

# BETH OHR NEWSLETTER

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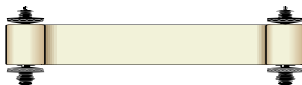
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## TORATHON is BACK



Sunday afternoon, April 3, 2016

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy a “taste of Torah” at our afternoon extravaganza of learning, fun, good company, a little nosh, and a rich, fulfilling Jewish experience.

So far, the following Rabbis are participating:

**Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer**  
Temple Bnai Shalom - East Brunswick

**Rabbi Bryan Kinzbrunner,**  
Chaplain, Stein Hospice, at the Oscar and Ella Wilf Campus for Senior Living, Somerset

**Rabbi Jay Kornsgold**  
Beth El Synagogue, East Windsor

**Rabbi Nathan Langer**  
Jewish Hospice Services

**Rabbi Benjamin Levy**  
Cong. Etz Chaim, Monroe Township Jewish Center

**Rabbi Lisa Malik**  
Temple Beth Ahm, Aberdeen

**Rabbi Joel Mishkin**  
Cong. Beth Ohr, Old Bridge

**Rabbi Michael Pont**  
Marlboro Jewish Center

**Rabbi Ellie Shemtov**  
Kol Am, Freehold, NJ

**Rabbi Jay Weinstein**  
Young Israel of East Brunswick

**Rabbi Eliezer Zaklikovsky**  
Chabad Jewish Center of Monroe

Registration is at 12:30 p.m. The first class session starts at 1:00.

With the support and generosity of The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey  
Need some info? Talk to Phyllis Greenberg (732)257-1523 or call Linda Benish at (609)426-8727.  
Cost: \$5.- and canned food for the Old Bridge Food Bank.

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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 AND SERVICES

Tues Feb 2	Rabbi's Book Discussion Group	11:00AM
	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed Feb 3	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Thur Feb 4	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri Feb 5	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Feb 6	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Feb 7	Sunday Morning Services and World Wide Wrap Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Tues Feb 9	Rabbi's Jewish Customs and Practices	7:30 PM
Wed Feb 10	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Thurs Feb 11	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew class	11:00AM
Fri Feb 12	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Feb 13	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Feb 14	Sunday Morning Services Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Mon Feb 15	Presidents Day	
Tues Feb 16	Rabbi's Book Discussion Group	11:00AM
	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed Feb 17	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Thur Feb 18	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri Feb 19	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Feb 20	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Feb 21	Sunday Morning Services Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Wed Feb 24	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Thurs Feb 25	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
	Temple Exec Board	7:00PM
	Temple Board	8:00PM
Fri Feb 26	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Feb 27	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Feb 28	Sunday Morning Services Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM

## Rabbi Mishkin's Message

### “The World Wide Wrap”



February 7, 2016 is an important date this year, but perhaps not for the reason one might expect. Yes, I realize that on Sunday evening an American tradition will take place. The roads will undoubtedly be significantly less travelled as we participate in the once-a-year ritual of watching the Super Bowl.

However, each and every Super Bowl Sunday presents you with another opportunity, one that you can take part in on Sunday morning.

If you are so inclined you might attend the morning service at Congregation Beth Ohr and observe the “World Wide Wrap” with our Men’s Club in tandem with Men’s Clubs throughout the country. This event promotes the sacred practice of donning T’fillin or phylacteries, the small boxes that sit on our heads and arms and are worn by traditional Jews every morning with the exception of the Sabbath during the prayer service.

By wearing T’fillin we demonstrate our fidelity to Jewish tradition and prayer in a tactile and physical fashion. Knowing that these “boxes” contain sacred passages from the Torah should increase our spiritual sensitivity and heighten our prayer experience. It should also sensitize ourselves to conversing more carefully and judiciously while we are engaged in the prayer service. Those of us who practice this mitzvah can readily attest to this fact. Although T’fillin might appear difficult to put on that is really not the case and wearing T’fillin can be easily taught. Furthermore, in the Conservative movement, women are also encouraged to wear T’fillin for they are also entitled to this heightened spiritual activity.

Please join us on Sunday morning this February 7<sup>th</sup> for the World Wide Wrap. Enjoy a word of Torah and a bagel on this special morning and enjoy the football game later in the day!

## President's Message



I am thrilled to announce that we have negotiated a new three year contract with Rabbi Joel Mishkin lasting through June 30, 2019. The contract was unanimously approved by the board at our meeting on January 14, which reflects the great respect and support we have for our spiritual leader. I must thank Ken Deitz and David Honig who assisted me during the negotiation process.

I want to recognize the beautiful Sisterhood Shabbat service that took place on January 16. I am very proud of our Sisterhood women for their full participation in our egalitarian service. This was the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Sisterhood Shabbat. Sisterhood continues to provide essentials for the synagogue as they recently purchased eleven additional tables for the Social Hall, and made a very generous donation to the synagogue's Operating account.

Recently our dear beloved congregant, Vera Nussenbaum, passed away. She was a very kind and caring person. Vera served on the Board as Good and Welfare chairperson for many years, participated on numerous Rabbi Search committees, assisted with Beautification projects, and did major Fundraising for our Journal Dinner Dances. I was always amazed how she continued to volunteer and work so hard for the synagogue after she reached the age of 80.

