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*From the Beth Ohr Family to Yours,
We wish you a Happy & Healthy 5777
For a full listing of all
High Holiday Schedule of Service Times,
please go to pages 8 and 9 in this newsletter.*

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

Sat Oct 1	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30AM
Sun Oct 2	Morning Minyan and Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
	Erev Rosh Hashana	6:15PM
Mon Oct 3	First Day Rosh Hashanah	9:00AM
Tues Oct 4	Second Day of Rosh Hashanah	9:00AM
Wed Oct 5	Fast of Gedaliah	
	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Thurs Oct 6	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri Oct 7	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat Oct 8	Shabbat Shuvah Services	9:30AM
Sun Oct 9	Morning Minyan and Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Mon Oct 10	Columbus Day	
Tues Oct 11	Erev Yom Kippur	5:45PM
	Kol Nidre	5:55PM
Wed Oct 12	Yom Kippur Day—Service	9:00AM
	Mincha	4:45PM
	Neila	5:45PM
	Ma'ariv	7:00PM
Fri Oct 14	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat Oct 15	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30AM
Sun Oct. 16	Morning Minyan followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
	Erev Sukkot	
Mon Oct 17	First Day Sukkot Shacharit Service	9:30AM
Tues Oct 18	Second Day Sukkot Shacharit Service	9:30AM
Fri Oct. 21	Chicken in the Coop	6:00PM
	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat Oct 22	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Oct. 23	Hoshanah Rabbah Minyan	9:00AM
	followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
	Grandparents Circle	3:00PM
Mon Oct. 24	Shemini Atzeret—Shacharit service	9:30AM
	Simchat Torah Family Service Etz Chaim	7:00PM
Tues Oct 25	Simchat Torah Service at Temple Beth Ahm	9:30AM
Wed Oct 26	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Thur Oct 27	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri Oct 28	Friday Evening Service	7:30AM
Sat Oct 29	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Oct 30	Morning Minyan	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	

For a full listing of all
High Holiday Schedule of Service Times,
please go to pages 24 & 25 in this newsletter.

Rabbi Mishkin's Holiday Message

“Perfection is not the Plan”



If we take the period of time that we devote to the High Holidays seriously, then the challenge for us is great. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur provide us with an opportunity for self-reflection and introspection in the hope that such a contemplative process will lead to self-improvement. To aspire to such a goal is certainly worthy, and one of the reasons why this season has always resonated with our people. There is a danger, however, as we go through this introspective process of judging ourselves too harshly. For example, here is a translation of the words to the prayer “Ashamnu,” the shorter confession we will recite several times on Yom Kippur. The language that our ancestors used is undeniably extreme.

“We Abuse, we Betray, we are Cruel, we Destroy, we Embitter, we Falsify, we Gossip, we Hate, we Insult, we Kill, we Lie, we Mock, we Neglect, we Oppress, we Pervert, we Quarrel, we Rebel, we Steal, we Transgress, we are Unkind, we are Violent, we are Wicked, we are eXtremists, we Yearn to do evil, we are Zealous for bad causes.”

This translation used by the new Conservative Machzor Lev Shalem features not only a comprehensive list of our failings, but it does so in such a way that it lists them alphabetically. By doing this, our Machzor is making the statement that we have transgressed using the entirety of the alphabet. When we reflect upon this image the effect is startling, if not shocking. Who figured that we human beings could be capable of such acts? Clearly our ancestors relied upon this as a tactic to exhort us to do better but such a harsh evaluation might actually deter us from even trying to improve.

In contrast to this image I would like to remind us that given all our failings, most people actually want to do good and to be better than they have in the past. That is why these holidays have held such meaning for us over the years. It is important to keep in mind that perfection is not the goal of these holidays. Human beings were never intended to be perfect and in keeping with this sentiment I would like to rely upon the following poem titled “Perfection, Perfection,” by Father Kilian McDonnel.

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(Continued from page 3 Rabbi Mishkin's message)

"I have had it with perfection.
I have packed my bags,
I am out of here.
Gone.

As certain as rain
will make you wet,
perfection will do you
in.

It droppeth not as dew
upon the summer grass
to give liberty and green
joy.

Perfection straineth out
the quality of mercy,
withers rapture at its
birth.

before the battle is half begun,
cold probity thinks
it can't be won, concedes the
war.

I've handed my notice,
given back my keys,
signed my severance check, I
quit.

Hints I could have taken:
Even the perfect chiseled form of
Michelangelo's radiant David
Squints,

the Venus de Milo
has no arms,
the Liberty Bell is
cracked."

Shanah Tovah,
Rabbi Joel Mishkin

President's Message



During the uncertainty in the world today and the bombs planted in the past few weeks in Manhattan, at the Jersey Shore and in Elizabeth, NJ, I reflect back on the terror that occurred during my teenage years 1964 through 1972. It was very scary to witness the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King, Senator Robert Kennedy, the shootings of innocent students at Kent State University, and the murder of the Israeli athletes during the Munich Summer Olympics. But Americans came together, and our democracy lives on 45 years later.

On Sunday September 18, an Israel Bond Drive and breakfast was held at our synagogue honoring Herman and Barbara Schneider. Our prominent guest speaker was Ralph Nurnberger, professor of International Relations at Georgetown University. With humor and eloquence Ralph shared current political insights on the Israel-Arab conflicts in the Middle East, and touched on different positions he has held including Legislative liaison for AIPAC, and numerous positions on Capitol Hill. I think back to what Israelis faced in 1948 fighting for their independence, and 68 years later Israel lives on surrounded by enemies. I am thrilled that many congregants attended the breakfast, and more than \$200,000 was invested in bonds for Israel.

