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The High Holidays

A guide to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and the days in between.

BY MJL STAFF

Although the High Holidays themselves—the two days of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) — occupy three days only, they lie within a web of liturgy and customs that extend from the beginning of the preceding Hebrew month of Elul through Yom Kippur. The focus of this entire period is the process of teshuvah, or repentance, whereby a Jew admits to sins, asks for forgiveness, and resolves not to repeat the sins. Recognizing the psychological difficulty of self-examination and personal change, the rabbis instituted a 40-day period whose intensity spirals toward its Culmination on Yom Kippur, a day devoted entirely to fasting and repentance.

When Does the High Holidays Season Begin?

The High Holiday period begins on the first day of the Jewish month of Elul. In the Ashkenazi tradition, during this month of soul searching, the shofar, or ram's horn, is blown each morning except on the Sabbath, to call upon listeners to begin the difficult process of repentance. Also in Elul special haftarot—prophetic portions—focusing on consolation acknowledge the vulnerability of an individual grappling with personal change. During the week before Rosh Hashanah, intensity increases as traditional Jews begin reciting selichot, prayers that involve confessing sins and requesting God's forgiveness and help. On the Sabbath before Rosh Hashanah, the selichot are chanted at midnight, rather than their usual early morning hour.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

All Friday evening services begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated, Saturday morning Shabbat services begin at 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning minyan begins at 9:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri. Sept. 1	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Sept. 2	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Sept. 3	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Tues. Sept. 5	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Thurs. Sept. 7	Talmud Class	9:30AM
Fri. Sept. 8	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Sept. 9	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Sept. 10	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Wed. Sept. 13	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thurs. Sept. 14	Talmud Class	9:30AM
Fri. Sept. 15	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Sept. 16	Shabbat Morning Service Selichot Service	9:30AM 8:00PM
Sun. Sept. 17	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM 9:30AM
Tues. Sept. 19	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed. Sept. 20	Erev Rosh Hashanah	6:30PM
Thurs. Sept. 21	Rosh Hashanah Tashlich Mincha/Ma'ariv	9:00AM 6:45PM 7:15PM
Fri. Sept. 22	Rosh Hashanah Friday Evening Service	9:00AM 7:30PM
Sat. Sept. 23	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Sept. 24	Sunday Morning Service No Breakfast (Fast of Gedaliah)	9:00AM
Thurs. Sept. 28	Talmud Class	9:30AM
Fri. Sept. 29	Kol Nidre	6:30PM
Sat. Sept. 30	Yom Kippur Mincha Ne'ilah Ma'ariv Havdalah	9:00AM 5:00PM 6:00PM 7:10PM 7:20PM



A Hint of Heaven Here!

As with many professions, being a rabbi has its perks. For some rabbis the rabbinic parking place at the synagogue seems to be a big one, though it has never done much of anything for me. Even when my prior synagogue experienced parking problems, having a space close to the synagogue or to see a sign with *Rabbi* on it didn't faze me. In fact, several years ago I deliberately decided to forego the space. Better I should walk a few extra steps to the shul than inconvenience someone who might not be able to manage as easily as I can.

Another perk, this one I genuinely appreciate, is the extraordinary access we often have to writings by colleagues. During the summer I received an advanced copy of a new book from a colleague who has been a good friend since rabbinical school. The book was titled *Einstein and the Rabbi*. The rabbi's name is Rabbi Naomi Levy and we attended the Jewish Theological Seminary of America together. Beverly and I lived on the first floor of an apartment building while she and her first husband lived on the ninth floor and we stayed in touch with Naomi over the years.

Naomi is a most impressive rabbi. She has written several memorable books throughout her career. Some of you may have already read her first book, *To Begin Again*. Additionally she wrote *Talking to God and Hope Will Find You*. Rabbi Levy writes a little like Harold Kushner, the author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. That is to say, her books are readable, accessible, spiritual and at times rather profound. Her other life's work has been a Jewish spiritual outreach movement that she founded called Nashuva, based in Los Angeles that services the greater Los Angeles community.

