

BETH OHR NEWSLETTER

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Congregation Beth Ohr

60th Anniversary

Celebration and Reunion

June 4, 2017

Gala brunch 11:00 to 2:30

Honoring

BEVERLY & RABBI JOEL MISHKIN

ROBERTA & LAWRENCE FACHLER

HELENE & DANIEL GRYNBERG

CHARLES "CHUCK" ROGOL

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

Thurs. June 1	Shavuot Service Yizkor Office Closed	9:30AM
Fri. June 2	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. June 3	Shabbat Morning Service Herman Schneider 80th Birthday and Kiddush Lunch Following Service	9:30AM
Sun. June 4	Sunday Morning Service Congregation Beth Ohr 60th Anniversary Brunch Celebration	10:00AM 11:00AM
Tues. June 6	Rabbi's Book Discussion Class Talmud Class	11:00AM 7:30PM
Wed. June 7	Sisterhood Installation	7:30PM
Thurs. June 8	Talmud Class Hebrew Class	9:30AM 11:00AM
Fri. June 9	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. June 10	Daytimers Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. June 11	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast and Men's Club Installation of Board of Trustees	9:00AM
Tues. June 13	Rabbi's Wise Aging Class	7:30PM
Thurs. June 15	Talmud Class Hebrew Class	9:30AM 11:00AM
Fri. June 16	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. June 17	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. June 18	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast Father's Day	9:00AM
Tues. June 20	Rabbi's Book Discussion Class Talmud Class	11:00AM 7:30PM
Wed. June 21	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thurs. June 22	Talmud Class Hebrew Class	9:30AM 11:00AM
Fri. June 23	Followed by Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Roberta & Gene Bernstein in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary	
Sat. June 24	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. June 25	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Tues. June 27	Rabbi's Wise Aging Class Talmud Class	11:00AM 7:30PM
Thurs. June 28	Talmud Class Hebrew Class Temple Executive Board Meeting Temple Board Meeting	9:30AM 11:00AM 7:00PM 8:00PM
Fri. June 30	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM



Rabbi's Mishkin's Message: "Heal Us and We Shall Be Healed"

Judaism has a most meaningful philosophy when it comes to understanding the nature of illness and how we might have an impact on healing for the sick. Although not everyone realizes it, the commandment to visit the sick (*bikkur holim*) is a requirement of every Jew, not just rabbis, doctors, nurses, regardless of the relative social station of the patient and the potential visitor. This important point is made repeatedly in the Talmud and later rabbinic codes. This point extends to Jews and non-Jews equally. As early as the fourteenth century and continuing into the modern era many synagogues have established Bikkur Holim societies charged with ensuring that sick people receive visitors. At our synagogue we have a "Good and Welfare" person, Paula Yourman who regularly informs our congregation of these situations when the patient desires the knowledge to be made public. It is an important part of congregational life.

In the past few years another way in which congregations deal with a member's illness is to include their name on a list that is read in synagogue every Shabbat. Before the names are read a special prayer is recited and following that prayer the congregation collectively sings a "Mishebayrach Prayer" composed by Debbie Friedman, of blessed memory. This is a beautiful custom intended to inform the congregation that an individual whom we know of and care about is ill and to engage in the hope that our prayers will be received by the Almighty and that the individual will be healed.

However, as meaningful a custom as this might be, there are some practical considerations that risk trivializing the nature of the prayer even if it is unintentional. The "Mishebayrach Prayer" is intended for those people who are in danger or in expectation of undergoing an operation, test or procedure. It is by and large not meant for chronic illness. Our congregation's "Healing List" can become cumbersome for those who are in attendance of services if names are left on the list for several months or even years.

