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What is the Link between 17th of Tammuz, July 4th and Lincoln? The USA was founded on the Fast Day of the 17th of Tammuz, July 4, 1776. On the same coincidental days in 1863, a rabbi's sermon included a phrase that Lincoln later made famous. **By: Tzvi Ben-Gedalyahu**



A rabbi delivering a Shabbat sermon on the coincidental dates of the 17th of Tammuz and the Fourth of July in 1863 used the phrase "four score and seven years ago" before Abraham Lincoln made it famous, according to an historian.

British Prof. Marc Saperstein, who is a visiting professor of Judaic Studies at Yale, wrote in the *Huffington Post* Wednesday that Rabbi Sabato Morais delivered his message in Philadelphia after the Battle of Gettysburg was fought but before its outcome was known.

"His sermon contains a phrase that might well have influenced the most celebrated speech in American history," according to Prof. Saperstein.

The Fourth of July usually falls during the three-week period when Jews mourn the destruction of the First and Second Temples. On an average of about once every 10 years or so, Independence Day falls on the first day of the three weeks, the Fast Day of the 17th day of Tammuz and which also was on the Sabbath in 1863.

Without knowing whether the Confederate army had won in Gettysburg, a victory that would have allowed it to threaten Philadelphia, Rabbi Morais said in his sermon that he was asked to refer to Independence Day.

However, since it was the 17th day of Tammuz, even though the fast is postponed because of the Sabbath, Rabbi Morais explained he could not deliver an encouraging address that was recommended by the Union League. It suggested that clergy quote the uplifting verse from Leviticus that is inscribed on the Liberty Bell: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof." (continued bottom of page 6)

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

Fri July 1	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat July 2	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun July 3	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Mon July 4	Happy Birthday America Office Closed	
Thurs July 7	Hebrew Class	11:00 AM
Fri July 8	Friday Evening Service	7:30 PM
Sat July 9	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun July 10	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues July 12	Daytimers Lecture: Terrorism, Immigration Restriction and the Jews at Jewish Family Services, Monroe Shopping Center	10:00AM
Fri July 15	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat July 16	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
	Mincha Service	1:00 PM
	Baby Naming of Evie Jean Bernstein	
Sun July 17	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Fri July 22	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat July 23	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun July 24	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
Thurs July 28	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri July 29	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat July 30	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun July 31	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	

Rabbi Mishkin's Message

“Practices and Customs 2.0!”



One of the most successful things that we do as a small congregation is offer a series of adult educational classes at Beth Ohr. For the past year I have met with a group of students on alternative Tuesday evenings for a class called “Practices and Customs.” We have spent the year reviewing and learning about the major aspects of Jewish practice with an in-depth study of the book, “The Observant Jew.”

The class has been well attended and a joy to teach.

At the beginning of August we will be amplifying and refocusing the curriculum of that class. I call it “Practices and Customs 2.0.” Our goal will be to study and compare the basic liturgical contents of four different prayer books that have been associated with the various denominations in American Judaism. By grappling with the contents of these books we will better understand the theology and philosophy of all the major movements in Judaism as well as gain a fuller understanding of our own Conservative Movement.

We will look closely, evaluate and compare selections from four prayer books that are widely used by members of the Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform movements. These books can provide us with a unique opportunity to not only learn about the nature of the Siddur, the very heart and soul of Jewish thought and practice, but also enable us to better appreciate, improve and enhance our own individual and collective spiritual journey. I am hopeful that this new facet of our adult educational program will attract an even broader gathering in the coming months. I look forward to studying with you in the near future.

President's Message

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Speech presented at Temple Board Installation on Friday June 17, 2016

Rabbi Mishkin, Congregants, and Fellow Board Members,



I wish my outgoing regular board members Toda Raba for your outstanding volunteer work to make my first year as President very successful. To Edna Yourman, Fund Raising Chair, Joe Shafran, Ritual Chair, and Lisa Clark, Board of Education Chair: “You are all shining stars who care deeply about Congregation Beth Ohr”. I already have spoken with each of you and am thrilled that you will continue to volunteer as committee members.