Vera wrote me a nice note after she and Seymour sponsored a Kiddush to celebrate their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She wrote "Phil many years ago you asked me: Why do you do all these things for Beth Ohr?" And she said "I just love the shul. Now you know why. It is just like family". Vera was able to communicate with congregants of all ages, and always had nice comments about family members as she delved into our lives. Talking with her in shul at Chanukah time, Harriet and I told her we were going to see our 19 month old grandson the next day. Vera's response was have a great Chanukah with your wonderful family and your grandson – The Doctor!

We will all miss the matriarch of the Beth Ohr family. All donations in memory of Vera should be made to Congregation Beth Ohr as requested by Seymour and family.

Shalom

Phil

## CONGREGATION BETH OHR TRIP TO ISRAEL

**ISRAEL – OUR LAND AND OUR PEOPLE - May 15-26**

There is still some time to sign up for our wonderful trip to Israel. Call Phyllis Greenberg if you are interested in joining Beth Ohr's trip to Israel this spring.



**NOW THAT YOU KNOW YOUR ALEPH-BET...  
WHY NOT TRY ADON OLAM?**

Started Thursday, January 28, 11:00 a.m. Linda Benish began a class in

### **Hebrew Reading Part II**

First of all – MAZEL TOV to all those who took the Hebrew Reading I class. We finished the book, learned all the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and are becoming more and more fluent in reading the prayers.

Part II picks up from where Book I leaves off. But you don't have to have taken Part I to take this course. This class is for those who know the Hebrew alphabet either from learning it in Part I, or in another adult education class, or back when you went to "cheder" back in Brooklyn or the Bronx or..... The goals of this course are to improve reading skills and fluency by using familiar prayers, and to expand comprehension. So if you recognize the letters but read VERY slowly, this will help increase your speed. Meanwhile, you will get some of the components of the Hebrew language and be able to identify new words and phrases which will assist you in understanding some of the most familiar prayers we read.

No tests. No grades. Members – free. Non-members \$36.  
Join us.

## ETZ CHAIM CHUMASH



If you are interested in purchasing the new Etz Chaim Chumash, please contact Harriet Rabinowitz by e-mail at [harriet.rabinowi@gmail.com](mailto:harriet.rabinowi@gmail.com). Books may be purchased to memorialize someone special or in honor of a simcha. The cost is \$54.00 each and checks should be made payable to Sisterhood, Congregation Beth Ohr. The Chumash must be paid in full before a bookplate will be affixed.

# Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

**DONATED BY:**

Paula Yourman and Family  
Harriet Feld  
Allen and Linda Skupp  
Shirley Klionsky  
Mark and Lenore Schlissel  
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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Yetta and Abraham Silverberg and children  
Bella Zarfes  
Louis Schulsinger  
Hyman Klionsky  
Matilda Schlissel  
Benjamin Noah  
Florence Noah  
Aaron Narol  
Marvin Robert Lubinsky  
Martha Prussack  
Bessie Davis  
Sara Feinman  
Ephriam Ruchelman  
Marion Greenspan  
Sylvia Rauch  
Harry Rauch  
Charlie Silberstein  
Karen and Danny Belsky  
Mabel Simon  
Marilyn Dorfman



**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 fund-raising as its source of operating revenues. Membership in Beth Ohr entitles our congregants to the individual plot only, all other costs such as funeral, plot opening, memorial tablet costs, etc., are borne by the family of the January. Please call Phyllis Greenberg in the Synagogue Office 732-257-1523 for further details

## February Yahrzeits

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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.