Furthermore if an individual is chronically ill, disabled by the factors of aging, their names should not be listed for the duration of their lives. And finally and most important, the meaning of the "Healing Prayer" is unquestionably deepened if the person who wishes the name to be read is present at the service for the prayer. The "Mishebayrach Prayer" was never intended to be used in the way in which medication is administered. It is not a pill. It is a prayer to remind us of the mind/body connection and how our faith in God might help us alleviate our suffering or come to terms with the challenges of our life. Therefore I would respectfully request that those of you who have placed names on our Healing List for months or years to consider seriously if this prayer is warranted. If on the other hand, you do know of someone who is in dire need of prayer, that you not only call our office and list that name, but that you consider coming to shul yourself and proclaiming that name publicly and participating in the prayer.

Rabbi Joel S Mishkin



President's Message

To the Beth Ohr Family,

As my two year term as President of our congregation ends next month, 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

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.

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 MAY

General Fund

In Memory of Harriet Rabinowitz's Father , Marvin Smith, by Toby Prince

In Memory of Brianne Perlman, daughter of Stan Perlman by Margie and Rick Estrin

Yahrzeit Plaque

In Memory of Brianne Jaclyn Perlman by Stan Perlman and Lisa Mason

In Memory of Rachel Wilhelm by Lawrence and Deborah Weintraub

Rabbi Mishkin's Discretionary Fund

From Stan Perlman and Lisa Mason in Memory of Brianne Jaclyn Perlman



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 _____

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

DAYTIMERS NEWS

SATURDAY, JUNE 10:
DAYTIMERS SHABBAT

Service – 9:30 AM
Lunch and Learn – 12:00 Noon
All are welcome.

The Shabbat Service and Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Mishkin will be sponsored by the Daytimers

Topic – “Behaalotecha: The Challenge of Being Miriam”

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

Cut Here _____

Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Please seat me with _____

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

TORATHON

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Our Torathon was a big success! Our Rabbis were wonderful, teaching a wide variety of interesting and diverse topics. Our attendees were enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed the classes, the discussions outside the classes, the comraderie and, of course, the snacks. Our guests were as geographically and theologically diverse as our Rabbis. From Edison to Freehold, from Perth Amboy to Princeton Junction, people came from all over to learn together. What an exciting day.

But this could not have happened without the hard work and effort of a great number of people. Some helped set up the downstairs classrooms, some made sure publicity went out –through e-mails to Rabbis and congregations, in newspapers, with flyers in businesses, in invitations to friends, some shopped, some set up and served our guests snacks and coffee, some gave time to register and greet our guests.

I can't possibly name all of you without forgetting somebody, so forgive me for making this a general heartfelt thank you. I know I couldn't do this without you.

One person I must thank by name.

Rabbi Mishkin, please know that I recognize that this could not have been as successful as it was without your help. Your connection to the Jewish community made it possible to reach out to so many Rabbis who know and respect you, making it easy for them to say, "Yes, I'll come." Your "gentle reminders" encouraged them to respond and made it possible to have the fabulous faculty we presented to the community. Thank you, thank you.

Linda Benish



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SOCIAL SERVICES / OFFICE ON AGING

May 8th, 2017

Congregation Beth Ohr
Attn: Linda Benish
PO Box 206
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Re: Donation

Dear Congregation Beth Ohr:

On behalf of the Old Bridge Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your generous food donation from your "Torah-thon" to the Old Bridge Food Bank.

"No one can help everyone but everyone can help someone." Our effort to help Old Bridge residents is year-round. It is because of donations like yours that we are able to help our less fortunate neighbors all year. Your kindness and community spirit is truly appreciated. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many people.