Congregation Beth Ohr will be celebrating its 60TH anniversary during this fiscal year. The programming committee is in the process of planning the celebration!

In these times of uncertainty, I find much comfort in attending services at Beth Ohr, and I look forward to praying with you and greeting you at High Holiday services.

Harriet and I along with our children and grandson wish you all a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year in 5777!

I am proud to be the President of our congregation.

Shalom,

Phil

News from the Beth Ohr Family

Beth Ohr Thank You Notes

- Eliot Liebowitz and family would like to thank all those who sent good wishes on his granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah
- Phyllis Greenberg wants to thank Ashna Pincus, Ann Branfman, Harriet Feld, Paula Yourman, Edna Yourman, Bernie Pincus, Lisa Clark, Meryl Finkelstein, Ira Donenfeld, and Joe Shafran for all their help in the office during this busy season.
- A special “thank you” (kol ha-ka-vod, to-da ra-ba) to everyone who helped to bring the new Sukkah to Beth Ohr:
- David Atzbi, Mark Atzbi, Allan Benish, Harvey Cohen, Ira Donenfeld, Herb Goldenberg, Anthony Honig, David Honig, Ken Deitz, Morty Kamenitz, Elliot Leibowitz, Andy Mendlowitz, Ed Mendlowitz, Phil Rabinowitz, Chuck Rogol, and Joe Shafran
- Thank you to the members of Sisterhood and Men’s Club for the “classy” brunch at the Israel Bond drive honoring Barbara and Herman Schneider. Your efforts to come early and set up, prepare and serve the food and especially to stay late and clean up are very much appreciated.

Beth Ohr Mazel Tovs

- Ashna and Bernie Pincus proudly announce the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ian Clark
- Lisa and Stephen Clark also proudly announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ian
- The congregation sends their sincerest best wishes to the Pincus and Clark family on the occasion of Ian’s Bar Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to our High Holiday Raffle Winners:

The parking spaces went to:

Steve and Sara Ullman; Mark and Monica Atzbi; Allan and Linda Benish; Jeff and Rysie Perlman; Nelson and Arlene Silver; Sylvia Kagan; Helen and Ben Levine; Harvey and Lana Cohen; Meryl Finkelstein; and Harriet Feld.

The winner of two High Holiday tickets is: Marilyn and Ira Karlstein.



The following send people send You and Yours Wishes that the New Year brings A Time of Sweetness, Simchas, Good Health, Personal Contentment, Lots of Sweet Surprises, and May all of Us Be Incribed for a Year of Peace.



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Monica & Mark Atzbi & Family
Liz & Mike Aroyo & Family
Linda & Allan Benish
Ann Branfman
Lisa, Stephen, Rebecca & Ian Clark.
Sue Edwards & Family.
The Feders & Family
Ilene & Barry Gray
Ellie & Bob Honig & Family
Lee & Paul Hyman
Sylvia Kagan
Roberta & Ralph Karpel
Maxine & Ken Kaufman & Family.
Helen & Ben Levine
Ashna & Bernie Pincus
Terrie Polovsky & Family
Joyce and Suzy Silberstein & Family
Arlene & Nelson Silver
Sharen, Burt, Jamie & Michelle Silverman
Marge & Stuart Simon
Estee & Brendan Spiegel
Marcia & Perry Trechak
Bob & Harriet Weiss
Edna Yourman & Family
Paula Yourman & Family

HIGH HOLIDAYS AT BETH OHR
Saturday evening, September 24, 2016
Eleventh ANNUAL JOINT CONGREGATIONAL SELICHOT PROGRAM & SERVICE
At CONGREGATION BETH OHR at 9:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Schedule of Services 2016 - 5777

Sunday Evening

October 2nd - Erev Rosh Hashanah
Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:15 p.m.
Candle lighting 6:19 p.m.

Monday

October 3rd - 1st Day of Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Babysitting 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Junior Congregation 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tashlich 5:45 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv 7:00 p.m.
Candle lighting 7:16 p.m.

Tuesday

October 4th - 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Babysitting 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Junior Congregation 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Visit Summerhill at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Schedule of Services

Tuesday evening

October 11th - Erev Yom Kippur

Mincha 5:45 p.m.
Kol Nidre 5:55 p.m.
Candle lighting 6:05 p.m.

Wednesday

October 12th - Yom Kippur Day

Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Baby Sitting 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Junior Congregation 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Yizkor Service 11:15 a.m.
Visit Summerhill at approximately 2:30 p.m.
Mincha 4:45 p.m.
Neilah 5:45 p.m.
Junior Congregation 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Ma'ariv at 7:00 p.m.

Sukkot Schedule of Services

Sunday, October 16th —Erev Sukkot

Candle Lighting at 5:57 PM

Monday, October 17th - 1st day of Sukkot

Shacharit starts at 9:30 AM.

Candle lighting at 7:26 AM.

Tuesday, October 18th- 2nd day of Sukkot

Shacharit starts at 9:30 AM.