	<b><u>Feb. 5/6</u></b>		<b><u>Feb. 19/20</u></b>	
Meyer Benish	2/6	Max Berkowitz	2/20	
Dorothy Reichbach	2/6	David Betesh	2/20	
Elaine Stiffl	2/6	Martha Blumenthal	2/20	
Morris Bleiweis	2/7	Alvin Levine	2/20	
Hyman DeMayo	2/7	Max Post	2/20	
Rose Fass	2/7	Harry Schwarzwald	2/20	
Max Feldman	2/7	Saul Steinklein	2/20	
Mo Leibowitz	2/8	Harold Berman	2/21	
Harry A. Stadin	2/8	Libbie Gorsky	2/21	
Harry Weinreich	2/8	Albert Kornberg	2/21	
Bella Zarfes	2/8	Benjamin Levine	2/21	
Irwin Daniel Belsky	2/9	Myrtle Lynn	2/21	
Roman Shmoys	2/9	Esther Fantelli	2/22	
Leonard Stern	2/9	David Schoenfeld	2/22	
Melanie Strassberg	2/9	David Weissberg	2/22	
Abraham Silverberg	2/10	Rose Winters	2/22	
Yetta Silverberg and Children	2/10	Harry Davidowitz	2/23	
Irving Ash	2/11	William Donenfeld	2/23	
Sherman Ellis	2/11	Herman Lieber	2/23	
Ray Moses	2/11	Joseph Ackerman	2/24	
Bernard Klein	2/12	Isidore Jaffe	2/24	
Louis Schulsinger	2/12	Joy Rothlin	2/25	
William Silverstein	2/12	Mildred Berman	2/25	
Estelle Speert	2/12	Joseph Druckman	2/25	
Mary Rachel Wilpon	2/12	Nathaniel Greenspan	2/25	
	<b><u>Feb. 12/13</u></b>	Louis Lubin	2/25	
Bessie Brod	2/13	Frieda Schwartz	2/25	
Philip Goldenberg	2/13	Elaine Jarvis	2/26	
Harry Rauch	2/13			
Dorothy Rosencranz	2/13	<b><u>Feb. 27/28</u></b>		
Morris Liebman	2/14	Stephen David Edwards	2/27	
Shelly Morris	2/14	Marilyn Riley	2/27	
Enny Sheffler Feldstein	2/15	Anna Altscher	2/28	
Renee Freedman	2/15	Abraham Honig	2/28	
Harriet Glazier	2/15	Alexander Linz	2/28	
Anthony Lisanti	2/15	Hermann Lipp	2/28	
Gershon Moldovan	2/15	Sura Rivkah Polovsky	2/28	
Fanny Sapsowitz	2/15	Morris DeMayo	2/29	
Louis Weprin	2/15	Fred Fritz Freud	2/29	
Anna Beer	2/16	Rose Sklar	2/29	
Ida E. Berlin	2/16	Bernard H. Cadel	3/1	
Brenda Borenstein	2/16	Jack Dlugash	3/1	
Ernest Deutsch	2/16	Esther Egers	3/1	
Charles Chencinski	2/17	Miles Halpert	3/1	
Joseph Rosenfeld	2/17	Lori Maiorana	3/1	
Rose Spinner	2/17	Minnie Reiser	3/1	
David Levine	2/18	Simeon Fishman	3/2	
Anna Schiller	2/18	Zelda Gaizband	3/2	
Minnie Stern	2/18	Pola Schaffer	3/2	
Elias Berlin	2/19	Moses Faffer	3/3	
Michael Katz	2/19	Arnold Freedman	3/3	
Dorothy Seiden	2/19	Sanford Rothman	3/3	
		Philip Schweidel	3/3	
		Roslyn Suriff	3/3	
		Mollie Borenstein	3/4	
		Eliazer German	3/4	
		Bernard Levy	3/4	
		Eva Pakhmanov	3/4	

## BETH OHR NEWS

- “Thank you Marty Israel from Men’s Club for volunteering and making our most recent pancake breakfast a rousing success. More than 30 people attended and enjoyed a selection of made-to-order pancakes as well as the usual variety of bagels and fish. Of course there was freshly brewed coffee, desserts and OJ. If you missed it, keep a look-out for the next one.”
- Barbara and Herman Schneider want to thank everyone for their good wishes on the occasion of the Bnai Mitzvah of their grandsons Benjamin and Zachary
- My family and I were overwhelmed by the support and generosity of the congregation in the days before and after Vera's passing. We cannot say enough about the offers of rides to and from the hospital, the plants and flowers, the food, the good wishes and prayers, the attendance at the funeral and the Shiva minyanim. We will always be indebted to all of you, our friends in need. You will always be in our hearts and minds. Sincerely, Seymour, Julie, Francie, Marielle, Tom and Dan
- Roberta Bernstein will soon be calling in reference to Sisterhood sweepstakes
- Our sincerest apologies to Ann Branfman for inadvertently being omitted from the Beth Ohr January Newsletter Thank You’s for all the help she provided to the Daytimers at the Annie Hall Daytimers Program.
- Thank you to Harriet Feld, Ashna Pincus, Roberta Fachler , Edna Yourman, Ira Donenfeld and Ann Branfman for helping in the office during the month of January and whenever called upon.
- Thank you to Sisterhood for sponsoring the Kiddush Luncheon on January 16, 2016
- Mazel Tov to Ed Mendlowitz on his 30th Anniversary of giving the Dvar Torah for Parsha Yitro on Shabbat, January 30, and thank you to Ed for presenting the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Ed Mendlowitz Financial Program on Sunday, January 31.
- Glenda Levenstein proudly announces the graduation of her grandson, Adam Levenstein from Rutgers University. Also, proud of her granddaughter, Casey Levenstein, being named to the Dean’s List for the full semester at Rutgers University.
- There are three Shiva Minyan books missing. If you accidentally did not return one, please return it to the synagogue office.





## DAYTIMERS

### FEBRUARY, 2015: WINTER BREAK

- The Daytimers are on vacation.
- Stay warm.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 17: PURIM/JEWISH IRISH GAME DAY AND ADULT COLORING WORKSHOP

- Details to follow.
- Save the date.