I am grateful to Terrie Polovsky, Paula Yourman and Allen Appel for remaining on the Board for this upcoming year. I welcome Chuck Rogol and Stuart Rizick back to the Board in their new roles as the Ritual Chair and the Budget Chair. We are blessed to have a large number of volunteers who work officially on committees or unofficially behind the scenes. As you can see there are 3 openings to fill on the new board. If interested in joining as chair or a committee member, please contact me to discuss responsibilities.

To Allan Benish who is stepping down as Second Vice President, I appreciate his leadership as he directed three critical committees this past year - Fund Raising, Programming and Membership. Allan is at home recovering from an illness and unable to attend the installation tonight. I spoke with him today and thanked him on behalf of the congregation. He is so dedicated to Beth Ohr, and was already discussing areas he can assist us with in this upcoming year. Linda and Allan had a very difficult year with the passing of their son David, and somehow kept their focus on synagogue life at Beth Ohr. I am proud that the Beth Ohr Family always comes through to support its members.

I am indebted to Roberta Karpel for accepting the position of Second Vice President after serving as the Budget Chair this past year. I look forward to having a female perspective on my Executive Board.

I am so lucky to have the rest of my Executive Board returning. These five wise gentlemen are the true leaders of the congregation as they take on multiple roles. It is their efforts that allow us to fulfill our mission. “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”.

Let me quickly review my first year as your President and let you evaluate if the Congregation accomplished our mission.

Adult education and programming expanded to include Grandparent's Circle, Hebrew reading classes, Spanish Conversation classes, and Rabbi Mishkin's study groups - the Book Discussion Group, Jewish Customs and Practices, and weekly Talmud classes. In the month of November we enjoyed our guest Cantor Jennifer Rolnick and our Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Ethan Seidel. In April we had a fantastic Torathon with the majority of participants from surrounding communities.

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We held joint religious services with Temple Etz Chaim in September for Selichot and with Temple Beth Ahm in June for Erev Shavuot, and joined each of them for Purim Services at the end of March. In November we had an interfaith service with Simpson United Methodist Church. We attended the holiday candle lighting in December at Old Bridge Municipal Complex to assure that Chanukah is publicized to all Old Bridge residents.

In May, Rabbi Mishkin led our Congregation trip to Israel, and in June our Dinner Dance committee planned a lovely affair with great financial success.

With all the accomplishments this year, there are still challenges for the Board to overcome. We are sustaining our membership but not growing. We are an egalitarian congregation with declining attendance at services. We must build up our Endowment Funds through donations and investments. This Board will explore all avenues to keep Congregation Beth Ohr in existence.

Lastly I am very excited that Rabbi Mishkin is under contract for the next 3 years through June 30, 2019. The main reason that we are successful is due to his strong Rabbinical leadership.

In my speech last year, I declared that the Rabinowitz husband and wife presidencies at Beth Ohr are a reality. The upcoming election in November will determine if the Clintons can match us. Just a reminder: it is still Harriet and Phil, not Hillary and Bill!!

I am proud to be your president!

Phil Rabinowitz

DAYTIMERS NEWS
TUESDAY, JULY 12: TERRORISM, IMMIGRATION,
RESTRICTION, AND THE JEWS

Stephen Eisdorfer will present a lecture at Jewish Family Services in Monroe Shopping Center - 1600 Perrineville Road (Intersection of Perrineville and Prospect Plains Roads) as part of the Jewish Historical Society of Central Jersey's American Jewish Experience Lecture Series.

In the early 20th century, Americans were caught up in panic over "anarchist" and "Bolshevik" bomb throwers. The result was a wave of prosecutions and deportations and a political movement to bar immigration of potentially dangerous peoples. Because the popular mind equated "Jew" and "Bolshevik," this became an urgent issue for American Jews. This crisis created for the first time an organized American Jewry and, along the way, reshaped American constitutional law and American ideals.

The lecture begins at 10:00 AM and will be followed by lunch (optional).

For details and to RSVP, please call Ira([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) by Thursday, July 7.

Condolences

Our Sincerest Condolences are extended to the family of Reggie Butler, Old Bridge Councilman, and friend to Congregation Beth Ohr. He will be missed by all.

