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Hanuk-

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(Hebrew: חֲנֻכָּה, usually spelled חנוכה pronounced [χanu'ka] in Modern Hebrew, also Romanized as Chanukah or Chanukah), also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple (the Second Temple) in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt of the 2nd century BCE. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, which may occur at any time from late November to late December in the Gregorian calendar. This year Hanukkah begins at sunset on December 6, and ends on December 14.

Menorah lighting was instituted in order to announce to the entire world that G-d makes miracles for those who stand up for truth and justice. The Chanukah lights can either be candle flames or oil-fueled. The eight candles of the menorah must be arranged in a straight, even line. The candles should burn for at least 30 minutes on weeknights, and up to one-and-a-half hours on Friday evening.

The Shamash - the "attendant" candle that is used to kindle the other lights - sits a bit higher or lower than the other candles, on the ninth branch of the menorah. Men and women alike are obligated to participate in the menorah lighting.

You can set up the menorah in a central doorway or on a windowsill facing the street. On Friday night, the menorah is lit before sunset, and on Saturday night, it is lit after nightfall. Since oil played a significant role in the Chanukah story, it is traditional to enjoy oily foods on this holiday. Among the most popular are potato *latkes* (pancakes) and *sufganiot* (deep-fried doughnuts).

Instructions for Lighting the Menorah

1. Arrange the lights on the menorah. On the first night, set one candle to the far right of the menorah. On the following night, add a second light to the left of the first one, and then add one light each night of Chanukah - moving from right to left.
2. Gather everyone in the house around the menorah.
3. Light the Shamash candle. Then hold it in your right hand (unless you are left-handed).
4. While standing, recite the appropriate blessings.
5. Light the candles. Each night, light the newest (left-most) candle first and continue lighting from left to right.

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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

Tue Dec 1	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00 AM
	Grandparents Circle	7:30 PM
Wed Dec 2	Spanish Class	11:00 AM
	Sisterhood Membership/Penny Auction	7:30 PM
Thur Dec 3	Hebrew Class	11:00 AM
Fri Dec 4	Friday Evening Services Followed by Oneg Shabbat	7:30 PM
Sat Dec 5	Shabbat Morning Services and Dedication of Chumashim followed by Kiddush Lunch sponsored by Vera and Seymour Nussenbaum in Honor of their 66th Wedding Anniversary and Vera's 90th Birthday	9:30 AM
Sun Dec 6	Men's Club Minyan followed by Men's Club Breakfast First Night Chanukah	9:00 AM
Mon Dec 7	First Day Chanukah	
Tues Dec 8	Rabbi's Jewish Practices and Customs Class	7:30 PM
Wed Dec 9	Spanish Class	11:00 AM
Thurs Dec 10	Hebrew Class	11:00 AM
	Daytimers Triple Header: Chanukah Celebration, Paid-Up-Luncheon and Annual Meeting	12:30 PM
Fri Dec 11	Friday night Services Followed by Oneg Shabbat	7:30 PM
Sat Dec 12	Shabbat morning Services Followed by Kiddush Lunch	9:30 AM
Sun Dec 13	Men's Club Services Followed by Breakfast	9:00 AM
Tues Dec 15	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00 AM
Wed Dec 16	Spanish Class	11:00 AM
Thur Dec 17	Hebrew Class	11:00 AM
	Synagogue Board Meeting	
Fri Dec 18	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Dec 19	Saturday Morning Services	9:30 AM
Sun Dec 20	Men's Club Services Followed by Breakfast	9:00 AM
Tues Dec 22	Rabbi's Jewish Customs and Practices	7:30 PM
Wed Dec 23	Spanish Class	11:00 AM
Thur Dec 24	Hebrew Class	11:00 AM
Fri Dec 25	Friday Evening Services	7:30 PM
Sat Dec 26	Saturday Morning Services	9:30 AM
Sun Dec 27	Men's Club Services Followed by Breakfast	9:00 AM

Rabbi Mishkin's Message

The Blessings of the Grandparents Circle



The warmer weather of this December postponed the inevitable feeling that Hanukah will soon be upon us. However marketing efforts soon shall remind us that this is a time of year when the world at large turns its attention to holidays that celebrate the joy of light, Hanukah and Christmas. The interplay between these two holidays and the possible tension that might accompany their observances within the family unit is just one of the many important issues discussed at a series of workshops that Congregation Beth Ohr and Congregation Beth Mordecai offered to the broader Jewish community of New Jersey.

The Grandparents Circle was designed to enable participants to explore the issues they face at home and in synagogues with their grandchildren from intermarried relationships and is funded by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.

