

# BETH OHR NEWSLETTER

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## **YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016 7:30 PM CONGREGATION BETH OHR**



**Please join us for an evening dedicated to observing Yom Hashoah. Martin Tyberg will offer a discussion about his father's experience in hiding during the Second World War and Martin's subsequent reunion with the family who rescued his Father.**

**The program will also include a screening commemorating the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Liberation March of the Living with Sylvia Kagan.**

### 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

Sun May 1	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Tues May 3	Rabbi's Customs & Practices	7:30PM
Wed May 4	Spanish Class	11:00AM
	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thurs May 5	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew class	11:00AM
	Yom Hashoah	7:30PM
Fri May 6	Friday Evening Service	7:30 PM
Sat May 7	Shabbat Morning Service - Special Blessing for our Israel Travelers	9:30AM
Sun May 8	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast Mothers Day	9:00AM
Tues May 10	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
Wed May 11	Spanish Class	11:00AM
	Men's Club BBQ/Elections	7:00PM
	Yom Hazikaron	
Thur May 12	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
	Temple Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	Temple Congregation Meeting	8:00PM
	Board Meeting (After Congregation Meeting)	
	Yom Haatzma'ut	
Fri May 13	Friday Evening Service	7:30 PM
Sat May 14	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun May 15	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Tues May 15-May 26	Congregation Israel Trip	
Wed May 18	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Thurs May 19	Daytimers Trip PNC Art Center	1:30PM
Fri May 20	Friday Evening Service	7:30 PM
Sat May 21	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun May 22	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Wed May 25	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Fri May 27	Friday Evening Service	7:30 PM
Sat May 28	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun May 29	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Mon May 30	Memorial Day—Office Closed	

## Rabbi Mishkin's Message

### May 2016 – A Most Active April!



April was one of the busiest and most productive months for Congregation Beth Ohr due to three significant programs. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> our synagogue hosted a long-overdue return of our successful program, the annual Torathon. We featured twelve rabbis from the New Jersey community. They were affiliated with all four major rabbinic denominations and offered a variety of classes that ranged in themes from Jewish comedy to why the Conservative movement allows the use of kitniyot (legumes) for Passover. The synagogue was bustling from 12:30-4:00 pm that afternoon with over one hundred participants coming from all parts of New Jersey and taking part in the important mitzvah of Torah study. It was a day of great pride for our congregation.

The following week, under the guidance of our ritual committee, members of our congregation with Federation youth gathered at the synagogue on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. We participated in another important mitzvah; the burying of “Shemot,” sacred texts and un-Kosher ritual objects with God’s name that are buried in a sacred place rather than discarded. Leaving our congregation that afternoon, we drove to our cemetery where the books and objects were buried as we recited appropriate readings and prayers. It was a good day for our congregation.

Finally on April 17<sup>th</sup> our Sisterhood recognized one of its own, Ashna Pincus, as the Sisterhood’s Torah Fund Honoree, at a luncheon with an overwhelming attendance. The many family members and friends who attended this affair obviously came to pay tribute to one of the kindest and most active members of both the Sisterhood and our congregation who has gone out of her way over the years to be a great ambassador of good-will for Beth Ohr. Again, our synagogue was busy on that Sunday.

I believe that these three events signal a resurgence of both interest and activity at our congregation. They are the result of hard work and great effort put forth by a number of volunteers who banded together to make certain that all three events were extremely successful. They deserve our gratitude and admiration. I am proud to say that Congregation Beth Ohr is doing wonderful things for Judaism and for our Jewish community!

Rabbi Joel S Mishkin

## President Message



I am happy to report that the budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was voted and approved by a quorum of the congregation at the budget meeting on April 14.

The Annual Membership meeting will be held on Thursday May 12 at 8:00 PM at the synagogue. Please attend this meeting as a proposed addition to the synagogue's by-laws regarding an additional membership category – Dual Membership will be voted on. Dual membership is available for people who are full dues paying members in another synagogue, and also wish to affiliate with Congregation Beth Ohr. The annual membership fee will be 20% of the full family membership dues per dual member. A quorum of 20 attendees is needed to approve this addition.

I remind you to send in your responses immediately to attend the Journal Dinner Dance Gala scheduled on Sunday June 5. We will be honoring Alice and David Honig, Marty Israel, Rysie and Jeff Perlman, and Dotty and Joe Shafran. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year with a goal of \$27,500. It is vital that you support your synagogue by purchasing an ad in the journal, and by approaching local businesses to advertise in the journal. All donations are tax deductible, and businesses will be provided a donor tax receipt.

