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Beth Ohr Purim Celebration At Etz Chaim with Rabbi Levy Purim Cafe

SUPPER Saturday Evening March 11, 2017 6:30pm

PURIM CAFE - SERVICE ~ SHPIEL

We're combining a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner and Purim celebration into one fun filled evening.

We will have a potluck dairy dinner to be enjoyed with a show – the Purim Spiel and the Megillah reading.

All are welcome to dress in costume.

Please bring a dairy or vegetarian main dish, appetizer, side dish, or wine to share. You don't have to cook - you can purchase an item, just make sure it does not contain meat as this is a dairy meal. (No desserts please, we will be providing dessert & soft drinks.)

Please RSVP to the office with what item you will bring and how many of your friends and family will be joining us or [register online](#)

Please contact Robynn Mann at 732.251.1119 with any questions.



Sunday, March 12, 2017 9AM
Congregation Beth Ohr
Men's Club Minyan and Megilla Reading
followed by breakfast

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

Thur Mar 2	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri Mar 3	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat Mar 4	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Mar 5	Sunday Morning Service followed by Joint Sisterhood/Men's Club Breakfast and Program	9:00AM 10:00AM
Tues Mar 7	Rabbi's Book Discussion Class	11:00AM
	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Thurs Mar 9	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
	Fast of Esther	
Fri Mar 10	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat Mar 11	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30AM
	Megilla Reading and Café at Etz Chaim	6:30PM
Sun Mar 12	Sunday Morning Service & Megilla followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Tues Mar 14	Rabbi's Jewish Practices and Customs Class	7:30PM
Wed Mar 15	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thur Mar 16	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri Mar. 17	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat Mar 18	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Mar 19	Sunday Morning Service followed by Men's Club Breakfast And Financial Seminar by Ed Mendlowitz	9:00AM
Tues Mar 21	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed Mar 22	Daytimers Passover Program	12:00PM
Thurs Mar 23	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
	Temple Executive Board	7:00PM
	Temple Board	8:00PM
Fri Mar 24	Fri Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat Mar 25	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30AM
Sun Mar 26	Sun Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Tues Mar 28	Rabbi's Jewish Practices and Customs Class	7:30PM
Thurs Mar 30	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	
Fri Mar 31	Friday Evening Services	7:30PM

Please Note: There will not be a Wednesday morning Spanish class until further notice

“As Time Goes By”



The perennial passage of time is something that generally lurks in the back of our minds. While it is not something that we take for granted, we usually are able to distract ourselves with the busyness of our lives and thus we don't often spend a great deal of time dwelling on this passage. Like many, I often participate in this illusion. However the month of March presents me with a personal moment that makes the passage of time more difficult to ignore.

On March 2, 2017 I, along with approximately forty rabbis from across the nation, will go to New York City to receive an honorary doctorate of divinity for having served in the rabbinate for over twenty-five years. While it is almost impossible to believe that I have been this doing this since 1988, it is with a sense of both wonder and genuine expectation that I look forward to reuniting with colleagues, some of whom I haven't seen for almost three decades.

Reunions always allow us the chance to look back at our past. Seeing folks who no longer enjoy the bright-eyed promise of youth can be a bit jarring, and I expect that this will be the case. That fact occurred to me as I read of the extensive instructions provided by the Jewish Theological Seminary for the procession that we are to take that afternoon. The length of the path of the procession is outlined and explained so that those of my colleagues who might not be able to physically make the march are told beforehand and will be accommodated in other ways. Reading this reminded me that I am rapidly approaching the seventh decade of my life and therefore the passage of time is clearly taking place whether I take note of it or not.

While I might not have done everything that I have wished to do in the Rabbinate, I have been blessed by a great many years preaching, teaching, counseling and ministering to my congregants. Clearly one of the highlights for me at Congregation Beth Ohr has been the chance to work closely with a dedicated group of lay-individuals who are deeply committed to insuring the continuation of our Jewish heritage. They participate almost weekly, spending an inordinate amount of time volunteering to fill the gap generated by a small professional staff. Being a true partner with all of you in this important endeavor has been a great joy and I look forward to sharing this partnership with you for many years to come.