Friday, October 21, 2016 Chol HaMoed Sukkot

Friday Evening Services 6:00 PM

Chicken in the Coop 6:30 PM



Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Schedule of Services

Sunday, October 23—Hoshannah Rabbah

Candle Lighting at 6:18 PM

Monday morning , October 24 - Shemini Atzeret

Shacharit starts at 9:30 AM

Yizkor is recited at approximately 10:45 AM

Candle Lighting at 6:45 PM

Simchat Torah Service begins at 7:00 PM at Etz Chaim

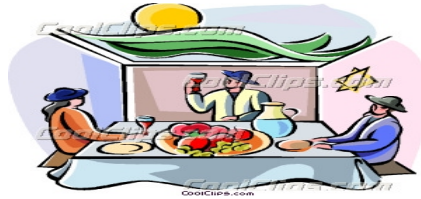
Tuesday morning, October 6th - Simchat Torah

Shacharit starts at 9:30 AM

At Temple Beth Ahm in Aberdeen



**Save the date for our annual Sukkot Chicken in the Coop
October 21, 2016
6:00 PM Friday Evening Services
Dinner at 6:30 PM**



**SERVICE AT 6:00 p.m.
DINNER will at 6:30 p.m.**

HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Do A MITZVAH...HELP JEWISH FAMILIES IN NEED
This year Congregation Beth Ohr will participate in the High Holidays food collection for Jewish Family Services. If you have non-perishable Kosher food that you would like to donate, please place it in the bin in the lobby of the Synagogue.

If you have food to be picked up, please call Ira Donenfeld ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)).

Monetary Donations may be sent to the synagogue.
Please make checks payable to the Rabbis Discretionary Fund

FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE IS HOPING YOU CAN HELP. IF YOU HAVE ANY TOYS, BOOKS, OR GAMES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE SYNAGOGUE, WE'LL TAKE THEM AND USE THEM FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN DURING HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES. PLEASE CALL IRA DONENFELD AT 732-679-2652.





THE NEW BETH OHR SUKKAH

The Sukkah is built and everyone can now take part in the mitzvah of sitting in our Sukkah . At the same time , you too can be part of the mitzvah in a different way. We ask that you make a small donation to offset the cost of the Sukkah. If each family contributes about \$20-25, we will be able to cover most, if not all, of the cost without adding to the congregational budget. We appreciate you are asked to donate to many worthy causes and that the total of each small donation increases the burden on your own personal budget. However, the new Sukkah structure is a tangible, physical improvement to our congregation, one that we will be able to see and spiritually enjoy each Sukkot season.

This improvement and our contributions to support it are signs that Beth Ohr continues as a vibrant congregation and, of course, your contributions are very much appreciated. A check in whatever amount you are able to contribute can be mailed to the office or brought to Phyllis Greenberg, our Synagogue Administrator, and marked new Sukkah.

Thank you

Sukkah Donations to date

David and Alice Honig

Arnold Dorfman

Ashna and Bernie Pincus

Steve and Sara Ullman

Lisa Mason and Stan Perlman

Sylvia Kagan

Allen and Wilma Appel,,

Rabbi Mishkin's Discretionary Fund

Larry and Roberta Fachler— We are honored to make a donation to help defray the cost of the new Sukkah. We look forward to celebrate in the new Sukkah. We are making a donation in honor of all our grandchildren: Katie, Brianna, Ryleigh, Mark and Allyson.

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Sukkah Donations to Date
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Herman and Barbara Schneider
Marilyn Gilbarg
Marty Israel
Liz & Michael Aroyo
Phil and Harriet Rabinowitz
Kenneth and Maxine Kaufman
Meryl Finkelstein
Ann Branfman
Joseph and Caroline Klein
Bob and Ellie Honig
Harriett Feld

Do you want to add meaning to your Jewish life and create special memories for you and your children or grandchildren?

Order a lulav and etrog for Sukkot this year. We will be taking orders for the community. The cost is \$40.00 per set. Please make checks payable to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and send it to the office, attention Phyllis Greenberg, **no later than Thursday, Oct 6, 2016.**



Lulav & Etrog Set

NAME _____

I WISH TO ORDER _____ SET (S) @ \$40.00 PER SET

PROGRAM NOTES

The Israel Bond Brunch was held Sunday morning, September 18, 2016. Kudos to Harvey Cohen and his committee for a delicious meal in a beautiful setting.

After the excellent presentation by Dr. Ralph Nurnberger of Georgetown University, we pulled the tickets for the High Holiday raffle for 10 parking spaces and the grand prize of two High Holiday tickets. The parking spaces went to: Steve and Sara Ullman; Mark and Monica Atzbi; Allan and Linda Benish; Jeff and Rysie; Perlman; Nelson and Arlene Silver; Sylvia Kagan; Helen and Ben Levine; Harvey and Lana Cohen; Meryl Finkelstein; and Harriet Feld.

The winner of two tickets is Marilyn Karlstein.

Coming in October we will be having Chicken in the Coop in our new Sukkah, weather permitting, on Friday night, October 21, 2016. See the flyer in this newsletter, for more information and to sign up for dinner.

On Sunday, October 23rd, at 3:00, the Grandparents Circle will be having a Succoth Family Ice Cream party. More information will follow closer to the date.

November 4-6 we will be hosting Rabbi Gordon Jaffe, our Scholar in Residence. It will be a wonderful weekend of prayer and music.

On Sunday, November 20th, we will be hosting a Global Day of Jewish Learning to be held at the East Brunswick Public Library from 2-4PM. Rabbi Mishkin will be moderating a panel discussion with Rabbi Joshua Finkelstein of the East Brunswick Jewish Center, Rabbi Efrayim Unterman of Young Israel, and Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer of Temple B'nai Shalom. The theme of the discussion is Revelation: How I Understand it and How it Guides my Rabbinate.