I commend Sisterhood for a most successful Torah Fund Benefactor Luncheon honoring Ashna Pincus. Also Todah Rabah to Linda Benish and Rabbi Mishkin for organizing the best Torathon in the history of our 60 years of serving the Jewish communities in Middlesex and Monmouth counties.

I am so proud to be the President of our congregation!!

Shalom

Phil

## ***DAYTIMERS NEWS***

### **TUESDAY, MAY 24: THE DOO WOP PROJECTS**

Tickets are available for a free 1:30 PM matinee performance at the PNC Arts Center. The members of the Doo Wop Project are all Broadway veterans of the hit shows "Jersey Boys," "Motown," "Hairspray," and "Sister Act." The show pays homage to Doo Wop music while incorporating other contemporary music. The group is accompanied by a full band to deliver a fantastic show.

A limited number of tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. For tickets, please call Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) or Linda ([732-251-0447](tel:732-251-0447)).

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 9: PRINCETON ART MUSEUM**

Join the Daytimers for a trip to the Princeton Art Museum for a 12:30 PM free private guided tour of the exhibit "By Dawn's Early Light: Jewish Contributions to American Culture from the Nation's Founding to the Civil War." The exhibit consists of more than 160 books, maps, manuscripts, prints, and paintings, including some of the earliest novels, plays, scientific treatises, and religious works produced by Jews in America. There will be time to informally view other exhibits.

Space on the tour is very limited - first come, first served. Please RSVP to Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) or Linda ([732-251-0447](tel:732-251-0447)).

### **Calling all Bowlers**

The East Brunswick Seniors bowling league is looking for bowlers. We bowl Monday mornings at AMF Brunswick Lanes (the old Carolier Lanes) beginning from 10:00AM until approximately 12:30. This is strictly a fun league with no cash prizes. The cost is \$12 per week which includes an end of season luncheon. There are current openings as well as openings for next season beginning in September. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN EAST BRUNSWICK RESIDENT TO JOIN.** Please call Roberta Karpel, [732-642-7881](tel:732-642-7881) for more information.

## Torathon Thank You

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I don't know where to start to thank everyone who helped make our Torathon a success. Most people cannot know how much work went into the preparations, not only of the program itself, but preparing our building for the wonderful "onslaught" of participants. Over 100 people from all over Middlesex and Monmouth Counties came to our synagogue to learn from 12 wonderful Rabbis. So first of all, thank you to all those Rabbis who gave of their time and their knowledge to teach us. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to clean up the downstairs and the outside, and move and schlep furniture and fix things up to make our building look so good. If you haven't been downstairs in a while, take a look, especially at the hallway picture gallery! Thanks to everyone who worked with the organizing of the information and the notifying and the advertising and the brainstorming. Thanks to those who shopped, who set up the food and helped serve and clean, and to those who just kept giving me moral support and being available to lend an idea, an opinion, or even a shoulder. I always hate listing names because I am so afraid of forgetting someone, so if I do, please forgive me, but I MUST name all these hard-working people whose contributions made the Torathon possible.

Allen Appel  
Ira Donenfeld  
Lee Donenfeld  
Harriet Feld  
Phyllis Greenberg  
David Honig  
Lisa Mason  
Andy Mendlowitz  
Ed Mendlowitz  
Ashna Pincus  
Harriet Rabinowitz  
Phil Rabinowitz  
Chuck Rogol  
Arlene Silver  
Allen Skupp  
Linda Skupp

None of this would have been possible if we didn't have the generous grant provided by our Jewish Federation, who is so committed to encouraging and creating a vibrant Jewish community here in the "heart of New Jersey."

To Rabbi Mishkin, thank you for your unflagging support, your help with connecting us to the Rabbinic community, your thoughts and ideas of how to make the program successful, your open door and your open ear, and your willingness to do whatever you could to help me.

Finally, to my wonderful husband, who lived through the hours and the days and the worries and the phone calls and the e-mails and the aggravation and the excitement and the nerves, who schlepped and ran and listened and schlepped and ran some more. Thank you, thank you. I couldn't have gotten through it without you.

One more finally – to all who attended, thank you for your support, your encouragement, and your positive comments, and I hope we see all of you next year.