President's Message



An easy way for members to help out the Congregation is volunteering their time. Allan Benish, a past President at Beth Ohr, was introduced and approved at our Board meeting on Thursday night February 23 as our new Fund Raising chairperson. In his new role, Allan is formulating a plan to raise funds to keep our synagogue doors open for many years. I am happy to see a number of our members joining Board committees. A special thank you to Ann Branfman, Ira Donenfeld, Harriet Feld, Meryl Finkelstein, and Edna Yourman who covered the office while our Office administrator was on vacation.

Our Rabbi, Joel Mishkin, will be receiving an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on Thursday March 2, 2017, at the 2017 Jewish Theological Seminary Convocation at Sutton Place Synagogue in New York City. The convocation will be honoring members of the Rabbinical Seminary who have served the Conservative Movement and the Jewish people with distinction. I will represent our congregation on behalf of our membership. Wish Rabbi Mishkin a hearty Mazel Tov on this great accomplishment next time you see him, and make a donation to JTS in his honor at their website <http://www.jtsa.edu/give>.

Congregation Beth Ohr is celebrating its 60th Anniversary and Reunion with an elegant brunch in the Social Hall on Sunday June 4, 2017, starting at 11:00 AM. I urge all members to share this exciting news with former members of our synagogue who would like to attend our celebration. I hope to see all of you there!

Shalom

Phil

Rabbi Joel Mishkin
Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree
Special Academic Convocation
Thursday, March 2, 2017

The Jewish Theological Seminary wishes to confer upon Rabbi Mishkin an honorary Doctorate of Divinity at a special academic convocation on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Sutton Place Synagogue.

This occasion will enable JTS's faculty, administration and Board of Trustees to express their collective esteem and thanks to Rabbi Mishkin for more than twenty-five years of religious leadership in the cause of Conservative Judaism and Klal Yisrael. At the convocation they will celebrate Rabbi Mishkin's achievements and voice appreciation for his devotion.

Everyone at Congregation Beth Ohr wishes Rabbi Mishkin a hearty mazel tov on this wonderful milestone. We are so proud of your achievement.

PROGRAM NOTES

We have some exciting things coming up at Beth Ohr. April 30th is the Torathon. Linda Benish has been working hard to contact and schedule the participating Rabbis. Make sure you keep the date open.

We will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Congregation Beth Ohr on June 4, 2017. Ed Mendlowitz is chairing the planning committee and is looking for volunteers to help him.

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.



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**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR UNWANTED
COATS, HATS, AND GLOVES
AND DROP THEM OFF IN THE BIN
THAT IS SET UP IN THE LOBBY.**

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P.O. Box 206
Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857

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

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

DONATED BY:

Harry Davidowitz
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Roslyn Sariff
Abraham & Yetta Silverberg
& Children
Morris Warshofsky
Harry Weinreich
Harry Davidowitz
Rubin Ross

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 our congregants to one individual plot only 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 732-257-15 23 for further details.



Adult Education Highlights

Adult Education classes continue to flourish at Beth Ohr and we invite you to choose as many classes as you would like to attend.

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 as the class learns about the theology and philosophy of the various movements in Judaism while studying prayer books from each denomination. On alternate weeks, Rabbi Mishkin leads his study of Talmud, "**Swim in the Sea of the Talmud.**" This class is also offered on Thursday mornings at 9:30. The Rabbi's book discussion class, reviewing the book **Not in G-d's Name**, continues every other Tuesday morning.

The **Conversational Spanish class** is led by Terrie Polovsky, who assures me that anyone can join at any time. The class will be held every Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m. once Terrie is able to resume teaching. But meanwhile, we wish her a speedy recovery so she can be back teaching her anxious students once again.

The **Hebrew Reading class** will also continue. If you read Hebrew but would like to become more fluent, or if you would like to come practice reading while we discuss some of the prayers, come to our class on Thursday mornings at 11AM. "It's that time of year" so we are practicing prayers from the Haggadah. Join us and be ready for your Passover Seder

TORATHON! APRIL 30—SAVE THE DATE!!