Sincerely,

Anahita Feltz
Food Bank Coordinator
Assistant Manager
Social Services / Office on Aging

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

DONATED BY:

The Aroyo Family
Cathy & Howard Schwartzer
Helene Grynberg
Harriet Cohen
Mel Narol
Karen & Ira Schaeffer
Roberta & Lawrence Fachler

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Ashna & Bernard Pincus
Bernie & Rita Selden
Sarah & David Raymond
Lisa Mason
Linda & Allen Skupp and Doris Schulsinger
L. Zeltzer

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Louis Aroyo
“Lovingly Schwartzer/Berkley Family”
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Mary Cedarbaum Beloved Mother
Paula Eisen
Abram Erlick
Minnie Fachler
Sol Fachler
Esther Feder beloved mother &
grandmother
Isaac Feder beloved father & grandfather
Joseph Gilbarg
Charles Gorsky
Eli Jaffee
Marlene Honig
Marlene Honig
Leah Harrison, beloved mother
David Ingber
Robert Frank Lionheart
Billy Hill Lionheart
Max M. Klein
Bessie Nemet
Albert Nussenbam
Abraham Orenstein
In memory of Bernard’s mother
Pauline Salstein
Dorothy R Simon
Mildred Weissman (grandmother)
Morris Wishnick
Elizabeth Zeltzer



June Jahrzeits

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 the Jahrzeit date which are represented by the dates in the columns which are in bold print.

<u>June 2/3</u>		<u>June 16/17 (cont'd)</u>	
Edward Katz	6/3	Carl Tash	6/23
Jack Schneider	6/3	Shana Raizel Wilpon	6/23
Rose Rabinowitz Cabelly	6/4	Barnet Zaret	6/23
Zelda Levitt	6/4	Harry Zaret	6/23
David Edelman	6/5		
Isidore Simon	6/6	<u>June 23/24</u>	
Fred Goldberg	6/7	Harriet Baron	6/23
Perl Fishman	6/8	Jacob Blitzstein	6/24
Bertha Lowenthal	6/8	Sarah Moss	6/24
Sol Fachler	6/9	Esther Feder	6/25
Issac Feder	6/9	Mildred Levine	6/25
Max Kosloff	6/9	Rose Glaz	6/26
Shirley Silverstein	6/9	Charles Gorsky	6/26
Abraham Douglas	6/10	Mildred Levine	6/27
		Leonard Sass	6/27
<u>June 9/10</u>		Arlene Szegeti	6/27
Joseph Tischler	6/10	Frances Goldstein	6/28
Lillian Burstein	6/11	Doroty Hodos	6/28
Michele Feinstein	6/11	Pauline Keen	6/28
Pearl Sovern	6/11	Morris Lipson	6/28
Eleanor Perlman	6/12	Rebecca Mann	6/28
Eva Rosenfeld	6/12	Aaron Schlissel	6/28
Eisig Kornreich	6/13	Morris Wishnick	6/28
Morris Rosenthal	6/13	Charles Betesh	6/29
Samuel Schechter	6/13	Erna Caleinar	6/30
George Feldstein	6/14	Jean Smith King	6/30
Sarah Oshinsky	6/14	Freda Zalman	6/30
Miriam Schreier	6/14		
David Schweidel	6/14	<u>June 30/July 1</u>	
Irene Himmelstein	6/15	Herman Albert	7/1
Zindel Praport	6/15	Jennie Birnbaum	7/1
Larry Greene	6/16	Meyer Karmin	7/1
Al Tyberg	6/16	Benjamin Knepper	7/1
Iliana Weiner	6/16	Beatrice Shander	7/1
		Jack Sofan	7/1
Robert Frank	6/17	Michael Wishnia	7/1
Mel Narol	6/17	Fortunee Betesh	7/2
Irving Solomon	6/17	Abraham Cederbaum	7/2
Arlene Baron	6/18	Karolyne Freud	7/2
Rachel Wilhelm	6/18	Ludwig Goetz	7/2
Esta Bloness	6/19	Estale Goldberg	7.2
Marvin Lanzoff	6/19	Abby Klein	7/2
Martin Barsky	6/20	Matty Roland	7/2
Stuart Jay Enden	6/20	Shari Widmayer	7/2
Roslyn W. Katz	6/21	Shirley Dondes	7/2
Henrietta Nathanson	6/21	Judith Druckman	7.3
Hyman Schiffer	6/21	Wolf Goldhecht	7/3
Louis Deutsch	6/22	Alice Hoerd Pfeifer	7/3
Rhoda Hyman	6/22	Joseph Bienenfeld	7/4
Louis Rothberg	6/22	Nathan Polovsky	7/4
Barbara Wilkes	6/22	Lillian Shifrinson	7/6
Selma Auerbach	6/23	Susan F. Ginsburg	7/7
Rae Hochwald	6/23	Susan Kossier	7/7
Saul Levine	6/23	Abraham Orenstein	7/7
Sally Miller	6/23	Preston Pellat	7/7
		Reah Silverberg	7/7