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits were observed during the month of **August, September, October**. We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

DONATED BY:

Sandra Wishnia and Family
Zelie and Mel Prussack and family
Marilyn Gilbarg
Bob Nagler
Ruth, David and Brian Risman
Hilde Schottlander
Marjorie and Stuart Simon

Paula Yourman and family
Rita and Bernie Selden
Arlene Silver
Bob and Mala Simon and family
Stuart, Gail, & Arynn Rizick
Elias Engber
Seymour Nussenbaum
Glenda Levenstein
Wilma and Allen Appel
Barbara and Melvin Feder

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Larry Wishnia , Sandra's son
Jack Prussack
Gertrude Gilbarg
Otto Nagler
Charles Davis
Ernest Schottlander
Pauline and Morris Simon,
Stuart's beloved parents
Harold Yourman
Sally Kestenberg
Jeanette Schenker
Frank Simon
Abraham Rizick
Marcia Engber
Bertha Staff
Ruth Levenstein
Meyer Davis
Carol Berman, beloved mother,
and grandmother



October 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>Oct 7/8</u>		<u>Oct 14/15 (continued)</u>	
Leo Ribet	10/8	Sidney Semel	10/20
Phillip Schechtman	10/8	Anna Wolpert	10/20
Samuel Smith	10/8	Maurice Abstender	10/21
Howard Reichbach	10/9	Joseph Barth	10/21
Yuliy Shulman	10/9	Oct 21/22	
Larry Garfinkel	10/10	Joseph Hecht	10/22
Robyn Lamatino	10/10	Meryl Krasnow	10/22
Sophie Levine	10/10	Donald Lubin	10/22
Erika Ettner	10/11	Ben Albertson	10/24
Zhanna Geyfman	10/11	Rae Derman	10/24
Abraham Blumenthal	10/12	Audrey Ruth Frank	10/25
Louis Hirsch	10/12	Ira Pincus	10/25
Phillip Podol	10/12	Nathan Greenspan	10/26
Ted Rogol	10/12	Seymour Himelstein	10/26
Carol Berman	10/13	Simcha Lieberman	10/26
Fannie Bleiweis	10/13	Otto Nagler	10/26
Sarah Fireman	10/13	Reuben Oshinsky	10/26
Benjamin Goldwaser	10/13	Morton Schnitman	10/26
Sylvia Bernstein	10/14	Harry Ladinsky	10/27
Isaac Betesh	10/14	Eli Leff	10/27
Jennie Branner	10/14	Rose Reich	10/27
Charles Furhman	10/14	Sarah Weinreich	10/27
Anna Godlewski	10/14	Morton Brown	10/28
Ray Greene	10/14	<u>Oct 28/29</u>	
Ida Israel	10/14	Joseph Barkoe	10/29
Ida Lubin	10/14	Bertha Weitzenkorn Hollander	10/29
Sonya Nodelman	10/14	Ada Akerman	10/30
<u>Oct 14/15</u>		Khava Barkan	10/30
Irving Schulsinger	10/15	Rose Finkelstein	10/30
Alex Simcowitz	10/15	Joseph Newman	10/30
Julius Polovsky	10/16	Joyce Torchin	10/30
Charles Davis	10/17	Ethel Czortkower	10/31
Jack Prussack	10/17	Seymour Gold	10/31
Seymour Schechtman	10/17	Arthur Mendlowitz	10/31
Irene Schnitzer	10/17	Dorothy Rubrum	10/31
Harold Yourman	10/17	Philip Ribet	11/1
Robert Bamford	10/18	William Sass	11/1
Aron Rosenblum	10/18	Gabriel Weiss	11/2
Max Schneider	10/18	Maurice Zeltzer	11/2
Frank Sheffler	10/18	Bernard Kantrowitz	11/3
Lea Shleifer	10/18	Henry Nehman	11/3
Jean Halpert	10/19	Milton Dubin	11/4
Anatoly Verbitski	10/19	Murray Woodman	11/4
Al Buckberg	10/20		
Meyer Davis	10/20		
Marsha Hoffman	10/20		
Florence Schnitman	10/20		

Adult Education Highlights

Adult Education classes continue to flourish at Beth Ohr and we invite you to choose as many classes as you would like to attend.

Rabbi Mishkin's classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. His morning and evening class schedule can be found in our monthly newsletters, in e-mails, in our weekly Shabbat booklets that are available in the synagogue sanctuary, and on the Sisterhood calendar.

His every-other-Tuesday evening classes of **Practices and Customs 2.0** continue as the class learns about the theology and philosophy of the various movements in Judaism while studying prayer books from each denomination.

On alternate weeks, Rabbi Mishkin leads his study of Talmud, "**Swim in the Sea of the Talmud.**" This class is also offered on Thursday mornings at 9:30.

The Rabbi's book discussion class, reviewing the book **Not in G-d's Name**, continues every other Tuesday morning.

The **Conversational Spanish class** is led by Terrie Polovsky, who assures me that anyone can join at any time. The class is held every Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m.

The **Hebrew Reading class** will also continue, but with a twist. If you read Hebrew but would like to become more fluent, or if you would like to come practice reading while we discuss some of the High Holiday prayers, come to our **HEBREW CRASH COURSE - HIGH HOLY DAY VERSION**. This will be a six-to-eight week session concentrating on reading and discussing some of the most well-known prayers from Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur. This is also a "drop-in" like the Spanish class. You don't have to attend every class.

