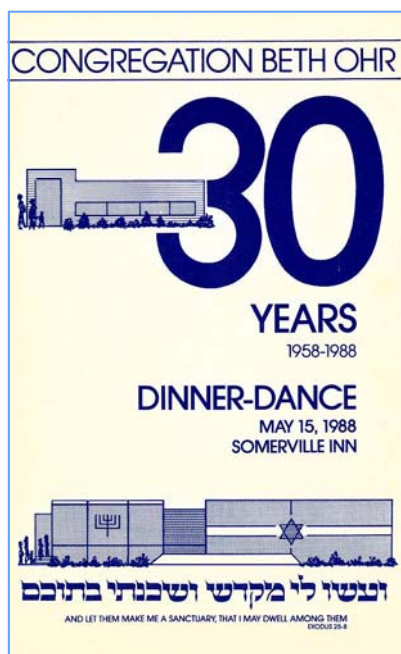


The Beth Ohr Newsletter will be including information about our history leading up to our  
**60th Anniversary Celebration in the Fall of 2016**

## 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance Journal

Shown is the Journal cover, and messages from Rabbi Fagan and Temple President Ira Marshall

CONGREGATION BETH OHR



**30**  
YEARS  
1958-1988

**DINNER-DANCE**  
MAY 15, 1988  
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AND LET THEM MAKE ME A SANCTUARY, THAT I MAY DWELL AMONG THEM

### RABBI'S MESSAGE FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL

Thirty years! What could it mean for our congregation to reach this milestone in its life? What happens at age thirty? Clearly it has meaning in "pop" culture—it has come to stand for the end of youth, new attitudes toward responsibility... witness the current popularity of the television program, "Thirty Something," depicting a group of yuppies in transition, setting new goals, growing in new ways.

In Jewish tradition, too, thirty has meaning. Rabbi Judah ben Tema, some 2000 years ago, assigned approximate ages for life's milestones. He said, "Five years of age is right for the study of the Bible; ten years for the study and understanding of the Mishnah; thirteen years for the responsibility of performing the commandments (Bar Mitzvah); fifteen years is for study of the Talmud; eighteen years old is time to get married; twenty years old is for earning a living; and thirty years is "la-koach," for achieving fullness of strength." The word used to describe the thirty-year old is "ko-ach," a word familiar to many from the common Yiddish expression "yasher-koach" or "yasher-koyach" (depending on where your people are from) used as congratulations; "May your strength increase".

So thirty is for koach, for fullness of strength. According to Rabbi Judah ben Tema's count, everything up to thirty is a kind of preparation, involving learning, getting started in business and family, developing potential. Thirty is when life moves into full swing, when all that potential must become actual. By thirty, the tentative beginnings are giving way to the mature strength of a person in the prime of life, ready to achieve, to make an independent mark on the world.

As it is with people, so it is with institutions. Our Beth Ohr has now reached the thirty year mark, the time of fullness of strength. We have done much in those thirty years, seen many changes and developments. We owe much to our founders and workers who have made the growth of the last thirty years possible. And our "beginnings" are now over. We have moved from the "bomb-shelter" basement to an expanding building with an expanding membership and ever-growing services and activities. We are learning to combine the best of what we have done in the past with the most updated methods and techniques, joining the ideas of members, old and new, to serve Beth Ohr. Indeed, I pray we are achieving Rabbi Judah's goal for the thirtieth birthday—mature strength.

What does the future hold for us? What of the next thirty years? It depends on how we use our strength! Let us continue to work together to be the spiritual, social, and educational center of our Jewish community. Let us continue to bring traditional Judaism to modern people in the best way we can. Let us discover together the new directions and goals to enable us to truly be a Beth Ohr, a House of Light for the Jews of Old Bridge and surrounding communities. May we use this mature strength to be the best synagogue we can be, responsive to the needs of our members, loyal to the Torah, and devoted to Israel and to G-d.

As we celebrate 30 years, may G-d bless us with "yasher-koyach"; may He grant that our strength continue from year to year. Mazel tov!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By present-day standards, the existence for thirty years, of any organization, is considered an accomplishment.

For an organization to be in existence for thirty years and *still* be alive, vibrant, and vital, is a major accomplishment. There are not too many institutions or organizations that can boast of that fact. Our Congregation, which was founded thirty years ago by a few dedicated families, has progressed from holding worship services in a firehouse—to a "bomb shelter"—to the facility that we now call home.