Continued from page 1 : What is the Link between 17th of Tammuz, July 4th and Lincoln?

Instead, the rabbi chose the lament from King Hezekiah in Isaiah, "This is a day of trouble, of rebuke, and derision," which he also meant as a reference to the Battle of Gettysburg before knowing the Union forces had won.

Rabbi Morais made sure to refer to Independence Day, 87 years after the United States was founded. "I am not indifferent, my dear friends, to the event, which four score and seven years ago, brought to this new world light and joy," he said in his sermon.

The King James translation of Psalms 90:10 translates Hebrew in the psalm as "threescore and ten."

Prof. Saperstein explained that when Abraham Lincoln spoke to a small group of people three days later, he said that it was "eighty odd years" since the founding of the United States.

The professor wrote, "Needless to say, some three months later, for the dedication of the Gettysburg cemetery, Abraham Lincoln elevated the level of his discourse from 'eighty odd years' to 'four score and seven years, our fathers brought forth to this continent,'" possibly borrowing from the published text by the Philadelphia Sephardic preacher who, without knowing it, may have made a lasting contribution to American rhetorical history."

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- Charles Rogol would like to announce the birth of his granddaughter, Alexa Hope Rogol. Proud parents are Lisa and Marc Rogol.
- Jeff & Rysie Perlman would like to thank our Beth Ohr family for the wonderful honor at the Journal Dinner Dance. It was truly a wonderful evening. Our co-honorees are extraordinarily special people. An extra thank you to the dinner dance committee for your tireless work. We will always be grateful. We love you all.
- To our traveling buddies from the trip to Israel. The difference between a bad trip and a good trip is the people you travel with. Thank you all for a fantastic and memorable trip. It was a pleasure to be with all of you. All our love, Rysie & Jeff.
- Shawn and Barilynn Heslin proudly announce the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Makenna Heslin on June 25th, 2016
- Arlene and Nelson Silver proudly announce the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Jennifer Rose Cooper on June 25, 2016.
- Roberta and Larry Fachler are proud to announce that our grandson, Mark Andrew Fachler, graduated with honors from Oakdale High School in Frederick, Maryland. He will be attending the University of Maryland, College Park, the School of Engineering.
- On behalf of all of us who were fortunate enough to have taken the Congregational trip to Israel in May, our sincerest thank you to Rabbi Mishkin and Linda and Allan Benish for all of their hard work in planning and successfully arranging what turned out to be a truly wonderful trip and even more than we expected.
- Thank you Edna Yourman, Meryl Finkelstein, Harriet Feld, Helene Grynberg and Jeff Perlman for helping in the office during the month of June.
- Thank you to Allan and Linda Benish for sponsoring the Kiddush in memory of their son, David Benish, on the first day of Shavuoth.
- Thank you to Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat on Friday Evening June 17th in honor of the Board of Trustees Installation.
- Nelson and Arlene Silver thank all of the members of the congregation for all the good wishes sent as their granddaughter Jennifer Cooper, became a Bat Mitzvah. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.
- Gail and Stuart Rizick are happy to announce that their daughter, Arynn, is graduating Old Bridge High School Class of 2016.

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Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

DONATED BY:

Helene and Daniel Grynberg
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Pauline Salstein, Meyer Salstein,
Milton Salstein
Albert Nussenbaum
David Benish
Marlene Honig
Herb Reinstein
Erna Caleinar



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 fundraising 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