Once we have finished with this session, we will continue the **Hebrew Reading/Discussion class** that allows you to practice and brush up on your Hebrew while discussing the meanings of prayers from our Shabbat service, gaining some knowledge of the way Hebrew is constructed, learning some vocabulary, and just having a good time. Classes at 11 a.m. Thursdays

Beginning Hebrew Crash Course – Are you interested in learning Hebrew reading from the very beginning? If so, I would be glad to start another crash course on Thursday mornings at 10. Please contact me if you can't read at all, or once knew and forgot how. Then you could even stay for the High Holiday discussion group, if you like.

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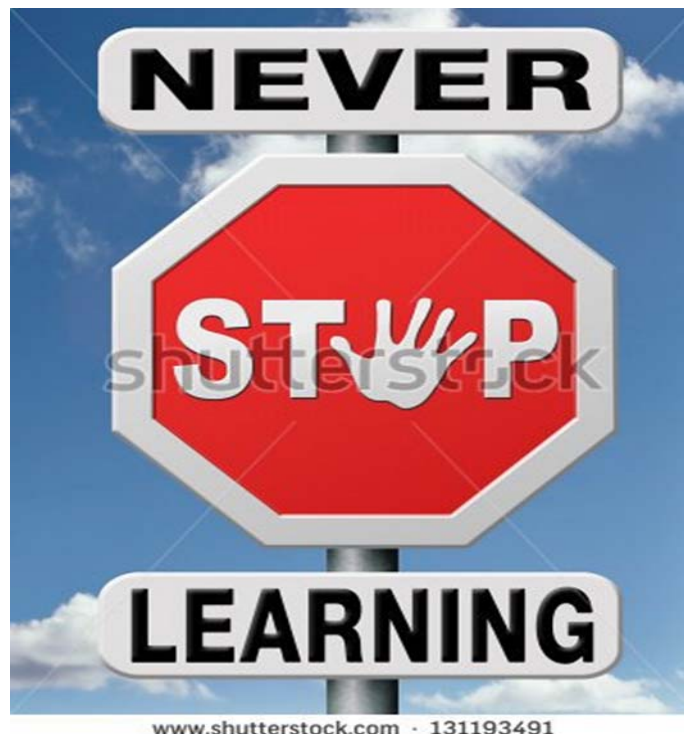
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WRITE DOWN THESE DATES!:

NOVEMBER 4-6 Beyond classes, we also excitedly look forward to our “**Rabbi-in-Residence Weekend.**” Please join us for a special weekend featuring Rabbi Gordon Jaffe. He is a uniquely gifted congregational rabbi and we look forward to welcoming him to Congregation Beth Ohr. Additional information will be forthcoming soon.

DECEMBER 4 – Go on a **Virtual Israel Experience** by sharing a Sunday Brunch with the group that traveled to Israel last May. Hear about their adventures, see pictures of the amazing sites they visited, and maybe you, too, will be inspired to visit Eretz Yisrael.

APRIL 30 – TORATHON! – We listened to your suggestions and moved it to **AFTER** Passover so all our snowbirds will be home again, and the program will run for four hours so everyone has the opportunity to attend more classes. More to come.



New beginnings.

Very shortly it will not only be a new beginning on the Jewish calendar, 5777, but the start of a new tradition for Congregation Beth Ohr. As many of our long-time members know, Men's Club has traditionally provided ushers for the High Holiday services, including Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur, as well as assisting the guards at the front entrance. This year we begin a new Beth Ohr tradition by inviting all members of the Congregation to participate, women as well as men – after all, we refer to ourselves as an egalitarian Congregation, so it's only right that we ask everyone to participate equally in this very pleasant and rewarding experience. With this change, I think it's appropriate that we refer to volunteers as "guides" rather than ushers, which has a male-only connotation.

Serving as a guide requires, at most, only one hour of your time during any one of the High Holiday services (although you're welcome to volunteer for more than one "tour" if you'd like). And if you volunteer to serve during Kol Nidrei, only 30 minutes.

If you prefer to assist the guards at the front entrance, you only need to answer questions (who knows what will be asked, remember, we're Jews), explain that personal ID is required if a visitor doesn't have a ticket or help a worshipper locate their seat on the seating chart. If any issue arises for which you need additional help, you can always ask for assistance from one of the more experienced ushers (or me) stationed at one of the doors leading into the sanctuary.

If, instead, you prefer to be at one of the entrances to the sanctuary, you will "meet-and-greet" worshippers as they arrive (keeping conversation and noise to a minimum) and, if asked, assist them in finding their seat. It's also your responsibility to help, along with the other guides and myself, to resolve any issues that may arise (a person in the wrong seat, a too-talkative neighbor, etc.) and to do a "walk-about" the building and grounds once during your tour to make sure that all is well and to spend a little time with the Junior Congregation when their services are in progress (usually about 10:30-11:30).

As you can see, it's not complicated and you have the opportunity to greet fellow congregants that you may not have seen in a while and to get "mitzvah points" – we can all use those.

OK, so it sounds like something you can do, what's next. It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Send me an email, hcohen@ldlkm.com or hcohen@optonline.net;
2. In a reply email, tell me that you're interested; and
3. Tell me which day and what time you'd like to serve, Kol Nidre evening, first day of Rosh Hashanah, second day of Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.

L'Shana Tova
Harvey Cohen

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.

