

# BETH OHR NEWSLETTER

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## Preparing for Rosh Hashanah

Because there is so much at stake spiritually during Rosh Hashanah, we make preparations beginning a full month earlier. At Rosh Chodesh Elul, (August 23, 2017), or the start of the new month of Elul, we begin to stir with anticipation for this day of spiritual renewal. We set out our spiritual provisions by readying our minds for prayer and our hearts for forgiveness and by doing whatever we can to attain God's compassion and mercy when the Day of Judgment arrives.



### Blowing the Shofar Before Rosh Hashanah

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

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## 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

Tues. Aug. 1	Tisha B'Av	
Fri. Aug. 4	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Aug. 5	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Aug. 6	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Aug. 8	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Thurs. Aug. 10	Talmud Class	9:30AM
Fri. Aug. 11	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Aug. 12	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Aug. 13	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Wed. Aug. 16	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thurs. Aug. 17	Talmud Class	9:30AM
Fri. Aug. 18	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Aug. 19	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Aug. 20	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:30AM
Tues. Aug. 22	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Thurs. Aug. 24	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Temple Exec. Board Meeting	7:00PM
	Temple Board	8:00PM
Fri. Aug. 25	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Aug. 26	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Aug. 27	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Thurs. Aug. 31	Talmud Class	9:30AM

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RABBI'S BOOK DISCUSSION CLASS AND WISE AGING CLASS WILL CONTINUE IN THE FALL.**

## Rabbi Mishkin's Message **Welcome Cantor Goldring to Congregation Beth Ohr!**



Some time ago I read a book by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner called “The Invisible Lines of Connection.” It was loosely based on the Jewish concept of mysticism and how there are times when remarkably unplanned events converge into most meaningful patterns. What makes these patterns even more remarkable is how unpredictable they are, yet how they just sort of work out.

That kind of experience happened to me three years ago during my installation as your rabbi. Among those in attendance were two old friends whom Beverly and I had not seen for almost twenty-five years. Yaffa and Marc Goldring, who live in Highland Park, had heard of my installation and decided they would attend. The last time that I had seen Marc and Yaffa was during the High Holidays of 1994, the last year I officiated as assistant rabbi in Baltimore, Maryland at Beth El Congregation. Marc was the cantor for our services. We had worked together since 1988 when I began my tenure there. I had always loved davening with Marc. His melodious baritone voice was rich and soulful, and his modest demeanor and pleasant disposition made officiating at our services a genuine pleasure. Marc and I remained in touch now that we both lived in New Jersey.

Flash-forward to this past winter when I received the disappointing, but understandable, call from Mark Chassen. Mark had decided that he would not lead services as our cantor after many years of leading our High Holiday services at Congregation Beth Ohr. Shortly after hearing from Mark, I decided to find out if, just by chance, Cantor Goldring might be willing to join me, as our cantor, in a reunion of sorts after almost twenty-three years. I am delighted to tell you that our congregation's leaders heard Cantor Goldring earlier this spring, were impressed with his davening and invited him to join us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 5778.

We will formally welcome Cantor Goldring at our Selichot Service on Saturday evening, September 14th at a special selichot program that will include an opportunity to familiarize ourselves with some of Cantor Goldring's melodies. I invite you attend and look forward to a most meaningful holiday season with you.

**President's Message**  
**Installation Speech of Allen Skupp**



Good Shabbos

I have to say I am honored to be your President. I would be remiss if I did not thank Phil for his leadership the past 2 years.

We have 2 Board members stepping down, and I want to tell both Bernie and Jeff that it has been a pleasure serving with them. I also want to thank Stan Perlman for stepping up as Vice President.

Congregation Beth Ohr is as great as it is today due to all the volunteers whether serving on the Board, running functions, handling house issues, ensuring we have minyans or just helping out. Of course it goes without saying that Rabbi Mishkin in his 3 years has been a driving force in this success.

Linda and I, before moving to Old Bridge in 1973, lived in Parsippany. As a lot of you know, we moved to Monroe Twp. last July. We have been members of Beth Ohr for over 40 years and both our boys, Brian and Ben, had their Bar Mitzvahs here. In fact Ben had the last Bar Mitzvah in the Social Hall. The Sanctuary had been completed but we did not have the Certificate of Occupancy.

Both Linda and I have been active in Beth Ohr. She held positions of Programming and Vice President and for the past 14 years has been co-chair of the Daytimers. Prior to being President I was Budget Chairman and Financial Secretary.

