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*Wishing Everyone a Healthy & Happy
New Year 2016*

Tu BiShvat / טו בשבט

Tu BiShvat or Tu B'Shevat or Tu B'Shvat (Hebrew: ט"ו בשבט) is a minor Jewish holiday, occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. It is also called "The New Year of the Trees" or (Hebrew: ראש השנה לאילנות, Rosh HaShanah La'llanot). Tu BiShvat is one of four "New Years" mentioned in the Mishnah.

Tu BiShvat Begins at Sundown on Sun, 24 January 2016.

Many Jewish people, particularly in Israel and on kibbutzim, plant trees or take part in activities to further environmental awareness. In this respect, Tu B'Shevat has a lot in common with [Arbor Day](#) celebrations around the world.



According to some readings of Jewish law, fruit that ripens in the first three years that a tree gives fruit is considered *orlah*. This means that it is not kosher and thus not acceptable for Jewish people to eat. Tu B'Shevat marks the "new year" or "birthday" of trees. Fruit that ripens in the third year on or after the 15th day of the month of *Shevat* is kosher. Traditionally, the fruit that ripened in the fourth year was taken to the temple as a tithe (form of taxation). This is now paid symbolically using coins.

Some Jewish people began to hold a symbolic *sedar* (meal) on Tu B'Shevat after 1600 CE. This consisted of different types of fruit and nuts, each of which had a specific spiritual meaning. This custom is still alive for some Jewish groups.

Tu B'Shevat is one of four Jewish New Years. One of the most well known is [Rosh Hashana](#) on the first day of the month of *Tishrei*. The New Year for kings and festivals is on the first day of the month of *Nisan* (or *Nissan*). The New Year for animal tithes is on the first day of the month of *Elul*.

Symbols for Tu B'Shvat: Barley.Dates.Figs.Grapes.Olives.Pomegranates.Wheat.

The seven species are associated with the Land of Israel in the Torah so they have an important place in Jewish culture.

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 Jan 1	Friday Evening Services	7:30PM
	Office Closed	
Sat Jan 2	Saturday Morning Services	9:30AM
Sun Jan 3	Sunday Morning Services	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tue Jan 5	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
Wed Jan 6	Spanish Class	11:00AM
	Sisterhood Membership/Penny Auction	7:30PM
Fri Jan 8	Friday Evening Services	7:30PM
Sat Jan 9	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30AM
Sun Jan 10	Sunday Morning Services	9:00AM
	followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
	Grandparents Circle	11:00AM
Tues Jan 12	Rabbi's Jewish Practices and Customs Class	7:30PM
Wed Jan 13	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Thur Jan 14	Executive Board Meeting	7:00PM
	Beth Ohr Board Meeting	7:30PM
Fri Jan 15	Friday night Services	7:30PM
Sat Jan 16	Sisterhood Shabbat morning Services	9:30AM
Sun Jan 17	Sunday morning Services	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues Jan 19	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
Wed Jan 20	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Fri Jan 22	Friday Evening Services	7:30PM
Sat Jan 23	Saturday Tu B'Shevat Morning Services	9:30AM
Sun Jan 24	Sunday Morning Services	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues Jan 26	Rabbi's Jewish Customs and Practices	7:30PM
Wed Jan 27	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Thur Jan 28	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri Jan 29	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Jan 30	Saturday Morning Services	9:30AM
Sun Jan 31	Sunday Morning Services	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	

Rabbi Mishkin's Message

“Treading Water in the Sea of Talmud”



One of the more unique pleasures of the Jewish tradition is the opportunity to participate in the study of Torah, and perhaps the most daunting subjects of study are the books of the Talmud. The Talmud has frequently been compared to a vast body of water such as an ocean because of the depth and breadth of its material. And yet, such study is possible today even for students without any background or knowledge of Hebrew/Aramaic if they use the appropriate sources and have the assistance of a tutor/

teacher.

In light of the success of our adult educational programs, I would like to invite you to study Talmud with me. I call this process of study “Treading Water in the sea of Talmud” because we will be using metaphorical lifejackets to assist us in our study. In this way, no prior background is necessary or expected. And yet, the rewards that come from this kind of authentic Jewish study cannot be underestimated. It is why Judaism has always been considered an intellectually rich and satisfying religious tradition.

If you are interested in learning, please give your name to Phyllis Greenberg. We will contact you in order to find a mutually convenient time and location for study based upon your availability. I will provide all the necessary materials and I envision these sessions to be weekly and approximately one hour in length. We will study regardless of whether we have two or twenty students. So take a chance and open yourself up to an exciting intellectual adventure. You will not be sorry.