July 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>July 1/2</u>		<u>July 15/16 (continued)</u>	
Martin Barsky	7/2	Susan Kosser	7/19
Stuart Jay Enden	7/2	Abraham Orenstein	7/19
Roslyn W. Katz	7/3	Preston Pellatt	7/19
Henrietta Nathanson	7/3	Reah Silverberg	7/19
Hyman Schiffer	7/3	Jeanette Goldman	7/20
Louis Deutsch	7/4	Lena Kornberg	7/20
Rhoda Hyman	7/4	Edythe Buckberg	7/21
Louis Rothberg	7/4	Bennet Appel	7/22
Barbara Wilkes	7/4	Rose Gordon	7/22
Selma Auerbach	7/5	Fannie Greenspan	7/22
Rae Hochwald	7/5	Sally Steuer	7/22
Saul Levine	7/5		
Sally Miller	7/5	<u>July 22/23</u>	
Carl Tash	7/5	Robert Davis	7/23
Shana Raizel Wilpon	7/5	Michael Fischer	7/23
Barnet Zaret	7/5	Bruce Steinklein	7/23
Harry Zaret	7/5	Irene Blumenthal	7/24
Harriet Baron	7/6	Sarah Levenstein	7/24
Jacob Blitzstein	7/6	Shirley Sass	7/24
Sarah Moss	7/6	Theodore Silverman	7/24
Esther Feder	7/7	Irving Trechak	7/24
Mildred Levine	7/7	Sylvia Benish	7/25
Rose Glaz	7/8	Nancy Braunsberg	7/25
Charles Gorsky	7/8	Marjorie Burstein Smith	7/25
		Rose Friedman	7/25
		Ida Meyers	7/25
<u>July 8/9</u>		Max Morgenstein	7/25
Mildred Levine	7/9	Gilbert Rosen	7/25
Leonard Sass	7/9	Dora Ross	7/25
Arlene Szegeti	7/9	Nathan Seiden	7/25
Frances Goldstein	7/10	Frank Datkowitz	7/26
Dorothy Hodos	7/10	Emanuel Frankel	7/26
Pauline Keen	7/10	Lisette Bercovici	7/27
Morris Lipson	7/10	Sylvia Blank	7/27
Rebecca Mann	7/10	Emanuel Deitz	7/27
Aaron Schlissel	7/10	Mitchell Feinman	7/27
Morris Wishnick	7/11	Rhoda Goetz	7/27
Charles Betesh	7/12	Irene Kleinman	7/27
Erna Caleinar	7/12	David Krauss	7/27
Jean King Smith	7/12	Bertha Kanter	7/28
Freda Zalman	7/13	Simon Lionheart	7/28
Albert Herman	7/13	Elizabeth Nurick	7/28
Jennie Birnbaum	7/13	Joan Pekor Nover	7/28
Meyer Karmin	7/13	Minna Freedman	7/29
Benjamin Knepper	7/13	Sylvia Pulchin	7/29
Beatrice Shander	7/13		
Jack Sofan	7/13	<u>July 29/30</u>	
Michael Wishnia	7/14	Esther Betesh	7/30
Fortune Betesh	7/14	Benjamin Cohen	7/30
Abraham Cederbaum	7/14	Steven Engber	7/30
Karolyne Freud	7/14	Max Rubrum	7/30
Ludwig Goetz	7/14	Cheryl Seltzer	7/30
Estale Goldberg	7/14	Beatrice Baum	7/31
Abby Klein	7/14	Lyle Damon Rosen	7/31
Matty Roland	7/14	Charles Scheffler	7/31
Shari Widmayer	7/14	Bella Zavlek	7/31
Shirley Dondes	7/15	Julius Hoffman	8/1
Judith Druckman	7/15	Anne Leibowitz	8/1
Wolf Goldhecht	7/15	Morris Lustgarten	8/1
Alice Hoerd Pfeifer	7/15	Max Kaufman	8/2
		Sam Speert	8/2
<u>July 15/16</u>		Murray Schaeffer	8/3
Joseph Bienenfeld	7/16	Irving Birnbaum	8/4
Nathan Polovsky	7/16	Jacqueline Robinson	8/4
Lillian Shiffrinson	7/18	Abraham J. Paley	8/5
Susan F. Ginsburg	7/19	Arlette Wilpon	8/5

CONGREGATION BETH OHR MEMORIAL FUNDS

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

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

***When donating to these funds, please make your checks out to **CONGREGATION BETH OHR** and write in the fund in the memo portion of the check.

The Following Donations Have Been Made **During the Month of June**

David Benish Memorial Fund

Linda and Allan Benish

Herman and Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund

Ronnie and Vic Beecher in memory of Ethel Rothenberg

General Fund

Rabbi Stephen Gold of Beth Am Shalom, Lakewood, New Jersey in memory of Vera and in honor of her family.