We listened to your suggestions and moved it to AFTER Passover so all our snowbirds will be home again, and the program will run for **four** hours so everyone has the opportunity to attend more classes. We have 11 Rabbis—some new faces, women who come regularly - anxious to join us on that day to teach and discuss any number of subjects. Plan on being there for a wonderful program.



**Congregation Beth Ohr of Old Bridge
Cordially Invites The Community To**

Torathon 5777

Sunday, April 30, 2017

**Congregation Beth Ohr
70 Route 516
Old Bridge New Jersey**

**Registration at 12:30 PM
First Class starts at 1:00 PM**

Area Rabbis will teach classes covering diverse elements of the Jewish experience. The afternoon will consist of four 50-minute sessions, with refreshment breaks between sessions. Attendees will choose which sessions to attend.

**Admission is \$5.00 and canned food for the
Old Bridge Food Bank**

For Information call: Phyllis Greenberg 732- 257-1523 or Linda Benish at 609-426-8727

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



News from the Beth Ohr Family

Mazel Tov

- Eileen & Sid Birnbaum proudly announce the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson on February 11. Parents are Lisa & Marc Rindner
- Jack and Rochelle Boshak would like to thank everyone for their good wishes on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Liam Marshall. Parents are Leah and Scott.

Thank You

- Marcia Trechak would like to thank everyone for all the gold cards that were sent to her for the recent surgery she underwent. She is looking forward to seeing everyone in April.
- Thank you to Ed and Ronnie Mendlowitz for sponsoring the kiddush on February 18, 2017 and for Ed doing the Dvar Torah.
- Stuart Simon would like to thank his Beth Ohr friends for all their good wishes. The concern was so deeply appreciated. Marjorie and Stuart are looking forward to seeing everyone again in April
- Phyllis Greenberg would like to thank all those who volunteered to substitute for her while she was on vacation: Ann Branfman Meryl Finkelstein, Harriet Feld, Ira Donenfeld, and Edna Yourman.
- Thank you to Chuck Rogol for sponsoring the Shabbat Kiddush on February 25, 2017 on the occasion of chanting his Bar Mitzvah Haftorah.



Help A Family Celebrate Passover

March 2017

Dear Friends,

To help alleviate hunger in our community, Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS) once again, is coordinating a special Passover Food Appeal. JFS is asking for monetary gifts and accepting food during March and April, to benefit 700 members of our community who celebrate Passover; individuals and families who are experiencing difficult financial times in today's economic environment.

Each dollar raised and every box, can or container of food collected goes to the people who need it the most. You can participate in one of the following ways:

- make a monetary donation by March 16
- donate kosher food for Passover by March 26*
- assemble food packages by March 26*
- deliver food packages on April 2*

JFS is excited to partner with Congregation Beth Ohr in Old Bridge, the host site for this year's Passover activities for the 2017 Passover Food Appeal.

We are counting on you for your support this Passover! Without your help, people simply may not be able to celebrate their traditions. This Passover, when you give up bread, please give it up with generosity as many people in our community are relying on you. Kindly use the enclosed form to indicate how you will help our community this 2017 Passover season.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy Passover!

Sincerely,

Sara Levine
Executive Director

Jack Goldberg
President

* Please note new location for donating, assembling, and delivering food: Congregation Beth Ohr, Old Bridge

PASSOVER FOOD APPEAL 2017

Please check all that apply and return JFS in the enclosed envelope by March 16 to:
 Jewish Family Services. 32 Ford Avenue -2nd floor, Milltown, NJ 08850
 Questions, call 732-777-1940 or 609-395-7979.

I. YES, I want to help JFS fight hunger in the Jewish community.
 a) I have enclosed a check for \$45 for each needy family. (Please make check payable to JFS): # of families ___ x \$45 = \$_____

b) Or mail-in credit card information: Circle: Visa/Mastercard/American Express/Discover
 Account # _____ Expiration date _____ Security code _____
 Name on card (please print) _____ Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip code _____
 Phone _____ E-Mail _____

c) Or donate on-line at www.jfsmiddlesex.org Click on *2017 Passover Appeal*.

II. YES, I will purchase non-perishable food for one or more families, please see the sample food list below. Please drop your Passover packages at Congregation Beth Ohr, Old Bridge () on Sunday, March 26, 9:30AM - 12PM. of 'Help A Family Celebrate Passover' letter).

