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Variously known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

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

Sat. July 1	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. July 2	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00 AM
Tues. July 4	Independence Day Office Closed	
Thur. July 6	Talmud Class Ritual Meeting	9:30AM 7:30PM
Fri. July 7	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. July 8	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. July 9	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Thurs. July 13	Talmud Class	9:30AM
Fri. July 14	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. July 15	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. July 16	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Thurs. July 20	Talmud Class	9:30AM
Fri. July 21	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. July 22	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. July 23	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Thurs. July 27	Talmud Class Temple Executive Board Meeting Temple Board Meeting	9:30AM 7:00PM 8:00PM
Fri. July 28	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. July 29	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. July 30	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Mon. July 31	Erev Tisha B'AV	

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RABBI'S BOOK DISCUSSION CLASS AND WISE AGING CLASS WILL NOT CONTINUE UNTIL THE FALL.

The following is a reprint of the Rabbi's Speech on the occasion of Congregation's Beth Ohr 60th Anniversary Celebration on June 4, 2017.



“The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and say to him, “When you mount the lamps, let the seven lamps give light at the front of the lamp stand.” Aaron did so; he mounted the lamps at the front of the lamp stand as the Lord had commanded Moses. Now this is how the lamp stand was made: it was hammered work of gold, hammered from base to petal. According to the pattern that the Lord had shown Moses, so was the lamp stand made.”

These are the words that begin the Torah portion that will be read next in synagogues this coming Sabbath. Aaron and Moses, commanded by the divine source of wisdom we call God, are to light a candelabrum and allow its light to shine purposefully over the community of Israel as God, are they wander through the wilderness. The declaration is clear: In a place where God feels absent you will kindle lights to illuminate the way so that you may experience God's presence. When you think of it, It is a most fitting image to recall on the day when we celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of a synagogue that is called, in Hebrew, Beth Ohr, or in English, “the house of light.”

The Menorah spoken of in the Torah is different from the Hanukiyah, the more familiar Menorah we use on Hanukkah. The Menorah in the wilderness has only seven lights: Six lights are surrounded by a seventh one and they work in concert with each other; each gives off the glow of knowledge, enlightenment and wisdom and together they shed their sacred light on the world.

This could well be the mission of any synagogue, but one with a name such as Congregation Beth Ohr - A House of Light - has a special responsibility. In a community such as Old Bridge it is noteworthy that the sole religious institution representing the Jewish faith is our synagogue. The people who dreamed of establishing a home for prayer, education and good works sixty years ago had the vision and the will necessary to create such a place. They understood its necessity and the central role that it could play in such a community..

This vision and this need has not changed since the birth of our congregation. The Jewish faith requires and will always require a central address in Old Bridge proper for Jewish forms of learning, social programs, social action and religious worship. And each and every year the members of our community work diligently to provide these opportunities and these offerings and for that, as their rabbi, I sincerely express my appreciation to them. I congratulate the other honorees this morning and Beverly and I thank you for your gracious acknowledgement as well.

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Past President's Message

To the Beth Ohr Family,

As my two year term as President of our congregation ends, I wanted to list some of the accomplishments my Board of Directors has achieved during my tenure.

- Rabbi Mishkin signed a three year contract through June 30, 2019.
- Rabbi Marc Golding has been hired as our Cantor for the upcoming High Holidays.
- We came very close to a balanced budget in year one of my presidency.
- Two successful Journal fundraisers occurred with a Dinner Dance in year one and a Brunch celebrating our 60th Anniversary in year two. And we honored four congregation families at each of these.
- The Torathon was reborn, being held on a Sunday afternoon with three sessions in year one and extended to four sessions in year two.
- New tables were purchased for our Social Hall and a permanent Sukkah was bought.
- We had three Scholar-in Residence programs with Rabbi Gordon Yaffe, Cantor Jennifer Rolnick, and Rabbi Ethan Seidel.
- We received a Security grant from the Jewish Federation and will be installing an upgraded security system this summer.
- We continue our mission to educate Jewish families in our area with a variety of classes taught by our Rabbi and our members.

I want to thank my entire board and their committees for their time and volunteer work on behalf of the congregation. I wish Toda Raba to outgoing Board members Jeff Perlman, Bernie Pincus, and Terrie Polovsky who will be leaving the Board after serving in many different roles. With the devotion of our Rabbi, and the arms of the synagogue, The Sisterhood, The Men's Club, and the Daytimers, I look forward to continued achievements next fiscal year and beyond.