Although her new book intrigued me, one chapter in particular caught my attention. It is about something we all strive to experience in this and other synagogues and that is the appreciation for and delight we derive experiencing Shabbat. Her description of her father's love for Shabbat enchanted me. As she tells it, It turns out her father was never happy with his work. "I would watch him in the mornings as he dragged himself off to work. I could see it in his expression, in his eyes and in his body language."

Her father had always wanted to be a teacher but the Second World War and marriage interfered with his dream and instead of becoming a teacher he took over his family's clothing manufacturing business and did what he never wanted to do to provide for his family. However once a week, her father became a different person altogether.

As Rabbi Levy tells it, "*On Friday nights in our home as the sun was setting, my mother would light the Sabbath candles, and it was like stepping into another reality. The aroma of roasting chicken, the table set beautifully, the whole family gathered together in conversation, blessings and love. Hopping out of bed the next day and seeing my father on a Sabbath morning was like waking up to a different man - his eagerness to get ready for synagogue, the buoyancy, the melodious quality to his voice. "Let's go" he'd call out to me as if he was singing the invitation. To see my father at synagogue surrounded by his friends all robed in prayer shawls was to witness nobility. When these men would close their eyes and sing they were carried to another world. By day, they were ordinary men, doing ordinary jobs, by Sabbath they were children of God, each of them God's only child. And when my father was called up to the pulpit to chant from the Prophets, I could see that he had taken his rightful presence.*" Rabbi Levy concludes: "*A glimpse of the world to come, that is how the rabbis of the Talmud describe the Sabbath. A hint of heaven here.*"

Most rabbis will try all kinds of gimmicks to increase synagogue attendance on Shabbat. Just this past Thursday evening our ritual committee discussed celebrating monthly birthdays for members in an effort to get people from our synagogue back to shul on Shabbos. I think that its a lovely idea and I hope that we meet with some success. And yes, I most certainly wish that more people would be here on Shabbat, but I know that our members have responsibilities or activities and for some, it's just not feasible, and I understand that. But I have to tell you, while I struggle with this and there are times that I am disappointed by the attendance in our synagogue on Shabbat, after reading and reflecting upon Rabbi Levy's I have come to the following conclusion.

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President's Message



As we move into September I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in preparation for the High Holidays. I may miss some, and if so, I apologize. The following summarizes activities and our outstanding volunteers.

Rabbi Mishkin for his leadership before and during services and for arranging for Cantor Goldring to join us.

Phyllis Greenberg, our office administrator, who handles preparation of the Yizkor Book, printing tickets and Kol Nidre pledge cards, arranging for security, and handling any facility items prior to the Holidays.

Phil Rabinowitz, Financial Secretary, who handles not only the selling of tickets and resolving any seating issues but also working with the office on all the activities listed above.

Fund Raising for the free ticket/parking spot raffle.

The Ritual Committee for assigning honors and organizing all aspects of the services.

Men's Club for setting up the chairs, changing the Torah covers & books and providing ushers during services.

Sisterhood for polishing the silver, flowers for the bema and providing the cookies and juice as we leave the synagogue following Yom Kippur services.

Ann Branfman for sponsoring the refreshments after Selichot Services.

Also this month a new security system will be installed in the synagogue. This was through a grant from the Jewish Federation and the generosity of Sheila Reinstein. Plans are to have the system operational in October after the Holidays. More information to follow.

Linda and I wish you a Healthy, Happy New Year and may you all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Allen Skupp

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What Are the 10 Days of Repentance?

The culmination of the High Holiday period occurs during the *Ten Days of Repentance*, which begin on 1 Tishrei with Rosh Hashanah and end with Yom Kippur. During this period, human beings have the chance to tip the scales of divine judgment in their favor through repentance, prayer, and *tzedakah* (performing righteous deeds and giving money to charitable causes).

Not only is Rosh Hashanah the Jewish New Year, which commemorates God's creation of the world, but also the Day of Judgment, when God remembers and judges all human deeds. Except on Shabbat, services are punctuated with the call of the shofar, which according to Maimonides, is saying, "Awake, you sleepers, from your slumber...examine your deeds, return in repentance, and remember your Creator." Human beings are believed to be in mortal danger at this time, with their lives hinging on the decision to repent. Only those who choose to forego sin are inscribed in the symbolic "book of life" that is a central liturgical image of Rosh Hashanah.