Sample Kosher for Passover Food List Per Family			
Quantity	Product	Quantity	Product
1	1 lb. box matzah	1	16 oz. can potatoes
1	box matzah ball soup mix	1	14 oz. or 15 oz. can fruit
1	16 oz. gefilte fish	1	22 oz. bottle grape juice
1	6 oz. box potato latke or kugel mix	1	can tuna fish
1	16 oz. oil	1	jar of jelly
1	10 oz. can/box macaroons or cake mix	1	jar of mayonnaise
1	14 oz. or 15 oz. can vegetables		

III Yes I want to volunteer at Congregation Beth Ohr (ages 14 and up
 ___ sort & assemble food packages on Sunday, March 26 at 10AM. # persons volunteering ___
 ___ deliver food packages on Sunday, April 2 at 9AM. # cars delivering ___
This letter confirms your participation to volunteer. Include your email below to receive a reminder.

Please complete:

Name (please print) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

E-mail _____

Thank you for your generosity.



SHALACH MANOT BASKETS

Dear Congregants,

Once again, we are embarking on our Shalach Manot project. Purim starts Saturday evening, March 11th. This becomes a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this joyous holiday and to acknowledge friends, by giving this gift of unity. This also benefits our Hebrew School as our annual fundraiser and for people who are less fortunate.

Traditionally, we have given baskets of foods to commemorate this mitzvah. However, last year so many of you thought the idea of supporting the food bank at the Jewish Family Services was even a better idea. **And so, with your generosity the money that would normally be spent on the basket will be donated.** Last year, over 90% of our congregation assisted with making a sizeable check that was given to this Jewish Family Services Food Pantry Program and it was very much appreciated.

So many families in our own community have difficulty in providing decent meals for themselves. Stocking the food bank with necessities with the monies collected is a special way of sharing the holiday of "giving". You will receive a card listing your name and those many others who have donated to this most worthy cause.

For those who wish to receive one of our baskets, you will be able to pick up your basket during services on Sunday morning, March 12th.

If you wish to participate, please fill out the form and send a check (no credit cards) made out to: Congregation Beth Ohr PTO for **\$36. Please send form to Lisa Clark – 42 Bosko Drive East Brunswick, NJ 08816 – DO NOT SEND TO TEMPLE.** If you have any questions, please call Lisa Clark – 732.254.8020.

Thank you in advance for your support. Chag Purim Sameach!

Shalach Manot Basket -Please submit form by **Wednesday, March 1st**. **After this date, we will only accept non-basket donations.**

Name _____

Phone _____

_____ I will be picking up my basket.

_____ I would like to donate my basket to a needy Jewish family

Daytimers News

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22:

DAYTIMERS PASSOVER PROGRAM AND MORE

**(Please note change of day and date from
Thursday, March 30 to Wednesday, March 22).**

Please join the Daytimers at Beth Ohr at 12:00 Noon for our Passover Program and More.

We will have a reading of the original Rhyming Haggadah, which gives a lighter approach to the Passover story.

Jewish Family Services, in partnership with the Daytimers, will provide the lunch (assorted dairy wraps and salad catered by Giddy"s) and entertainment (Gordon James sings and plays the music of the great artists of the 60's).

Following the program, coffee and cake will be served.

The Daytimers are participating in the Jewish Family Services Passover Food Appeal - 2017. Please refer to pertinent information in the Beth Ohr newsletter.

Non-perishable Kosher food for Passover and/or monetary donations can also be brought to the program on March 22.

The cost for the program is a \$5.00 contribution to Jewish Family Services.

Please RSVP to Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) or Linda ([609-642-8182](tel:609-642-8182)) by Thursday, March 16



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Purim Customs and Observances (<http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday9.htm>)



Purim is celebrated on the 14th day of Adar, which is usually in March. The 13th of Adar is the day that Haman chose for the extermination of the Jews, and the day that the Jews battled their enemies for their lives. On the day afterwards, the 14th, they celebrated their survival. In cities that were walled in the time of Joshua, Purim is celebrated on the 15th of the month, because the book of Esther says that in Shushan (a walled city), deliverance from the massacre was not complete until the next day. The 15th is referred to as Shushan Purim.