As you can see from the slate of officers there are still a number of open positions. I am pleased to announce that Arlene Silver, Ashna Pincus and Terrie Polovsky have agreed to work on Membership. It is very important that we fill the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, House and Programming. Based on the 7 years I have spent on the Board you will not regret stepping forward. Please contact me to discuss either filling one of the open positions or your willingness to run a program or handle a House project.

I just want to end by stating that my main goal for this fiscal year is to ensure the continued success of Congregation Beth Ohr.  
Shabbat Shalom

**Post installation update**

I want to thank both Bernie Pincus and Linda Benish who have stepped up to take positions on the Board. Bernie is Membership while Linda is Programming, in addition to handling Adult Education. We still have a couple of openings, so please consider helping out.

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Reciting Selichot, or Penitential Prayers Another important practice during Elul is the recitation of *Selichot* (literally, “forgivenesses”), which are penitential prayers and poems added to the daily morning prayers. This custom is based on a legend portraying King David as troubled over how the Israelites will be able to truly atone for their transgressions. God responds by advising him that the people should confess their sins by saying poems and prayers of penitence.

*Sephardim* (the Jews of Spain, Portugal, the Mediterranean basin, North Africa, the Middle East, and their descendants) recite Selichot for the entire month of Elul until Yom Kippur (except on Shabbat), early every morning. That 40-day span of time parallels the period that Moses spent on Mount Sinai.

However, *Ashkenazim* (the Jews of Central Europe and their descendants) follow a different tradition. They begin saying Selichot closer to the start of the holiday. Depending on the pattern of the calendar, recitation of Selichot begins either just after the Shabbat that precedes Rosh Hashanah or exactly a week earlier. (Because a minimum four days of saying Selichot is required, if Rosh Hashanah begins on a Tuesday or Wednesday, the saying of Selichot must be moved forward.)

The part of the Ashkenazic tradition that requires a minimum four days of selihot is based upon the laws about sacrifices during biblical times. The laws required isolating the perfect sacrificial animal from contact with other animals for four days to preserve it from becoming blemished. Consequently, we say Selichot for at least four days to symbolically offer ourselves as a sacrifice. We meticulously engage in prayer and self-examination to rid ourselves of any spiritual defilement that might impede our pure commitment to God on the Day of Judgment.

Either way, the preferred hour for the first recitation in Ashkenazic tradition comes on Saturday night, *motzei Shabbat* (the “exit” of the Sabbath), rather than Sunday morning. Evening is the actual start of the Jewish day, and we honor a tradition by beginning at the earliest possible opportunity. In this case, however, Ashkenazim wait until midnight to say the first selihot because of a desire to extend the beauty of Shabbat until the last minute.

A 19th-century Russian rabbi, Yechiel Michel Ha-Levi Epstein, compiler of the *Arukh Ha-Shulhan*, offers a beautiful reason for the Ashkenazic motzei Shabbat tradition, a reason that he bases on the order of Creation. Human beings were created on the sixth day, or *erev Shabbat* (the day before Shabbat). The first full day of life for human beings was Shabbat, a time when things remain still. It is therefore appropriate that when Shabbat leaves on Saturday night, human beings express one of their primary purposes in life, which is to offer Selichot, passionate pleas of devotion to the Master of the Universe.

# Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

## DONATED BY:

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## BETH OHR CEM-

ter Congregation Beth Ohr  
cemetery which is lo-

located on Ernston Road in Sayreville. The cemetery is a non-profit entity using existing funds and fundraising as its source of operating revenues. Membership in Beth Ohr entitles each congregant to one individual plot which must be reserved at a cost of \$50. All other costs such as perpetual care, administrative fee, funeral, plot opening, headstone, etc. are borne by the family of the deceased. Please call Phyllis Greenberg in the office at 732-257-1523 for further details.

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### Aug. 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.