Condolences

Our sincerest condolences are extended to:

- Stan Perlman and Lisa Mason on the loss of Stan's beloved daughter, Brianna Jaclyn Perlman .
- Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz on the loss of Harriet's beloved father, Marvin Smith.
- Dorothy and Joe Shafran on the loss of Joe's brother, Samuel Shafran.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who made Torathon 5777 possible and especially to Linda and Allan Benish for spearheading the Torathon committee, to each of the Rabbis who volunteered their time to prepare and to impart their knowledge in very enjoyable classes, including of course our own Rabbi Mishkin, and to the "break" team who purchased, prepared and set out delicious refreshments between classes. It was a wonderfully enjoyable afternoon. We look forward to Torathon 5778, G_d willing. Lana and Harvey Cohen.

The family of Leonard Nightingale thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy and for all the donations made in the memory of my dad. Amy Albalah and family

Thank you to the Beth Ohr family for all of your support, visits, food, and love during our time of bereavement. Stan Perlman and Lisa Mason.

We would like to thank everyone for their good wishes that they sent us on our granddaughter Samantha's Bat Mitzvah. Maxine & Ken Kaufman.

I would like to thank Lee Hyman, Edna Yourman, Barbara Schneider, Ed Mendlowitz & anyone else who helped make my Torah Benefactor's Luncheon a very special day for me & my family. Thank you to Rabbi Mishkin for his very informative & interesting speech. Thank you to all the people who attended and for the good wishes sent in cards. Maxine Kaufman.

Elliot Leibowitz and family would like to thank all congregants who sent good wishes on the Bat Mitzvah of his granddaughter Erika.

Harriet Rabinowitz thanks her Beth Ohr Family for all the Gold Cards, Bricks, donations, telephone calls and e-mails that she received in memory of her beloved father, Marvin Smith. Phil and I truly appreciate your love and support during these trying times.

Phyllis Greenberg wants to thank Ira Donenfeld, Ann Branfman, Edna Yourman, Ashna Pincus, Ilene Gray, and Meryl Finkelstein for helping in the office during the month of May.

Thank you for Sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat and Shabbat Kiddush:

- Allen and Wilma Appel for the Shabbat Kiddush on May 20th in honor of Allen's 80th birthday.
- Barbara and Herman Schneider the Shabbat Kiddush on June 3rd in honor of Herman's 80th birthday.

News from the Beth Ohr Family (continued)

Thank you for Sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat and Shabbat Kiddush: (cont'd)

- Roberta and Gene Bernstein for the Oneg Shabbat on June 23rd in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Ann Branfman for the Shabbat Kiddush on May 27th in honor of her birthday.
- Allan and Linda Benish for the first day of Shavuot, May 31st, in memory of David's first Yahrzeit anniversary.

Anniversary

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Roberta and Gene Bernstein.

Birthday:

Happy 80th Birthday to Herman Schneider.

Happy 80th Birthday to Allen Appel.