Both Rabbi Saks and I have been deeply impressed and heartened by the number of participants and the serious contemplation of those topics discussed at these workshops. While the contents remains largely confidential I am certain that if you know of anyone who is taking this program they will tell you how uniquely important the sessions have been for themselves and for other attendees. In light of this we wish to offer a second series of workshops to a new group of interested participants in the spring of 2016.

Please let Phyllis know if you would like to take part in the Grandparents Circle this spring. There is no charge for these programs but you must register in advance.

President's Message



As we just finished celebrating Thanksgiving and will soon be lighting the Menorah for Chanukah, enjoy the time you spend with your families. In these times of uncertainty in the world, we are so lucky to have our freedoms.

On Saturday December 5th during Shabbat morning services, we will dedicate the new Etz Chaim Chumashim. It is a very appropriate time as the first night of Chanukah (holiday of rededication of the Temple) begins Sunday evening December 6th.

As winter approaches I urge congregants to participate in our Friday night, Shabbat morning, and Sunday morning services. A number of our members will be in Florida for the winter. Come pray with your Beth Ohr family where you are welcomed with open arms, spiritually-lifted, and well-fed.

I also suggest that you sponsor a Kiddush on Shabbat morning to honor a special birthday, wedding anniversary, Bar/Bat Mitzvah anniversary, or Yahrzeit. Also think about purchasing a leaf for our Tree of Life (a bargain at \$118) to recognize a special life cycle event in your family.

As holiday music plays on the radio in December, we can all look forward to hearing the 2015 version of Adam Sandler's Chanukah Song.

Harriet and I, along with our children and grandson, wish you all a Happy Happy Happy Happy Chanukah!

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

The top row photos are from the Joint Daytimers' and Men's Club Program with Scholar in Residence Rabbi Ethan Seidel sponsored by the Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund . Shown is Harvey Cohen with Rabbi Mishkin and Rabbi Seidel. Next is Rabbi Seidel speaking and the sign in front of the Shul.

The 2nd row shows a pre Thanksgiving Day Atlantic City trip with Bob Weiss, Dan Grynberg, Bob Zussman, Ed Mendlowitz, Ken Kaufman and Andy Mendlowitz. Next is an elevator sign at the Borgata that wishes the occupants "Good Luck" in Hebrew and the logo from a R.O.M.E.O. lunch group Tee Shirt.

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

Dec 6—Gift Book Sunday: Everyone attending the Minyan will receive a free book.

Dec 13—2nd Annual Sydney Lustgarten Men's Club Mensch Award

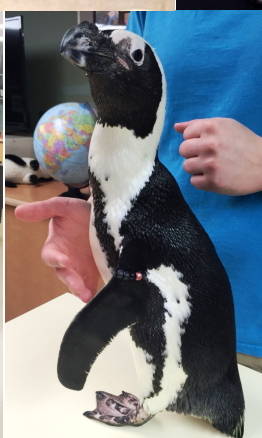
Jan 31, 2016—Ed Mendlowitz' 36th Annual Financial Program following Minyan and Bagel Breakfast

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



Connie Francis Daniel Grynberg

Activities, Friendships, Camaraderie and Fun

Top row: Cantor **Jennifer Rollnick** graced Beth Ohr with a wonderful musical Friday Night and Shabbat service on Nov 6 and 7. The program was sponsored by the David Benish Memorial Fund. Under that is a Summer photo of **Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz** vacationing at the Portsmouth NH Harbor. The photo to the right shows the Wedding Chuppah of **Cindy and Gary Yourman** followed by a wedding photo of **Bob and Diane Lipp**. Mazel Tov and Congrats to the newly weds.

The bottom row shows part of the group at the Daytimers' Jenkinson's Aquarium program and the mascot Shad-ows. The last photo is a photo of a young **Dan Grynberg** with Connie Francis.

UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

For Entire Congregation

MEN'S CLUB GIFT BOOK SUNDAY DEC 6, 2015

At the end of the Minyan during the "ANNOUNCEMENTS" Ed will present everyone attending the Minyan with a FREE hard cover ArtScroll Jewish book for their home library. This will be the seventh year of this tradition. Come, enjoy the Minyan and then have breakfast with us.

2nd Annual Sydney Lustgarten Men's Club Mensch Award on Sunday Dec 13, 2015



Last year we started a tradition by presenting Sydney Lustgarten with the First Men's Club Mensch of the Year Award. It was immediately renamed the "Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award."

This was made possible by Syd's long time friend Professor Milt Heumann who arranged for generous funding from the Lawrence Schacht Foundation which endowed the award for ten years.

The presentation will be made after the breakfast at 10:15.

Shown is Sydney receiving the award from Milt.

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 public 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.

Men's Club Movie Roles with Cool Actors and Beautiful Actresses

Here are 5 selections. They are not presented in order of importance.