President's Message

Dear Congregants:



A small committee and I are presently engaged in negotiations with Rabbi Mishkin on his new contract. I am urging all congregants to support our Mission Statement: To preserve Jewish identity in the community, further Jewish education, provide religious, cultural, and social opportunities to our members, while reaching out to the greater community, both Jewish and non-Jewish. Our goal is to maintain a Jewish continuity through the generations.

We should all validate our support for Rabbi Mishkin now by attending services and the Rabbi's educational programs on Tuesday mornings and evenings. Our attendance at services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings has been decreasing, and with a number of members in Florida for the winter the entire Beth Ohr family must help out.

The programming committee is working diligently to make the Torahthon scheduled on Sunday afternoon April 3, 2016 a great success. Our fundraising committee is busy with plans for the Journal Dinner Dance scheduled on Sunday June 5, 2016, which will be our major fundraiser for the year. We will be honoring four families as Congregation Beth Ohr celebrates its 60th Anniversary.

I look forward to seeing you in services and at our programs in 2016. Harriet and I wish you all a Happy New Year filled with nachas and good health!

Shalom

Phil

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 Dec 6 was Gift Book Sunday. Everyone attending received a free ArtScroll hard cover book shown above Shemoneh Esrei. This was the 7th year Ed distributed free books and follows a tradition inspired by Ed's friend David Bahr. 33 books were distributed. Besides getting a free book, the Minyan was speedy and created a great deal of camaraderie. Try coming 3 extra times in 2016!

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

Shul, **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.

[The Men's Club wishes everyone a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2016!](#)

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

Jan 3, 2016 — Pancake breakfast catered by Harvey Cohen and Marty Israel

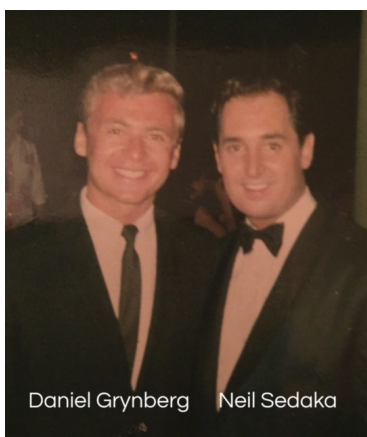
Jan 31—Ed Mendlowitz' 36th Annual Financial Program following Minyan and Bagel Breakfast

Feb 7—Participation in Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' World Wide Wrap at the Minyan

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 Neil Sedaka



Gloria DeHaven Daniel Grynberg



Enzo Stuarti Daniel Grynberg

Activities, Friendships, Camaraderie and Fun

Top Row: Ken Deitz celebrating a great result—a no change—on a complicated tax audit he handled for one of his clients. Next is David Honig lifting the Torah as the Hagba Aliyah on a Sunday Rosh Hodesh Minyan during Hanukkah. At right is a special commemorative U.S. coin honoring President FDR and Jonas Salk (a Jew and City College graduate) commemorating the March of Dimes and the eradication of Polio. These coins are available from the U.S. Mint.

Bottom row: A portrait gallery of a young **Dan Grynberg** with Neil Sedaka, Gloria DeHaven and Enzo Stuarti.

Happy 2016: She-he-he-ya-nu

Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who hast kept us in Life and Sustained Us, and Enabled Us to Reach this Season.

Send your photos to Ed for the Newsletter.

HARVEY COHEN PRESENTED WITH SYDNEY LUSTGARTEN MENSCH AWARD



Harvey Cohen is Presented with 2nd Beth Ohr Men's Club Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award

Sunday December 20, Harvey Cohen became the 2nd Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Honoree for his many contributions to Beth Ohr and the Beth Ohr Men's Club. His selfless and tireless activity has made him a cornerstone of the Men's Club. Last year the first Mensch award was presented to Sydney Lustgarten and the award was immediately renamed in Syd's honor. The award was made possible by a grant from the Lawrence Schacht Foundation through the efforts of Syd's close friend Professor Milton Heumann. The award was voted on by the Men's Club Board and results were not announced until the presentation was made. This was a big surprise to the modest Harvey.

Shown is Harvey being presented with the award from Ed Mendlowitz, Men's Club president and Mitch Lustgarten, one of Sys's sons and a former Beth Ohr Ritual Chairman.

Shown above is Bernard Pincus speaking on behalf of the Anshe Emeth morning Minyan of which Syd was a long time regular and Rabbi Mishkin adding some reflections of Syd and a congratulatory prayer for Harvey.

The program was well attended and followed by the Men's Club breakfast.



Sydney Lustgarten

Syd Lustgarten was born on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. His family later moved to the Bronx where he lived until he was inducted into the Army during World War II.