Happy Birthday to Ann Branfman

Mazel Tov

- Bob and Diane Lipp proudly announce the Bat Mitzvah of Bob's granddaughter Dylan on April 22nd and also the Bar Mitzvah of Diane's grandson Ian on April 29th.
- Elliot Leibowitz proudly announces the Bat Mitzvah of his granddaughter Erika on May 6th. Parents are Shirley & Evan.
- Elliot Leibowitz and family would like to thank all congregants who sent good wishes on the Bat Mitzvah of his granddaughter Erika.
- Mazel Tov to Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz on the birth of their grandson, Matthew Ryan Rabinowitz on May 15, 2017. Proud parents are Rachel and Josh Rabinowitz.
- The following is the slate that was voted on at the Donor Dinner on Wednesday, May 24th.

President - Open

Treasurer – Ronnie Mendlowitz

Financial Secretary – Estee Spiegel

Corresponding Secretary – Harriet Rabinowitz

Recording Secretary – Roberta Karpel

Membership VP's - Ashna Pincus & Arlene Silver

Fundraising VP's – Liz Aroyo & Ilene Gray

Programming VP – Marion Falkowitz

Our Graduates

Paula Yourman's grandson, David Fassler, graduated from Pine-Richland High school in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. He will attend Temple University in the fall. During high school he was President of his school's Future Business Leaders of America club. He was also an active member in the National Honor Society, Student Government and Mock Trial. He plans on studying accounting and possibly political science.

Phyllis and Harry Greenberg's granddaughter, Rachel Greenberg, graduated from the School of Government at University of Maryland. She will be moving to Nashville, Tennessee to Teach for America, in a low income area, hoping to make a difference in a child's life. TFA's mission is to enlist, develop, and mobilize as many as possible of our nation's most promising future leaders to grow and strengthen the movement for education

Michelle Silverman upon her graduation from Old Bridge High School.

A LIFETIME OF SUPPORT

Jewish Family Services
of Middlesex County

May 12, 2017

Congregation Beth Ohr
70 Country Rd. 516
Old Bridge, NJ 08857



Dear Congregation Beth Ohr,

Thank you for providing the location for the Jewish Family Services (JFS) *Passover Campaign 2017*. It was the most efficient Passover packing and delivery JFS has ever experienced. The Beth Ohr members were gracious and very accommodating. Thank you for "spoiling" our community volunteers.

Through the generosity of individuals, synagogues, and other organizations, JFS was able to provide Passover food packages to 636 individuals in need throughout the Middlesex County community. We thank you for this mitzvah.

On behalf of our recipients, we extend our deepest gratitude for your contribution.

Sincerely,

Jack Goldberg
President

Sara Levine
Executive Director

As per IRS regulations, we verify that no goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. JFS is a qualifying 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, registered with the Attorney General's Office in the state of New Jersey. Our Federal ID number is 22-2281774.



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Program Notes

As we complete the year I want to thank everyone for supporting the programs we have had throughout the year. I want to thank Linda Benish for all her work in adult education. The Hebrew class that she teaches has been very successful as evidenced by the pupils who are now either reading better or reading the Siddur for the first time. That class will be taking a break for the summer but will start again in September. No matter what your level of ability, everyone is welcome to join the class. With Federation's support we sponsored a very well received International Day of Jewish Learning. We have already agreed to conduct this program again in the coming November. The Torathon was a huge success. In addition to Hebrew, some of our members have been learning to read and speak Spanish thanks to Terrie Polovsky. The class was put on hold due to Terrie's unfortunate accident but will be starting up again in the fall. Anyone is welcome to join the group no matter what your level of Spanish. Please read the Adult Education column in this newsletter for more information about upcoming education programs.

I would also like to thank Rabbi Mishkin for his leadership and support of our programs. The Scholar in Residence program this year was very well received. In addition, the Rabbi teaches Talmud and is now leading a group discussion on Tuesday evenings around the book Aging Wisely. Check the calendar for dates of these and other programs. These programs will be continued throughout the summer and into next year.

As we start planning for next year, the program committee is looking for new ideas. One thing we are looking at is a Jewish film festival. If you have a skill you would like to share or an idea for a program you'd like to see please contact me at Roberta.g.karpel@gmail.com.