I am so proud that you allowed me the honor to be the President of Congregation Beth Ohr and ask you to give similar support to our new President Allen Skupp!!

Shalom

Phil

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The truth of the matter is that each and every individual who has contributed throughout the sixty years assisted in insuring that vision and generating that dream is to be acknowledged. But the work is not done. In many ways our determined goal is to kindle a revitalization of the resources that we have relied upon for the last sixty years and invest them with new enthusiasm. This is why we who celebrate today must pledge ourselves to fulfilling this mission - to guarantee that a place of Jewish worship, learning and community commitment will be sustained. That is our challenge. It is a worthy one that we must commit ourselves to wholeheartedly.

As the psalmist declared, "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Now this morning is a great success and we should delight in it. We should also express our heartfelt appreciation to the members of the committee who planned each and every aspect of this morning and worked so diligently to make certain that today would be as glorious a day as it is. There is one other light that shines in the sanctuary of Congregation Beth Ohr. It is called a Ner Tamid, - the eternal light. It is intended to never be extinguished. May it continue to light our way in this community in the same way that the candelabrum illuminated the way for our ancestors thousands of years ago and may we commit ourselves to its sacred and eternal glow.

July 2017 Program Notes by Roberta Karpel

June 4th we had a fantastic fundraiser. This could not have happened without the committee led by Ed Mendlowitz. I want to thank him and his committee members; Allan Benish, David Honig, Bob Nagler, Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz, Allen Skupp, Bob Weiss, and Edna Yourman. During the brunch we had a 50/50. Each winner received \$175. I want to congratulate and thank both David Honig for donating half his winnings back to our congregation and Michael Fachler who donated his entire prize, in his parents' names, back to Beth Ohr.

Programs and Fundraising will be working together next year to offer interesting programs and also help raise money to support our congregation. We don't have specific dates yet but some of the programs we are working on is scholar in residence, guest speakers, Movie and Pizza, a holiday craft and vendor show, a yard sale, and a possible concert. We will be hosting a Global day of Learning at the East Brunswick Library. Due to the way Succos falls this year, we are unable to have Chicken in the Coop. Instead, on Sunday, October 8, 2017 we will have brunch in the Sukkah.

Adult education will be back in full force in September. Terrie Polovsky will hold her Spanish classes and Linda Benish will be teaching Hebrew reading. In addition, Linda and the Rabbi will be starting an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. The Torahthon was a huge success and will be repeated in the spring.

As you can see, we have some big plans and I know I can count on you, our congregation family to support us as much as possible. If any of our programs interest you and you can lend a hand, it will be greatly appreciated. Of course if you've got an idea for a program you would like to see, just contact me, Roberta Karpel, or Allan Benish, fundraising chairperson.

ADULT ED NEWS

Are You Interested.....

In an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class?

Did you never have the opportunity to study to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Would you like to learn some of what you missed growing up without a chance to attend Hebrew School? Would you like to go back to study in depth some of those things you didn't pay attention to in Hebrew School? Rabbi Mishkin would be glad to start a class if you are considering the idea of becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, studying some basic Judaism, and taking part in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony.

In a Basic Hebrew Class?

Would you like to take a "crash" course so you will read Hebrew in 6 weeks!!!! If so, I would be glad to start another crash course on Thursday mornings at 10 or 12. Please contact Linda Benish if you can't read at all, or once knew and forgot how. No tests, no homework (well, maybe a little practicing) and lots of fun. Then you could even join us for the reading and discussion group at 11 a.m., if you like. We discuss all kinds of things: the meanings of the prayers we read, the traditions that we sometimes don't understand, and why we do what we do at services.

In learning how to chant a Haftarah? Or how to chant a Torah portion?

You can learn the "trope" (the musical notes) for either a Haftarah or a Torah portion. Once you learn the notes, you can read any Haftarah or chant any Torah portion. A "good" voice is not a requirement,

For any of these, contact Linda Benish at 609-426-8727
Or Phyllis in the office at 732-257-1523



Adult Education

Adult Education (Continued)

AND OUR RABBI CONTINUES TO TEACH US!