He was initially tutored in Hebrew studies at home and then attended Cheder until his Bar Mitzvah. Syd graduated James Monroe High School at age sixteen.

In the midst of the Great Depression he went to work earning \$10 per week. He attended City College of New York at night and was drafted during his senior year and served four and a half years in the Army, rising to Technical Sergeant.

While in the Army, Syd was sent to finance school at Fort Benjamin Harrison and Wake Forest University. He eventually was stationed in Liberia, but also served in Nigeria, British West Africa, and Aden (now Saudi Arabia). In 1944 Syd was mentioned in *Yank, the Army Weekly*, about the American currency he disbursed in Liberia at the finance window when troops landed there at Roberts Field.

After the war, Syd continued his Federal service with the General Services Administration. He worked for GSA for over thirty years, becoming the Budget Director for a region that encompassed New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. He had budgetary control for all the Federal buildings in those areas including the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library. Since then, Syd has become an FDR historian.

Syd has three children. Mitchell is a retired records manager who worked at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Manhattan. Marlena is the principal of the Hebrew School at the Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation in Connecticut. Alvin is a vice president in the television division of the Hearst Corporation in Manhattan,

Syd's family moved to New Milford, New Jersey in 1952. They joined a newly formed Conservative congregation where Syd served as Ritual Chairman for several years.

In 1983, Syd moved to Old Bridge and immediately joined Congregation Beth Ohr. He has been an active congregant, as was his late wife Lillian and he and Lillian attended services regularly. Syd has been a long-serving Men's Club Trustee and the Beth Ohr Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Man of the Year. Lillian was active in Sisterhood and Hadassah. She served as president of the local chapter of ORT. Syd was a long time active participant in the daily Minyans at the South River Congregation.

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Sydney Lustgarten, cont'd

Syd gave many well-received talks at Beth Ohr Men's Club. One was about *Hank Greenberg and his Times* on what would have been Hank Greenberg's 100th birthday. Others were on the *Jewish baseball-playing spy, Moe Berg; Frank Sinatra and his Love Affair with Jews; Jewish Composers of Tin Pan Alley-Irving Berlin; The Forgotten Generation: Growing Up in the Lower East Side During the Depression and Serving in World War II and Thereafter*; and on the *Jewish WWII Major General Maurice Rose*. All of his presentations were well research, extremely informative and very interesting.

Syd was active in many activities, which included reading history, biographies, and other non-fiction. He also enjoyed listening to classical and popular music. He especially got kicks out of bluffing out his much younger poker-playing buddies. He also was a movie buff and originated columns in the Beth Ohr Newsletter on favorite movies and movie roles. Syd has also made the selections and introduced films at meetings of the Daytimers group who now named their movie programs in honor of Sydney. Syd also shared book reviews at the Sunday post-Minyan breakfasts.

Syd was very proud of his children, their spouses, and his grandchildren. Mitch is married to Arlene with Jason, Sara, and Josh. Marlana is married to Michael with Rebecca, who is married to Brandon, and Sarah. Alvin is married to Jodi, and his sons are Robert and Taylor.

Beth Ohr honored Sydney as its Man of the Year at a dinner dance held in September 2011.

Sydney was honored with the *First Men's Club Mensch of the Year Award* in 2014 at a program held on Pearl Harbor Day honoring the Beth Ohr veterans that served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The award was a surprise and was created through a grant from the Lawrence Schacht Foundation through the efforts of Syd's friend Professor Milton Heumann. It was immediately rename the Beth Ohr Men's Club Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award.

BETH OHR MEMBER INFORMATION

Congregation Beth Ohr Dinner Dance

Honoring

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

The Cost of Dinner Tickets is \$90.00 per person.

However, all Beth Ohr Members can attend for

No Charge—For Free

as long as they sell \$500.00 in Journal ads

(single members need to sell only \$250.00 in ads)

An ad form is included on the next page and copies of it can be made.

Congregation Beth Ohr Journal Dinner Dance

**DINNER DANCE &
SOUVENIR JOURNAL**

Honoring

**ALICE & DAVID HONIG
RYSSELLE & JEFF PERLMAN
DOROTHY & JOE SHAFRAN
MARTIN ISRAEL
Sunday June 5, 2016**

Taking an ad shows your support of Congregation Beth Ohr and your appreciation of these fine active honorees.