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### Condolences

Our sincerest condolences are sent to Burt and Sharen Silverman on the loss of Burt's father, Irwin Silverman

**CONGREGATION BETH OHR MEMORIAL FUNDS**

The following is a listing of the Memorial Funds that you may make tax-deductible contributions to:

*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*  
*David Benish Memorial Fund*

\*\*\*In the future 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 Have Been Made During the Month of January:**

**In Memory of Vera Nussenbaum**

Rabbi P. Michael and Israela Meyerstein  
 George and Bonnie Ribet  
 Donald and Judith Martin  
 Claudia Ribet  
 Susan and Bruce Hanley  
 Deborah Garber  
 Harriet Cohen  
 Family of Peggy Clark by Denise Edgeworth  
 Lori Wallis  
 Sondra and Alvin Goldberg  
 Staff of Bnai Shalom  
 Roberta and Larry Fachler  
 Meryl Finkelstein

**In Honor of Vera Nussenbaum**

Robert and Eloise Honig

**Misheberach Said**

Roberta and Robert Adelson for Misheberach said by Marilyn Karlstein

**Rabbi Discretionary Fund**

Congregation Beth Ohr PTO

Congregation Beth Ohr  
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)

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(Date in English)

(Date in Hebrew)

**PLEDGE**

I hereby authorize you to supply and maintain permanently on your Memorial Tablet, a name plate in the size indicated above, *in memory of*

NAME IN FULL \_\_\_\_\_

for which I agree to pay \$300.00. It is mutually agreed that each year, on the Yahrzeit of the departed, and, on other appropriate occasions in accordance with Jewish Custom a Memorial Prayer will also be said.

Signed by

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Call Phyllis in the office to order a Leaf

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



## Excitement at the Sunday Minyan & Men's Club Guys' Doings

Sunday Jan 3 was Pancake Sunday catered by Marty Israel and Harvey Cohen (shown above) in our kitchen. Also shown is Harvey and Lana with some of their family including Mel and Phyllis Ward. Over 30 people attended the Pancake Breakfast with the best made-to-order pancakes we all had this year and with pure maple syrup. We also had the usual variety of bagels and fish along with freshly brewed coffee, desserts and OJ. The next row shows Ed presenting his 36th Annual Financial Program. Shown is the handout cover, speaking and part of the crowd at the Shul. Try coming 3 extra times in 2016 and join in the fun!

Join the Men's Club **Triple S** Club for 2016:

**S**hul, **S**chmooze and **S**chmear

If you don't regularly come to a Sunday Minyan, we look forward to seeing you more often in 2016!

**For next month's newsletter:** Send photos of you or your family history, on vacation, or with famous people.

**Good Shabbos! Greetings** A suggestion is for all Men's Club members and Beth Ohr Congregants to call someone they haven't spoken to in a while and wish them a Good Shabbos. A few of us have done it and had very gratifying results. Try it—You'll like it!

[Things really happen at the Men's Club. Come to a Minyan once in a while.](#)

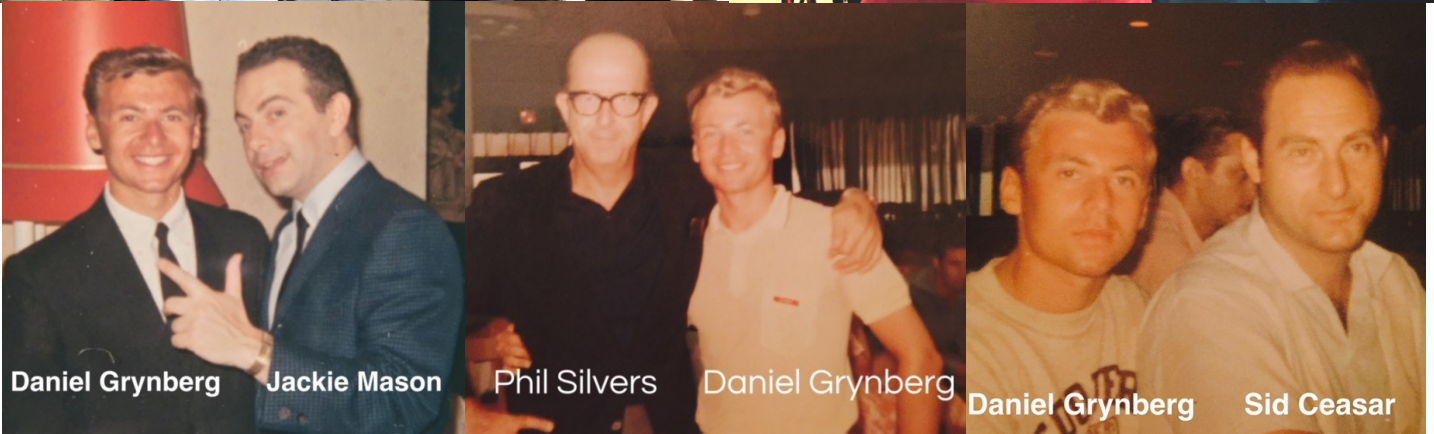
**MEN'S CLUB PROGRAM SCHEDULE.: SUNDAY PROGRAMS FOLLOWING THE MINYAN AND BAGEL BREAKFAST**

*Ed Mendlowitz* **Feb 7**—Participation in Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' World Wide Wrap at the Minyan  
**Mar 6**—Joint program with Sisterhood. Watch next newsletter for details of a great program

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

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

# BETH OHR PHOTO GALLERY



Daniel Grynberg Jackie Mason Phil Silvers Daniel Grynberg Daniel Grynberg Sid Ceasar

## Activities, Friendships, Camaraderie and Fun

Top Row: Terrie Polovsky with her family in Israel in December. From left Michael, Peter, Lori, Terrie, Dori and Emily. Next photo: The Daytimers' Syd Lustgarten Jewish Film Festival led by son Mitch. Movie was "Annie Hall." Bottom row are last of batch of photos sent by Dan Grynberg— with Jackie Mason, Phil Silvers and Sid Ceasar.