ETZ CHAIM CHUMASH

If you are interested in purchasing the new Etz Chaim Chumash, please contact Estee Spiegel by e-mail at estee86@msn.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, Phil Rabinowitz or Larry Fachler.

CHICKEN IN THE "COOP"

Please join us for our annual Sukkot Chicken in the "Coop" dinner under the stars on Friday evening, October 21, 2016. This annual event is always sold out due to Sukkah size restrictions. Get your reservations and payment in early so that you are not disappointed.



SERVICE AT 6:00 PM
DINNER will be at 6:30 PM

DRESS IS CASUAL

Weather Permitting, **SERVICES** will be held in the Sukkah

Cost: \$20.00 per person

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THE SPACE IN THE SUKKAH IS LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE

CHICKEN IN THE "COOP"

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OF CHILDREN _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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A Scholar In Residence Shabbat

November 4th & 5th, 2016



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Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

**Spiritual Leader of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
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**Rabbi Yaffe will guide us on a journey to take a new look
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Has Your Synagogue Experience Ever Raised Questions Like:

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Does God Need To Hear All Those Prayers?**

**Join us for this special Shabbat as we learn together
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**Details to be provided a few weeks before the weekend.
Put this exciting weekend on your calendars.
Do not miss this special program.**

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



The Men's Club
*wishes our entire Beth Ohr
 Family a Happy, Healthy
 and Prosperous New Year!*

B.O.M.C. Triple 8 Club
Shul, Schmooze and Schmeer
Every Sunday



Above: The Men's Club on Rosh Hodesh Elul

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

- Oct 16—New Sukkah dedication—Flu and Pneumonia Shots by Walgreens administered by Bonnie Lerner
- Nov 13 – Foreign Born Members' Program
- Dec 4 — Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint program. Those that went on the Israel trip will show photos and talk about it
- Dec 11—Annual Syd Lustgarten Mensch Award will be presented
- Dec 18 – Gift Book Sunday—Everyone attending the Minyan will receive a free book
- Jan 15, 2017—Daytimers / Men's Club joint program
- 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

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

**Save a Life. Improve a Life.
 Arrange to become an Organ Donor!**

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

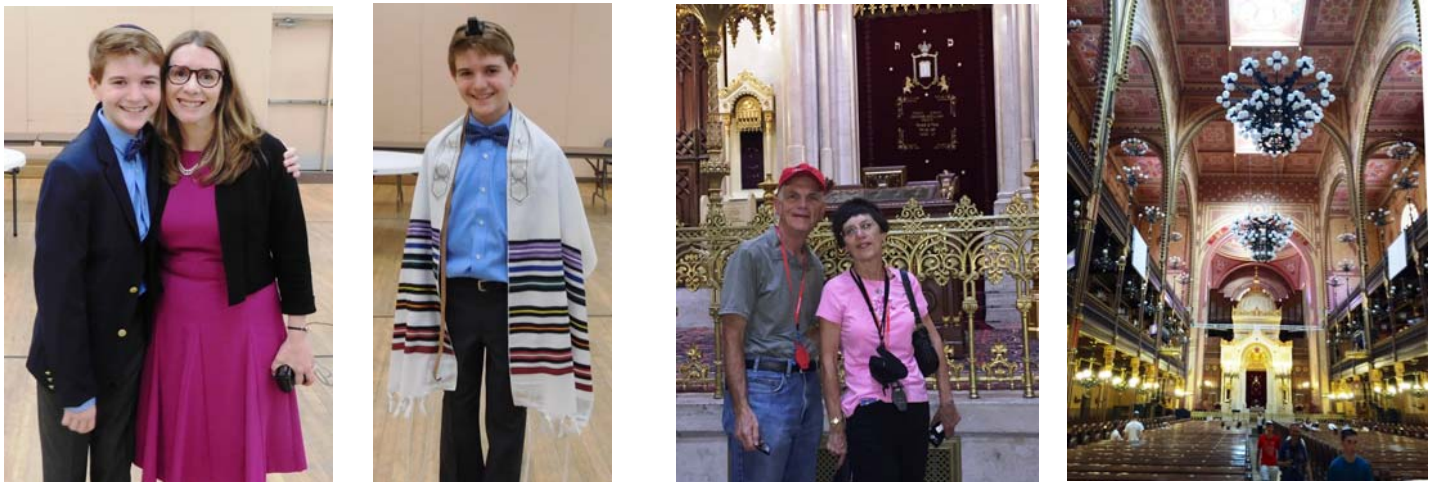
***If you don't usually attend, try coming once in a while and see what we have to offer.
 It ain't what you think it is!***

MEN'S CLUB T SHIRT CONTEST (CONTINUED)



The above is the final installment of the Men's Club T Shirt Contest
 Top row: Ken Deitz, Herb Goldenberg, Ken Deitz, Bob Nagler, Paula Yourman.
 2nd row: Ken Deitz (with hat), Mark Sadek, Raymond Zitzer, and an unknown person.

PHOTO GALLERY 1



Ian and Lisa Clark just before Ian's Bar Mitzvah. Ian with Talise and Tefillin getting ready for the service. Linda and Allen Skupp in Dohany Synagogue in Budapest and the interior of the Synagogue, the largest Synagogue in Europe and second largest in the World.