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 Dinner Dance. Enclosed is my check for \$90.00 per guest. (Please provide the names of the attendees):

Name _____

Co. Name _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Ad deadline May 9, 2016

Send your ad today to

Journal Ad Committee

c/o Congregation Beth Ohr

P.O. Box 206

Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Tel: 732 275-1523 Email: emcpa1@aol.com

The Beth Ohr Newsletter will be including information about our history leading up to our
60th Anniversary Celebration in the Fall of 2016



Paula and Hal Yourman joined the Synagogue in January 1970 and became involved immediately. In March, 1972 they chaired the 1st of 2 Temple week-ends at the Gilberts Hotel in South Fallsburg, N.Y, The charge was \$80.00 a couple with a Temple profit of \$12.00. Every couple received a double deck of playing cards as a gift. (pictured above) Recently, Harriet Cohen showed Paula one of the decks of cards that brought back many fond memories to Paula who provided this information for the newsletter. More than 50 families that attended making everyone have a great time.

Beth Ohr Torahs

Our Torahs were received as follows:

The **first** Torah was donated by Robert Serman.

The **second** and **third** Torahs were received from the Perth Amboy Synagogue when it closed. We also took over their Yahrzeit plaques and received the cemetery which is available to Congregation members.

The **fourth** Torah was donated by friends of Hugh Miller in 1963. On this occasion there was a procession throughout Old Bridge.

The **fifth**, **sixth** and **seventh** Torahs were each donated by the families of Arnold Freedman, Frank Datkowitz and Joseph Feldberg in 1970.

An **eighth** Torah was donated by Arthur Rudnet in the 1970s in memory of his father, Harry.

The **Holocaust Torah** was donated by the Mendlowitz family in 1988. Vera Nussenbaum made the arrangements for the gift, and Seymour Nussenbaum designed the display area for the Torah.

UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

For Entire Congregation

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY JAN 3, 2016

Start the year with a hearty breakfast catered by the Men's Club by Harvey Cohen and Marty Israel.

Immediately following the Minyan which is at 9:00 and breakfast starting at 9:50. There will be various types of pancakes and special requests will be honored. All are welcome. No

THE ED MENDLOWITZ 36TH ANNUAL FINANCIAL PROGRAM

How the POLITICS OF TAXES, SOCIAL SECURITY AND THE BUDGET WILL AFFECT YOU IN 2016 AND LATER YEARS

...AND WHAT TO DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND BENEFIT

SUNDAY JAN 31, 2015

This program will explain the politics in this election year that will affect your pocket book and what you can do to protect yourself and even benefit. Some of the items covered will be the illusory Flat Tax proposals, the solvency of Social Security, income tax reforms that will not occur, how Congress' irresponsibility and delays actually costs you money and lost opportunities that could have been avoided by a minimum of attention, what is really happening at the Federal Reserve and how what they are doing is a meaningless charade (and the media sensationalizes it), the erosion of your savings created by low interest rates and why interest rates are so low and what the federal government really projects rates to be in the future—and whether it has any basis in reality, what happens to your communications to your Congressional Representatives and Senators, how to determine your individual inflation rate, a simple tip to help you beat the politics of health care costs and save money and increase and improve your benefits and much more.

Ed is a CPA and partner at WithumSmith+Brown, PC and has taught macroeconomics and corporate finance courses in the graduate MBA program at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is also one of Accounting Today's 100 Most Influential People in Accounting, and has testified twice at the House Ways and Means Committee on tax policy, equity and reform. He has appeared many times on Live at Five, the NBC 5:00 news program to present his views on tax policy.

Sunday February 6, 2016 during the Minyan

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

Presentation by Rabbi Mishkin

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WORLDWIDEWRAP



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?

Starting Thursday, January 28, 11:00 a.m. Linda Benish will begin 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 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

We sincerely thank the following members and friends for purchasing the new Etz Chaim Chumash:

Mark, Kara and Dylan Rabinowitz
And Joshua and Rachel Rabinowitz
Harriett Feld

Jeff and Ryselle Perlman
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Zachary RogolIn
Harriet and Philip Rabinowitz

In Honor of the Presidency of
Philip Rabinowitz

In Memory of Jack Dlugash
In Honor of our Beloved Children –
Lana, Cheryl, Alyssa and Greg
In Loving Memory of My Beloved "Bubbe"
In Honor of Seymour and
Vera Nussenbaum's 66th Anniversary &
Vera's 90th Birthday

If you are interested in purchasing the new Etz Chaim Chumash, please contact Harriet Rabinowitz by e-mail at 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 and January**. We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

DONATED BY:

Ann Branfman
Elias Engber
Harriet Feld
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Rabin Alpher, Rafi Ellison, Meryl Finkelstein,
Lauren Finkelstein, Bob Finkelstein
Meryl Finkelstein and Family
Hermann & Belmont Families
Marilyn S Karlstein