On the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the theological bent of the morning services is reinforced in a concrete way during the *Tashlikh ceremony*, during which individuals symbolically cast away their personal sins by throwing breadcrumbs into a flowing body of water. This action is accompanied by the recitation of biblical verses that evoke the human capacity for repentance and the beneficence of Divine forgiveness through the metaphor of casting sins into depths of the waters.

What is Shabbat Shuvah, and What Happens on Yom Kippur?

The Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath of Return, or Repentance, after a verse from the haftarah declaring "Return O Israel to the Lord, your God" (Hosea 14:2).

The transition to Yom Kippur begins in the hours preceding the evening onset of the festival with the recitation of the first *vidui*, or communal confession of sins, at the afternoon service. Some Jews choose to go to the *mikveh*, or ritual bath, to purify themselves before the holiday. The striving toward inner purity is also reflected in the white outfits traditional for the day. In traditional congregations, men will don a white robe called a *kittel* over their holiday clothes. In some liberal congregations, both men and women might choose to wear white garments to symbolize this quest for spiritual purity.

Within the Ten Days of Repentance, Yom Kippur is the pinnacle of intensity, moving toward the decisive moment at its close when God is imagined as sealing the books of life and death. The day's total focus on spiritual concerns is exemplified by fasting and abstaining from everyday activities such as bathing, sexual relations, and the wearing of leather shoes.

The liturgical day of Yom Kippur, known as the Sabbath of Sabbaths, begins with the Kol Nidre service immediately prior to sunset. The heartrending poems and prayers of the Machzor, the prayer book used for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which express the themes of repentance, human frailty, and humility before God, combine with the *nusah*, or musical style of the service, to express the momentousness of the day.

Liturgical elements that distinguish the Yom Kippur services include a recounting of the Temple service on Yom Kippur, a description of the suffering of rabbis martyred by the Romans and the Reading of the Book of Jonah. The day closes with the Neilah service, which penitents pray before the open ark, with one last chance to repent before the book of life is sealed. The very name of the service, Neilah (locking) refers to the imagery that the gates of repentance, open during the high holidays, are now shutting. A lengthy sounding of the shofar, called a tekiah gedolah, releases the Jew back into the realm of the everyday bolstered by a final echo of the call to repentance.

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

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Congregation Beth Ohr

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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

Sept. Yahrzeits

The actual date that the Yahrzeit is observed is to the right of the name. It is customary to light a memorial candle on the eve of this date and to give tzedakah in memory of the deceased. One should recite the Mourner's Kaddish at services the evening before as well as the day of the Yahrzeit. Please call Phyllis in the Synagogue office at 732-257-1523, if you need information about the schedule of worship. The name of your departed will be read at the Friday evening and Shabbat morning services, the week before the Yahrzeit date which are represented by the dates in the columns which are in bold print.