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



Men's Club Annual Election & BBQ Held on Thursday May 18

Special Thank You to

Ann Branfman, Harvey Cohen, Herb Goldenberg, Bernie Pincus and the many others that pitched in AND a thank you to the 39 attendees who ate 48 hot dogs, 36 hamburgers, 16 chicken breasts, 10 pounds potato salad and 5 pounds cole slaw and other goodies.

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

The top: Cover page of the Hertz Chumash which is no longer used at Beth Ohr. We have copies you can have for free for your house. Ask Ed, Harvey or Chuck any Sunday for a copy. Next is Harvey, Larry and Herb all wearing checkered shirts. Harvey and Herb had the exact same shirts but in different colors. The sign in front of Temple announcing the Men's Club BBQ and Election, the Interfaith program at the OB Library and the Sisterhood Donor Dinner—a lot of goings on. Second row: Can you believe it, but I forgot to take a photo of the Men's Club BBQ so here is the room after everyone left. The box gives some info and thanks for helpers at the BBQ and Election. I am proud to announce everyone running was re-elected. The Men's Club installation will be Sunday June 11 at end of the Minyan. All attendees will receive a gift.

Sunday morning is a good time to be at Beth Ohr.

Shul, Schmooze and Schmeat!

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

Do not forget the 60th Anniversary Brunch and Reunion on June 4. Minyan at 10:00 AM. No bagels served at the Minyan. See Brunch info described elsewhere in this newsletter.

Jun 11 - Men's Club Installation at end of Minyan

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

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

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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!



TORATHON



Torathon April 30, 2017

Top row: Stan Perlman, Linda Benish and Allan Benish at sign in table. Linda organized the FANTASTIC program where 12 Rabbis agreed to teach classes and 10 were able to (2 had last minute life cycle events they had to attend to). Next is refreshment crew for the Torathon—Paula Yourman, Linda Skupp, Ashna Pincus and Harriett Feld.

2nd row: Rabbi Robert Wolkoff of Congregation B'nai Tikvah presenting on Science and Religion. Next is Rabbi Eric Wisnia of Congregation Beth Chaim speaking on “We Jews Don’t Take Torah Literally; We Take Torah Seriously.” Both had full crowds in our sanctuary.

3rd row: Rabbi Robert Pilavin of Congregation Sons of Israel spoke on “Do Not Place (Give?) A Stumbling Block Before the Blind” (Leviticus 19:14) - Classical Interpretations and Contemporary Dilemmas.” Next is Rabbi Benjamin Levy of Congregation Etz Chaim/MTJC who presented The Pesach Haggadah as a Guide to Contemporary Judaism and Political Thought. He is shown excellently answering a perplexing question.

The other Rabbis that spoke but are not shown above are Rabbi Ira Grussgott, Rabbi Bryan Kinzbrunner, Rabbi Nathan W. Langer, Rabbi Joel Mishkin, Rabbi Ari Saks and Rabbi Eliezer Zaklikovsky.

BETH OHR PHOTO GALLERY



Book of Numbers

On Shabbos May 27, 2017 we begin reading the Book of Numbers. Following is the name of each parsha with a brief description. Prepared by Ed Mendlowitz.

Bemidbar The original name of this book was “the Fifth of the Musterings” referring to the Book that numbers the Israelites. “Bemidbar” (“In the [Sinai] Wilderness”) comes from the fourth word of the portion giving a place to what occurs in this Book. The English name “Numbers” comes from the Septuagint (the oldest Greek translation of the Bible). It also gets its name from the census that is the opening action of the parsha.

Naso Take. G-d commands Moses to take another census.

Baha’alosecha When you kindle [the lamps]. Introduction to the Menorah.

Shelach lecha Send for yourself. This refers to the spies Moses sent to search the Land of Canaan.

Korach Named for the leader of the rebellion.