Zelie and Mel Prussack
Ruth Risman
Linda and Allen Skupp
Joyce Silberstein

Sharen Silverman and Family

Sandra Wishnia and Family

Marjorie and Stuart Simon
Shirley Klionsky
Susan and Ted Cannata
Suzanne Balaban and Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Sally Posner
Solomon Kaminsky
Benny Feld
Alfred Feld—husband
William Zarfes—father
Joseph Gray, Leonard Finkelstein

Haim Grayewsky—our dear uncle
William Greenspan
Ronald Samuel
Flora Heimlich & Sam Heimlich
Fannie Sass
Tessie Davis
George Skupp
Betty Hill Lionheart
Robert Frank Lionheart
Herman Waxenberg
Miriam Waxenberg
Anna and Morris Wishnia
Ralph Wishnia
Sol Borenstein—Marjorie's Beloved Father
Sadie Rankowitz
Ruth Masher
Johanna Diamant Katz



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

January 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>Jan. 1/2</u>		<u>Jan. 15/16 cont'd</u>	
Miriam Goldstein	1/2	Dorothy Katz	1/20
Ida Rubrum	1/2	Joel Kirschner	1/20
Leonard Finkelstein	1/3	Philip Shindelman	1/20
Morris Radvinoviez	1/3	Sofia Shulman	1/20
Sam Schnitzer	1/3	Isidore Zaviak	1/20
Florence Trechak	1/3	Marilyn Dorfman	1/21
Solomon Kaminsky	1/4	Rubin Ross	1/21
Lillian Persky	1/4	Minnie Wernick	1/21
Martha Prussack	1/4	Sheila Klein	1/22
Phyllis Nightingale	1/5	Samuel Rosenthal	1/22
Samuel Glazier	1/6		
Mary Karmin	1/6	<u>Jan. 22/23</u>	
Rose Rothstein	1/7	Abraham Blumenthal	1/23
		Raymond Cheyney	1/23
<u>Jan 8/9</u>		Meyer Masher	1/23
Bessie Davis	1/9	Benjamin Vogel	1/23
Jonathan Frank	1/9	Miriam Blatt	1/24
Mollie Schneider	1/9	Paula Kardos	1/24
Isidore Sibelman	1/9	Karen Belsky	1/25
Meyer Fوسفeld	1/10	Muriel Blaugrund	1/25
Joseph Fray	1/10	Harry Bloom	1/25
Leonard Pulchin	1/10	Ruth Deitz	1/25
Irving Steuer	1/10	Irving Feuer	1/26
Gerald Wasserman	1/10	Bernard Goldstein	1/26
Benjamin Feldheim	1/11	Ben Gordon	1/26
Irwin Kaminsky	1/11	Susan Israel	1/26
Ignatie Kardos	1/11	Abraham Rothstein	1/26
Bronia Shindelman	1/11	George Waldman	1/26
Iris Sweig	1/11	Hymen Kliensky	1/27
George Dragunoff	1/12	Greg Romanow	1/27
Bahckmal Kirkorov	1/12	Jenie Segal	1/27
Sylvia Rauch	1/12	Joseph Rabinowitz	1/28
George Skupp	1/12	Joseph Sadek	1/28
Bette Kushner	1/13	Freida Segal	1/28
Aaron Narol	1/13	Jack Fass	1/29
Fannie Seidner	1/13	Joseph Glaz	1/29
Benny Feld	1/14		
Henry Kanter	1/14	<u>Jan. 29/30</u>	
Barbara Lipp	1/14	Gizella Feldman	1/30
Florence Naoah	1/14	Marion Greenspan	1/30
Melvin Bondy	1/15	Joseph Weiss	1/30
Leo Fuchs	1/15	Harry Weissman	1/30
Samuel Gold	1/15	Herman Feld	1/31
Betty Karp	1/15	Charlotte Flax	1/31
Edward Nightingale	1/15	Anna Haft	1/31
Robert Sheffler	1/15	Marvin Lubinsky	1/31
Gussie Zaret	1/15	Charles Silberteim	1/31
		Hugh Bleiweis	2/1
<u>Jan. 15/16</u>		Irving Goldberg	2/1
Sol Borenstein	1/16	Jerome Robinson	2/1
Sara Feinman	1/16	Lena Sanders	2/1
Elaine Fallin	1/16	Morris Sapsowitz	2/1
Jennie Kornreich	1/16	Sylvia Weprin	2/1
Jerry Newman	1/16	Herman Balsam	2/2
Helmut Fuerth	1/17	Mabel Simon	2/2
Elaine Leibowitz	1/17	Barbara Bennett Wernick	2/2
Herman Rosenfeld	1/17	Mollie Honig	2/3
Ephraim Rjuchelman	1/17	Roberta Persky	2/3
Harold Shapiro	1/17	Matilda Schlissel	2/3
Leon Praport	1/18	Eleanor Weinstein	2/3
Yitzkok Shleifer	1/18	Betty Zeidel	2/3
Clara Star	1/18	Harold Lowe	2/4
Belle Vogel	1/18	Esther Weiner	2/4
Jacob Finkelstein	1/19	Irving Sanders	2/5
Johanna Diamont Katz	1/19	Aaron Shifrinson	2/5
Esther Solomon	1/19		