<u>Aug. 4/5</u>	<u>Aug. 18/19</u>
Clare Gray 8/5	David Greenberg 8/19
Maurice Halpert 8/5	Alexander Kaplan 8/19
Martin Donenfeld 8/6	Edgar Sender 8/21
Jerry Baron 8/7	Thelma Scher 8/22
Rubin Bloness 8/8	Shirley Baldachino 8/23
Marion Faffer 8/8	Benjamin Kobren 8/24
Louis Fusfeld 8/8	Norman Rothberg 8/24
Harry Levy 8/8	Bertha Staff 8/24
Bonnie Robbins 8/8	Morris Lanzoff 8/25
George Zwanziger 8/9	Mala Rozenblum 8/25
Harry Pekor 8/10	Benjamin Shapiro 8/25
Gertrude Waldman 8/10	
Arthur Abrasley 8/11	<u>Aug. 25/26</u>
	Roberta Kagan 8/27
<u>Aug. 11/12</u>	Lenore Linder 8/27
Evelyn Besterman 8/12	Pearl Weiss 8/27
Edna Kaplan 8/12	Donald Isaacs 8/28
Bert Ladinsky 8/12	Sheila Katz 8/28
Bernard Seltzer 8/13	Beckie Rabinowitz 8/28
Merri Goshorn 8/14	Helen Edwards 8/29
Harold Lubin 8/14	Florence Fuchs 8/29
Philip Weiss 8/14	Hannah Heisler 8/29
Morris Wernick 8/14	Ruth Woodman 8/29
Arnold Yourman 8/14	Moshe Atzbi 8/30
Eva Bakely 8/16	Hinde Krakowsky 8/30
Delia Bemaman 8/16	Mildred Rosenthal 8/30
Jack Honig 8/16	Julian Scheir 8/30
Ida Polovsky 8/16	Larry Wishnia 8/30
Benjamin Nathan Schenker 8/16	Mary Zekser 8/30
Sylvia Shindelman 8/16	David Bernstein 8/31
Herbert Golden 8/17	Regina Deutsch 8/31
Lucille Post 8/17	Blanche Linz 8/31
Ester Atzbi 8/17	Ernest Schottlander 8/31
Lester Auerbach 8/18	Jean Seltzer 8/31
Jean Dennis 8/18	Toby Zeidel 8/31
Ruth J. Frankel 8/18	David Cohen 9/1
Harold Levenson 8/18	Harold Hyman 9/1
Benjamin Lipshitz 8/18	Trudy Vollweiler 9/1
Ruth Wurtzel 8/18	

## BETH OHR NEWS

### THANK YOU

Sarah Ullman for the donation in honor of her Aliyah on Saturday, July 1.

Suzanne Edwards wants to “thank my Beth Ohr family for all the good wishes expressed on the wedding of my son Barry to Stephanie Weiss and also for my grandson Samuel on his Bar Mitzvah.”

Mark and Andrea Chassen would like to thank everyone for their Gold Cards and good wishes on the birth of their granddaughter, Leora Esther Chassen.

Dottie and Joe Shafran for sponsoring the Kiddush lunch on Saturday, July 8, 2017

Thank you to Ira Donenfeld, Meryl Finkelstein, Ilene Gray, Ashna Pincus, Roberta Karpel, Ann Branfman, Edna Yourman, Helene Grynberg and Joe Shafran, for helping in the office while Phyllis was on vacation August 4th through August 11th.

A Special thank you to Ira Donenfeld and Allan Benish for all their hard work in getting out all the mailings for the High Holidays. Todah Rabah.

### Mazel Tov

Paula Eisen on the birth of her grandson, Jonah Aaron Block . Parents are Allyson and Randy Block.

### Condolences

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Selma Lieber on the passing of her husband and a previous long time member of Congregation Beth Ohr, Sol Lieber, who passed away on July 9th, 2017.





**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HIGH HOLIDAYS,  
ALL IN ONE PUBLICATION!**

**Look for our first annual SPECIAL HIGH HOLIDAYS SUPPLEMENT,  
coming in August 2017.**

**Compliments of the Ritual Committee of Congregation Beth Ohr**

**Yizkor Memorial Book 2017**

You either received, or will receive, in a few days, Yizkor letters with your Yizkor listings regarding your family's yahrzeits. Please verify the spelling of the names and any additions or deletions to the listings. Kindly return the letter and include a check for \$10 for each name. The deadline is Friday September 1, 2017. If you'd like to use your credit card, please call Phyllis Greenberg at 732-257-1423. More information can be found in the letter.

**HIGH HOLIDAY RAFFLE**

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

Please have your ticket stubs and payment mailed to the Synagogue office no later than Wednesday, September 6th.

P.O. Box 206  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

The drawing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 10th. You do not have to be present to win.

**High Holiday Greetings**

If you would like to send Rosh Hashanah/ Yom Kippur wishes to the congregation, please send your message to Joyce Silberstein at [cjs041766@aol.com](mailto:cjs041766@aol.com) ASAP or leave your message on her phone at 609-409-4599.