ETZ CHAIM CHUMASH



If you are interested in purchasing the new Etz Chaim Chumash, please contact Harriet Rabinowitz by e-mail at harriet.rabinowi@gmail.com. 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.

LARGE PRINT SIDDURIM

The synagogue owns four large print Siddurim. If anyone needs one at services, please see Ira Donenfeld or Phil Rabinowitz or Larry Fachler.

It's Sukkot in the Summer!

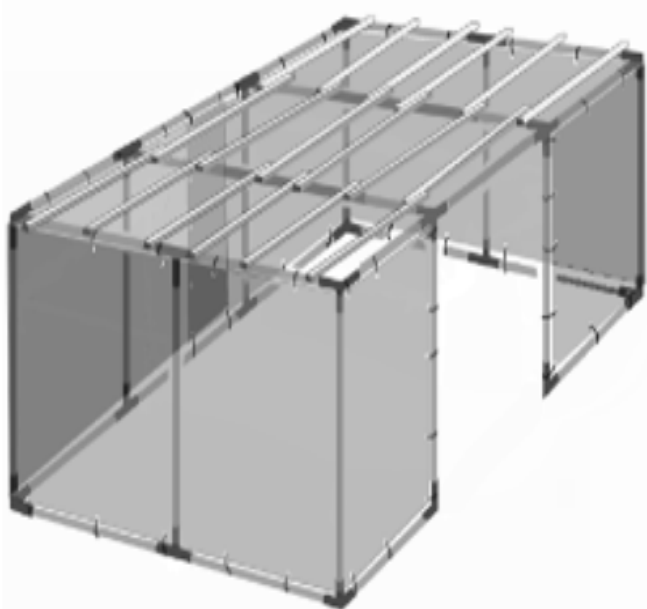
Beginning with Sukkot 2016 we will have a new Sukkah that will comfortably seat 40+ people for our annual "Chicken-in-the-Coop" celebration.

The Sukkah structure will be completed this summer and will be permanently located in the fenced-in area adjacent the back entrance for easy access to the kitchen and the sanctuary using the stairs or elevator.

And starting this year, we'll only need to attach new woven bamboo S'chach mats to the roof, new woven wall screens and decorate in order to complete the Sukkah for celebration of the holiday. For anyone interested, waterproof decorative banners are also available.

You, your children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren have an opportunity to participate in this happy project by making a donation **to Congregation Beth Ohr** (through the office) in any amount to help defray the cost of the new Sukkah.

Sukkah structure screens and wall



Bamboo Roof Mats



2016-2017 YIZKOR BOOK

We will be sending out personalized Yizkor Book letters shortly. If you would like to send your own personalized entries in before the letter comes out, please complete the bottom portion of this page and email it to me so that we can insure that your loved one's names are included in this year's listing.

DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

Any names received after September 6, 2016 cannot be included. If you wish to find out the names that were included in last year's Yizkor booklet, please call me at the Synagogue office and I will be more than happy to go over it with you. Please make every effort to respond in a timely fashion.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, Phyllis Greenberg

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

IN MEMORY OF:

MEMORIAL OFFERING BY:

Please send a check payable to CONGREGATION BETH OHR in the amount of \$10.00 per memorial book inscription to:

P.O. Box 206
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

You can also use your credit card if you wish—just call Phyllis in the office with your number to insure security of your card.

Beth Ohr News (Continued)

Mazel Tov to Roberta and Gene Bernstein on the baby naming of their granddaughter, Evie Jean Bernstein, parents of Scott and Jen Bernstein.

High Holiday Tickets

All financial responsibilities must be paid before the issuance of High Holiday Seats.

Thank You to The Sukkah Project LLC of Arvada, Colorado

Thank you to The Sukkah Project LLC of Arvada, Colorado for generously giving us a discount on our new sukkah - look for our new, expanded and very attractive sukkah soon in the fenced-in area at the back of the synagogue building. For anyone thinking about a personal sukkah, check their website: www.thesukkahproject.com . They have a wide range of sizes, from 6'X8' to really, really big (36'X36') in both tubular steel and wood construction. If you're not building your own sukkah, you can order a decorative banner from a wide variety of very attractive, water-proof, decorations for a friend or family member's sukkah (or even for Beth Ohr's new sukkah); again, check out their website to see the artwork created by several outstanding Judaica artists. The people at The Sukkah Project are very nice to deal with and if you ask, they'll probably give you a discount if you purchase a personal sukkah.