Chukkas I looked at five Chumash’s and found five different translations for this word. Talk about things being complicated and difficult to understand. The translations are “statute” (Hertz), “ritual law” (Etz Hayim), “decree” (Stone Edition), “requirement” (NIV), and “super-rational command” (Gutnick Edition). The bottom line is that this is a lead in to the story of the red heifer which story defies understanding; so perhaps the lack of clarity of the preamble of this parsha is appropriate.

Balak The first word. The name of a wicked anti-Semite, but he represents the eventual transformation of evil into good.

Pinchas Pinchas redux. Pinchas is an example or a symbol for the conversion of the Israelites toward lives of virtuousness with this parsha containing many ways to bring this about.

Mattos Tribes. Moses speaks to tribal heads.

Massey Journeys. Recap of 40-year journey.

**Makhelat
Hamercaz**
Jewish Choir of Central NJ

Musical Directors:
Cantors Sheldon Levin
& Anna West Ott
Piano:
Dave Schlossberg



Thursday,
June 8, 2017
7:30 pm



This program is funded in part by Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept of State, and the Karma Foundation.

Congregation B’nai Tikvah
1001 Finnigans Lane
North Brunswick NJ 08902
Kosher Dairy Reception Will Follow

Photo Descriptions

Top: Mala and Bob Simon at the Western Wall in Eretz Yisrael on a recent vacation trip. Morty Kamenitz and his NJ Devils’ buddy Jesse Greenwald and son Marc with Craig Greenwald at a game. Next is Marilyn and Morty Kamenitz’s son Craig with Craig’s family on a vacation in Costa Rico.

2nd row: Daytimers’ visit and tour of Roosevelt, New Jersey.

3rd row: Info about a choir concert Roberta Fachler will be performing in. Call Roberta at 609.860.6479 for info.

50th Anniversary of the 1967 Six Day's War when Israel occupied the West Bank. Shown is a front page of The New York Times.

All the News That's Fit to Print

The New York Times

LATE CITY EDITION Weather: Fair and warm today and tonight. Partly cloudy tomorrow. Temp. range today 85-93; Wed. 81-87; Temp.-Hum. Index: mid-70's; Wed. 72. Full report on Page 93.

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ISRAELIS ROUT THE ARABS, APPROACH SUEZ, BREAK BLOCKADE, OCCUPY OLD JERUSALEM; AGREE TO U.N. CEASE-FIRE; U. A. R. REJECTS IT

JOHNSON WILL USE CABINET TO COURT STATES' OFFICIALS

Aides Will Seek to Tighten Ties Between Governors and the White House

By WARREN WEAVER Jr. Special to The New York Times WASHINGTON, June 7— President Johnson has decided to use the members of his Cabinet as diplomatic agents in his campaign to improve relations between the Administration and state governments.

Rise in Debt Ceiling Rejected in House; Johnson Rebuffed

Special to The New York Times WASHINGTON, June 7— The House of Representatives denied the Johnson Administration a sharp setback today by rejecting a bill to increase the ceiling on the national debt \$20-billion, to \$345-billion.

URBAN SEES THAT Says Acceptance Is Based on Enemy's Reciprocal Action

By DREW MIDDLETON Special to The New York Times UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. June 7—The Security Council unanimously adopted a Soviet resolution today calling on the combatants in the Middle East to "cease fire and all military activities" at 4 P.M. New York time today.



OLD JERUSALEM IS NOW IN ISRAELI HANDS: Israeli soldiers in prayer at the Walling Wall yesterday.

U.S. VOWS TO SEEK A DURABLE PEACE

Johnson Recalls Bundy for New Middle East Planning Unit — 'Real Chance' Is Seen By MAX FRANKEL Special to The New York Times WASHINGTON, June 7— President Johnson pledged today to do his best to help transmute the Middle East from a situation into a more lasting settlement between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

Major Mideast Developments

On the Battlefronts Israel claimed victory in the Sinai Desert after three days of fighting. Sharm el Sheik, guarding the entrance to the Gulf of Aqaba, fell after a paratroop attack, and the Old City, Jerusalem, captured Jericho, in Jordan, and sped northward to take Nabulus, giving them control of the west bank of the Jordan.