Rabbi Mishkin's classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. His morning and evening class schedule can be found in our monthly newsletters, in e-mails, in our weekly Shabbat booklets that are available in the synagogue sanctuary, and on the Sisterhood calendar.

His every-other-Tuesday evening classes of Practices and Customs 2.0 continue. The Rabbi is inviting his present students and newcomers to join him at 7:30 P.M. for a spirited discussion revolving around the book, Wise Aging, Living with Joy, Resilience and Spirit by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. This class will involve interactive sessions, reflective discussion and textual study aimed at enhancing our lives spiritually, religiously and emotionally at the various stages of living. It is intended for interested students of all ages. If you will be joining him, even if you have not been a member of the class, please call Phyllis Greenberg at 732-257-1523 and RSVP so that the Rabbi can have a handout available for you for our session. We will then make arrangements to purchase the book, available in paperback. He looks forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.

And looking into the future –

Rabbi Mishkin will be holding a mini-series after the High Holidays at the Barnes and Noble Book Store in East Brunswick. The series is, called "Coffee, Talk and Torah," dates and time to be determined. Stay tuned.....

Meanwhile

The **Conversational Spanish class** will resume in the fall.

The **Hebrew Reading class** will also resume in the fall.

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)

(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 _____

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THURSDAY, JULY 27:
MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE
AND YIDDISH FOLKSBIENE THEATER

Join the Daytimers in conjunction with the Yiddish Club of Greenbriar for a bus trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage and the Yiddish Folksbiene Theater.

The Trip includes: Docent tour of “Operation Finale: The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann” and admission to Folksbiene Yiddish Theater – Amerike – the Golden Land (Orchestra Seats – Yiddish with English Super Titles), bus and box lunch included.



The bus departs from the Greenbriar parking lot at 8:45 AM.
Cost: \$75.00 per person. No refund unless ticket resold. For additional information and to RSVP, please call Linda (609-642-8182) or Ira (732-679-2652).

Please mail check payable to Yiddish Club along with lunch choice and seating preference to:
Linda Skupp, 7 Phillip Ct., Monroe Township, NJ 08831

The check must be received no later than Wednesday, July 5.

Lunch options: Choice of sandwich, Cookie (nut free), Whole Fruit, and bottled water (please choose one of the following)

- A. Bagel and Cream Cheese
- B. Egg Salad Sandwich
- C. Classic Tuna Salad Sandwich
- D. Egg Salad on Gluten Free Bread
- E. Classic Tuna Salad on Gluten Free Bread

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Please seat me with _____

Lunch Choice: (Circle one) A B C D E

Tisha B'Av

תִּשְׁעָה בְּאָב

Level: Basic

Significance: Remembers major communal tragedy

Observances: Fasting; reading the book of Lamentations

Length: 25 hours

Customs: Torah cabinet is draped in black

*Five misfortunes befell our fathers ... on the ninth of Av. ... On the ninth of Av it was decreed that our fathers should not enter the [Promised] Land, the Temple was destroyed the first and second time, Bethar was captured and the city [Jerusalem] was ploughed up. -Mishnah Ta'anit 4:6
...Should I weep in the fifth month [Av], separating myself, as I have done these so many years? - Zechariah 7:3*

In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month ... came Nebuzaradan ... and he burnt the house of the L-RD... -II Kings 25:8-9

In the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month... came Nebuzaradan ... and he burnt the house of the L-RD... - Jeremiah 52:12-13

How then are these dates to be reconciled? On the seventh the heathens entered the Temple and ate therein and desecrated it throughout the seventh and eighth and towards dusk of the ninth they set fire to it and it continued to burn the whole of that day. ... How will the Rabbis then [explain the choice of the 9th as the date]? The beginning of any misfortune [when the fire was set] is of greater moment. -Talmud Ta'anit 29a

Tisha B'Av, the Fast of the Ninth of [Av](#), is a day of mourning to commemorate the many tragedies that have befallen the [Jewish people](#), many of which have occurred on the ninth of Av.

Tisha B'Av means "the ninth (day) of Av." It occurs in July or August.

Tisha B'Av primarily commemorates the destruction of the first and second [Temples](#), both of which were destroyed on the ninth of Av (the first by the Babylonians in 586 [B.C.E.](#); the second by the Romans in 70 [C.E.](#)).