Please send your \$5.00 donation to

Sisterhood Beth Ohr  
P.O. Box 206  
Old Bridge NJ 08857  
Attention: Joyce Silberstein

Thank You and L' Shana Tovah

**Holiday Tickets Registration Form:**

Holiday tickets Registration Forms have been mailed out and explain the procedure for you and your guests. If you want to change your seats or purchase additional holiday tickets, sales will take place in the office on Wednesday, August 23 from 7-8:30 PM and Sunday, September 10 from 10-11:30 AM. Bring the registration form that was mailed to you with the letter that was mailed to you.

## PROGRAM NOTES AUGUST 2017

LOOK AT ALL WE ARE DOING! Beth Ohr's Adult Education Program is still growing! We are very excited to be able to offer several classes and special events beginning this fall, and we hope many of you will join us as we expand our choices.

### SAVE THESE DATES

#### **Sunday, October 8: SCHMOOZING IN THE SUKKAH**

Join us in the Sukkah to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot with a festive brunch and a lot of time to schmooze and relax.

#### **Friday-Saturday, October 27-28: SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND**

Please join us for a special weekend featuring Rabbi Geoffrey Hunting, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Sinai in Sarasota Florida. Additional information will be forthcoming.

#### **Sunday, November 12: GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING**

As we did last year, this program will be held at the East Brunswick Public Library. We will have a panel discussion moderated by Rabbi Mishkin discussing a topic of interest to the Jewish community. Details will follow.

### ADULT EDUCATION 2017-18

#### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Every other Tuesday morning, beginning October 17

11:00 a.m.

#### **Coffee Talk and Torah! – NEW**

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

5 consecutive Tuesdays at 2:30

November 14-December 12

Join Rabbi Mishkin at the East Brunswick Barnes and Noble for coffee, talk and terrific discussion about family issues in the Book of Genesis and Exodus. This is a five-week mini-series requiring sign-up in advance. The sessions will begin in mid-November and conclude in mid-December. This is a partnership of Congregation Beth Ohr and The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.

#### **WISE AGING**

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Alternate Tuesday EVENINGS, beginning October 17

#### **Treading Water in the Sea of Talmud**

Taught by Rabbi Mishkin

Alternate Tuesday Evenings at 7:30 p.m. – beginning October 24.

Also taught Thursday mornings at 9:30-10:30 beginning October 19

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### **Timely Topics – NEW**

Monthly on Wednesday afternoons beginning in November  
2:30 p.m.

A symposium for the members of our congregations who wish to discuss timely issues revolving around national and international concerns. Political subjects will also be entertained. Presentations to be made by congregant volunteers with Rabbi Mishkin as the facilitator. This promises to be a stimulating opportunity for passionate adults to share their thoughts about our world today.

### **ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS - NEW**

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Thursday mornings at 11:15 a.m. beginning October 19

Rabbi Mishkin will be teaching a bi-weekly supplement,(every other Thursday morning), to the chanting/liturgical component of the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. He will be reviewing Jewish customs, literature and history. The class will be geared towards the needs/knowledge base of the students. This component is required for students of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, but open to all others who wish to learn more about our faith.

### **LEARN TO CHANT A HAFTORAH - NEW**

Led by Linda Benish

Thursday mornings, at 10:30 a.m. beginning October 19

Here is an opportunity to learn a new skill (or relearn an old one), to chant a Haftorah using the musical notes that have been taught for centuries. A “good” voice is NOT a requirement! We will also study the liturgy of the Shabbat morning service. Men and women who could never have the opportunity to learn this, and those who did but would like to refresh their memories, can learn a skill that will add beauty and meaning to our services. Plus, you can take part in the lively discussions that revolve around what we are learning. If you are taking Rabbi Mishkin’s Adult B’nai Mitzvah class, this will coordinate with what the Rabbi is teaching. A non-member fee of \$36 is requested.

### **BEGINNER’S CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH**

Led by Terrie Polovsky

Wednesday 11:00 a.m., beginning October 14

Terrie will be teaching this class to allow participants to acquire the ability to understand and speak Spanish, using daily life situations to stimulate conversation. Some time is left for discussions to center around the history, culture, and current events of the country. No cost to members. Non-members are welcome, and there is a \$50 fee for the entire class for non-members.

**Many more wonderful programs to come! JOIN US!**

For more information or to register for a class, call Linda Benish, Program chair at 609-426-8727 or call Phyllis Greenberg in the synagogue office at 732-257-1523.