Linda Benish

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**CONGREGATION BETH OHR MEMORIAL FUNDS**

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

*David Benish Memorial Fund  
Stephen Edwards Memorial Youth Fund  
Elaine Leibowitz Memorial Fund  
Beautification Fund  
Herman & Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund  
Mindy Nightingale Memorial Fund  
Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund  
Herb Reinstein Memorial Fund  
Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund*

\*\*\*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 April**

**David Benish Memorial Fund**

Allan and Linda Benish - Yahrzeit for Martha Sender  
To Edward and Leslie Kornfeld - In memory of beloved brother,  
Lawrence Weitzman

**Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund**

Steve and Jodi Harkavy—In Memory of Heidi Rogol

**General Fund**

Mrs. Sue Charlton - In honor of the Baby Naming of Granddaughter,  
Hope Isabella Stalnaker

**ETZ CHAIM CHUMASH**

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



Marilyn Samuel Karlstein  
Alice Celeste

In Honor of My Grandchildren & Great Granddaughter  
In Memory of Heidi Rogol

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<sup>1</sup>

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

## **DONATED BY:**

Linda and Allen Skupp

Joyce Silberstein

Sylvia Kagan

Linda and Allan Benish

Lana Cohen

Clifford Shulman

Herb and Sue Goldenberg

Steven Maness

Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz and Family

Glenda Levenstein

Seymour Nussenbaum

Roberta and Eugene Bernstein and family

Harriet Cohen

## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Ida Schulsinger

Anne Skupp

The Lionheart and Silberstein Family

Abraham Kagan

Martha Sender

Harry and Violet Davidowitz

Regina Shulman, beloved wife

Philip Goldenberg

Irving Feuer

Toby Maness

Emma Weisgold and Ellen Mendlowitz

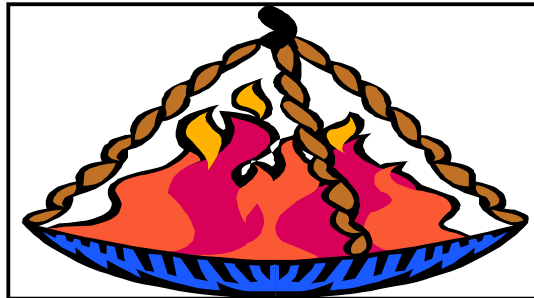
Aaron Levenstein

Yette Ribet

Zilla Wininger

Jean Cohen

Eleanor Solomon



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



## May 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.

	<b><u>May 6, 7</u></b>		<b><u>May 20,21</u></b>	
Morris Brown	5/7		Louis Aroyo	5/21
Jules Linder	5/7		Sylvia Karpel	5/21
Marta Adler	5/8		Sidney Krantz	5/21
Barry Geller	5/8		Ida Samuel	5/23
Sophie Perlin	5/8		Eva Mann	5/24
Jacob Podol	5/8		David Schwartz	5/24
Belle Shumer	5/8		Irving Shapiro	5/24
Anne Skupp	5/8		Helen Gertler	5/25
Dalia Goldhecht	5/9		Leonard Rosenthal	5/25
Joseph Maness	5/10		Eleanor Solomon	5/25
Anna Goldberg	5/11		Dora Merein	5/26
Morris Silverstein	5/11		George Nikop	5/26
Norman Sweig	5/11		Henry Tuteur	5/26
Lilly Weisz Gelb	5/11		Mollie Nagler	5/27
Jacob Joseph Wilpon	5/11		Louis Polansky	5/27
Iris Wolfe	5/11		Gertrude Satmary	5/27
Marcia Erlich	5/12		Dorothy Simon	5/27
Barbara Kleiman	5/12			
Stuart Polovsky	5/12		<b><u>May 27,28</u></b>	
Kurt Schiller	5/12		Edward Socoloff	5/28
Harold Karpel	5/13		Fay Weintraub	5/28
Mary Schechtman	5/13		Gertrude Becker	5/29
Monroe Schnitzer	5/13		Gerald Scherline	5/29
			Eva Silver	5/29
<b><u>May 13,14</u></b>			Betty Kornblatt	5/30
Isaac Bemaman	5.14		Sonia Levine	5/30
Benjamin Heisler	5/14		Chaim Sapozhnikov	5/30
Maria Kushnir	5/14		Natalie Weprin	5/30
Aaron Levenstein	5/14		(Bob) Bernhard Barry	5/31
Gertrude Margolin	5/15		Janette Golden	5/31
Louis Platman	5/15		Jeffrey Zekser	5/31
Sol Yourman	5/15		Elizabeth Zeltzer	5/31
Thelma Rothstein	5/16		Eli Becker	6/1
Helen Yourman	5/16		Albert Nussenbaum	6/1
Arebell Gordon	5/17		Herman Ravnitzky	6/1
Pauline Salstein	5/17		Joseph Shapiro	6/1
Abraham Schneider	5/17		Lillian Lustgarten	6/2
Susan Slobodien	5/17		David Ingber	6/3
Benjamin Chancy	5/18		Lola Praport	6/3
Louis Rothlin	5/18			
Frank Hecht	5/19			
Harry Meislick	5/19			
Anna Rosenthal-Charoff	5/19			
Samuel Smith	5/19			
Doris Springer	5/19			
Julius Kaplan	5/20			
Carolyn Lanzoff	5/20			
Lee Myra Schuman	5/20			