Israeli Weep and Pray Beside the Wailing Wall

By TERENCE SMITH Special to The New York Times JERUSALEM, June 7—Israeli troops wept and prayed today at the foot of the Wailing Wall—the last remnant of Solomon's Second Temple and the object of pilgrimage by Jews through the centuries.

CAIRO ANNOUNCES A SINAI PULLBACK

Blames Foreign Aid to Foe, but Says Troops Fight on in Secondary Positions By ERIC FACE Special to The New York Times CAIRO, June 7—An Egyptian military communiqué reported today that forces of the United Arab Republic had fallen back from some first-line positions on the Sinai Peninsula and were engaged in fierce fighting against Israeli troops from secondary positions.

CONFEREES BLOCK A DRAFT LOTTERY

Compromise Bill Contains Deferment of Students By United Press International WASHINGTON, June 7— Senate and House negotiators reached agreement today on a new military draft bill that rules out, for the present, any lotterylike random selection system to determine the order of induction.

Dorothy Parker, 73, Literary Wit, Dies

By ALDEN WHITMAN Dorothy Parker, the sardonic humorist who parveyed her wit in conversation, short stories, verse and criticism, died of a heart attack yesterday afternoon in her room at the Waldorf Hotel, 23 East 74th Street. She was 73 years old and had been in frail health in recent years.

NEWS INDEX

Table with 3 columns: Page, Column, Page. Lists various news items and their locations in the paper.



CONQUEST IN THE MIDEAST: Israeli troops took Sharm el Sheik (1), drove on to the Suez Canal (2) and seized control of the Old City in Jerusalem (3). Photo was taken in September, 1966, during the flight of Gemina II.

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Beth Ohr 60th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion

Mark your calendars—June 4, 2017

Gala brunch 11:00 to 2:30 at Beth Ohr

Honoring

BEVERLY & RABBI JOEL MISHKIN

ROBERTA & LAWRENCE FACHLER

HELENE & DANIEL GRYNBERG

CHARLES "CHUCK" ROGOL

If you haven't made a contribution by taking an ad, you can still contribute and be included in the addendum sheet that will be inserted in the Journal. Send an email by 9:30 pm on June 3rd to emcpa1@aol.com with your message and mail your check to Allan Benish, 114 Avignon Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831.

If you want to attend the Brunch, call Edna Yourman at 732.387.8815 and bring your check to the Brunch. \$60.00 per person.

**The entire Beth Ohr family appreciates your support and participation.
Do not let us down!**

SISTERHOOD PRESIDIUM PRESIDENT

Shalom,

May 3rd at our General Membership we saw a very interesting and informative film about Irena Sendler. Special thank you to Marion Falkowitz for putting together such a nice spread of snacks and getting the film.

As I am writing this we are looking forward to our Donor dinner on May 24th. Other upcoming events are on June 7th will be our annual installation with ice cream and other desserts and then June 21st will be a Sisterhood Board meeting.

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 print Siddurim. If anyone needs one at services, please see Ira Donenfeld, Phil Rabinowitz or Larry Fachler.



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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Announcements

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Wednesday, June 12, 2017

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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

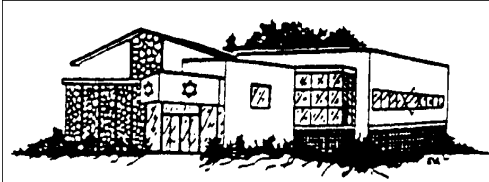
If you need to reach Rabbi Mishkin, please use any of the following phone numbers:

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 May



June 2	8:04
June 9	8:09
June 16	8:12
June 23	8:13
June 30	8:13