**Send your photos to Ed for the Newsletter.**

**Spanish Classes** at Beth Ohr taught by Terrie Polovsky. Look in newsletter for schedule.

*Spanish saying from Terrie:*

**Cada uno en su casa y Dios en la de todos.  
Each one in his own house and God in everyone's.**

Sunday February 6, 2016 during the Minyan

**Participate in the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' World Wide Wrap**

Presentation by Rabbi Mishkin

**fjmc**  
**WorldWideWrap**



## **VERA NUSSENBAUM**

*Bio of her activities during the Holocaust and afterwards*

*This was originally published in a handout at the Yom Hashoah program at Beth Ohr*

VERA NUSSENBAUM /

MANY OF YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE "KINDERTRANSPORT" SO I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT. I ATTENDED THE 50th REUNION IN HARROW, LONDON, ENGLAND LAST JUNE.

AFTER KRISTALLNACHT, NOVEMBER 9th, 1938, LIFE WAS ALL DOWNHILL FOR GERMAN JEWS. I MUST SAY THE SHOAH OR HOLOCAUST REALLY STARTED IN GERMANY WITH HITLER'S OBSESSION TO RID GERMANY OF ITS JEWISH POPULATION AND THEN TO SPREAD IT THROUGH EUROPE LIKE AN UNCONTROLLABLE CANCER. MY UNCLE WORKED FOR DIE JUDISCHE GEMEINDE IN LEIPZIG AND HE SAW TO IT THAT I WAS ON THE FIRST CHILDRENS' TRANSPORT, AS MY MOTHER HAD A POLISH PASSPORT SINCE SHE WAS BORN IN WARSAW. MY FATHER HAD DIED WHEN I WAS 2½ YEARS OLD. SINCE I WAS BORN IN GERMANY I WAS CONSIDERED STATELESS. THAT MEANT THAT I WOULD HAVE BEEN LEFT BY MYSELF AS ALL POLISH JEWS LIVING IN GERMANY WERE BEING SENT BACK TO POLAND. I WAS AN ONLY CHILD. I WAS TAKEN TO THE TRAIN STATION BY MY MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AUNTS, UNCLES AND COUSINS. NO ONE SHED A TEAR AS WE SAID GOODBYE. TO THIS DAY I FIND THAT KIND OF STRENGTH AND COURAGE UNTHINKABLE AND UTTERLY HEROIC.

THE TRAIN LEFT LEIPZIG, GERMANY WITH SOME OTHER CHILDREN. WE WERE ALL FRIGHTENED ANY CRYING. I WAS 12 YEARS OLD. THERE WERE GERMAN SOLDIERS ON THE TRAIN IN THEIR NAZI UNIFORMS. THEIR LAUGHTER STILL RINGS IN MY EARS. THE TRAIN TOOK US TO BERLIN WHERE THE JEWISH FEDERATION MET US AND HOUSED US. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE TRAIN TOOK US TO HOLLAND. AS SOON AS WE CROSSED THE BORDER, (WE WERE 500 CHILDREN), THE DUTCH PEOPLE GREETED US WITH MILK AND COOKIES AND THEY WERE VERY KIND AND CARING. AFTER THIS INTERLUDE WE BOARDED A SMALL SHIP WHICH TOOK US TO DOVER, ENGLAND. IN THE MORNING WE LANDED AND THEN WE WERE TRANSPORTED TO DOVER COURT IN HARWICH. DOVER COURT WAS A HOLIDAY RESORT WITH MANY BUNGALOWS AND COMMUNAL DINING HALLS. WE WERE ASSIGNED A PLACE TO SLEEP WITH ANOTHER CHILD. WE ARRIVED IN DOVER COURT ON DECEMBER FIRST, 1938.

DOVER COURT WAS SIMILAR TO OUR SLEEPAWAY CAMPS. AFTER WE ATE, THERE WAS COMMUNAL SINGING TO CHEER THESE HOMESICK AND VERY SAD CHILDREN. IN THE MEANTIME ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STORIES ABOUT 500 JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM NAZI GERMANY WHO NEEDED TEMPORARY FOSTER HOMES. LITTLE DID SOME OF US KNOW THAT WE WOULD NEVER BE REUNITED WITH OUR FAMILIES. PEOPLE KEPT COMING TO TAKE CHILDREN. THEY USUALLY CAME AT MEAL TIMES AND STOPPED AT TABLES AND PICKED A CHILD. A LADY STOPPED AT MY TABLE ON DECEMBER 6th AND ASKED IF SHE COULD TAKE ME HOME. SINCE I COULD NOT SPEAK ENGLISH ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS AT DOVER COURT SAID TO ME IN GERMAN THAT THIS LADY WANTED TO TAKE ME HOME WITH HER. MY HEART POUNDED AS I THOUGHT I WAS BEING SOLD IN A SLAVE MARKET! I ASKED IN GERMAN IF I COULD STAY ONE DAY LONGER AS THE NEXT DAY THE LOCAL CINEMA WOULD OPEN ITS DOORS TO THE REFUGEE CHILDREN TO SEE THE MOVIE "SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS". I LEFT FOR NORWICH, ENGLAND THE NEXT DAY. I WAS TAKEN IN BY A MOST WONDERFUL FAMILY. THE LADY WAS JEWISH BUT HER HUSBAND WAS NOT. THEY HAD A SON OF 16 AND A DAUGHTER 6 MONTHS YOUNGER THAN ME. I CRIED FOR MY MOTHER NIGHT AND DAY. I COULD NOT SPEAK TO ANYONE AS NOBODY UNDERSTOOD GERMAN. SINCE I HAD BEEN RAISED IN AN ORTHODOX JEWISH HOME I PRAYED AND JUST SPOKE TO G-D IN GERMAN SINCE ONLY HE COULD HEAR AND UNDERSTAND ME.