	<u>Sept 1/2</u>			<u>Sept 15/16(cont'd)</u>	
Abraham Morganstein		9/2		Rubin Levenstein	9/22
Anne Obsatz		9/2		Betty Pekor	9/22
Harriet Rockaway		9/2		Sam Springer	9/22
Marie Horwath		9/3		Grigorly Tsaliovich	9/22
Hyman Seidner		9/3		Samuel Winters	9/22
Eleanor Silverman		9/3			
Sam Silver		9/4		<u>Sept 22/23</u>	
Sophie Zaret		9/4		Hyman Cohen	9/23
Ronnie Bernstein		9/5		Hannah Kalefsky	9/23
Eugene Barcovici		9/6		Pauline Kaufman	9/23
Jerry Feldstein		9/6		Paul Krublitz	9/23
Frank Simon		9/6		Jeanette Schenker	9/23
Isaac Albert		9/7		William Gelb	9/24
Harvey Smith		9/7		Martin Goldzweig	9/24
Jack Stern		9/7		Alice Nehman	9/25
Melvin Gravitz		9/8		Leo Ribet	9/26
Louis Samuel		9/8		Philip Schechtman	9/26
	<u>Sept 8/9</u>			Samuel Smith	9/26
Morrie Hodos		9/9		Howard Reichbach	9/27
Beatrice Kalb		9/9		Yully Shulman	9/27
Eva Litwak		9/9		Larry Garfinkel	9/28
Pearl Moster		9/9		Robyn Lamatino	9/28
Rose Rosenberg		9/9		Sophie Levine	9/28
Dorothy Cloney		9/10		Erika Ettner	9/29
Blima Goldwaser		9/10		Zhanna Gyfman	9/29
Rebecca Paley		9/10			
Milton Schwartz		9/10		<u>Sept 29/30</u>	
Heinrich Adler		9/11		Abraham Blumenthal	9/30
Pauline Simon		9/11		Louis Hirsch	9/30
Hannah Epstein		9/11		Philip Podol	9/30
Irving Kestenberg		9/12		Ted Rogol	9/30
Abraham Rizick		9/12		Carol Berman	10/1
Morris Zimmerman		9/12		Fannie Bleiweis	10/1
Hannah Zwerdling		9/12		Sarah Fireman	10/1
Marcia Engber		9/13		Benjamin Goldwaser	10/1
Marilyn Greenberg		9/13		Sylvia Bernstein	10/2
Isaac Merein		9/13		Isaac Betesh	10/2
Dorothy Krebs		9/14		Jennie Branner	10/2
Mel Dlugash		9/15		Charles Furhman	10/2
Abraham Ganis		9/15		Anna Godlewski	10/2
Sadie Ladinsky		9/15		Ray Greene	10/2
Paula Nuzzo		9/15		Ida Israel	10/2
	<u>Sept 15/16</u>			Ida Lubin	10/2
David Pulchin		9/16		Sonya Nodelman	10/2
Morris Simon		9/16		Irving Schulsinger	10/3
Frances Deutsch		9/17		Alex Simchowicz	10/3
Bruce Cohen		9/19		Julius Polovsky	10/4
Greg Rakovsky		9/19		Charles Davis	10/5
Phyllis Seldman		9/19		Jack Prussack	10/5
Siegfried Altscher		9/20		Seymour Schechtman	10/5
Esther Schiffer		9/20		Irene Schnitzer	10/5
Sylvia Schneider		9/20		Harold Yourman	10/5
Irene Marshall Schweidel		9/20		Robert Bamford	10/6
Jerome Solomon		9/20		Aron Rosenblum	10/6
Gertrude Gilbarg		9/21		Max Schneider	10/6
Mildred Levy		9/21		Frank Sheffler	10/6
Bertha Ruchelman		9/21		Lea Shleifer	10/6
Gregory Yakubovich		9/21			

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THANK YOU

Sara Ullman for your donation for be-
called to the Torah for an Aliyah.

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On behalf of everyone in our congregation who receives Moment Magazine, thank you to Terrie Polovsky for the Magazine. Your benevolent gesture is most appreciated by all.

Thank you to Harriet Feld, Meryl Finkelstein, Ira Donenfeld, Joe Shafran, Helene Grynberg, Ilene Gray Ashna Pincus and Arlene Silver for volunteering in the office while Phyllis Greenberg was out on vacation with her family and Ann Branfman and Ira Donenfeld for helping with administrative activities in August.

To Lisa Mason for sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of Stan Perlman's birthday.

To Marty Kaminetz for sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of his birthday.

To Bob Nagler for sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of his birthday.

To Rabbi Mishkin for sponsoring, via the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, the Kiddush on Saturday, August 26, 2017, in honor of Peter Okoh being called to the Torah for his first aliyah.

Mazel Tov

Monica & Mark Atzbi proudly announce the birth of a grandson Jason Ryan. Parents are Michael & Erin Atzbi.

To Peter Okoh on receiving his first aliyah on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

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

Condolences

Terri Gold passed away on August 5, 2017. Terri and her husband Josh Feldstein were longtime members. Both of their children had their Bar and Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Ohr.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The strength of Congregation Beth Ohr can be measured by the participation of volunteers in the many committees that are offered.

Your efforts assure the continuation of keeping our Synagogue alive and functioning.