Send Ed your choices for the next Newsletter.

From Dan Grynberg		From Bob Weiss	
<u>Male Actors</u>	<u>Movie</u>	<u>Male Actors</u>	<u>Movie</u>
Robert Redford	Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid	Paul Newman	Somebody Up There Likes Me
Peter O'Toole	Lawrence of Arabia	Peter O'Toole	Lawrence of Arabia
Rock Hudson	Giant	Gregory Peck	To Kill a Mocking Bird
Clint Eastwood	Gran Torino	Henry Fonda	Mr. Roberts
Richard Burton	Cleopatra	Leonardo DiCaprio	Titanic
Paul Newman	The Hustler	Liam Neeson	Taken
Al Pacino	The Godfather	Al Pacino	The Godfather
Marlon Brando	Street Car Named Desire	Marlon Brando	The Godfather
George Clooney	The Perfect Storm	Robert De Niro	The Godfather
Robert De Niro	Raging Bull	Matt Damon	Good Will Hunting
<u>Female Actresses</u>	<u>Movie</u>	<u>Female Actresses</u>	<u>Movie</u>
Elizabeth Taylor	Butterfield 8	Elizabeth Taylor	Cleopatra
Audrey Hepburn	My Fair Lady	Audrey Hepburn	My Fair Lady
Julie Andrews	The Sound of Music	Bo Derek	Ten
Ingrid Bergman	Casablanca	Ingrid Bergman	Anastasia
Sharon Stone	Basic Instinct	Judy Garland	A Star is Born
Marilyn Monroe	Some Like it Hot	Marilyn Monroe	Some Like it Hot
Sophia Loren	Grumpy Old Men	Sophia Loren	Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
Olivia Newton John	Grease	Scarlett Johansson	Lucy
Farrah Fawcett-Majors	Charlie's Angels	Vivian Leigh	Gone With the Wind
Natalie Wood	West Side Story	Julia Roberts	Pretty Woman
From Andy Mendlowitz			
<u>Male Actors</u>	<u>Movie</u>	<u>Male Actors</u>	<u>Movie</u>
Tom Robbins/Morgan Freeman	Shawshank Redemption	Woody Allen	Annie Hall
Brad Pitt	The Curious Case of Benjamin Button	Robert Redford/Al Pacino	All The President's Men
Denzel Washington	Pelican Brief	Kevin Costner	Field of Dreams
James Stewart	It's a Wonderful Life	Tom Cruise	A Few Good Men
Richard Harris	Camelot	Bruce Lee	Enter The Dragon
Paul Newman	The Hustler	Edward Norton	Fight Club
Al Pacino/Robert De Niro	The Godfather	Matt Damon	All 3 Bourne movies/Good Will Hunting
Marlon Brando	On the Waterfront	Kevin Spacey	The Usual Suspects
Richard Gere	Pretty Woman	Sylvester Stallone	Rocky
Steve McQueen	Thomas Crown Affair	Robin Williams	Dead Poets Society
<u>Female Actresses</u>	<u>Movie</u>	<u>Female Actresses</u>	<u>Movie</u>
Julia Roberts	Erin Brokovich	Mia Farrow	Rosemary's Baby
Debbie Reynolds	Singing in the Rain	Carrie Fisher	Star Wars movies
Julie Andrews	Ten	Jodie Foster	The Silence of the Lambs
Ingrid Bergman	Casablanca	Whitney Houston	The Bodyguard
Kim Novak	Picnic	Kate Hudson	Almost Famous
Marilyn Monroe	Seven Year Itch	Diane Keaton	Annie Hall
Vanessa Redgrave	Camelot	Julia Roberts	The Pelican Brief
Kate Winslet	Titanic	Winona Ryder	Reality Bites
Faye Dunaway	Thomas Crown Affair	Ally Sheedy	The Breakfast Club
Natalie Wood	West Side Story	Uma Thurman	Pulp Fiction