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## FUNDRAISING NOTES

The holidays are approaching so watch your mailbox for your **High Holiday Raffle** tickets.

**Sunday, September 10: PIZZA AND A MOVIE**

Come for lunch and stay for the movie and dessert. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

**Sunday, October 15: Giant Yard Sale**

Rent a table and bring your clothes, books, knick-knacks, etc. All earnings are yours to keep.

**Sunday, June 10: Spring Gala Brunch**

Keep the date. More information will be forthcoming

**As you can see, we will have a lot going on and we desperately need your help. If you can spare even a few hours to help with any program or special event, it will be greatly appreciated.**

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## REMINDER

**Erev Tisha B'AV Study Session**  
**and Tisha B'AV Services & Eich//Lamentations Reading**

MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER  
103 School Road West  
Marlboro, NJ 07746

**Monday, July 31, 2017**

Erev Tisha B'AV Study Session will begin at 7:30 PM

Tisha B'Av fast **begins at 8:12 PM.**

M'Ariv & the chanting of Eicha/Lamentations will begin **at 8:15P**



# PIZZA



Join us Sunday September 10, 2017 at  
1:00 PM for Lunch followed by a  
showing of the comedy classic

# SOME LIKE IT HOT

Starring

Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmon

Cost is \$18 in advance \$20 at the door

Contact Roberta Karpel at 732-642-7881 to  
make your reservations. Checks can be sent

to: Congregation Beth Ohr,

PO Box 206,

Old Bridge, NJ 08857



# MOVIE

DAYTIMERS NEWS  
**JOIN THE DAYTIMERS FOR A TRIP TO  
THE JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM OF  
MONMOUTH COUNTY  
310 MOUNTS CORNER DR., FREEHOLD, NJ  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017  
11:00 AM**



We will have a guided tour of the museum's new permanent exhibit. Three Centuries of Growth and Change - A History of the Jews of Monmouth County. This pictorial exhibit will tell the compelling story of how the Jewish community developed from one Sephardic Jew traveling and peddling his wares in the county in the early 1700s, to a diverse community of Jews, both Sephardi and Ashkenazi, with a variety of institutions, organizations, businesses and services, and 40 active synagogues throughout the County.

The visit to the museum will be followed by an optional lunch

For details and to RSVP, please call Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) by Thursday, August 17.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Tree of Life  
to honor or memorialize a loved one  
Leaf - \$118.00

## **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 WERE MADE DURING  
THE MONTH OF JUNE**

### **Rabbi Mishkin's Discretionary Fund**

Arlene and Nelson Silver

### **Beautification Fund**

Ira and Lee Donenfeld In memory of Marvin Smith, Harriet Rabinowitz's father

### **Yahrzeit Plaque**

Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz in memory of Marvin Schwartz, Harriet's father

### **Tree of Life**

**BIRTH OF**

**MATTHEW RYAN RABINOWITZ**

**MAY 15, 2017**

**BIRTH OF**

**RYAN HENRY RABINOWITZ**

**JUNE 13, 2017**





**CONGREGATION BETH OHR 2017-2018**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b>President</b>	<b>Allen Skupp</b>
<b>First VP</b>	<b>Robert Karpel</b>
<b>Fund Raising</b>	<b>Allan Benish</b>
<b>Programming</b>	<b>Linda Benish</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Allen Appel</b>
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<b>Good &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>Paula Yourman</b>
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<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Phil Rabinowitz</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Marty Israel</b>

As you look at the Officers above, there are still two openings on the Board for a vice-president and a House Committee chairperson. The Executive Board commitment for Vice President is to attend a monthly 60 minute meeting on the 4th Thursday night at 7 PM and to advise 3 committees you will oversee. The Regular Board meeting is held that same night at 8 PM and usually lasts 60 minutes. Please contact Phil Rabinowitz or Allen Skupp to find out the responsibilities for the open Board positions.

Women play an important role in our egalitarian synagogue, and make up more than 50% of our membership. Less than 20% of our Board consists of women. We urge you to step forward and take more leadership positions on the Synagogue board.

Thank you.