Here are several opportunities to involve yourself and to make a difference:

Sunday, September 10 – Pizza/Movie

Sunday, October 8 - Succot Brunch

Please call Allan or Linda Benish at 609-426-8727

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT
THE HIGH HOLIDAYS, ALL IN ONE PUBLICATION!
Look for our first annual SPECIAL HIGH HOLIDAYS SUPPLEMENT.**

PROGRAM NOTES AUGUST 2017

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

SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, October 8: SCHMOOZING IN THE SUKKAH

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

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

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

Sunday, November 12: GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

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

ADULT EDUCATION 2017-18

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Every other Tuesday morning, beginning October 17
11:00 a.m.

COFFEE TALK AND TORAH! – NEW

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

5 consecutive Tuesdays at 2:30
November 14-December 12

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

WISE AGING

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Alternate Tuesday EVENINGS, beginning October 17

TREADING WATER IN THE SEA OF TALMUD

Taught by Rabbi Mishkin

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

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

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TIMELY TOPICS – NEW

Monthly on Wednesday afternoons beginning in November, dates to be determined.
2:30 p.m.

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

ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS - NEW

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

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

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

LEARN TO CHANT A HAFTORAH - NEW

Led by Linda Benish

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

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

BEGINNER’S CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

Led by Terrie Polovsky

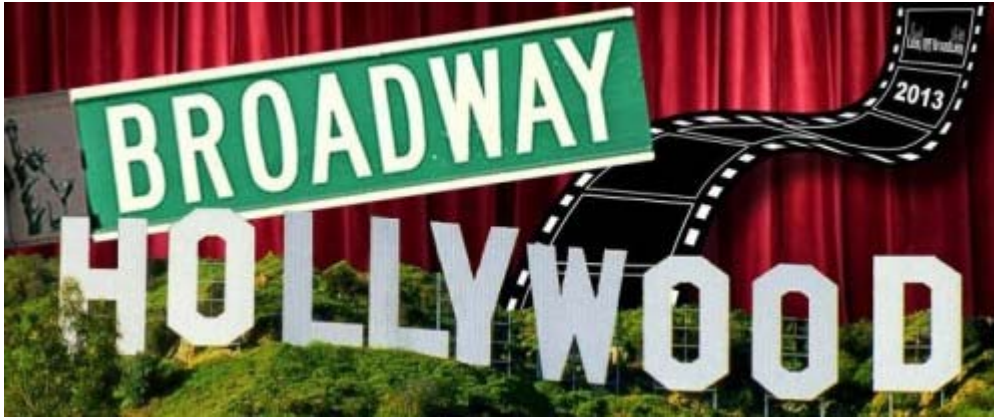
Wednesday 11:00 a.m., beginning October 18

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

Many more wonderful programs to come! JOIN US!

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

DAYTIMERS NEWS



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: *FROM BROADWAY TO HOLLYWOOD*

Tickets are available for a free 1:30 PM matinee performance at the PNC Arts Center. *From Broadway to Hollywood* came about from a 2015 PBS special of the same name. Through music and commentary, Richard Glazier explores the history of music from Broadway musicals to Hollywood films and television.

A limited number of free tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. For tickets, please call Linda ([609-642-8182](tel:609-642-8182)) or Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: PIZZA, MOVIE, AND ICE CREAM AT BETH OHR

Join us at 1:00 PM for a pizza lunch, a movie, and make your own ice cream sundaes. The comedy classic, *Some Like It Hot*, starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemon, will be screened. Dessert, featuring make-your-own ice cream sundaes, will follow the film. Contact Roberta Karpel at 732-642-7881 to make your reservations. RSVP by September 6, 2017. The cost is \$18.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door.

Please see separate page in this newsletter for details on page 12

(This program is being run by the Fundraising Committee of Congregation Beth Ohr.)