The word "Purim" means "lots" and refers to the lottery that Haman used to choose the date for the massacre.

The Purim holiday is preceded by a minor fast, the Fast of Esther, which commemorates Esther's three days of fasting in preparation for her meeting with the king.

The primary commandment related to Purim is to hear the reading of the book of Esther. The book of Esther is commonly known as the Megillah, which means scroll. Although there are five books of Jewish scripture that are properly referred to as megillahs (Esther, Ruth, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and Lamentations), this is the one people usually mean when they speak of The Megillah. It is customary to boo, hiss, stamp feet and rattle gragers (noisemakers) whenever the name of Haman is mentioned in the service. The purpose of this custom is to "blot out the name of Haman."

We are also commanded to eat, drink and be merry. According to the Talmud, a person is required to drink until he cannot tell the difference between "cursed be Haman" and "blessed be Mordecai," though opinions differ as to exactly how drunk that is. A person certainly should not become so drunk that he might violate other commandments or get seriously ill. In addition, recovering alcoholics or others who might suffer serious harm from alcohol are exempt from this obligation.

In addition, we are commanded to send out gifts of food or drink, and to make gifts to charity. The sending of gifts of food and drink is referred to as shalach manot (lit. sending out portions). Among Ashkenazic Jews, a common treat at this time of year is hamantaschen (lit. Haman's pockets). These triangular fruit-filled cookies are supposed to represent Haman's three-cornered hat. A recipe is included on next page.

It is customary to hold carnival-like celebrations on Purim, to perform plays and parodies, and to hold beauty contests. Americans sometimes refer to Purim as the Jewish Mardi Gras.

Purim is not subject to the sabbath-like restrictions on work that some other holidays are; however, some sources indicate that we should not go about our ordinary business on Purim out of respect for the holiday.

Taken from Sarah Feldman -Rabbi's Wife Recipe

(www.rabbiswife.com/blog/2015/2/24/hamantash-bake-and-recipe)

Hamentashen Recipe

4 eggs

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup oil

juice of 1 lemon

Rind of lemon grated

1 tsp. vanilla essence

5 cups flour

2 tsp. baking powder.

Fillings:

1 pound poppy seed or

chocolate/ rainbow sprinkles or

chocolate spread/pralinutta or

Strawberry/ Apricot jam

Method:

Preheat oven to 180

Grease Cookie Sheet

Beat eggs and sugar. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.

roll out the dough and use a round cutter or use the top of a glass to cut out a circle.

Fill in your desired filling and lift up the corners to make the shape of a triangle.

If glaze is desired, brush with a beaten egg.

Yields 45 Hamantashen

Enjoy!



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



Big Doings at the Men's Club last month—EVERY SUNDAY!

Shown in top row is a book cover asking "Say Kids! What Time is it? This is something the we do every Sunday when Ed asks "Say Kids! What Time is it"? And everyone responds as loud as they can: "ANNOUNCEMENTS!" This is a true highlight of the morning—if you haven't experienced it, you are really missing a treat. Come any Sunday and you can feel the energy! Next is a sign Harvey Cohen took in Israel. We have a Minyan every Sunday and sometimes we need to wait a minute of two for the 10th person. Our Minyans include women so the sign was edited to recognize this. The third photo is the pischke for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. We also have a pischke for contributions to defray the costs of the bagels and other goodies served every Sunday.

The second row shows the Torah reading at Rosh Hodesh Adar on Sunday Feb 26 followed by the Hagbah and Gelilah. I am shown giving a presentation on the Sunday before President's Day on the U.S. Presidents and the Jews.

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

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

Mar 5 - Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint program sponsored by Herman and Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp. Foreign born members to discuss their experiences.

Mar 19 - Ed Mendlowitz 37th Annual Financial Program—Advise for people that will not take any advise

May 18 - Thursday at 7:00 PM Men's Club BBQ and Election

Jun 11 - Men's Club Installation following Minyan

Ed Mendlowitz 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!

Save a Life. Improve a Life. Arrange to become an Organ Donor!