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



Excitement at the Men's Club

Shown in top row is Harvey Cohen at Installation followed by photos of Ed with his clip board getting T Shirt sizes for the gift he will be presenting to everyone that came to the Installation. Mark Atzbi was the installing officer and he did a wonderful job highlighting all of the active programs the Men's Club had in the past year. Next is Alice and David Honig at a Minyan.

On next row are some cool T Shirts worn at Minyans. On July 31 we will have a fanciest and funkiest T Shirt contest. Start preparing now!

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

- Jul 31—Fanciest and Funkiest T Shirt Contest
- Sep 11 – Men's Club Photo Sunday
- Sep 25—(Preliminary date) Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint program
Those on the Israel trip will show photos and talk about it
- Oct 16—New Sukkah dedication
- Nov 13 – Foreign Born Members' Program
- Dec 18 – Gift Book Sunday
- Feb 5 - FJMC World Wide Wrap
- Mar 5 - Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint program
- Mar 19 – Ed Mendlowitz Financial Program
- May 18 - Men's Club BBQ and Election—Thursday
- Jun 11 - Men's Club Installation following Minyan

Ed Mendlowitz

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

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

**Come 3 extra times in next year and
join in the fun!**

***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!***

PHOTO GALLERY



Photo descriptions

Top row: David Honig carrying a table while he was helping set up for the Dinner Dance. Ed Mendlowitz and Bob Weiss at the International Stamp Show in NY. The Show is a once in 10 year event in the U.S. and this was the first show in Manhattan since 1956 (which Ed also was at. He was also at every International Stamp Show since then). Seymour Nussenbaum was also at the show, but on different days.

Next row: Roberta Bernstein holding up the Tower in Pisa, Italy. Some of the DayTimers at the Princeton Art Museum to view the Jewish Exhibit.

At right: Eugene and Roberta Bernstein and Marilyn and Morty Kamenitz at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton.



Send your photos to be included in the Newsletter. Email to emcpa1@aol.com



Beth Ohr Israel Trip May 2016 Photo Gallery

An advertisement for Israel Bonds featuring silhouettes of people holding up Israeli flags against a sunset background. The text reads: "A STRONG NATION. A STRONG INVESTMENT. ISRAEL BONDS" and "Invest in Israel Bonds · israelbonds.com".

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Top row: Photos from Israel.

At bottom is an ad for Israel Bonds. Support Israel by Investing in their bonds! Come to our Israel Bond event on September 18, 2016.

2016 Journal Dinner Dance

Shown are the honorees, Mayor Owen Henry and President Phil Rabinowitz



From left Martin Israel, Mayor Owen Henry, Marilyn Israel, Joseph and Dorothy Shafran, Rabbi Joel Mishkin, Ryselle and Jeffrey Perlman, Alice and David Honig, and President Philip Rabinowitz.

Thank You to the 2016 Journal Dinner Dance Committee

Edward Mendlowitz, Chair
Allan Benish
Linda Benish
Ann Branfman
Lisa Clark
Marilyn Karlstein
Ashna Pincus
Harriet Rabinowitz
Allen Skupp
Edna Yourman

Special thanks to
Ira Donenfeld
Phyllis Greenberg
Andy Mendlowitz
Paula Yourman
Men's Club

2016 Journal Dinner Dance Honor Roll

Congregants that participated either by selling ads, buying ads or attending the Dinner Dance