We can boast of having in our membership a complete cross-section of twentieth century Jewish life. Our membership consists of singles, young couples, young marrieds with small children, people with school-aged children or older, up to and including senior citizens. There are very few organizations or institutions in this area that can boast of such a membership.

Not only is our membership alive and thriving, but it is constantly growing, as is the Jewish community of Old Bridge.

I suppose that the people who started our Congregation thirty years ago never foresaw that we would some day be celebrating a 30th Anniversary. They probably just thought they were fulfilling an immediate need. It is very rare for anyone to look thirty years ahead and foretell the future of a Congregation.

Having seen thirty years pass by, it is not inconceivable that at least another thirty years could pass, and Congregation Beth Ohr would still be alive and vital.

So I bid you enjoy the festivities this evening. Enjoy our celebration of the completion of thirty years, and let us look forward to another thirty years or more of continued activity, growth and service to the Jewish Community of Old Bridge.

IRA MARSHALL

**SUPPORT THE JOURNAL DINNER DANCE on Sunday June 5, 2016**

Plan on attending on June 5, and get any ads in by Friday June 3—email [emcpa1@aol.com](mailto:emcpa1@aol.com).

This is our major fund raiser and we need everyone's support and participation.

Please do NOT avoid or skip being included.

### **News from Sisterhood by Marilyn Karlstein, Presidium**

Sisterhood has many things in the fire.

First, on June 1, we have our Donor Dinner.

Donor is credit you earn by doing things and supporting functions, and if you earn enough credits, you go to our dinner. Donor is how we reward our members who worked very hard all year.

On June 5, the Temple is having a Journal Dinner Dance. This dinner dance honors several deserving members. You can go to the dinner dance by earning credits for bringing in ads for the journal. This year the honorees are Alice and David Honig, Ryselle & Jeff Perlman, Dorothy & Joe Shafran and Martin Israel.

Next, on June 8, we are having our Sisterhood fund raiser, a Fashion Show sponsored by Chico's of Shoppes of Old Bridge, together with a deli dinner by Fred & Murray's Deli on Pond Road in Manalapan. We have over a hundred gifts for the raffle, including a 32" Samsung color television, compliments of Derby Appliances, Edison, NJ. We have lovely gift baskets, jewelry and much more, as well as door prizes. With over 100 guests we hope this will be a great affair and fund raiser as well.

In my next article I hope to tell you how successful all these events were. Become a member and you can share in all the fun too.

# Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Ohr

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 Sharen Silverman 732-266-2389

Dear Members:

Sisterhood is once again planning to make up our Jewish Calendar for the year 5777 (2016-2017).

There will be a place on the calendar for your personal dates. Your cost will be \$2.50 for each birthday, anniversary, wedding, and yahrzeit. Personals will be listed on each month's page. Full donor credit will be given for these contributions.

In addition to the above, for a donation of \$10 your name (or those of your friends and relatives) can be listed as a patron. Full donor credit for each \$10 patron obtained by a Sisterhood member.

We need the support of the entire Congregation to make this as successful a year as last year. Please enclose your check payable to Sisterhood Congregation Beth with your imprint order and mail to Linda Garfinkel, c/o Congregation Beth Ohr, P. O. Box 206, Route 516, Old Bridge, N.J. 08857.

Thank you for your support. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS JUNE 15, 2016.

Linda Garfinkel

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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 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)

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(Date in English)

(Date in Hebrew)

**PLEDGE**

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

NAME IN FULL \_\_\_\_\_

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# Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be  
**Noon, Thursday, June 16, 2016**

Please send all of your thank yous, 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

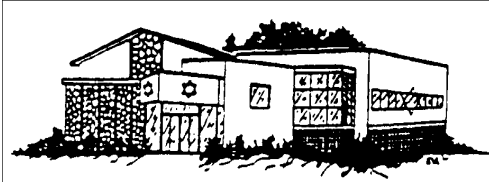
If you need to reach Rabbi Mishkin, please use any of the following phone numbers:

**Office Phone # 732-257-7031**

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

**e-mail address: [rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com](mailto:rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com)**

Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.



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### Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For June



June 3	8:05
June 10	8:10
June 17	8:12
June 24	8:14