Although this holiday is primarily meant to commemorate the destruction of the Temple, it is appropriate to consider on this day the many other tragedies of the Jewish people, many of which occurred on this day, most notably the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 and from England in 1290.¹

¹ The Alhambra Decree, issued March 31, 1492, ordered all Jews to leave Spain by the end of July 1492. July 31, 1492 was Tisha B'Av. The Edict of Expulsion from England was issued on July 18, 1290. Note that if you use a Jewish calendar converter to check this, it will probably show these dates as a few days before the 9th of Av. These expulsions occurred before the Gregorian calendar reform, which altered the way the secular calendar works, and converters don't take this into account, which causes the discrepancy.

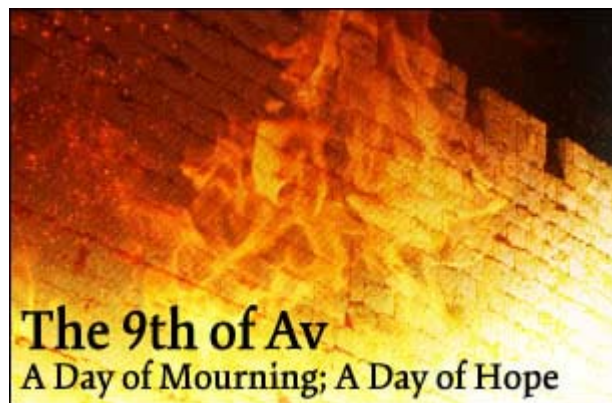
I have recently heard some try to connect the Tisha B'Av to [Kristallnacht](#), which began on the 9th of November, or to the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. I

can find no significance in secular dates that have the same numbers as significant Hebrew dates, or whether you can swap day and month. There is a much more serious problem: Av is not the 11th month of the Jewish calendar. This is clear from the biblical quotes above, which talk about Av as the 5th month. So where did people get the idea that Av is the 11th month? Probably by counting from [Tishri](#), the month of [Rosh Hashanah](#), the Jewish New Year. But the Torah is very clear that months are counted from [Nissan](#), not Tishri.

Tisha B'Av is the culmination of a three week period of increasing mourning, beginning with the [fast of the 17th of Tammuz](#), which commemorates the first breach in the walls of Jerusalem, before the First Temple was destroyed. During this three week period, weddings and other parties are not permitted, and people refrain from cutting their hair. From the first to the ninth of Av, it is customary to refrain from eating meat or drinking wine (except on the [Shabbat](#)) and from wearing new clothing.

The restrictions on Tisha B'Av are similar to those on [Yom Kippur](#): to refrain from eating and drinking (even water); washing, bathing, shaving or wearing cosmetics; wearing leather shoes; engaging in sexual relations; and studying Torah. Work in the ordinary sense of the word [rather than the [Shabbat](#) sense] is also restricted. People who are ill need not fast on this day. Many of the traditional [mourning](#) practices are observed: people refrain from smiles, laughter and idle conversation, and sit on low stools.

In synagogue, the book of Lamentations is read and mourning prayers are recited. The ark (cabinet where the Torah is kept) is draped in black. Tisha B'Av is never observed on [Shabbat](#). If the 9th of Av falls on a Saturday, the fast is postponed until the 10th of Av.



Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

DONATED BY:

Hilde Schottlander
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Mitchel Feinman
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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 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.





THANK YOU

To the congregants of Congregation Beth Ohr:

Beverly and I would like to thank the entire membership of Congregation Beth Ohr for the lovely honor bestowed upon us on the occasion of our synagogue's sixtieth anniversary. We look forward to many more years of fellowship and friendship.

Rabbi Joel S Mishkin

Thank you to the Anniversary Planning Committee, and especially to Ed Mendlowitz as its chairman, for providing us with the opportunity for a very warm and enjoyable celebration with family and friends.

Paula Yourman would like to thank everyone for the many calls, emails, and especially for the get well cards sent to her daughter Eva when she had bi-lateral knee replacement. Thank g-d she is doing wonderfully. Also thanks for all the calls, emails and cards send in honor of grandson David's graduation from High School,

Rachel and Josh Rabinowitz want to thank everyone who sent us gold cards and good wishes on the birth of our son Matthew Ryan Rabinowitz.

Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz want to thank everyone who sent us gold cards and good wishes on the birth of our grandson Matthew Ryan Rabinowitz, son of Rachel and Josh Rabinowitz

Barbara and Melvin Feder wish to thank everyone for their good wishes on the birth of their first grandchild, Sophie.