## **Beth Ohr News**

- Lana and Harvey Cohen want to thank everyone on the Torathon committee for all of your hard work in making the 2016 Torathon the best ever. Judging by the three sessions that Lana and I attended, we were disappointed that we could only attend three. The rabbis were terrific – they were well-prepared and engaging and their topics were excellent. The feeling that time had passed too quickly when we reached the end of each class says it all. It's not often that a program goes off without a hitch, but the committee made it happen, yasher koach to each of you and to each of the rabbis that were generous of their time and knowledge.
- Marcia & Perry Trechak proudly announce the engagement of their son Brad to Missy Levy.
- Ralph Karpel and family would like to thank our Beth Ohr family for their good wishes.
- Our grandson, Sam, wanted to thank you for the many tributes that were sent to us acknowledging his recent Bar Mitzvah. And of course, we wanted to thank our Synagogue family as well. Our thanks to Paula Yourman for her part in keeping track of these entries. May all of us continue to share the joy in one another's simchas. **Ashna and Bernie Pincus**
- Ann and Richard Herrmann are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Dana Beth to Max Basin. They are planning an October, 2016 wedding.
- Phyllis Greenberg would like to thank Joe Shafran, Harriet Feld, Linda Benish and Allen Skupp for helping in the office.
- Thank you Martin Tyberg and Ira Donenfeld for sponsoring the Kiddush lunch on April 9 2016, in honor of Allison Champer's first Aliyah.
- Thank you to Ed Mendlowitz and Ronnie Mendlowitz and Chuck Rogol for sponsoring the Kiddush lunch on May 16th in honor of Ed's Bar Mitzvah Anniversary and in memory of Heidi Rogol
- Ann Branfman would like to thank Rabbi Mishkin, Roberta and Larry Fachler, Ashna and Bernie Pincus, and all those kind people who called with their best wishes and offers of help during her recent hospitalization.
- We wish all those taking the congregation trip to Eretz Yisrael a safe and wonderful journey on May 15 to May 26, 2016. We are looking forward to hearing about all your wonderful memories of our homeland that will last a lifetime.



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

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

Every Sunday is a New Experience  
Try coming 3 extra times in next year and join in the fun!

Join the Men's Club **Triple S** Club  
**S**hul, **S**chmooze and **S**chmear

### 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!

**WEDNESDAY MAY 11 AT 7:00 PM AT THE TEMPLE (indoor seating)**  
**ANNUAL BBQ AND ELECTION MEETING.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME. NO CHARGE, JUST COME.**



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!***



**Yellow Candles have been sent to all Congregants. Light them on May 4th.**

Thanks to Lee Donenfeld, Ira Donenfeld, Elliot Leibowitz, Paula Yourman and Ronnie Mendlowitz



## Beth Ohr Israel Trip May 15-26

It's very late but there is still time to sign up.  
If interested call Phyllis Greenberg (732 257-1523) ASAP at the Temple office for information.