PIZZA



Join us Sunday September 10, 2017 at
1:00 PM (doors open at 12:30PM)
for Lunch and Dessert of Make your
own Ice Cream Sundae and a
showing of the comedy classic

SOME LIKE IT HOT

Cost is \$18 in advance \$20 at the door
Contact Roberta Karpel at 732-642-7881 to
make your reservations. RSVP by September
6, 2017. Checks can be sent to:
Congregation Beth Ohr,
PO Box 206, Old Bridge, NJ 08857



MOVIE

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 AUGUST

Rabbi Mishkin's Discretionary Fund

Arlene and Nelson Silver
Michele and Terry Finkelstein

Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund

Lila A. Rosenthal—Mazel Tov to my dear friend, Chuck
In Memoriam for Heidi Rogol—"Heidi will FOREVER be in my heart."
In Memory of Morton & Florence Schnitman

David Benish Memorial Fund

Allan and Linda Benish—For Yahrzeit of Linda's father, Edgar Sender.
To Josh Feldstein and family in memory of his wife
For the recovery of Rabbi Ralph Reubner

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For those who can't or won't make it here, I am truly sorry of what you miss, but for those of us who do come here, and pray and laugh and comfort and sing with each and transform into children of God each and every Shabbat here at our little shul - **there is a hint of heaven here** and I am grateful to share it with you. So if in the coming year you can carve out a bit of time for yourself and your family, come to shul, share in the joy of Shabbos and touch **a hint of heaven here!**

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



Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life
at Rutgers University

An expert on Holocaust remembrance and the role of the media in modern Jewish life, Professor **Jeffrey Shandler** (Rutgers University) will discuss his recent book, *Holocaust Memory in the Digital Age: Survivors' Stories and New Media Practices*, exploring the possibilities and challenges of recording testimony and preserving memory. The talk will be held **September 13, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. at the **Douglass Student Center**, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. It is sponsored by the **Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life** at Rutgers University and is **free and open to the public**. Free parking is available. RSVP requested to: RSVPBildner@sas.rutgers.edu or [848-932-2033](tel:848-932-2033). More information at <http://BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu>.

The 18th annual **Rutgers Jewish Film Festival** runs from **Sunday, October 29 through Sunday, November 12, 2017**. The festival features a diverse array of dramatic and documentary films from around the world, and most screenings feature guest speakers, including filmmakers and scholars. Opening day festivities will be held at the **Rutgers Business School** in Piscataway. The remainder of the Festival will be held at the **AMC Loews New Brunswick** and the **Princeton Garden Theatre**. For further information about films or to purchase tickets online, visit the film festival webpage <http://BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu/film>. **Ticket Sales begin September 24.**

Thank you.

The Bildner Center

A LETTER FROM A FORMER MEMBER

Hi--

I'm not sure who will be reading this, but I was just thinking about my first temple--it was known back then as Temple Beth Ohr.

My name is David Baumann. I live near Annapolis, Md. But I grew up in Old Bridge and my parents and perhaps my grandparents were among the founding members of the congregation.

My parents were Sandra and Leonard Baumann. My grandparents were Monroe and Blanche Baumann.

For many years, there was a classroom in the lower level dedicated to my grandmother, Blanche Baumann. And my mother was the first den mother for a cub scout troop that was formed among temple mothers.

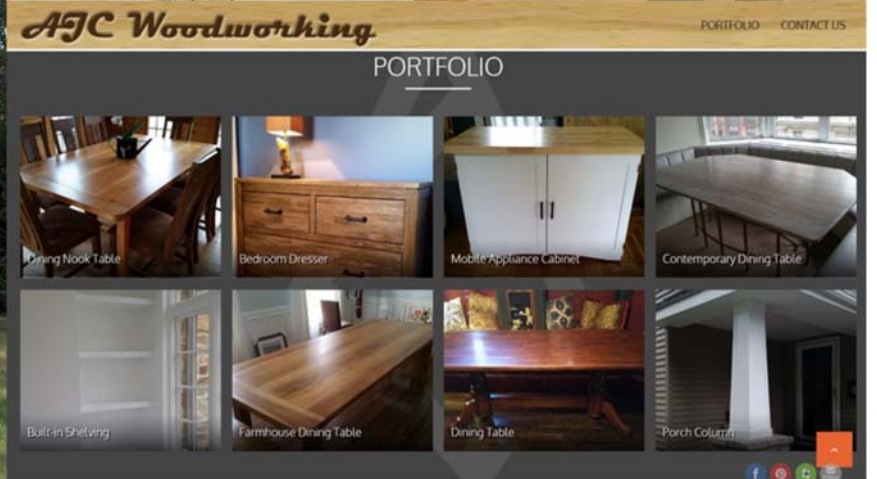
I recall the so-called "bomb shelter" temple fondly.