DAYTIMERS SHABBAT AND LUNCH AND LEARN

The Daytimers would like to thank Rabbi Mishkin for his excellent Lunch and Learn presentation, Marty Israel and Allen Skupp for setting up the delicious deli lunch, and all those who participated in the Shabbat Service on Saturday, June 19th.

The Daytimers wish to thank Joe and Dotty Shafran for their donation.

MAZEL TOV

Barbara and Melvin Feder announce the birth of their first grandchild, Sophie Feder Rosenberg.

Roberta and Larry Fachler proudly announce the graduation of their granddaughter Allyson Fachler from Oakdale High School in Maryland. She has received Highest Honors, and membership in National Honor Society, Math Honor Society and Leadership Academy. She will be attending Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Roberta and Gene Bernstein and thank you for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat on Friday, June 23rd.

News from the Beth Ohr Family (continued)

MAZEL TOV (cont'd)

Mazel Tov to Allen Skupp on becoming Congregation Beth Ohr President for 2017-2018 and also to all the New Officers of the Executive Board and Board of Directors.

Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz proudly announce the birth of their grandson, Ryan Henry Rabinowitz, on June 13, 2017. Parents are Kara and Mark Rabinowitz.

Mazel Tov to Paula Eisen on the birth of her grandson. Parents are Allyson and Randy Block.

Andrea & Mark Chassen proudly announce the birth of their granddaughter, Leora Esther Chassen. Parents are Stacy and Dan Chassen.

Sue Edwards proudly announces the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Samuel. Parents are Beth and Michael Edwards.

HIGH HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Letters with raffle books will be sent out soon. 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 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 08831
Attention: Joyce Silberstein

Thank You and L' Shana Tovah

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

General Fund

Sara Ullman for Yizkor and an Aliyah on Shavuot 6/1
Karen Silverman for Yizkor
Harriet Feld—For Yizkor Donation from friend

David Benish Fund

From Linda and Allan Benish For Yahrzeit

Heidi Rogol Fund

Doreen & David Aberson in honor of Chuck Rogol
Linda & Lawrence Spiegel in honor of Chuck Rogol

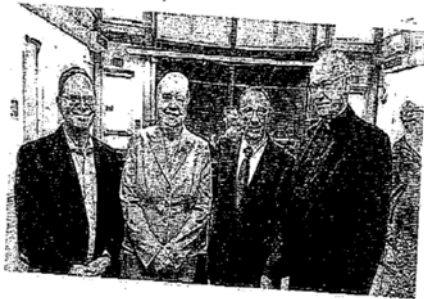
Rabbi Mishkin's Discretionary Fund

Arlene and Nelson Silver

Beautification Fund

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





COURTESY OF NELIDA MORAN

On Sunday May 21, Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry welcomed those who came together to celebrate all that makes us unique and united at an interfaith gathering in the Old Bridge Public Library. "Passover, Easter, Ramadan" was presented by (from left) Tariq Sharif, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community; Alice Brown (moderator); Rabbi Joel Mishkin, Congregation Beth Ohr; and Father Daniel Sloan, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

Congregation Beth Ohr and Rabbi Mishkin make the Home News Tribune on June 19th.

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CONGREGATION BETH OHR 2017-2018

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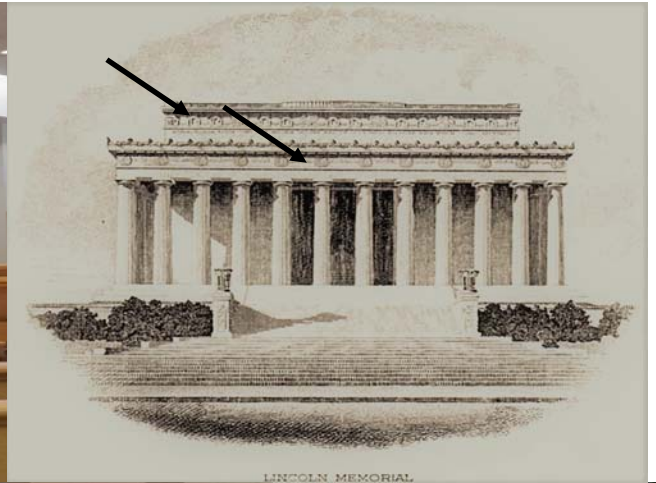
As you look at the Officers above, there are still two openings on the Board for a vice-president and a House Committee chairperson. The Executive Board commitment for Vice President is to attend a monthly 60 minute meeting on the 4th Thursday night at 7 PM and to advise 3 committees you will oversee. 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: Men's Club installation conducted by Mark Atzbi and shown is Ed speaking after being re-installed as Men's Club president. Next is a photo of the free gift to all attending the installation. It is an official U.S. Government engraving of the Lincoln Memorial as it appears on the \$5.00 bill. If you look close enough on a \$5.00 bill you can see the names of the states. See arrows above that indicate where to look on your bill.