From Joe Shafran		From Ken Kaufman	
Male Actors	Movie	Male Actors	Movie
Jack Nicholson	One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest	Yul Brenner	Magnificent Seven
Gregory Peck	The Guns of Navarone	Steve McQueen	Great Escape & Cincinnati Kid
Paul Newman	The Sting	Paul Newman	The Hustler
Robert Redford	Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid	Al Pacino	Scent of a Woman
Steve McQueen	The Thomas Crown Affair	Tony Curtis	Operation Petticoat
Kevin Kline	Silverado	Elvis Presley	Viva Las Vegas
William Holden	The Bridge on the River Kwai	Frank Sinatra	Guys and Dolls
Peter O'Toole	The Lion in Winter	Burt Reynolds	Smokey and the Bandit
Tom Hanks	Sleepless in Seattle	Clint Eastwood	Unforgiven & Dirty Harry
Alec Guinness	The Captain's Paradise	Tom Cruise	Risky Business
Rock Hudson	Magnificent Obsession		
Female Actresses	Movie	Female Actresses	Movie
Julie Andrews	The Sound of Music	Helen Hunt	As Good As It Gets
Sandra Bullock	Speed	Sophia Loren	Two Women
Cher	Moonstruck	Doris Day	Pillow Talk
Catherine Deneuve	The Umbrellas of Cherbourg	Daryl Hanna	Splash
Jane Fonda	Klute	Sandra Bullock	Miss Congeniality
Melanie Griffith	Working Girl	Julia Roberts	Erin Brockovich
Greer Garson	Mrs. Miniver	Elizabeth Taylor	Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf
Julia Roberts	Pretty Woman	Audrey Hepburn	Roman Holiday
Goldie Hawn	The Sugarland Express	Mary Tyler Moore	Ordinary People
Diane Keaton	Annie Hall	Julie Andrews	The Sound Of Music

The 30 Most Beautiful Female Movie Stars of All Time

Beauty is, and will always remain, a subjective matter. Thus will this page only mirror my personal opinion on the matter. However, as with every other valuation done on this site, I have tried to stay broad-sighted and universal. For actresses to be included on this page, they must have a history of distinguished or notably commercial appearances in cinema. I have tried to move my attention across the nations, although Hollywood are undoubtedly greatly favoured. Comments on this article, are sincerely welcome via e-mail.

* Gena Rowlands

1 Elizabeth Taylor

Unfortunately, for today's youths, Elizabeth Taylor is known mainly for her way-to-good-hearted supporting of Michael Jackson (in his many struggles). Although still good looking, her many surgical encroachments has wiped out one of her main assets of her younger face – the natural appearance of her beauty. Watching her in *A Place in the Sun*, *The Giant* or *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, distances her from any other actress when it comes to beauty.

The 33 Most Handsome Male Movie Stars of All Time

WELCOME TO THE UPDATED 2015 VERSION OF THE FRESHFILMS' 33 MOST HANDSOME MALE MOVIE STARS OF ALL TIME. THE ORIGINAL VERSION WAS FIRST PRESENTED AT THIS SITE IN 1999, AND FIFTEEN YEARS ON - WE FELT THE NEED TO REVISE THE LIST. POLITICAL CORRECTNESS IS NOT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION - PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS IS ONE PERSON'S OPINIONS BEFORE GETTING YOURSELF TOO WORKED UP. ENJOY, AND FEEL FREE TO SEND ME YOUR COMMENTS.

33 Jeff Goldblum

With a lanky body, pointy ears and bulging lips, Jeff Goldblum represents an untraditional form of handsome at the start of our list. But his wildness and pondering eyes make him irresistibly fascinating – even as a young and chic rapist in his first feature.

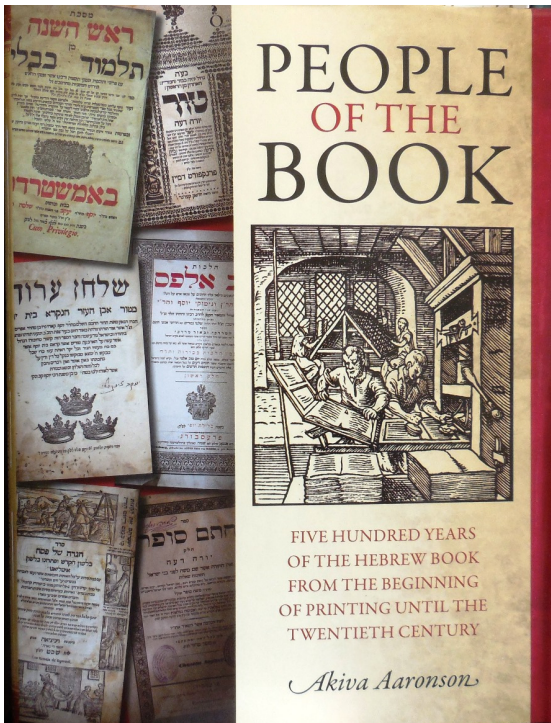
BORN 1952 (57 years)
 NATIONALITY American
 BEAUTY PEAK 1970s
 POS. 1999
 BEST FEATURE His killer smile and bronze skin
 FILM CHOICE *Death Wish (1974)*

Links to a listing of best actresses and actors are:

<http://www.thefreshfilms.com/actors/30female.htm>

<http://www.thefreshfilms.com/actors/30male.htm>

Gift for Shabbat Services Attendees



People that attended Jul 19 and/or Jul 25, 2015 Shabbat Service
when Rabbi Mishkin was on vacation and Joe and Ed did Dvar Torahs
23 Books to be distributed at a Sunday Minyan in December