I celebrated my Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth Ohr on March 8, 1969. Shortly after that we moved to West Orange.

Anyway, out of curiosity, I did a search for the congregation's website. I am thrilled to see that it continues to be a thriving community.

Take care,
David Baumann

MEN'S CLUB *Minyan Every Sunday.*



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

Top: David Honig with grandson Carter at a Minyan and enjoying breakfast. It's Shofar time. Every year at the start of the month of Elul the shofar is blown at the morning minyans. Here is Chuck Rogol giving us some great and grateful blasts.

Bottom: Sign in front of Shul announcing High Holiday seats availability. Next is a screen shot of website for Harvey's and Lana's son Adam's personalized wood furniture business. Check it out at www.ajcwoodworking.com and contact Adam for more info. Adam had his Bar Mitzvah and Ufruff at Beth Ohr.

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

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

Sep 3—Shofar will be blown through Sep 17

Sep 10—Temple program—see details in newsletter

Sep 17—Men's Club will change ark and Torah covers for the High Holidays and assist in getting the books and chairs ready for the High Holidays

Sep 24—Fast of Gedaliah so no breakfast, but Men's Club will be putting up the Sukkah. All are welcome to help.

Oct 1—Sukkah decoration. All are welcome to help.

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

***If you don't usually attend, try coming once in a while and see what we have to offer.
It ain't what you think it is!***

Men's Club Team and School Tee Shirt Sundays



School and Team shirts

In August we had School and Team Tee-Shirts Sundays. The top row are extra photos taken earlier. The yarmulke is Herb and Sue Goldenberg's grandson's Jared's from his college.

2nd row: Joe with shirt from Boy's High in Brooklyn, Ed from Baruch College and Ira from Syracuse. Next is Herb with Florida Gators shirt, Harvey from City College, Chuck from Purdue, Phil from Pittsburgh, Harriet with Connecticut and Joe with the Boy's High shirt.

Bottom row: Allan from the Encore Senior Condos' Olympics, Morty with an "established 1942 in Brooklyn" shirt, Peter with a Mexico Soccer Club shirt, Mark with a Giants shirt and Stan and Ed with Yankees' shirts. Next photo is Morty with a Jersey Devils shirt with the team name also in Hebrew, Harriet with a Mets shirt, Herb and Phil with Jets shirts and Ed with another of his dozen or so Yankee shirts.

Men's Club R.O.M.E.O.s on a Boating Afternoon



R.O.M.E.O.s

The R.O.M.E.O.s meet for lunch every Friday at Bagel Boy. Dan Grynberg graciously treated us to an afternoon on his boat. Not everyone could make it, but those that did had a fantastic time.

Top row: The captain and crew boarding the boat. Next is Bob

Weiss and Stan Perlman with the Manasquan Light House in the background.

2nd Row: Elliot Leibowitz and Dr. Toby Geller aboard the ship. Elliot with a Brooklyn Dodgers hat and Toby with a New York Yankees hat. Next is a view of Captain Dan steering the boat.

Bottom: Morty Kamenitz up front. Ed Mendlowitz in the Harbor afterwards. Dan waving good-bye.

P.S. R.O.M.E.O.s stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out.

BETH OHR PHOTO GALLERY



Photos

Top: David Fassler and sister Hannah Fessler at Birthright office in Tel Aviv, and at Mt. Bental in Israel at Golan Heights. David and Hannah are Paula Yourman's grandchildren and son Gary's children. Ken Deitz at Kotel in Israel. Cover of Ed's 26th book that was just published.

Next row: Allen and Linda Skupp & Roberta and Larry Fachler at new Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. Next is Fenway Park (taken by Allen) where the Skupps went on a vacation with Ben's family. Lisa Mason and Stan Perlman at Marco Island, Florida and a beautiful sunset photo Stan took on that vacation.