I STAYED WITH THE SAME WONDERFUL FAMILY FOR EIGHT YEARS. IT WAS THERE THAT I LEARNED THAT MY MOTHER AND ALL OF MY FAMILY DIED IN THE CAMPS. ONE AUNT AND UNCLE WERE ON A DEATH MARCH IN HUNGARY. ANOTHER AUNT WAS NEVER FOUND. THANK G-D ALL THE CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY WERE SAVED. ONE OF MY AUNTS SENT HER THREE CHILDREN AWAY TO SAFETY. THEY RANGED IN AGE 5 YEARS, 3 YEARS AND A 6 MONTH OLD LITTLE GIRL. THE OTHER AUNT AND UNCLE SENT THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS AWAY, AGED 14 YEARS AND 7 YEARS. THE 14 YEAR OLD WAS PUT IN CHARGE TO SEE TO IT THAT THE CHILDREN STAYED CLOSE. WE LOOKED OUT FOR EACH OTHER. TODAY, WE ARE SPREAD APART FROM ISRAEL, DETROIT, SAN DIEGO, PATERSON AND ARDSLEY, NEW YORK.

AT THE 50th REUNION THIS PAST YEAR I LOOKED AROUND AT THE 1000 OR SO PEOPLE THINKING THAT ALL THESE CHILDREN HAD BEEN DEPRIVED OF A MOTHER AND FATHER AS WELL AS AUNTS, UNCLES AND COUSINS. WE WERE ORPHANED DUE TO MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN AND THE LACK OF CARING BY THE REST OF THE WORLD. WHILE I WAS RAISING MY CHILDREN I WAS TOO BUSY TO REFLECT ON MY SAD HISTORY. IT WAS ONLY WHEN I HELD MY GRAND-DAUGHTER DID THE ENORMITY OF THE SUPREME SACRIFICE OF MY MOTHER AND ALL THOSE OTHER PARENTS HIT ME. AS LONG AS I LIVE I WILL REMIND PEOPLE OF WHAT HAPPENED NOT SO LONG AGO AND LET US HOPE THAT SUCH ~~TR~~AGEDIES WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN. AS JEWS WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE STATE OF ISRAEL, OUR SYNAGOGUE, AS WELL AS OTHER JEWISH CAUSES. ANTI-SEMITISM IS GAINING MOMENTUM IN AMERICA AS WELL AS ALL OVER THE WORLD. SHOULD YOU FORGET YOUR ROOTS, THE WORLD WILL ALWAYS REMIND YOU AS TO WHO YOU ARE.

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE. THERE ARE PEOPLE FROM ALL THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND THEN THERE ARE THE JEWS WHO HAPPEN TO LIVE AND WERE BORN THERE. THANK G-D WE NOW HAVE OUR OWN LAND, ISRAEL. MAY G-D AND WE PROTECT IT FROM DANGERS ALWAYS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INDULGENCE. I WOULD LIKE TO READ THIS MEANINGFUL POEM WHICH CAN BE FOUND NEAR THE SCROLLS OF FIRE ON A BEAUTIFUL HILL IN JERUSALEM. THE POEM WAS WRITTEN BY NELLY SACHS, A SURVIVOR FROM BERLIN, GERMANY.