Allen	Appel	Bernie	Pincus
Ann	Branfman	Ashna	Pincus
Harold	Cohen	Terrie	Polovsky
Ira	Donenfeld	Phil	Rabinowitz
Roberta	Fachler	Harriet	Rabinowitz
Larry	Fachler	Chuck	Rogol
Seymour	Golden	Lysa	Rogol
David	Honig	Joe	Shafran
Marty	Israel	Joyce	Silberstein
Elliot	Leibowitz	Paul	Singer
Ed	Mendlowitz	Martin	Tyberg
Ronnie	Mendlowitz	Bob	Weiss
Andy	Mendlowitz	Fortune	Wurtzel
Bob	Nagler		

If you were at one of the services and were omitted from list, please let Ed know

Claim your gift at a Sunday Minyan in December

BETH OHR MEMBER INFORMATION

Congregation Beth Ohr
Journal Dinner Dance
Sunday June 5, 2016 at Beth Ohr

Honoring

ALICE & DAVID HONIG
RYSELLE & 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 &
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**ALICE & DAVID HONIG
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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

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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
 Following are two newspaper articles about our founding.



WOODCHOPPERS BALL—Members of the Madison Township Jewish Community Center, Congregation Beth Ohr, fell trees to clear the way for the stringing of power lines into the first stage of the new Jewish Community Center, background. Left to right, are Hyman Cohen, center president; Maurice Fogatison, a member; Alan Reff, secretary; Paul Stuart, cantor, and Hy Sadd, past president and Board of Education chairmann.

Center Nears Completion

MADISON TOWNSHIP—A four-year struggle for a place of worship and meeting comes to an end for over 230 members of the Jewish Community Center, Congregation Beth Ohr, when the first stage of their new Jewish Community Center opens next month.

It is the first Jewish Community Center in the history of the township and is the culmination of a series of fund raising drives, planning and voluntary contributions by members of the congregation.

Broke Ground

Started in 1956, the dreams of the then-limited membership took tangible form when township and congregation leaders gathered on a rainy Sunday last April 28 to break ground for the new building site off Route 18.

Perhaps symptomatic of the determination that has characterized worshipping mankind throughout the history of humanity was the refusal of the congregation to have its ardor dampened by the spring downpour which greeted the ceremony.

Undaunted, the official group retired to the nearby Madison Park Fire House. A bucket of

earth from the site was brought in and the ceremonies went off as planned. Ground was broken and now members of the congregation are planning a dedication of the first stage of the building to be held late this month.

To prepare for the opening, members of the congregation are busy painting, laying flooring, putting in ceiling tiles and decorating the interior.

Men of the congregation have felled trees on the building site to clear the way for the installation of power lines into the building.

Modern Design

When completed, the structure will be a split level affair, designed along simple, modern lines.

The first stage includes six classrooms and a larger meeting room, a kitchen and an office for the use of Rabbi Mendel Abrams, spiritual leader of the congregation. A larger banquet-size room will comprise most of the upper level.

The regular Friday services now being held in the Madison Park School will be transferred to the new building. When finished, it will also be used for Hebrew classes, meetings and social functions.

Rabbi Abrams Is Named Beth Ohr Spiritual Leader

The Jewish Community Center of Madison Township, Congregation Beth Ohr, announces that Rabbi Mendel Abrams has been retained as its spiritual leader and director of Religious and Hebrew Education.

The new Rabbi comes from Minneapolis, Minn. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Minnesota in 1956. At present, Rabbi Abrams is a Junior in the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City.

His Judaic activities are varied. The Rabbi has served as Director of Youth Activities in both Adath Jeshurum Synagogue and B'nai Abram Synagogue of Minneapolis. He also served on the staff at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, Camp Cejwin in Port Jervis, N. Y., and the B'nai B'rith Camp in Starlight, Pa.

Rabbi Abrams was chaplain at Camp Mohican this past summer in Blainstown, and has also officiated at a number of synagogues throughout the East including Congregation Beth El in Asbury Park. He was a member of the teaching staff of the Jewish Community Center of West Hempstead, Long Island for two years, and is also a member of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation on the Campus of the University of Minnesota as well as Coordinator of Religious Activities.

Mrs. Abrams has a bachelor of science degree in education from Temple University in Philadelphia and was past Philadelphia region president of the Student Zionist Organization.

With the High Holy Days approaching, Rabbi Abrams wishes to convey the following message to each and all as a means of a clearer understanding of Hebrew Heritage.

"Days Of Awe"

The three words "Days of Awe" seems to carry with them the full emotional and psychological feeling that enters into the heart of every Jew at this our most holy and solemn season of the year. For it is a time when the Hebrew people are called upon to perform the hardest task life has to offer; that of introspection.