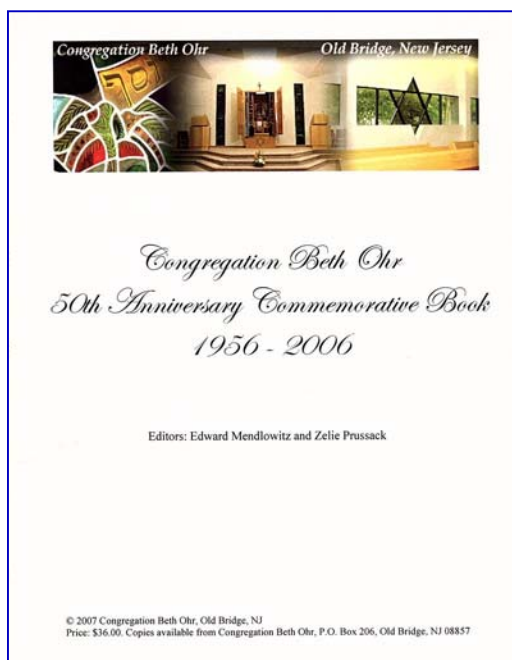
Wilma and Allen Appel	Elliot Leibowitz
Liz and Mike Arroyo	Helen and Ben Levine
Monica and Mark Atzbi	Ruth and Ed Lubitz
Linda and Allan Benish	Lisa Mason and Stan Perlman
Roberta and Eugene Bernstein	Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz
Beth Ohr Daytimers	Andy Mendlowitz
Beth Ohr Men's Club	Beverly and Rabbi Joel Mishkin
Beth Ohr PTO	Robert Nagler
Beth Ohr Sisterhood	Vera and Seymour Nussenbaum
Ann Branfman	Ryselle and Jeff Perlman
Eileen and Sidney Brinbaum	Ashna and Bernie Pincus
Alice Celeste	Terrie Polovsky
Andrea and Mark Chassen	Zelie and Mel Prussack
Lisa and Stephen Clark	Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz
Harriet Cohen	Gail and Stuart Rizick
Lana and Harvey Cohen	Chuck Rogaol
Dara and Ken Deitz	Ronnie and Jay Rosenzweig
Lee and Ira Donnenfeld	Sue and Larry Ross
Suzanne Edwards	Laurie and Paul Roth
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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

50th Anniversary Journal

Shown is the Journal cover, and the brief history that appeared in that Journal

HISTORY BEGINS OVER COFFEE



The history of Congregation Beth Ohr began in 1956 when two women with young children – Jan Sadd and Edna Katz - were having coffee and wondering if there were other Jewish families in their community. Jan's daughter was four years old and had innocently asked her mother if she could go with her friend to her Church's Sunday School. That was the catalyst that got Jan to start thinking about organizing a Jewish Sunday School.

The community was Madison Township, now known as Old Bridge. That discussion led to the formation of the Madison Township Jewish Center, later renamed Congregation Beth Ohr or 'House of Light'. These women, along with their husbands Hy and George, located other Jewish families in the area who worked with them to start a Jewish center. In the early years, the Jewish center met in a variety of venues, including a bowling alley and an old firehouse.

In 1960, the synagogue purchased property on County Route 516 near Route 18 upon which the founders planned to build their own synagogue. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the synagogue were held on May 1, 1960 and the dedication of the synagogue was celebrated on March 26, 1961. At that time the synagogue consisted of classrooms for the afternoon religious school and a multi-purpose room used for all worship and assembly. In the 1970's, the synagogue expanded to include a second floor that was built over the existing facility. The second floor included an office, larger all-purpose room and expanded kitchen facilities. In 1989, the synagogue expanded again by building a new sanctuary seating approximately 200 people. When the sanctuary partition is removed, the sanctuary opens into the all-purpose room. The combined sanctuary/all-purpose room seats over 600 people for High Holiday services. In 2003, the synagogue completed its most recent expansion by creating the Ranit Krinsky Lubliner Memorial Children's Library and the Rose Rosenblum Memorial Office.

Congregation Beth Ohr is very proud of the Torahs that were donated by family and friends of members, including two Torahs that were donated by the Perth Amboy Synagogue when it closed. Remembrance of the Holocaust is a tradition at the synagogue, as evidenced by our Holocaust Torah. Vera Nussenbaum arranged for its donation by the Mendlowitz family.