PHOTO GALLERY 2



Photo descriptions

Top row: Photos of our very successful Israel Bond program honoring **Barbara and Herman Schneider** where over \$200,000 of Israel Bonds were purchased. Shown is **Rabbi Mishkin** presenting a plaque to Barbara and Herman. Next is **Richard Hirschorn** from Israel Bonds talking about the benefits of investments in Israel followed by guest speaker Georgetown University Professor **Ralph Nurnberger** who not only informed us about what is going on in Israel but also entertained us with his lively comments and jokes. Also at the brunch was the High Holiday raffle drawing with Temple Vice President **Roberta Karpel** having Barbara pick the winning tickets. The 2nd row shows part of the over 60 people at the Israel Bond Brunch. The next photo shows **Ken Deitz, Harriet Rabinowitz and Chuck Rogol** as harbingers of the High Holidays who changed the Ark and Torah covers to the Yuntif white. The 3rd row shows part of the **Ritual Committee** writing out the Holiday honors to send to the congregants to know what they will be doing. Our Shofar blower **Chuck Rogol** gave us strong samples at every Sunday Minyan in September during the month of Elul. The last photo illustrates the Machzors that were placed in the Sanctuary replacing the Shabbos siddurs and Chumashes for the High Holidays.

A lot of dedicated people doing a lot of work—much done behind the scenes.

PHOTO GALLERY 3



Photo descriptions

Things do not get done by themselves. It takes a lot of people. Some were shown on the previous page and more here, and many more are not captured in photos.

Top 2 rows show work on the Sukkah: **Tony Honig, Joe Shafran, Phil Rabinowitz, Harvey Cohen, Andy Mendlowitz, and David Honig** are just a few of the people that worked on getting the Sukkah up and ready to use.

The 3rd row shows some of the guys getting the Sanctuary and All Purpose room ready for the holidays and the seats that have been set up.

When you walk into the Temple on Rosh Hashanah reflect on the many people that helped to get everything set up. **L'Shana Tovah.**



Congregation Beth Ohr – State of Israel Bond Program Sep 18, 2016

Concluding Remarks by Harvey Cohen



I've been asked to make a few, brief, closing remarks before we adjourn for a delicious brunch, so I'll be certain to keep it brief.

I think that it's important for everyone who is interested in purchasing State of Israel bonds to be fully informed, I thought that I'd take the

next 30 minutes or so to read to you all of the terms of the official 13-page prospectus. Just kidding although I could tell that some of you thought I might be serious.

State of Israel bonds were first proposed to be offered in 1950 by David Ben-Gurion, only a few years after the modern State of Israel came into being.

The overall objective for offering the bonds then, as it is now, was to help provide Israel with a more secure economic foundation.

However, the first objectives focused on obtaining funds to help support the very large number of post-WWII immigrants who were being absorbed by Israel and also for construction of sorely needed national infrastructure. By offering the bonds, Jews all over the world were given an opportunity to help build the new Jewish state and participation in that opportunity and partnership continues to this day.

At the time of the first bond sale, it was hoped to raise \$25 million dollars. Instead, more than twice that amount, \$52 million in bonds were sold. In today's dollars, that's more than \$500 million.

Although the sale of State of Israel bonds spikes during times of crises in Israel, it's important for us to show support in good times as well, to help make things better.

Nowadays, bond sales each year typically exceed \$1 billion, quite an impressive amount.

The reason that I was asked to make a few remarks was because Lana and I were part of the Beth Ohr group that visited Israel; for us it was the first time. Having been there, it's hard to imagine what conditions were like in those early days, although we were shown pictures from that time.

Being there today, I saw a thriving, lively and lovely country. Modern buildings rising everywhere and farms and crops of every kind, bringing life to what were once parched, desert landscapes.

The State of Israel is truly an inspiring country; it is worth our support even if it wasn't Israel, residence for our souls.

But I ask you to think differently about investing in State of Israel bonds.

Think about doing so as an investment in a "start-up", like a start-up business. The visit to Israel that Lana and I and other congregation members made this past Spring was only 68 years after the modern State of Israel came into being. In terms of age for a nation, it is just like a start-up, but this start-up has accomplished wonders during its young existence.

Investing in Israel the start-up, will help to bring about changes that we can't imagine today. Who would have imagined in 1948 advances such as drip irrigation that turn deserts green and the countless new drugs, drug treatments and medical devices and advances that have come from this small State. In fact, on our trip to Israel, we knew that, if, G-d forbid, we became sick, where else but Israel would you want to be in order to get the best medical attention in the world.

Since 1948 there's an amazing list of technical advances that have come from Israel, and with our support those advances will continue to flow to the world. Israel developed the first practical Internet phone software and Intel Israel

designed the 8088 processor for the original IBM personal computer, and Intel Israel continues to develop the most advanced processors.

Israel also leads the world in solar power generation and seawater desalination. And the cell phone and major Windows operating systems were also developed in Israel.

We all know that Israel is a tiny country with a small population compared to other so-called “giants” in the world, but between 1901 and 2004, 22% of all individual Nobel prize recipients worldwide were awarded to Jews and persons of half-Jewish ancestry. And the numbers are even higher in the fields of scientific research. All this from a people who comprise only about ¼ of 1% of the world’s population.

When you invest in Israel you’re investing in a \$100 billion economy, one that’s larger than all of its immediate neighbors – **combined.**

But Israel and Israelis don’t only look inwardly. To save them from certain disaster, Israel airlifted more than 14,000 threatened Ethiopians to Israel in 36 hours. And Israel was one of the first nations to respond with assistance after the 2005 Pakistani earthquake, even though Pakistan has still not recognized the legitimacy of the State of Israel. The drip irrigation technology developed in Israel that I mentioned before has been brought to several African farming countries and Israel established 1,000 water projects in 500 Romanian villages. With the wastewater recycling technology developed in Israel, more than 75% of wastewater is recycled, a world record, and in a world where potable water shortage is an increasing problem, the tools developed in Israel will be able to serve and improve the world.