RABBI MENDEL ABRAMS

Each member of the Jewish community privately assesses his actions and deeds during the year past. Only in such a manner can he weigh himself on the scales of Justice before his Maker as he was commanded to do. Of all the wrongs committed, knowingly or unknowingly, the Jew faces his God and says, "I have sinned before Thee. Help me, O Lord, and guide me that in the year to come I may be a little better human being and so help to bring myself, and by my example, others nearer to Thee."

Our Rabbis tell us that for each sin committed against our God directly, His mercifulness will pardon if our penitence is sincere. But sins that are committed against another human being cannot be atoned for in such a way. For until the Jew has asked forgiveness from his wronged fellow he cannot approach God to ask for mercy. Once he has requested the understanding and pardon of the injured party concerned, he may then approach God for ultimate Forgiveness.

We are told that if a person asks forgiveness from his Maker and then repeats the same sin again, his self-affliction has gained him nothing. It is also written that, on the New Year (Rosh Ha-Shanah in Hebrew) each person passes before God as sheep pass under the staff of the shepherd. It is then that God judges deeds, weighs them together with repentance, and decides our fate for the coming year.

September 1960

The Chanukah Blessings (Continued from Page 1)

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner shel Chanukah.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem bi-z'man ha-zeh.

[Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light. Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.]

On the first night of Chanukah, Sunday night, December 6, 2015 add the following blessing:

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-olam she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

[Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.]

After you finish kindling the menorah lights, place the *shamash* candle in its designated place on the menorah. At this point it is traditional to sing Chanukah hymns such as Maoz Tzur.

DAYTIMERS NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10: A TRIPLE HEADER - CHANUKAH CELEBRATION, PAID-UP LUNCHEON, AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Daytimers triple header at Beth Ohr will begin at 12:30 p.m. We will have a brief business meeting and plan our events for the year.

The annual meeting will be followed by our paid-up luncheon. Membership dues will be collected at the meeting. The luncheon cost for non-members is \$12.00.

The Daytimers triple header will conclude with our Chanukah celebration. We will light the Chanukah candles. Elliot Leibowitz will serenade us with a piano medley of Chanukah music, and we will have a sing-along of Chanukah songs. We will also play Gift Card Bingo and have a free raffle. It is not necessary to bring a gift.

For an afternoon of good food, fun, and surprises, please RSVP to Linda ([732-251-0447](tel:732-251-0447)) or Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) by Sunday, December 6.

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.

ETZ CHAIM CHUMASH

On Saturday, December 5, 2015, we will dedicate the new Etz Chaim Chumashim.

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**. We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

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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 deceased. Please call Phyllis Greenberg in the Synagogue Office 732-257-1523 for further details

December 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>Dec 4/5</u>		<u>Dec 18/19 (continued)</u>	
Beckie Ehrenworth	12/5	Katie Waldman	12/19
Morris Silver	12/6	Hyman Wexlin	12/19
David Abstender	12/7	William Zarfes	12/19
Morris Erlish	12/7	Ray Cimring	12/20
Benny Praport	12/7	Sam Heimlich	12/20
Leonard Apploff	12/8	Benjamin Noah	12/20
Howard Gray	12/8	Sally Posner	12/20
Bertha Ullmann	12/8	Peggy Clark	12/21
Joyce Ellen Weiss	12/8	Joseph Fusfeid	12/21
Leibe Bernstein	12/9	Arthur Meyers	12/21
Alec Goldberg	12/9	Yetta Silverstein	12/21
Ruth Masher	12/9	Charles Albertson	12/22
Mary Berkowitz	12/10	Otto Elkan	12/22
Ralph Betesh	12/10	Isadore Feinman	12/22
Sylvia Hochheiser	12/10	Leo Greenstein	12/22
Esther Ruth Nadler	12/10	Miriam Lieberman	12/22
Pauline Stern	12/10	Dora Geller	12/23
Herman Waxenberg	12/10	Milly Golden	12/23
Gertrude Bier	12/11	Fannie Sass	12/23
Murray Rosencranz	12/11	Anna Wishnia	12/23
	<u>Dec 11/12</u>	Samuel Branner	12/24
Jules Burns	12/12	Gussie Goldberg	12/24
Sylvia Shulman	12/12	Mindy Nightingale	12/24
June Bienstock	12/13	Abraham Block	12/25
Sam Morris	12/13	Sharon Gallo	12/25
Sidney Segal	12/13	Esther Moss	12/25
Milton Shumer	12/13	Lillian Sofan	12/25
Nathan Ehrenworth	12/14		
Charles Friedman	12/14	<u>Dec 25/26</u>	
Aim Grayewsky	12/14	Tessie Davis	12/26
Donald Lipp	12/14	Eleanor Schneider	12/26
George Weiss	12/14	Miriam Waxenberg	12/26
Betty Appel	12/15	Sidney Bienenfeld	12/27
Fred Kanig	12/15	Paul Kaminsky	12/27
Ralph Wishnia	12/15	Rose Rosenblum	12/27
Thelma Baron	12/16	Morty Gailin	12/28
Eva Blumenthal	12/16	William Greenspan	12/28
Paul Epstein	12/16	Lillian Simkin	12/28
Emil Goldstein	12/16	Esther Solomon	12/28
Rosalie Albaum	12/17	Beckie Tischler	12/29
Tenney Egers	12/17	Morris Akronowitz	12/30
Paul Kalefsky	12/17	Sonia Feinman	12/30
Libby Krutoy	12/17	Erich Hollander	12/30
Aaron Persky	12/17	Yetta Kaminsky	12/30
Irving Gordon	12/18	Robert Lionheart	12/30
Philip Wolpert	12/18	Manny Friedman	12/31
	<u>Dec 18, 19</u>	Howard Pfeffer	12/31
Alfred Feld	12/19	Sadie Rankowitz	12/31
Louis Moss	12/19	Jacob Shulman	12/31
Naomi Strassberg	12/19	Lillian Warshofsky	12/31
		Mary Blitzstein	1/1/
		Floyd Shumer	1/1/