From the Sisterhood Presidium January

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Fun was had by all who participated in our annual Penny Auction/Chanukah meeting. We enjoyed jelly donuts and other delicious desserts and we raised close to \$300! Thank you to everyone who brought prizes to be raffled off and participated in the bidding.

Please join us on January 6, 2016 when we will have a book review of "The Nightingale", written by Kristin Hannah. Many of the Sisterhood members have already read the book and are looking forward to discussing it.

Please remember that our Sisterhood Shabbat will be on Saturday morning, January 16, 2016. If anyone is interested in participating with a Hebrew or English speaking part, please contact Roberta Fachler.

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

Sisterhood

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

2015 - 2016

Temple MEMBERS \$30

NON-TEMPLE MEMBERS \$39

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT REJOINED
SISTERHOOD BY JANUARY 31, 2015 FORFEIT ALL
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22 TUSCARORA CIRCLE
OLD BRIDGE, NEW JERSEY 08857

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IF YOU HAVE A WINTER ADDRESS, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT AS WELL.

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**Please send your checks made payable
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Please include your name, address,
& size of cards you want**

Small cards \$8.00

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Deadline for orders is January 15, 2016

**Please send checks to
Maxine Kaufman
118 Willet Way
West Deptford, New Jersey 08086**



Any questions, please call Maxine at [\(856\) 848-3113](tel:8568483113)

Date: 12/16/15

Name		Amount	Carry Over	Name		Amount	Carry Over
Appel	Wilma	\$52.50		Feder	Barbara	\$29.00	
Aroyo	Elizabeth	\$ 337.88	5.0	Feld	Harriet	\$ 74.50	
Atzbi	Monica	\$ 455.25	36.5	Finkelstein	Meryl	\$ 101.30	
				Fox	Helene	\$ 6.50	
Benish	Linda	\$ 99.25	4.0				
Bernstein	Roberta	\$ 42.50	5.0	Garfinkel	Linda	\$ 143.00	2.0
Birnbaum	Eileen	\$ 78.00		Gasior	Ellen	\$ 5.00	
Bleiweis	Marilyn	\$ 5.00		Gilbarg	Marilyn	\$ 19.00	
Boshak	Rochelle	\$ 15.00		Golden	Elizabeth	\$ 186.25	3.5
Branfman	Ann	\$ 119.50		Goldenberg	Susan	\$ 89.50	1.0
				Greenstein	Barbara	\$ 5.00	
Cadel	Cheryl	\$ 43.00		Grynberg	Helene	\$ 101.50	12.5
Cannata	Susan	\$ 5.00		Gurman	Ruth	\$ 30.00	3.5
Celeste	Alice	\$ 98.00	2.0				
Clark	Lisa	\$ 5.00		Hillman	Pearl	\$ 5.00	4.0
Cohen	Harriet	\$ 43.50	1.0	Honig	Alice	\$ 41.75	
				Honig	Eloise	\$ 8.00	
DeRosa	Rebecca	\$ 5.00		Hyman	Lee	\$ 52.50	
Dietz	Dara						
Donenfeld	Lee	\$ 41.00	1.0	Kagan	Sylvia	\$ 51.00	
				Kamenitz	Marilyn	\$ 16.50	
Edwards	Sue	\$ 82.50		Karlstein	Marilyn	\$ 51.50	3.0
				Karpel	Roberta	\$ 97.50	1.0
Fachler	Roberta	\$ 163.00		Kaufman	Maxine	\$ 117.00	10.0
Falkowitz	Marion	\$ 35.00		Klein	Caroline	\$ 27.00	
				Krieger	Karen	\$ 5.00	

L-Z Liz Aroyo

Date: 12/15/2015

			Carry
Name		Amount	Over
Laddin	Anne	\$5.00	
Lazarowitz	Andrea	\$96.25	6.0
Levenstein	Glenda	\$65.00	
Levine	Helen	\$5.00	
Mason	Lisa	\$5.00	
Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$143.00	9.5
Nadler	Elinor	\$5.00	
Nussenbaum	Vera	\$112.50	2.5
Perlman	Ryselle	\$37.75	
Pincus	Ashna	\$66.50	1.5
Polovsky	Terrie	\$42.00	10.5
Prussack	Zellie	\$21.00	1.5
Rabinowitz	Harriet	\$223.25	15.0
Reinstein	Sheila	\$15.00	
Risman	Ruth	\$56.00	1.0
Rogol	Lysa	\$57.50	
Rosenzweig	Ronnie	\$16.00	
Gray	Ilene	\$99.37	3.0
			44.5