But let’s return to the concept of a start-up. Some may say that characterizing Israel as a start-up is not an enticement for investment because 3 out of 4 start-ups typically fail. That being said, most usually fail within their first year and Israel survived its first year and thrived in the 67 years since then. It makes sense to support Israel and the Israeli people, with one of the strongest entrepreneurship ethics in the world and a record of success and growth.

But enough of what I say, what do some other pretty smart and successful people say about Israel:

“Israel is an incredible source of entrepreneurship and brilliant ideas”, Safra Catz, former president and now co-CEO of Oracle

“Israel is a major player in the high tech world. People in high tech are very aware that Israel, compared to its small size, has some amazing technological achievements. There is a greater concentration of talented high tech manpower here in comparison to other countries, almost to the extent of Silicon Valley.” Bill Gates, Founder of Microsoft

“If you go to the Middle East looking for oil, you don’t need to stop in Israel. But if you go looking for brains, energy, for integrity, it’s the only place you need to stop when you go to the Middle East.” Warren Buffet, Chairman, Berkshire Hathaway (and investor of some renown)

Yes, Israel is a start-up, but one with a proven record of achievement and a country from which further great achievements are certain to flow – State of Israel bonds will help to fuel that engine of achievement.

Beth Ohr Israel Bond Brunch

That Honored Barbara and Herman Schneider

On September 18, 2016

Created Israel Bond sales of over **\$200,000** (and orders are still coming in)

It is not too late to buy Israel Bonds.

You can check the rates and types of bonds at www.israelbonds.com and/or can call Richard Hirschorn at the Israel Bond office tel: 732.353.2003

Sisterhood Presidium President

Shalom,

Sisterhood has had our first meeting of the year and we are off to a great start. At our September 7th membership meeting we got to learn some interesting things about each other which was truly lovely. Coming up on November 2nd will be our Paid Up which is always a wonderful evening Please do your best to be there and this is open to all dues paying members for no additional cost. On Sunday November 13th we are having our Historian program and will be visited by a “Lady of the Civil War”, portrayed by Alisa Dupuy, who did an amazing performance last year as our World War II female spy. This program is of interest to all. Please see the flier in this newsletter for details.

Sisterhood is also busy selling Israeli Honey and Jelly so do a double mitzvah by supporting Israel and Sisterhood by purchasing these delicious items (also see flier in this newsletter). Sisterhood has voted to contribute towards the purchase of the new permanent Sukkah for the Temple and it is by supporting our fundraisers that Sisterhood can continue to help the Temple with these types of things. We also have our constant fundraisers like selling supermarket scrip, Kohl’s Cards, Gold Cards, purchase of prayer books and donations. Your participation in any and all of these fundraisers is truly appreciated.

On behalf of Sisterhood, my family and myself we wish all a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year and a Meaningful Yom Kippur.

L’Shanah Tovah,

Liz Aroyo
Presidium President

Sisterhood

SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR
ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT
2015 - 2016

TEMPLE MEMBERS \$30

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DONOR CREDIT OF \$5 WILL BE AWARDED TO MEMBERS WHO PAY THEIR DUES ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015.

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Name		Amount	Over	
Laddin	Anne			
Lazarowitz	Andrea	\$30.00	7.0	
Levenstein	Glenda	\$20.00		
Levine	Helen			
Mason	Lisa	\$38.00		
Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$115.00	11.0	
Nadler	Elinor			
Perlman	Ryselle	\$26.00		
Pincus	Ashna	\$90.00	2.5	
Polovsky	Terrie	\$39.00	4.0	
Prussack	Zellie		1.5	
Rabinowitz	Harriet	\$129.00	18.5	
Reinstein	Sheila			
Risman	Ruth	\$11.00	1.0	
Rogol	Lysa	\$28.00		
Rosenzweig	Ronnie	\$11.00		
Gray	Ilene	\$94.00	4.5	
			43.0	

			Carry	
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Schlussfeld	Mindy			
Schneider	Barbara	\$55.00	6.0	
Schottlander	Hilde	\$58.00	12.0	
Shafran	Dorothy	\$104.00	6.5	
Seltzer	Karen			
Seidner	Lois			
Silberstein	Joyce	\$14.00	5.5	
Silver	Arlene	\$11.00		
Silverman	Sharen	\$130.00	8.5	
Simon	Mala	\$25.00	2.5	
Simon	Marjorie	\$34.00		
Skupp	Linda	\$146.25	11.5	
Sommers	Arlene			
Spiegel	Estee	\$74.00	0.5	
Trechak	Marcia	\$160.00	6.5	
Ward	Phyllis			
Weiss	Harriet	\$56.00	1.5	
Yourman	Edna	\$26.50		
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2nd Annual Historical Performance

Lady of the Civil War Performed By Alisa Dupuy

Sunday November 13th at 3:00 PM
Congregation Beth Ohr
70 Route 516, Old Bridge, NJ
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Announcements

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Noon, Monday, October, 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

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Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.



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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For October



Oct 2	6:19
Oct 3	7:16
Oct 7	6:11
Oct 11	6:05
Oct 14	6:00
Oct 16	5:57
Oct 17	6:54
Oct 21	5:50
Oct 23	5:47
Oct 24	6:45
Oct 28	5:40