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



**Supreme Court of the United States—The Hughes Court, 1932–1937
with two Jews: Justices Brandeis and Cardozo.**

Front row: Justices Louis Brandeis and Willis Van Devanter, Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, and Justices James McReynolds and George Sutherland. Back row: Justices Owen Roberts, Pierce Butler, Harlan Fiske Stone, and Benjamin Cardozo.



Photos

Top Row: Rabbi Mishkin's Book Club meeting on Feb 21 attended by a dozen people. Book being discussed was *The People and the Books* by Adam Kirsch. This book club meets every other Tuesday morning from 11:00 to Noon. Next is Ed Mendlowitz shown with Barry Melancon, CEO of the American Institute of CPAs; followed by Ed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art contemplating the 1653 Rembrandt painting *Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer*. When this painting was purchased in 1961 by the Met it was for the highest amount ever paid for a painting at that time—\$2.3 million. Two photos on the above right. Sign in front of Temple promoting our participation in the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs World Wide Wrap at the Minyan the morning of the Super Bowl. Bottom shows Rabbi Mishkin giving a presentation discussing the Tefillin, its purpose, what it contains and its meaning.

Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint Program

Sponsored by Herman & Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund in Memory of Barbara Lipp

Jewish Immigrants to Speak

Jewish immigrants from Israel, Romania, Poland, Nigeria and China will relay their experiences leaving their country of birth and arriving in the United States. Why they left, how they adjusted, what they believed they would find here and the differences in what occurred.

March 5, 2017 Program at 10:15. Bagel Breakfast at 10:00. Minyan at 9:00.

There is no charge and no RSVP.

37th Annual Ed Mendlowitz Financial Program

Financial Planning for People that will Never Change what they are Doing

Presented by Edward Mendlowitz, CPA\PFS Partner, WithumSmith+Brown, PC

Sponsored by Men's Club

Mr. Mendlowitz, whose financial planning programs have drawn over 50,000 attendees, maintains that most people refuse to change their financial strategies, even if they prove to be ineffective. He has found, however, that they will accept little tweaks here and there which, cumulatively, can greatly improve their financial status. Also presented will be a "fool-proof" way of taking the steps you want to adopt. Everyone attending this program should benefit financially.

March 19, 2017 Program at 10:15. Bagel Breakfast at 10:00. Minyan at 9:00.

There is no charge for members. \$8 for others. No RSVP.



Tree of Life

Leafs \$118.00

Stones \$450.00

Honor or Memorialize a loved one.

Fully tax deductible.

Call office to purchase a leaf or stone.

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**

HELP

Help make this celebration a great event.

Plan to attend. Mark you calendar now!

Please reach out to people you know that were past congregants who have moved, and alumni of our Hebrew school and those that became a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Beth Ohr. Let them know about this 60th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion. Or give us their address and we will contact them. Send to Ed at emcpa1@aol.com or put in Dinner Dance Committee mail box at Temple.

Also, we would like as many people as possible to write their reminiscences that we can include in the Journal (there is no charge for this). Mail to Dinner Dance Committee at Temple or email to emcpa1@aol.com.

And we need all of our members to sell ads so we could also make this a great financial success. A reproducible ad form is on the next page. Every member that sells \$250 in ads (\$500 in ads for a couple) can attend the celebration for free.

If you want to be on the committee,
contact Ed Mendlowitz, 732 890-3344 or emcpa1@aol.com

Congregation Beth Ohr 60th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion

CELEBRATION & REUNION SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Honoring

**BEVERLY & RABBI JOEL MISHKIN
ROBERTA & LAWRENCE FACHLER
HELENE & DANIEL GRYNBERG
CHARLES "CHUCK" ROGOL**
Sunday June 4, 2017

Special Alumni Page
\$36 contribution.

Special In Memorium page for
Heidi Rogol
To be included on that page,
please send a \$36
contribution.