2nd row: A bunch of guys singing Adom Alom at conclusion of the Sunday Minyan. Next is Hagba after the Torah reading on Rosh Hodesh Sivan. Last is a photo of the Hot Dogs from Shoprite served at the BBQ. Many people asked about this.

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

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

Jul 2—Pancakes will be served by Harvey and the Men's Club Catering team.

Jul 16 —Short Birkat program at breakfast

Aug 6—Short Ashrei program at breakfast

Aug 27—Shofar will be blown through Sep 17

Ed Mendlowitz

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

Pancake Breakfast Jul 2

Start your July 4th Celebration early with a Men's Club Pancake Breakfast. Your choice of Plain, Blueberry or Chocolate Chip PLUS usual fare of bagels, schmears, fish selection, hot coffee and tea and hot chocolate. Who can ask for anything more?

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: Bob Lipp and Children Eric, Robyn and Patti. Phil Rabinowitz handing over the gavel to incoming Beth Ohr president Allen Skupp. Ed Mendlowitz with Walt "Clyde" Frazier and three colleagues.

2nd row: Ed with interns from his office at a visit to Metropolitan Museum of Art. Roberta Bernstein in front of Synagogue in New Orleans. Beth Ohr Security Team at a meeting—Clockwise from bottom left: Harvey Cohen, Allen Skupp, Ann Branfman, Phil Rabinowitz, Ira Donenfeld, Jeff Perlman and David Honig.

On left: Gary Yourman presenting Make A Wish Foundation with a check for over \$47,000 that he helped raise. This brings his 10 year efforts to over \$290,000. Well done Gary. Yasha Koach!

On bottom left: Ken and Dara Deitz in Jerusalem. Marilyn Kamenitz in Paris.

Brunch Honorees and Beth Ohr Presidents at Brunch



The top photo shows Honorees and other guests. From left: Mayor Owen Henry, Roberta and Larry Fachler, Helene and Dan Grynberg, Ed Mendlowitz, Chuck Rogol, Beverly and Rabbi Joel Mishkin and State Senator Dr. Sam Thompson. Bottom photo shows past Beth Ohr presidents: Jeff Perlman, Allen Skupp (incoming president), Phil Rabinowitz (current president), Allen Appel, Ed Mendlowitz, Harriet Rabinowitz, Allan Benish, Chuck Rogol, David Honig, Marcia Trechak, Bob Honig and Mark Atzbi.

Brunch Photos



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Top row: Before and after tables set up in all purpose room. Over 130 people attended the Brunch making this our biggest attendance for a Synagogue Journal fund raising event.

2nd row: Partial view of group in Sanctuary where the program was conducted. Certificate of Recognition provided by Congressman Frank Pallone Jr. Each honoree received a similar certificate.

Bottom: Sisterhood and Men's Club past presidents at the Brunch. Mark Atzbi, Ed Mendlowitz, Elliot Leibowitz, Allen Appel, Barbara Schneider, Monica Atzbi, Barbara Hollander, Marcia Trechak and Marilyn Karlstein.