**Your Board of Directors**

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



## **Big Doings, as usual, at the Men's Club!**

Top: On Sunday July 2 to kick off the July 4th holiday, Harvey Cohen with Herb Goldenberg's assistance made pancakes to accompany the regular breakfast. There was a choice of Plain, Blueberry or Chocolate Chip pancakes PLUS the usual fare of bagels, schmears, fish selection, hot coffee and tea and hot chocolate. Who could ask for anything more? Shown are chefs Harvey and Herb also with their American flag Tee Shirts. The next photo shows the American flag that hangs at the sanctuary entrance. A glorious sight. The next row shows part of the crowd at the pancake breakfast. The photo on the right shows the not so crunched up breakfast in one of the downstairs classrooms because of the bris in the all purpose room on July 23. Everything worked out just fine.

**Sunday morning is a good time to be at Beth Ohr. Shul, Schmooze and Schmeer!**

### **Men's Club Program of Events** (partial listing)

Aug —Short Ashrei and Birkat programs at two breakfasts

Aug 27—Shofar will be blown through Sep 17

Sep and later—big things planned for the next year.

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!***

# BETH OHR PHOTO GALLERY



## Photos

Top: Dara and Ken Deitz floating in the Dead Sea in Israel; in front of the in The Jerusalem Great Synagogue, and Dara at the Ashkenazi Ari Synagogue.

Next row are some Tee Shirts—Stan Perlman, Allen Skupp and Andy and Ed on July 2nd with their American Flag Tees and on Jul 23 with the B.O.M.C. Tees. Both wearing those shirts were complete coincidences.

Bottom; The Friday P.M. Mahjong group paid a visit to Marilyn Gilbarg's new apartment in Somerset. Photo on left shows Phyllis Geller, Marilyn, Lee Donenfeld and Caroline Schwartz. The second photo includes Harriet Weiss while Lee took this photo. There are other players that weren't able to be there that day.

## Three Beth Ohr Families



### Three families

Top: Herb and Sue Goldenberg with Addie and Aileen; Alex, Jared, David and Herb; Granddaughter Danielle at High School in Israel; Lauren's daughter Ellie at her confirmation.

2nd row: Rabbi Richard Fagan flanked by Arlene Lustgarten and Marilyn Bleweis, grandmother and great grandmother of Ezra Henry who had his bris at Beth Ohr on Jul 23rd. Marilyn's beloved husband Hugh was a Congregation President. Next is Ezra Henry and his mother Sarah Friedwald. Sarah was named at Beth Ohr and was also a Bat Mitzvah here. The next photo was taken in Israel in December 2007 of Sarah and a friend who joined the Beth Ohr tour for dinner. She hasn't changed a bit!

3rd row: The wonderful growing family of Monica and Mark Atzbi in an informal family photo. The next is a more formal wedding photo.

## SISTERHOOD PRESIDIUUM PRESIDENT

Summer is the season that I look forward to the most and when it comes, I try to enjoy the days and just relax. I hope everyone is enjoying and relaxing as well. In the fall, I know everyone will come out to support all of the events and programs that are run by our Sisterhood and, of course, support our ongoing fundraisers.

Thank you and Shalom.  
Monica Atzbi

## HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZOR

If you are interested in dedicating a High Holiday prayer book, please contact Estee Spiegel by e-mail at [estee86@msn.com](mailto:estee86@msn.com). Donations can be made to memorialize someone special or in honor of a simcha. The cost for each book is \$36.00 and checks should be made payable to Sisterhood Congregation Beth Ohr. The donation must be paid in full before a bookplate will be affixed.

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services, please see Ira Donenfeld, Phil Rabinowitz or Larry Fachler.



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# SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR

## ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

2017 - 2018

*TEMPLE MEMBERS*                      \$30

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DONOR CREDIT OF \$5 WILL BE AWARDED TO MEMBERS WHO PAY THEIR DUES ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017.

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# Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be  
**Monday, August 14, 2017**

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.

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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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**Sisterhood** sells **Shoprite**, **Stop 'n' Shop**, and **Acme** Supermarket Gift Cards. We also sell Kohl's Gift Cards.

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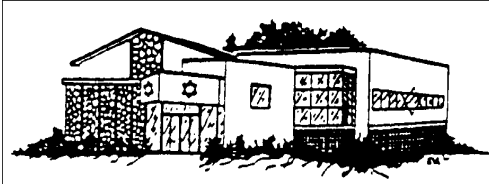
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### Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For August



**Friday, Aug. 4**  
**Friday, Aug. 11**  
**Friday, Aug. 18**  
**Friday, Aug. 25**

**7:50PM**  
**7:42PM**  
**7:32PM**  
**7:22PM**