Journal Ad prices - 8½" x 11" page size

Back cover supporter	\$2,500.00
Inside front or inside back cover supporter	\$1,800.00
Gold page supporter	\$1,000.00
Silver page supporter	\$750.00
Full page	\$500.00
Half page (8½ x 5½)	\$275.00
Quarter page (4¼ x 5½)	\$150.00
Business card	\$ 75.00
Congratulatory personal mention	\$ 36.00
In memorium listing	\$ 18.00
Family Jewels (list your children and grandchildren) per name	\$ 18.00

YES! Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to Congregation Beth Ohr of \$_____ for a _____(specify size) ad in the souvenir journal. Ad copy is attached. (Please attach camera ready copy, if available.) (NOTE: DO NOT STAPLE ads or business cards to this form)

YES! I want to attend the 60th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion. Enclosed is my check for \$60.00 per guest. (Please provide the names of the attendees):

Name _____
Co. Name _____
Tel _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Ad deadline May 19, 2017
Send your ad today to
Beth Ohr Journal Ad Committee
c/o Allan Benish
114 Avignon Road
Monroe Township, NJ 08831
Tel: 609.426.8727 Email: abenish@aol.com

Ad solicited by _____

SISTERHOOD PRESIDIUM PRESIDENT

SHALOM YOU'ALL,

Today, a Jewish home usually has a Jewish calendar. The Jewish calendar governs the cycle of Jewish life: when we fast and when we feast; when we can and when we cannot schedule a wedding; or when yahrzeit occurs. Helping to establish the regular rhythm of our lives, the Jewish calendar is a tool in most every Jewish home. You may also refer to our Sisterhood calendar for upcoming General Membership meetings, events, whether social, educational or religious.

March is a turning point in our calendar. The third week of March tells us that spring is upon us. Yet, even though the calendar tells us winter is ending, often times we are given a stark reminder and winter has its last hurrah.

Speaking about the calendar, Sisterhood is looking forward to our joint Brunch with Men's Club on Sunday, March 5th. This program will consist of six foreign born members of our Temple. They will explain and share their personal experiences before coming to America. This program is sponsored by the Frieda and Herman Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp. I hope everyone will attend this program and have an incredible experience.

On March 15th our Sisterhood Board will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Have a happy and joyous Purim!

Barbara Schneider
Presidium Member

DONOR

Attention All Sisterhood Members:

The donor year ends April 30th and if you have at least \$90.00 of credit by then you will be invited to our Donor Dinner on May 24th. This is a lovely evening with a catered cocktail hour and full dinner reception. In addition any carryovers or extra donors can be used to be a Torah Fund Benefactor or for admission to the Temple Journal event or to be spent at either Aramis Jewelers which is on Route 9 South in Manalapan next to Mom's Griddle or this year an added choice is G&W Jewelers located on Ryders Lane in Milltown in the mall with Lox Stock and Deli. Any questions call Ilene Gray [732-390-5017](tel:732-390-5017) or Liz Aroyo [732-257-6010](tel:732-257-6010). Thank you!

Sisterhood

SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR

ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

2016 - 2017



TEMPLE MEMBERS

\$30

NON-TEMPLE MEMBERS \$39

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT REJOINED

*SISTERHOOD BY January 31, 2017 FORFEITED ALL
PREVIOUSLY ACCUMULATED DONOR CREDIT.*

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS AND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. WE WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE OUR SISTERHOOD LIST. IF YOU HAVE A WINTER ADDRESS, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT AS WELL.

SAVE THE DATE

TORAH FUND BENEFACTOR'S LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 23, 2017 12:30 p.m.

Honoring: MAXINE KAUFMAN



We sincerely thank the following member and friend for dedicating a High Holiday Machzor and for donating to the Sisterhood:

Ilene Gray

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.