From the Sisterhood Presidium December and January

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Our annual Sisterhood Paid up Supperette on December 4th was lovely and very well attended. The food was delicious and the entertainment by Hayley Samuels was delightful. Thank you to Roberta Karpel and your committee for all your hard work to make this evening such a success! We welcomed our newest members to our organization and the rest of the members reaffirmed their commitment to our Sisterhood. An announcement was made that Ashna Pincus would become the new Torah Fund Benefactor Honoree. Congratulations to Ashna for this well deserved honor!

Please join us on December 2nd for our annual Penny Auction. Don't forget to bring a \$5.00 to \$10.00 wrapped gift to be auctioned off at the meeting.

Also, join us on January 6, 2016 for an exciting sisterhood membership meeting.

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.

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**NON-TEMPLE MEMBERS \$39*

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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

Large cards \$9.00



Date: 11/16/15

		Carry					Carry		
Name		Amount	Over		Name	Amount	Over		
Appel	Wilma	\$47.50			Feder	Barbara	\$24.00		
Aroyo	Elizabeth	\$ 310.38	5.0		Feld	Harriet	\$ 54.50		
Atzbi	Estee	\$ 65.00	1.0		Finkelstein	Meryl	\$ 80.00		
Atzbi	Monica	\$ 365.25	36.5		Fox	Helene	\$ 1.50		
Benish	Linda	\$ 84.25	4.0		Garfinkel	Linda	\$ 108.00	2.0	
Bernstein	Roberta	\$ 27.50	5.0		Gasior	Ellen			
Birnbaum	Eileen	\$ 45.00			Gilbarg	Marilyn			
Bleiweis	Marilyn				Golden	Elizabeth	\$ 163.75	3.5	
Boshak	Rochelle	\$ 10.00			Goldenberg	Susan	\$ 84.50	1.0	
Branfman	Ann	\$ 99.50			Greenstein	Barbara			
					Grynberg	Helene	\$ 96.50	12.5	
Cadel	Cheryl	\$ 38.00			Gurman	Ruth	\$ 25.00	3.5	
Cannata	Susan								
Celeste	Alice	\$ 93.00	2.0		Hillman	Pearl		4.0	
Clark	Lisa				Honig	Alice	\$ 41.75		
Cohen	Harriet	\$ 26.50	1.0		Honig	Eloise	\$ 3.00		
					Hyman	Lee	\$ 47.50		
Dietz	Dara								
Donenfeld	Lee	\$ 22.00	1.0		Kagan	Sylvia	\$ 35.50		
					Karlstein	Marilyn	\$ 46.50	3.0	
Edwards	Sue	\$ 65.50			Karpel	Roberta	\$ 72.50	1.0	
					Kaufman	Maxine	\$ 100.00	10.0	
Fachler	Roberta	\$ 135.00			Klein	Caroline	\$ 10.00		
Falkowitz	Marion	\$ 30.00							