### **Trip includes visits to**

Caesarea, Ramat Hanadiv, Atlit, Top of Mt. Carmel, Haifa Bay, Tiberias, Golan Heights, Mt. Ben Tal, Kesem Hagolan, Golan Winery, Safed, Tel Dan nature Reserve, Abraham's Gate, Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, Masada, Ein Gedi, Judean Hills, Jerusalem, Kotel, Southern Wall, Kotel Tunnels, Jewish Quarter, Hurvah Synagogue, Kabalat Shabbat at Kotel, Yad Lakashish, Wohl Rose Garden, Menorah at Knesset, Yad Vashem, Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles, Shrine of the Book, Model of Herodian Jerusalem, Machane Yehuda, City of David Excavations, Begin Heritage Center, Latrun, Tel Aviv, Independence Hall, Ayalon Institute, Rehovot, Weizman Institute of Science, Nachalat Benyamin Street Fair, Rabin Square, Rabin Center, Jaffa Institute, Palmach Museum, Museum of the Diaspora,

**And much more**

# BETH OHR PHOTO GALLERY



Shown above are a Beth Ohr group at the prayer book and sacred papers burial at the Beth Ohr Synagogue on Sunday April 10. Next is Liz and Mike Aroyo with Lee and Ross at a Disney World vacation a few months ago. Next is Mel Prussack enjoying his new life in Florida showing off the first fish he caught there. The last photo is Mel with more of his Bob Dylan memorabilia that appeared in his community magazine.

# TORATHON SUCCESS



The Award Winning Beth Ohr Torathon was held after a few year hiatus on Sunday April 3 with almost 150 people attending to participate in sessions presented by a dozen Rabbis from area Shuls giving us a wonderful afternoon. Shown is the opening welcome by Rabbi Mishkin in the Sanctuary flanked by photos of Linda Benish the event Chair and the hard working committee. Congrats to all of them! They did a Mitzvah!

## SUPPORT THE JOURNAL DINNER DANCE

Plan on attending, but also make every effort to sell ads for the Journal. This is our major fund raiser and we need everyone's support and participation.

Journal ad forms appear elsewhere in the Newsletter and can be reproduced.

*CONGREGATION BETH OHR  
TORAH FUND BENEFACTOR'S RECEPTION  
SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2016  
ASHNA PINCUS*



**Beth Ohr's Sisterhood honored Ashna Pincus as Torah Fund Benefactor on April 17, 2016** Shown above (clockwise) are photos of Ashna and Bernie, the largest social gathering at Beth Ohr—over 150 friends were at the event to honor Ashna for her fine work, six of their seven grandchildren and their three children. Bernie, the children and grandchildren each spoke fine and touching words and personal reflections about Ashna. Congrats to Ashna, a real treasure!



## Auschwitz – 61 Years Later by Sylvia Kagan

**Sylvia Kagan placing a yartzheit candle in an oven at Auschwitz.**

I was born in a small village in Transylvania, Romania called Mikif in 1926. When I was 17 I was forced into a cattle car with my mother, sister-in-law and three young nieces, plus many others, and was taken to Auschwitz/Birkenau. Within minutes my family and I were separated and I never saw them again. I spent the next three months in hell – lack of food, no water at times, and 12 women sleeping on one level of a bunk bed. I was then selected for a work detail for nine months in Germany and the “accommodations” were not quite as horrible. In April 1945 the working camp was liquidated and we were once again put into cattle cars. Almost three weeks later our train was bombed and my right hand was injured. The wounded were left on a field overnight and then taken to a hospital where my hand was amputated. I remained in a DP (Displaced Persons) Camp for four-and-a-half years until I immigrated to America.

I wanted to go back to Poland for many years, but the time was never right. I thought if I don't go now to observe the 60th anniversary of the liberation, I never will. My age is against me; my walking will not get better. I tried to mentally prepare myself for Auschwitz saying that this time I am going because I want to and not because I am being forced into a cattle car. I will be there for a few hours and leave.

Tuesday morning, May 3rd we left JFK on EL AL, made a stop in Toronto, then flew to Krakow where we landed the next morning about 7:30 local time. There was a bus waiting for us and we started our tour. The group leader was Rabbi Michael Gisser of the Holocaust Museum and Study Center of Rockland County. We were referred to as the Rockland group and were given rust colored hats so we could identify our members.

Krakow was a very nice city which sometimes reminded me of Washington, D.C. We saw an old

Jewish cemetery with beautiful headstones still standing and many others on the ground and overgrown with weeds. Next we went to the Galicia Jewish Museum which included pictures and displays of the Holocaust as well as other Judaica. I bought a CD of Yiddish songs and a very good cup of coffee – the only good coffee I had in Poland. We then saw the front wall of Schindler's factory, all that remains of the now famous building. I was extremely impressed by a shul – probably orthodox since it had balconies which we assumed were for women. The artwork of the balconies, as well as the lighting and high ceilings of the shul, was very striking. It was something to see. That night was spent in Katowice.