Date: 02/22/17

Carry

Name	Amount	Over	Name	Amount	Over

Appel	Wilma	\$63.00		Finkelstein	Meryl	\$ 63.00	0.5
Aroyo	Elizabeth	\$ 474.25	7.0	Fox	Helene	\$ 19.00	
Atzbi	Monica	\$ 577.00	39.5				
				Garfinkel	Linda	\$ 144.50	5.0
Benish	Linda	\$ 81.50	5.0	Gasior	Ellen	\$ 5.00	
Bernstein	Roberta	\$ 74.00	6.0	Gilbarg	Marilyn	\$ 18.00	
Birnbaum	Eileen	\$ 77.50		Golden	Elizabeth	\$ 244.00	7.0
Boshak	Rochelle	\$ 5.00		Goldenberg	Susan	\$ 25.00	1.0
Branfman	Ann	\$ 166.50	1.0	Greenstein	Barbara	\$ 19.00	
				Grynberg	Helene	\$ 125.00	8.5
Cadel	Cheryl	\$ 38.00		Gurman	Ruth	\$ 20.00	3.5
Cannata	Susan	\$ 5.00					
Clark	Lisa	\$ 5.00		Hillman	Pearl		4.5
Cohen	Harriet	\$ 72.00		Honig	Alice	\$ 5.00	
				Honig	Eloise	\$ 33.00	
DeRosa	Rebecca			Hyman	Lee	\$ 229.00	0.5
Donenfeld	Lee	\$ 50.00	1.0				
				Kagan	Sylvia	\$ 71.00	
Edwards	Sue	\$ 60.00		Kamenitz	Marilyn	\$ 55.25	
				Karlstein	Marilyn	\$ 813.00	
Fachler	Roberta	\$ 184.00	0.5	Karpel	Roberta	\$ 140.00	2.0
Falkowitz	Marion	\$ 40.25		Kaufman	Maxine	\$ 100.00	11.0
Feder	Barbara	\$119.75		Klein	Caroline	\$ 25.00	
Feld	Harriet	\$ 87.50	0.5	Krieger	Karen	\$ 5.00	
Feurier	Darlene						

			Carry	
Name		Amount	Over	
Laddin	Anne	\$5.00		
Lazarowitz	Andrea	\$95.00	7.0	
Levenstein	Glenda	\$60.00		
Levine	Helen	\$6.25		
Mason	Lisa	\$103.00		
Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$192.00	11.0	
Nadler	Elinor	\$20.00		
Perlman	Ryselle	\$38.50		
Pincus	Ashna	\$127.50	2.5	
Polovsky	Terrie	\$131.75	4.0	
Prussack	Zellie	\$45.00	1.5	
Rabinowitz	Harriet	\$259.00	18.5	
Reinstein	Sheila	\$25.00		
Risman	Ruth	\$51.00	1.0	
Rogol	Lysa	\$71.75		
Rosenzweig	Ronnie	\$16.00		
Gray	Ilene	\$169.50	4.5	
			43.0	

			Carry
Name		Amount	Over
Schlissel	Lenore		1.0
Schlussfeld	Mindy	\$5.00	
Schneider	Barbara	\$145.00	6.0
Shetlander	Hilde	\$146.50	12.0
Shafran	Dorothy	\$214.00	6.5
Seltzer	Karen		
Seidner	Lois		
Silberstein	Joyce	\$38.00	5.5
Silver	Arlene	\$98.50	
Silverman	Sharen	\$254.50	8.5
Simon	Mala	\$122.50	2.5
Simon	Marjorie	\$150.25	
Skupp	Linda	\$307.25	11.5
Sommers	Arlene	\$5.00	
Spiegel	Estee	\$149.00	0.5
Trechak	Marcia	\$283.00	6.5
Ward	Phyllis	\$5.00	
Weiss	Harriet	\$157.00	1.5
Wittlin	Renee	\$5.00	
Yourman	Edna	\$51.50	
Yourman	Paula	\$162.00	0.5
Zeller	Kay	\$5.00	
Zussman	Virginia	\$36.00	

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.)*

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

You may contact the following for 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
**Noon, Monday, Wednesday,
March 15, 2017**

Please send all of your thank you, articles
and announcements via e-mail to:
congregationbethohr@gmail.com
or call

“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:

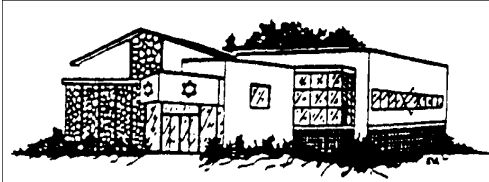
Office Phone # 732-257-7031

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

e-mail address: rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com

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Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.



Congregation Beth Ohr
P.O. Box 206
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For March



Mar 3	5:33
Mar 10	5:41
Mar 17	6:48
Mar 24	6:56
Mar 31	7:03