Bottom; Philip Rabinowitz at Temple desk and computer after completing two terms as Congregation President and returning to Board as Financial Secretary taking over from Allen Skupp who stepped up to become President. The Friday P.M. Mahjong group paid a visit to Marilyn Gilbarg's new apartment in Somerset. Photo shows Phyllis Geller, Marilyn, Harriet Weiss and Carolyn Schwartz.

Mazel Tov to Peter Okoh



Peter Okoh wearing his Tallit at his first Sunday Minyan after his conversion. Sign in front of Shul for the Shabbos Peter had his first Aliyah with a gala Kiddush sponsored by Rabbi Mishkin. Peter with his twin children Nasha and Nathan at a Sunday Minyan early in July .

Remarks by Peter Okoh at Shabbos Services August 26, 2017 after his first Aliyah

I would like to thank each and every congregant of Beth Ohr for your love, support and your kindness towards me and my family. To Rabbi Mishkin, you made all this possible from the day I set my foot here and till now. I thank you so much with all that is within me. I never knew becoming a Jew would be possible until I met you, I remember going home that afternoon filled with great joy in my heart for the way you received me.

Ever since that day, I have been looked at with the eyes and a heart of a true Jew by each and every single one of you. You guys are truly the best group of humans I have encountered. Some of you invited me to your homes, many of you bought me one thing or the other and gifts of study materials. Please understand this not over yet but just the beginning. I still and will continue to seek for your help in learning about Judaism.

I was a Christian from birth but didn't quite understand some of their belief system as much as I understand Judaism and I'm so thankful to the one and only God, Adonai our Creator for guiding my steps and whom by His kindness has brought me this far.

I feel great to be a Jew, a group of people whose total dependency is on God from when we rise in the morning to when we sleep at night. We never stop praising Adonai our God for all things. May you all be blessed everlastingly from the source of all blessings.

Shabbat Shalom!
Shimon P. Okoh

CORY A. BOOKER
NEW JERSEY



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

June 4, 2017

Congregation Beth Ohr
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Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my warmest greetings as you gather for Congregation Beth Ohr's 60th anniversary Celebration Brunch.

For over six decades, Congregation Beth Ohr has been guided by a strong mission of faith and togetherness. The Congregation's wide variety of synagogue services and interfaith programming are invaluable to the Old Bridge community. Over the past 60 years, your congregation has touched countless families across New Jersey, strengthening your members' faith and ties to one another. I am grateful for all that you have done and continue to do.

Again, congratulations. I wish you a memorable event, and I look forward to celebrating your future success.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C.A.B.', written in a cursive style.

Cory A. Booker
United States Senator

SISTERHOOD PRESIDIUUM PRESIDENT

As I write this, summer is fading fast and fall and the High Holidays are approaching. During the summer months, the ladies of Sisterhood were busy. They worked on the budget and the Vice Presidents, with their various committees planned for the coming year. Marian Falkowitz with her committee has planned a very special first meeting for our sisterhood members on September 6th., Please make every effort to attend.

Please check the newsletter for all of our upcoming events. Your support and participation are very much appreciated. And as always, please support our ongoing Sisterhood fundraisers!

Mark and I, along with our family would like to wish everyone a Happy and Sweet New Year.

Shalom,
Monica Atzbi

HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZOR

If you are interested in dedicating a High Holiday prayer book, please contact Estee Spiegel by e-mail at estee86@msn.com. 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 OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR

ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

2017 - 2018

TEMPLE MEMBERS \$30

NON-TEMPLE MEMBERS \$39

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

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OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857

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.

Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be
Tuesday, September 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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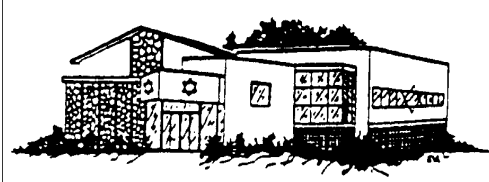
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For August



Friday, Sept. 1
Friday, Sept. 8
Friday, Sept. 15
Friday, Sept. 22
Friday, Sept 29

7:11PM
6:59PM
6:48PM
6:36PM
6:42PM