Thursday morning we left Katowice for Auschwitz to participate in the March of the Living and were given blue jackets with the March's insignia on the back. More and more buses converged and the crowd grew to between 18-20,000. The March then started on a wide street where there was no traffic – only blue jackets and blue and white Israeli flags for as far as your eyes could see. What a wonderful sight!

I was offered a ride on a bus when we were three kilometers from the site of the Yom Hashoah observance and I was happy to accept. In retrospect, I should have walked because just then security closed off all traffic leading to the ceremony in preparation for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's arrival. We waited for the bus for two hours and by the time we arrived at the ceremony, half the speakers were done and the yahrzeit candles were already lit. By the time the barriers were removed I had no chance to go to Birkenau and its Lager C – the one I was in 61 years ago. I very much regret these unforeseen circumstances.

Sylvia Kagan (continued)

The day in Auschwitz was bittersweet – it was difficult remembering the smells of the burning flesh and the flames from the crematorium. However, it was extremely powerful to know that I survived and chose to return. What came after in Chelmo, Lodz, Warsaw, Treblinka and Majdanek was far more stressful; I saw vast amounts of shoes, hair, bones, tools, and uniforms that the Jewish inmates were wearing when we arrived at the train platform in Auschwitz. There were ashes – tons of ashes – preserved in a huge monument so that the wind couldn't scatter them. I saw gas chambers and ovens and said Kaddish and placed lit yahrzeit candles in the ovens to remember the souls that had been gassed and whose bodies were later burned by the Nazis to hide the evidence. The bus ride on a Warsaw ghetto street gave me this eerie, twisting feeling in my stomach, knowing that on this street and others like it there were bodies lying around – sometimes for days – before they were picked up.

While in Warsaw we went to the Umschlagplatz (the train station where the Germans gathered the Jews for transport). The railroad station I expected was long gone. In its place was a large marble monument of four walls without a roof. There were inscriptions in different languages on one wall. One corner of the wall was left open so we could go in and out and there was an additional small opening on the

opposite wall so that we wouldn't feel trapped. Outside this opening was a tree signifying life in a place that had so much horror.

For the most part, the other people in the group were much younger than I. Some had their teenage children with them. Everyone had a different reason for being there. People called me "crazy" and a friend was actually hostile about my trip to Poland, but I had to go with my conscience. I did not make this trip lightly. I thought about it from every angle and the answer was always the same: I have to go. I knew this would be a difficult trip both physically and emotionally. The physical part turned out better than I expected thanks to a little cane/chair and the people in my group who were kind enough to carry it for me. The emotional part was more stressful at times and once again the strangers who became my friends were there to support me. I could not have picked a better group if I tried. The only regret I had was not going to Lager C.

As we were coming in for a landing at Newark Airport one woman said, "I'm stopping off at my mother's first." Her friend asked, "Why? It will be late." The first woman responded, "I need to give her a hug and a kiss."

A statement like this on the way home from Poland speaks volumes.

## Congregation Beth Ohr Dinner Dance

### BETH OHR MEMBER INFORMATION

**Sunday June 5, 2016 at Beth Ohr**

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)

**Sisterhood Donor Credit accepted.**

On the next page is a an ad form that can be used, printed or photocopied.

*We still have a long way to go, so please try to sell ads.*

# Congregation Beth Ohr Journal Dinner Dance

**DINNER DANCE &  
SOUVENIR JOURNAL**

*Honoring*

**ALICE & DAVID HONIG  
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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**

## **40 Years of Sisterhood Torah Fund Honorees**

1977 Carolyn Lanzoff**	2000 Marcia Engber**
1978 Raena Zucker	2001 Lee Brenner Hyman
1979 Barbara Hollander Rothman	2002 Alice Celeste
1980 Janette H. Golden**	2003 Cheryl Cadel
1981 Florence Feldberg**	2004 Marilyn Samuel Karlstein
1982 Lenore Linder**	2005 Barbara Rosenstreich**
1983 Rochelle Altman	2006 Hilde Schottlander
1984 Betty Pekor**	2007 Monica Atzbi
1985 Thelma Lieber	2008 Liz Aroyo
1986 Marilyn Dorfman**	2009 Ilene Gray
1987 Marilyn Miller	2010 Sharen Silverman
1988 Linda Garfinkel	2011 Joy Rothlin**
1989 Jean King**	2012 Paula Yourman
1990 Marcia Trechak	2013 Harriet Rabinowitz
1991 Faye Cohen**	2014 Marjorie Simon
1992 Fran Kantrowitz	2015 Ronnie Mendlowitz
1993 Barbara Schneider	2016 Ashna Pincus
1994 Lynne Weiss Marshall	
1995 Terrie Polovsky	
1996 Irene Ullmann	** Of Blessed Memory
1997 Helen Gertler**	
1998 Myrna Wasserman**	
1999 Eileen Birnbaum	



## **Sisterhood President**

Passover has come and gone, and spring is definitely in the air.