			Carry
Name		Amount	Over
Schlissel	Lenore	\$50.50	1.0
Schlussfeld	Mindy	\$5.00	
Schneider	Barbara	\$176.00	4.5
Schottlander	Hilde	\$142.00	12.0
Shafran	Dorothy	\$150.00	9.0
Seltzer	Karen	\$5.00	
Seidner	Lois	\$12.50	
Silberstein	Joyce	\$37.00	5.0
Silver	Arlene	\$138.25	0.5
Silverman	Sharen	\$202.50	9.5
Simon	Mala	\$75.00	2.0
Simon	Marjorie	\$81.00	1.5
Skupp	Linda	\$198.75	8.5
Sommers	Arlene	\$37.50	
Spiegel	Estee	\$80.00	1.0
Trechak	Marcia	\$534.00	5.0
Ward	Phyllis	\$5.00	
Weiss	Harriet	\$113.00	0.5
Yourman	Edna	\$45.00	
Yourman	Paula	\$158.50	
Zeidner	Lois	\$5.00	
Zussman	Virginia	\$30.00	

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JANUARY 10, 2016

AT CONGREGATION BETH OHR

The January 10th workshop is the last session in a series of four workshops. The workshops are designed for Jewish grandparents with intermarried children to provide them with support in navigating the issues of intermarriage and fostering positive relationships with their grandchildren. There is no charge for this program and it is open to members and non-members of the congregations. The series is being funded through a grant from the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey. Please RSVP to Phyllis Greenberg at [732-257-1523](tel:732-257-1523). Another series of workshops will hopefully be in the spring.



BETH OHR NEWS

- Our sincerest condolences to Seymour Nussenbaum and the entire Nussenbaum family on the loss of our beloved congregant, Vera Nussenbaum. She will be sorely missed.
- Thank you to the members of Men's Club for the singular honor of being awarded the Syd Lustgarten Mensch Award for 2015. As many of you know, I contribute my time and energies to Beth Ohr and to Men's Club because I enjoy doing so and therefore being honored in this way is an unexpected, unnecessary, but much appreciated gift. This is particularly true because the award is given in Syd Lustgarten's name and memory and he was certainly a mensch in the full meaning of the word. As Ed Mendlowitz remarked in presenting the award, we are fortunate to have many members of Men's Club who are deserving of this award because they give selflessly of themselves and they will certainly be recognized for their contributions to Beth Ohr and to Men's Club in the future. Harvey Cohen
- Ashna and Bernie Pincus want to thank our Beth Ohr friends for all of your thoughtful acknowledgements regarding our grandson's Jacob's Bar Mitzvah, Bernie's 80th birthday, and Ashna being chosen as a Torah Fund Benefactor. from our Sisterhood in April. Each of you have a way of touching our hearts.
- The Daytimers would like to thank the following people for helping to make the Chanukah Party a great success. Linda and Allen Skupp, Lee and Ira Donenfeld, Rabbi Mishkin, Elliot Leibowitz, Marty Israel, Harriet Feld, Arlene Silver, Joyce Silberstein, and Phyllis Greenberg.
- Larry and Sue Ross thank everyone who sent good wishes on the recent birth of their grandson.
- Roberta and Eugene Bernstein thank everyone for their good wishes on the birth of their granddaughter Evie Jean.
- Vera and Seymour Nussenbaum thank and express their deepest gratitude to the following people for being so helpful in making their 66th Wedding Anniversary and Vera's 90th Birthday celebration Kiddush lunch so beautiful and meaningful: Marty Israel for being so kind and caring, Roberta and Larry Fachler for seeing that everything ran smoothly in Marty's absence, and to everyone who came to make it such a success. We feel that Congregation Beth Ohr is an extended family.
- Phyllis and Harry Greenberg thanks everyone for all the condolence cards, shiva visits and caring at the loss of our sister and sister in law Lillian Feit.
- Phyllis Greenberg thanks Paula Yourman, Edna Yourman, Anne Branfman Ashna Pincus and Harriet Feld for providing office help while she was out and for all the office assistance when needed.
- The congregation thanks the following people for sponsoring the Kiddush Luncheons during the month of December:
 - December 5— Vera and Seymour Nussenbaum in honor of their 66th Wedding Anniversary and Vera's 90 birthday.
 - December 12 – Dottie and Joe Shafran in honor of Joe chanting the Haftorah
 - December 19—Marty Israel in honor of his grandchildren
 - December 26—Rabbi Mishkin's Discretionary Fund in Honor of the Congregation
- Mazel Tov to Harvey Cohen for being the recipient of the 2nd Annual Syd Lustgarten Mensch Award presented by the Men's Club on December 20, 2015.
- Barbara & Herman Schneider proudly announce the B'nai Mitzvah of their grandsons Benjamin and Zachary on 1/9/16. Parents are Stefanie and Marc Schneider.