FOR THE MARTYRS

MUTELY THE STONES SPEAK OF THE MARTYRDOM OF THE SIX MILLION WHOSE BODY DRIFTED AS SMOKE THROUGH THE AIR

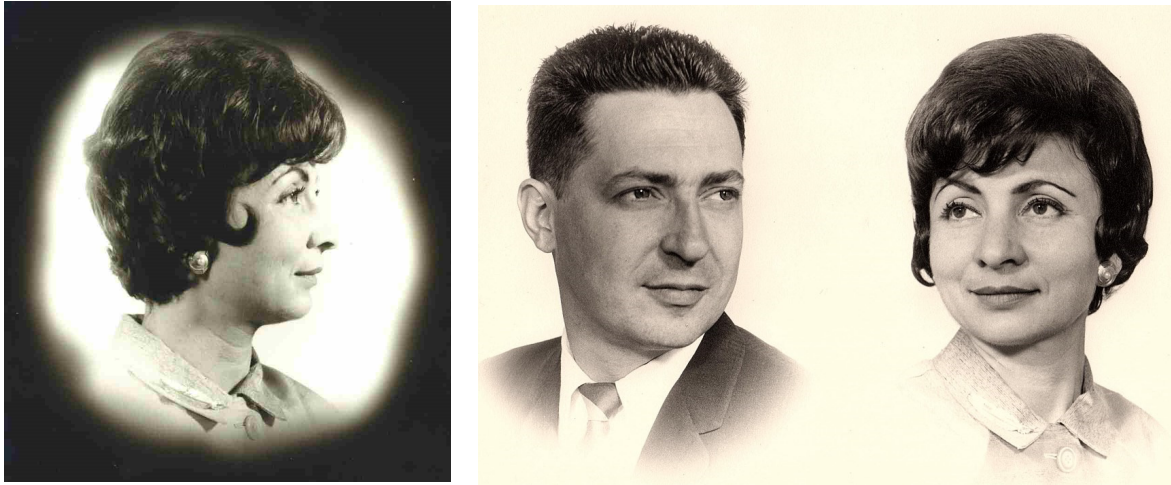
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YOU WHO CAME AFTERWARDS, REMEMBER THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO BECAME MARTYRS IN A TIME OF VIOLENCE.

LOWER YOUR HEADS IN HUMILITY



## Vera Nussenbaum Photos



Vera is shown with Seymour. These photos appeared on her 90th birthday cake at Beth Ohr on December 6, 2015 where she and Seymour also celebrated their 66th Wedding Anniversary.

## **BETH OHR MEMBER INFORMATION**

### **Congregation Beth Ohr Dinner Dance**

*Honoring*

**ALICE & DAVID HONIG**  
**RYSELLE & JEFF PERLMAN**  
**DOROTHY & JOE SHAFRAN**  
**MARTIN ISRAEL**

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The Beth Ohr Newsletter will be including information about our history leading up to our

## **60th Anniversary Celebration in the Fall of 2016**

### **Rabbis**

Stanley Gartenstein	1956-61
Mendel Abrams	1961-63
Morris Silberman	1963-66
Gerald Lehrer	1966-68
Louis Lieberworth	1968-70
Isaac Moseson	1970-80
Herman Cohen	1980-82
Matthew Futterman	1982-86
Richard Fagan	1986-95
No Rabbi	1995-96
David Kalender	1996-98
Jonathan Lubliner	1998-04
Eugene A. Wernick	2004-14
Joel Mishkin	2014-

### **Congregation Presidents**

George Katz	1956-57
Samuel Haber	1957-58
Paul Stuart	1958-59
Hy Sadd	1959-60
Herman Cohen	1960-61
Frank Datkowitz	1961-62
Larry Vogel	1962-63
George Melman	1963-64
Frank Datkowitz	1964-65
Joseph Feldberg	1965-66
Arthur Rudnet	1966-68
Robert Sheffler	1968-69
Milton Berko	1969-71
Hugh Bleiweis	1971-73
Aaron Schlissel	1973-74
Cecil Mautner	1974-75
Harold Toppall	1975-77
Allen Appel	1977-79
Ira Marshall	1979-82
Charles Rosenberg	1982-84
Mark Levine	1984-85
Ira Marshall	1985-88
Robert Honig	1988-89
Allen Appel	1989-90
Robert Lipp	1990-92
Edward Mendlowitz	1992-94
Alfred Feld	1994-96
Marcia Trechak	1996-98
Steven Silverberg	1998-00
Mark Atzbi	2000-02
Steven Silverberg	2002-03
Allan Benish	2003-05
Harriet Rabinowitz	2005-08
Charles Rogol	2008-10
Jeff Perlman	2010-12
David Honig	2012-15
Phil Rabinowitz	2015-

## From the Sisterhood Presidium January

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On January 6, we had a wonderful book review of “The Nightingale”, written by Kristin Hannah. Thank you to Marilyn Karlstein for leading the discussion and thank you to the ladies who provided us with delicious refreshments. Also, thank you to everyone who participated in the discussion. Although there were ladies present who had not yet read the book, they were able to discuss the book with those who did read it prior to the meeting. We look forward to the next book review!

We are getting ready to put together our new Sisterhood slate. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on our Sisterhood board for the 2016-2017 year.

Lee Hyman has been working very hard to plan our annual Torah Fund Benefactor’s reception honoring Ashna Pincus. It will be held on Sunday April 17, 2016. (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE’VE CHANGED THE DATE!) Join us for an afternoon of good food and good company as we thank Ashna for all of her hard work. Without people like her, we would not be the strong Sisterhood we are today!

We are planning for our Fashion Show, scheduled for June 8, 2016. We are in need of donations of items to be raffled that evening. One of the ways in which you can help with the Fashion Show is by asking for donations from the vendors you frequent. We will also be happy with any new items that our membership is willing to donate for our raffles. We need your support! Please contact Marilyn Karlstein or Lysa Rogol for information or if you have items to donate.

Thank you for your continued support and participation at our Sisterhood events. And, as always, thank you for supporting our ongoing fundraisers!