Here at Beth Ohr, our Sisterhood had a successful Torah Fund Benefactor's reception honoring Ashna Pincus. We enjoyed an afternoon of good food and good company. Thank you to Lee Hyman and her committee for a job well done!

We are also putting together our new Sisterhood slate. We are in need of ladies to serve as Programming Vice Presidents. Please contact Barbara Schneider if you are interested in joining our Sisterhood board for the 2016-2017 year.

Our annual Donor Dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. Please contact Liz Aroyo or Ilene Gray for details.

Our Fashion Show is scheduled for June 8, 2016. We are still in need of models for this event! Please call Marilyn Karlstein or Lysa Rogol if you are interested. Also we are still in need of donations of items to be raffled that evening. You can help with the Fashion Show by asking for donations from the vendors you frequent. We will also be happy with any new items that you can donate for our raffles. And if you want to purchase a ticket, please let us know!

As always, thank you for supporting our many ongoing fund-raisers. We welcome and appreciate your help! And also, thank you for your continued support and participation at our Sisterhood events.

Shalom

Monica Atzbi

Dear Members:

Sisterhood is once again planning to make up our Jewish Calendar for the year 5777 (2016-2017).

There will be a place on the calendar for your personal dates. Your cost will be \$2.50 for each birthday, anniversary, wedding, and yahrzeit. Personals will be listed on each month's page. Full donor credit will be given for these contributions.

In addition to the above, for a donation of \$10 your name (or those of your friends and relatives) can be listed as a patron. Full donor credit for each \$10 patron obtained by a Sisterhood member.

We need the support of the entire Congregation to make this as successful a year as last year. Please enclose your check payable to Sisterhood Congregation Beth with your imprint order and mail to Linda Garfinkel, c/o Congregation Beth Ohr, P. O. Box 206, Route 516, Old Bridge, N.J. 08857.

Thank you for your support. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS JUNE 15, 2016.

Linda Garfinkel

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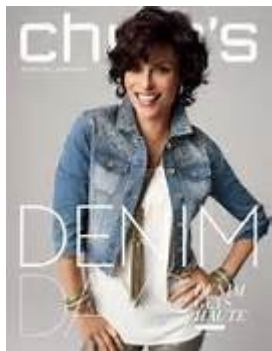
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 Sharen Silverman 732-266-2389

## **Torah Fund Benefactors Luncheon Thank You**

Our Sincerest Thanks to Lee Hyman and Paula Yourman and each member of the committee for making the Torah Fund Luncheon on April 17th so memorable. We are aware that so much planning and thought went into making this day as successful as it was.

We also want to thank our Synagogue family and our personal friends for their attendance and whose interest and caring made this moment in time so very special for both of us and our family.

As we just celebrated the holiday of Pesach, we hope you have loving memories of family and friends.

Ashna and Bernie Pincus and Family

### **A Note from Lee Hyman**

The Torah Fund Luncheon was a great success. I have to say that this can not be done by one person.. I would like to send special THANKS TO ALL THE FOLLOWING: Ed Mendlowitz, and the Men's club, Barbara Schneider, Monica & Mark Atzbi , Barbara Feder, Harriet & Phil Rabinowitz, Paula Yourman, Edna Yourman, Allan Appel, Ronnie Mendlowitz, Roberta Karpel, Sharen Silverman, Helene Grynberg, Cheryl Cadel, Liz Aroyo, Ilene Gray, Marilyn Karlstein, Arlene Silver, Lisa Clark, Rabbi Joel Mishkin & AS ALWAYS MY FAMILY, Paul & Matthew. I hope I didn't forget anyone, and A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ATTENDED.