Our synagogue is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. We are true to the philosophy of Conservative Judaism while embracing a traditional approach to religious practices and openness to modern changes. While the synagogue strictly adheres to traditional dietary and Sabbath laws, women participate equally in our religious services.

BOOK REVIEW BY ED MENDLOWITZ

The Secret Chord
by Geraldine Brooks

How many times can you read about someone from the past with mythical status? *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks is a novel about King David that uses the biographical information contained in the Bible to piece together his life.

If the Bible doesn't provide the most information and details about all stages of David's life than anyone else, he certainly ranks in the top two or three. Well, Ms. Brooks uses what we already know and provides skin, bones, heart and emotions as well as lovers, friends, enemies, anger, ruthlessness, jealousy, revenge, piety, respect and leadership to make David into a person that lives between the covers of the book. I know the story and know what happens but I couldn't wait to find out what was coming next; and I thank the craft of the author for an enjoyable, and somewhat educational and inspiring page turning biography.

Rather than tell you more about this book, that I highly recommend, I want to quote from the beginning pages.

"Your line will not fail. Yet memory surely will. Your sons - what will they remember? Or their sons, after? When all who knew you in life are but bleached bone and dust, your descendants, your people, will crave to understand what manner of man you were when you did these deeds, first and last. Not just the deeds. The man."

"It is true, what you say. When I was a youth, learning war, I often thought of it. We hear of men like Shalmanezzer or Sargon, who won great battles. Of Ramses, who built the mighty temples on the backs of our ancestors, or of Hammurabi, who, they say, ruled with wise laws. But these are names only. It would be something to, to know their nature. To know them as men." He paused. "To be known as a man."

SISTERHOOD

News from Sisterhood by Marilyn Karlstein, Presidium

We had a promising year in that we gained 8 new members - welcome. I hope we can continue that trend.

Our holiday auction, as usual was very successful.

The Torah Fund Benefactors luncheon was a huge success because of our wonderful, always there to help, Ashna Pincus. We had the largest crowd ever for this function.

We had an actress perform as a German spy during World War II. It was a very entertaining fundraiser.

Over all it was an interesting year.

Our Fashion Show, which was June 10, 2016 gets credited to the years 2016-2017. I received many good compliments. People were pleased with the food, which was from Fred & Murrays. Dan was very helpful. We had loads of gifts for both the raffle and door prizes, including a Samsung 32" TV from Derby Appliances, Edison, NJ. Monetarily, the fashion show was also successful. I want to thank all those who helped me. Sharen Silverman was a joy to work with; whatever I needed done, she said yes. Thank you Sharen. The girls who donated baskets and helped with the gift wrapping, it was greatly appreciated. There are some who are always there when you need them, like Ashna Pincus. I don't know who worked behind the scenes, except Monica Atzbi, but thanks to all of you who helped with donating gifts and gift wrapping. Also, thanks to the models, Cheryl Cadel, Helene Grynberg, Barbara Feder, Sharen Silverman and myself for modeling Chico's clothes.

Thank you all for your assistance and help. It takes a village.



A Note From
Teresa Samtur to Lee Hyman
Garden State Region Torah Fund V.P.

Dear Lee,

Thank you so much for inviting me to sisterhood Beth Ohr's Torah fund event. I had such a wonderful time. Your sisterhood is warm and welcoming and made me feel very special.

The cookbook is great! The recipes look delicious and I look forward to making one of the noodle kugels for Shavuot.

Thank you again for a wonderful afternoon!

Sincerely,

Teresa Samtur
Garden State Region Torah Fund VP



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.
Linda Garfinkel

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Your Signature

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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.

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Announcements

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Noon, Friday, July 15, 2016

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 and announcements via e-mail to:

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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

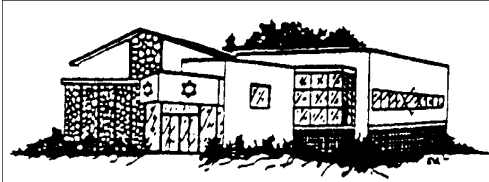
If you need to reach Rabbi Mishkin, please use any of the following phone numbers:

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 July



July 1	8:14
July 8	8:12
July 15	8:08
July 22	8:03
July 29	7:57