Shalom,  
Monica Atzbi

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Sisterhood

**SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR  
ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT**

2015 - 2016

*Temple MEMBERS \$30*

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LUNCHEON HONORING  
ASHNA PINCUS  
APRIL 17, 2016 (ORIGINALLY APRIL 10)  
MORE INFORMATION  
AND INVITATIONS  
WILL BE SENT SOON**



Date: 01/14/16

		Carry				Carry	
Name		Amount	Over	Name		Amount	Over
Appel	Wilma	\$52.50		Feld	Harriet	\$ 109.50	
Aroyo	Elizabeth	\$ 382.38	5.0	Feurier	Darlene	\$ -	
Atzbi	Monica	\$ 511.25	36.5	Finkelstein	Meryl	\$ 101.30	
				Fox	Helene	\$ 6.50	
Benish	Linda	\$ 99.25	4.0				
Bernstein	Roberta	\$ 42.50	5.0	Garfinkel	Linda	\$ 174.25	2.0
Birnbaum	Eileen	\$ 78.00		Gasior	Ellen	\$ 5.00	
Bleiweis	Marilyn	\$ 5.00		Gilbarg	Marilyn	\$ 19.00	
Boshak	Rochelle	\$ 75.00		Golden	Elizabeth	\$ 240.00	3.5
Branfman	Ann	\$ 129.50		Goldenberg	Susan	\$ 101.50	1.0
				Greenstein	Barbara	\$ 5.00	
Cadel	Cheryl	\$ 43.00		Grynberg	Helene	\$ 105.50	12.5
Cannata	Susan	\$ 5.00		Gurman	Ruth	\$ 30.00	3.5
Celeste	Alice	\$ 98.00	2.0				
Clark	Lisa	\$ 5.00		Hillman	Pearl	\$ 13.00	4.0
Cohen	Harriet	\$ 43.50	1.0	Honig	Alice	\$ 41.75	
				Honig	Eloise	\$ 8.00	
DeRosa	Rebecca	\$ 5.00		Hyman	Lee	\$ 70.50	
Dietz	Dara						
Donenfeld	Lee	\$ 69.00	1.0	Kagan	Sylvia	\$ 51.00	
				Kamenitz	Marilyn	\$ 16.50	
Edwards	Sue	\$ 82.50		Karlstein	Marilyn	\$ 67.50	3.0
				Karpel	Roberta	\$ 107.50	1.0
Fachler	Roberta	\$ 255.00		Kaufman	Maxine	\$ 121.50	10.0
Falkowitz	Marion	\$ 53.50		Klein	Caroline	\$ 27.00	
Feder	Barbara	\$29.00		Krieger	Karen	\$ 5.00	

L-Z Liz Aroyo

Date: 1/11/2016

			Carry
Name		Amount	Over
Laddin	Anne	\$5.00	
Lazarowitz	Andrea	\$108.75	6.0
Levenstein	Glenda	\$65.00	
Levine	Helen	\$5.00	
Mason	Lisa	\$10.00	
Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$158.00	9.5
Nadler	Elinor	\$5.00	
Perlman	Ryselle	\$47.75	
Pincus	Ashna	\$100.50	1.5
Polovsky	Terrie	\$42.00	10.5
Prussack	Zellie	\$34.00	1.5
Rabinowitz	Harriet	\$262.75	15.0
Reinstein	Sheila	\$15.00	
Risman	Ruth	\$56.00	1.0
Rogol	Lysa	\$72.50	
Rosenzweig	Ronnie	\$16.00	
Gray	Ilene	\$104.37	3.0
			42.0

			Carry
Name		Amount	Over
Schlissel	Lenore	\$50.50	1.0
Schlussfeld	Mindy	\$5.00	
Schneider	Barbara	\$176.00	4.5
Schottlander	Hilde	\$174.50	12.0
Shafran	Dorothy	\$165.00	9.0
Seltzer	Karen	\$5.00	
Seidner	Lois	\$12.50	
Silberstein	Joyce	\$54.00	5.0
Silver	Arlene	\$138.25	0.5
Silverman	Sharen	\$222.50	9.5
Simon	Mala	\$86.00	2.0
Simon	Marjorie	\$81.00	1.5
Skupp	Linda	\$238.50	8.5
Sommers	Arlene	\$49.50	
Spiegel	Estee	\$100.00	1.0
Trechak	Marcia	\$534.00	5.0
Ward	Phyllis	\$5.00	
Weiss	Harriet	\$113.00	0.5
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# Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be

**Noon, Monday February 15, 2016**

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

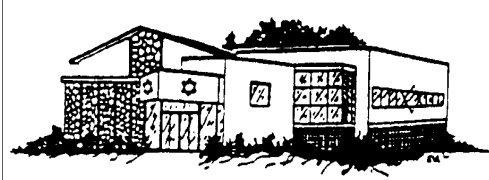
If you need to reach Rabbi Mishkin, please use any of the following phone numbers:

**Office Phone # 732-257-7031**

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

**e-mail address: [rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com](mailto:rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com)**

Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.



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### Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For February



February 5	5:03 PM
February 12	5:11 PM
February 19	5:19 PM
February 26	5:27 PM