### **Reminder For Sisterhood Members:** **Donor Credit**

The Sisterhood Donor Year ends April 30<sup>th</sup>. Your Donor Chairman will be contacting members to let you know how much you have in donor. The first \$90.00 goes to attending the Donor Dinner on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Each additional donor is \$75.00 or half donor is \$37.50. Donor credits can be used for purchases at Aramis which is located at 340 Route 9 North in Manalapan next to Mom's Golden Griddle on the northbound side. Donor may also be used for attending the temple Journal Dinner Dance on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Two and a half donors pays for a ticket to the dinner. You may also choose to donate donors to the temple beautification fund. If you have any questions and your last name begins with A to K contact Ilene Gray [732-390-5017](tel:732-390-5017) or L to Z Liz Aroyo [732-257-6010](tel:732-257-6010).

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Appel	Wilma	\$81.50		Feld	Harriet	\$ 151.50	
Aroyo	Elizabeth	\$ 501.38	5.0	Feurier	Darlene	\$ -	
Atzbi	Monica	\$ 668.25	36.5	Finkelstein	Meryl	\$ 120.30	
				Fox	Helene	\$ 6.50	
Benish	Linda	\$ 136.25	4.0				
Bernstein	Roberta	\$ 52.50	5.0	Garfinkel	Linda	\$ 288.25	2.0
Birnbaum	Eileen	\$ 93.00		Gasior	Ellen	\$ 5.00	
Bleiweis	Marilyn	\$ 5.00		Gilbarg	Marilyn	\$ 27.00	
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Branfman	Ann	\$ 169.50		Goldenberg	Susan	\$ 108.50	1.0
				Greenstein	Barbara	\$ 5.00	
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Cannata	Susan	\$ 5.00		Gurman	Ruth	\$ 30.00	3.5
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Clark	Lisa	\$ 10.00		Hillman	Pearl	\$ 118.50	4.0
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				Kamenitz	Marilyn	\$ 16.50	
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Fachler	Roberta	\$ 301.00		Kaufman	Maxine	\$ 121.00	10.0
Falkowitz	Marion	\$ 65.50		Klein	Caroline	\$ 40.00	
Feder	Barbara	\$40.00		Krieger	Karen	\$ 6.00	

L-Z Liz Aroyo

Date: 4/25/2016

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Laddin	Anne	\$5.00	
Lazarowitz	Andrea	\$149.75	6.0
Levenstein	Glenda	\$80.00	
Levine	Helen	\$9.00	
Mason	Lisa	\$16.00	
Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$200.00	9.5
Nadler	Elinor	\$5.00	
Perlman	Ryselle	\$62.75	
Pincus	Ashna	\$139.50	1.5
Polovsky	Terrie	\$52.00	10.5
Prussack	Zellie	\$34.00	1.5
Rabinowitz	Harriet	\$318.75	15.0
Reinstein	Sheila	\$45.00	
Risman	Ruth	\$66.00	1.0
Rogol	Lysa	\$87.50	
Rosenzweig	Ronnie	\$24.00	
Gray	Ilene	\$187.37	3.0
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Schlissel	Lenore	\$50.50	1.0
Schlussfeld	Mindy	\$5.00	
Schneider	Barbara	\$183.00	4.5
Schottlander	Hilde	\$221.50	12.0
Shafran	Dorothy	\$178.00	9.0
Seltzer	Karen	\$5.00	
Seidner	Lois	\$12.50	
Silberstein	Joyce	\$103.50	5.0
Silver	Arlene	\$151.75	0.5
Silverman	Sharen	\$303.50	9.5
Simon	Mala	\$86.00	2.0
Simon	Marjorie	\$99.00	1.5
Skupp	Linda	\$271.75	8.5
Sommers	Arlene	\$49.50	
Spiegel	Estee	\$129.00	1.0
Trechak	Marcia	\$534.00	5.0
Ward	Phyllis	\$5.00	
Weiss	Harriet	\$154.00	0.5
Yourman	Edna	\$74.00	
Yourman	Paula	\$276.50	
Zeidner	Lois	\$5.00	
Zussman	Virginia	\$52.00	

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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)

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(Date in English)

(Date in Hebrew)

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

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# Announcements

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**Noon, Monday, May 16 2016**

Please send all of your thank yous, 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

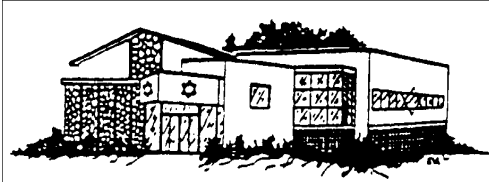
If you need to reach Rabbi Mishkin, please use any of the following phone numbers:

**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 May



May 6	7:41
May 13	7:48
May 20	7:54
May 27	8:00