L-Z Liz Aroyo

Date: 11/13/2015

			Carry
Name		Amount	Over
Laddin	Anne		
Lazarowitz	Andrea	\$81.25	6.0
Levenstein	Glenda	\$45.00	
Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$110.00	9.5
Nadler	Elinor		
Nussenbaum	Vera	\$83.50	2.5
Perlman	Ryselle	\$16.75	
Pincus	Ashna	\$61.50	1.5
Polovsky	Terrie	\$25.00	10.5
Prussack	Zellie		1.5
Rabinowitz	Harriet	\$192.25	15.0
Reinstein	Sheila	\$10.00	
Risman	Ruth	\$37.00	1.0
Rogol	Lysa	\$37.50	
Rosenzweig	Ronnie		
Gray	Ilene	\$94.37	3.0
			44.5

			Carry
Name		Amount	Over
Schlissel	Lenore	\$45.50	1.0
Schlussfeld	Mindy		
Schneider	Barbara	\$138.00	4.5
Schottlander	Hilde	\$103.00	12.0
Shafran	Dorothy	\$125.00	9.0
Seltzer	Karen		
Seidner	Lois	\$12.50	
Silberstein	Joyce	\$15.00	5.0
Silver	Arlene	\$110.25	0.5
Silverman	Sharen	\$160.50	9.5
Simon	Mala	\$60.00	2.0
Simon	Marjorie	\$55.00	1.5
Skupp	Linda	\$183.75	8.5
Sommers	Arlene	\$12.50	
Trechak	Marcia	\$484.00	5.0
Ward	Phyllis		
Weiss	Harriet	\$105.00	0.5
Yourman	Edna	\$20.00	
Yourman	Paula	\$138.50	
Zeller	Kay		
Zussman	Virginia	\$25.00	

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DECEMBER 1, 2015
JANUARY 10, 2016
AT CONGREGATION BETH OHR

On December 1st we have added a fourth session in a series of three programs, entitled, "The December Dilemma." The workshops are designed for Jewish grandparents with intermarried children to provide them with support and information especially during the holidays, 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).



- If anyone wants to have a message go out on the Sisterhood telephone squad, please contact Paula Yourman.
- Helen and Ben Levine want to take this opportunity to thank everyone at their Beth Ohr family for all the cards, tributes and bricks donated in honor of their granddaughter, Jessica Dean's Bar Mitzvah. "We feel the love coming from the members of Congregation Beth Ohr".
- Happy 90th Birthday to Vera Nussbaum and to Seymour and Vera Nussbaum Happy 66th Wedding Anniversary.
- Roberta and Eugene Bernstein proudly announce the birth of a granddaughter, Evie Jean. Parents are Scott & Jen Bernstein.
- Thank you Edna Yourman, Paula Yourman, Terri Polovsky, Ann Branfman, Marty Israel and Ilene Gray for helping in the office .
- Elliot Liebowitz wants to take this opportunity to thank everyone who visited him while in rehab.
- Paula Yourman sends her love and wants to thank everyone for the Mazel Tov wishes she received on the occasion of her son Gary's marriage to Cindy Flank on November 17, 2015. The response was overwhelming.

She wants to extend a special thanks to Rabbi Mishkin for officiating at the ceremony.

She also wants to extend a special thanks to Marty Israel, Larry Fachler, Ann Branfman, and Arlene Silver, Linda Skupp and Edna Yourman for all their help in preparation for Gary and Cindy's Aufruf.

- Barbara Schneider thanks everyone for their good wishes and for attending her celebration at the Kiddush lunch in her honor on her 75th birthday following services on October 31, 2015
- Ashna & Bernie Pincus proudly announce the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jacob on November 21, 2015.
- Monica & Mark Atzbi proudly announce the marriage of their daughter Estee to Brendan Spiegel on November 22, 2015.
- Estee Atzbi proudly announces her marriage to Brendan Spiegel on November 22, 2015.
- Rochelle and Jack Boshak proudly announces the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Maya Jenny on December 2, 2015. Parents are Toby & Paul
- Mazel Tov to Ashna Pincus for the honor of **SISTERHOOD CONGREGATION BETH OHR TORAH FUND BENEFACTOR 2015-2016**
- Susan & Larry Ross announce the birth of a grandson, Agustin Roibeard. Parents are Dina Ross & Domhnall O'Donnchadha,
- Jack and Rochelle Boshak want to thank everyone for their good wishes on the occasion of the Bat Mitzvah of their their granddaughter Maya Jenny



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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, December 16, 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:

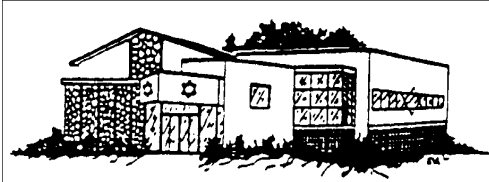
Office Phone # 732-257-7031

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

e-mail address: rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com

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Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.



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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For December



Fri Dec 5		4:14 PM
Fri Dec 12	\	4:14 PM
Fri Dec 19		4:15 PM
Fri Dec 26		4:19 PM