Tree of Life

Sara Feinman before she died asked her daughter, Helen Levine, to make arrangements to have leaves placed on the Tree of Life for all her grandchildren.

The following leaves have been placed on our Tree of Life for the month of December according to Sara's wishes:

**In Honor of
Jennifer and Stephen Feinman
Nicholas, Hannah & Allison**

**In Honor of
Jennifer & Ryan Marshall
Dylan & Lucas**

**In Honor of
Shari & Richard Hecht
and Jason**

**In Honor of
Deborah & William Deans
Joshua & Jessica**

**In Honor of
Tammy & Chad Safran
Mason & Gabriel**

**In Honor of
Jon & Maya Levine**

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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 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 _____

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
Lenore Linder Youth Fund
Larry & Ida Vogel Memorial Fund
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Herman & Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund
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***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.

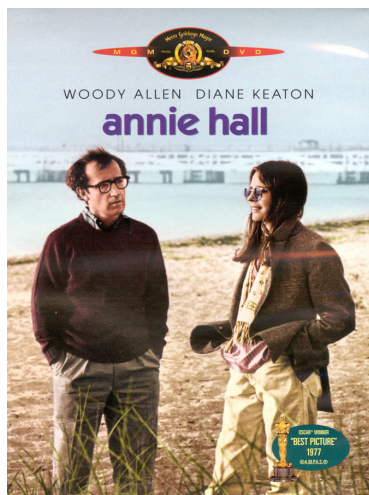
CONGREGATION BETH OHR DAYTIMERS

PRESENTS

SYDNEY LUSTGARTEN DAYTIMERS FILM FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016

ANNIE HALL



Please join us at Beth Ohr (1:00 PM) for a screening of *Annie Hall*. Mitchell Lustgarten, (Syd's son) will introduce the film. Rebecca DeRosa (Syd's granddaughter) will also be in attendance.

Annie Hall is a 1977 American romantic comedy-drama film directed by Woody Allen.

The film explores the nature of love, sexuality, and Jewish identity. The film stars Woody Allen as Alvy Singer, who tries to figure out the reasons for the failure of his relationship with Annie, played by Diane Keaton. The film received widespread critical acclaim, including the Academy Award for Best Picture, Best Director (Woody Allen), Best Actress (Diane Keaton), and Best Original Screenplay (Woody Allen and Marshall Brickman). The film is included on American Film

Institute's list of top 100 films in American cinema, and is also listed by critics as one of the most important films in the history of Jewish cinema.

The screening will be followed by coffee and cake.

ANNUAL WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Please bring in coats, hats, gloves, etc., and drop them off in the box in the lobby. Your donations will help keep families warm throughout the winter months. Thank you in advance for your kind donations. Any questions, please call Ira Donenfeld at [732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652).



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This opportunity to thank Ken and Dara Deitz for their
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**Ken and Dara Deitz have been supplying us with our paper goods
needs for many years and Beth Ohr appreciates all that they
do for us.**

Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be

Noon, Wednesday, January 15, 2015

Please send all of your thank you, articles
and announcements via e-mail to:

congregationbethohr@gmail.com

or call

Phyllis in the Synagogue office at 732-257-1523

“Ritually Speaking”

If you are interested in sponsoring a Kiddush to celebrate a simcha, commemorate the Yahrzeit of a loved one, or “just because”, contact Phyllis in the office at 732-257-1523.

Sisterhood is selling

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

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

Rabbi Mishkin’s Contact Numbers

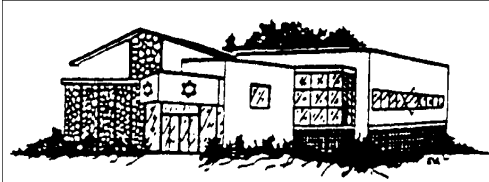
If you need to reach Rabbi Mishkin, please use any of the following phone numbers:

Office Phone # 732-257-7031

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

e-mail address: rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com

Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.



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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For January



January 1	4:24
January 8	4:30
January 15	4:38
January 22	4:46
January 29	4:54