Beth Ohr 60th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion

*Thank you to the following Congregants who attended the Brunch,
and/or sold or placed ads in the Journal*

Honoring

BEVERLY & RABBI JOEL MISHKIN, ROBERTA & LAWRENCE FACHLER

HELENE & DANIEL GRYNBERG, CHARLES "CHUCK" ROGOL

Wilma and Allen Appel	Andrew Mendlowitz
Elizabeth and Michael Aroyo	Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz
Monica and Mark Atzbi	Beverly and Rabbi Joel Mishkin
Linda and Allan Benish	Elinor and Saul Nadler
Roberta and Eugene Bernstein	Bob Nagler
Eileen and Sid Birnbaum	Seymour Nussenbaum
Ann Branfman	Ryselle and Jeff Perlman
Andrea and Mark Chassen	Ann and Marvin Pearlstein
Lisa Clark	Ashna and Bernard Pincus
Harriet Cohen	Terrie Polovsky
Lana and Harvey Cohen	Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz
Dara and Ken Deitz	Gail and Stuart Rizick
Lee and Ira Donenfeld	Chuck Rogol
Arnold Dorfman	Lysa Rogol
Suzanne Edwards	Barbara and Herman Schneider
Roberta and Larry Fachler	Dottie and Joe Shafran
Harriett Feld	Linda and Ira Shapiro
Meryl Finkelstein	Cliff Shulman and Marion Falkowitz
Sue and Herb Goldenberg	Joyce Silberstein
Ilene and Barry Gray	Arlene and Nelson Silver
Helene and Daniel Grynberg	Marjorie and Stuart Simon
Joyce and Ira Hilfman	Mala and Robert Simon
Alice and David Honig	Paul Singer
Ellie and Robert Honig	Linda and Allen Skupp
Marilyn and Marty Israel	Arlene Sommers
Sylvia Kagan	Estee and Brendan Spiegel
Marilyn and Mort Kamenitz	Linda and Robert Szegeti
Marilyn and Ira Karlstein	Marcia and Perry Trechak
Roberta and Ralph Karpel	Sara and Steven Ullman
Maxine and Ken Kaufman	Phyllis and Melvyn Ward
Caroline and Joseph Klein	Harriet and Robert Weiss
Elliot Leibowitz	Edna Yourman
Lisa Mason and Stan Perlman	Paula Yourman
	Ginny and Robert Zussman

The entire Beth Ohr family appreciates your support and participation.

**Thank you to the Brunch Committee: Ed Mendlowitz, Chair, Allan Benish,
David Honig, Roberta Karpel, Bob Nagler, Harriet Rabinowitz, Phil Rabinowitz,
Allen Skupp, Bob Weiss, Edna Yourman and Special thanks to Lisa Clark,
Ira Donenfeld, Phyllis Greenberg, Andy Mendlowitz and Mens' Club.**

SISTERHOOD PRESIDIUM PRESIDENT

Shalom from Sisterhood,

Our Donor Dinner on May 24th was a wonderful event, and a special thank you to my co-vice president and chairperson Ilene Gray. Thank you to Marion Falkowitz, Helene Grynberg and their committee for the very enjoyable installation and over the top dessert reception. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. Please continue to support Sisterhood by purchasing scrip, gold cards and brick certificates.

Liz Aroyo
Presidium Member

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. 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.

**Thank you so much to everyone who purchased and donated
a new Etz Chaim Chumash!**



LARGE PRINT SIDDURIM
The synagogue owns four large
needs one at
services, please see Ira Donenfeld, Phil Rabinowitz or Larry Fachler.

print Siddurim. If anyone



SISTERHOOD CONGREGATION BETH OHR CALENDAR PERSONALS

Dear Members:

Sisterhood is once again planning to make up our Jewish Calendar for the year 5778 (2017-2018).

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 JULY12, 2017.

Linda Garfinkel

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Birthdays _____
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List name, English month,

Day & Year _____
(\$2.50 each)

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(\$2.50 each)

Patrons _____
(\$10.00 each)

SCRIP

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

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

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You may contact the following for purchasing scrip 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 try to call in your order at least one day earlier and pick up your order during the following hours: 10 am-12 noon or 1:30 pm -3:00pm.

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Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be
Wednesday, July 12, 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.

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

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

Rabbi Mishkin’s Contact Numbers

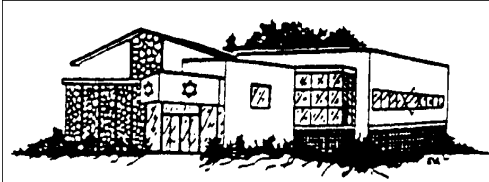
If you need to reach Rabbi Mishkin, please use any of the following phone numbers:

Office Phone # 732-257-7031

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

e-mail address: rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com

Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.



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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For July



Friday, July 7
Friday, July 14
Friday, July 21
Friday, July 28

8:12PM
8:09:PM
8:04PM
7:58PM