

BETH OHR NEWSLETTER

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**Congregation Beth Ohr in Old Bridge, NJ Presents:
A Scholar In Residence Shabbat
November 4th & 5th, 2016**



With

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

**Spiritual Leader of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
Little Neck, New York**

*Sponsored by the Rogol Family
and the Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund*

**Turn Going To Shabbat Services
Into
A Transformative Experience**

**Schedule for Shabbat Scholar in Residence
FRIDAY NIGHT—DINNER AT 6:00PM FOLLOWED BY SERVICES
LED BY RABBI YAFFE INCLUDING HIS 1ST PRESENTATION.**

**SATURDAY MORNING—9:30 SERVICES LED BY RABBI YAFFE,
INCLUDING
HIS 2ND PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY KIDDUSH LUNCH**

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

All Friday evening services begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated, Saturday morning Shabbat services begin at 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning minyan begins at 9:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues Nov 1	Rabbi's Book Discussion Group	11:00AM
	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed Nov 2	Spanish Class	11:00AM
	Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner	7:00PM
Thur Nov 3	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri Nov 4	Rabbi in Residence Dinner	6:00PM
	Friday Evening Service	7:30AM
Sat Nov 5	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30AM
	Rabbi in Residence	
Sun Nov 6	Sunday Morning Service followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Tues Nov 8	Rabbi's Jewish Practices and Customs Class	7:30PM
	Election Day	
Wed Nov 9	Spanish Class	11:00AM
	Talmud Class	9:30AM
Thurs Nov 10	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
Fri Nov 11	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
	Veterans Day	
Sat Nov 12	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Nov 13	Sunday Morning Service followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Mon Nov 14	Columbus Day	
Tues Nov 15	Rabbi's Book Discussion Class	11:00AM
Wed Nov 16	Spanish Class	11:00AM
	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thurs Nov 17	Hebrew Class	11:00AM
	Talmud Class	7:30PM
	Temple Exec Board Meeting	7:30PM
	Temple Board Meeting	8:00PM
Fri Nov 18	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat Nov 19	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30AM
Sun Nov. 20	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues Nov 22	Rabbi's Jewish Practices and Customs Class	7:30PM
Wed Nov 23	Spanish Class	11:00AM
Thur Nov 24	Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed	
Fri Nov. 25	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat Nov 26	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Nov. 27	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Thur Nov 29	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
Wed Nov 30	Spanish Class	11:00AM

Rabbi Mishkin's Message



Rabbi's Message – November 2016
Global Day of Jewish Learning - 5777

When I came to New Jersey in 2014 I was immediately welcomed to the rabbinic community by members of the Rabbinical Association in Middlesex County (now known as the Rabbinical Association of the Heart of New Jersey). In the past two years I have come to know many of the rabbis who serve the congregations of this area. I was grateful to learn that rabbis of all denominations were more than willing to participate in joint projects serving the community and promoting the teaching of Torah. This is not something that is true of all communities.

At Congregation Beth Ohr we were the beneficiaries of this positive attitude when we hosted a return of our Torahthon. As you might remember, it was extremely well attended and well received, and we look forward to hosting an even fuller program in the coming year.

Given the resounding success of this program, the Federation in the Heart of New Jersey asked us if we would organize a collaboration of three congregational rabbis in East Brunswick in honor of the Global Day of Jewish Learning for 5777.

Once again the rabbis were more than pleased to participate. On Sunday November 20th we will host a gathering of Rabbis Joshua Finkelstein, Eric Eisenkramer and Ephy Unterman at the East Brunswick Public Library at 2pm. The event will be a panel discussion titled, "The Meaning of Revelation for My Rabbinate and Me." It will be a personal presentation from each of the rabbis mentioned on the topic of Revelation and how it impacts their lives and their rabbinate. What took place at Sinai has great relevance on the way in which each of the movements of Judaism understands their adherence and practice of mitzvot. I am proud to act as moderator and I look forward to an enlightening afternoon of discussion. Please join us as we engage the Jewish community of East Brunswick in a vibrant learning opportunity.

Rabbi Joel S Mishkin

President's Message on Yom Kippur

Good Yuntiff:



I have been your President for the past 15 months. My wife Harriet and I have been members and part of the Beth Ohr family for 29 joyous years. I know the majority of us were raised in warm extended families. I truly love Beth Ohr because we are each other's extended family. At this time I welcome new members Sara and Steve Ullman, and Wayne Harrison who have joined the Beth Ohr family and are spending their first High Holiday services at Beth Ohr. To all guests who are celebrating the holidays with us, I hope you enjoyed our services, our friendship, and will consider xjoining us as members following the holidays.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the synagogue, I have been asked to make the Yizkor appeal today. I will present the financial health of the synagogue and the need for us to increase our pledges this year.

The finances in the fiscal year ending June 30th were excellent. We came within \$2000 of balancing the budget. The Temple Board found ways to reduce utility bills and control maintenance and building costs; the increased number of sponsored Kiddushes resulted in a surplus for Ritual, and our programs were supported with Jewish Federation grants and contributions from some families with Memorial Funds. We had a successful Journal and Dinner Dance in June honoring four Beth Ohr families, as we raised \$22,000.

The reality is that we have a very lean annual budget of \$200,000. 2/3 of our income comes from the collection of dues, High Holiday Seats and Yizkor pledges. The remaining 1/3 of income is solicited through other donations and fund raising during the year.

On the expense side, 60 percent of our budget covers salaries with the remaining 40 percent allocated for utilities, building maintenance and repairs, office expenses, our mortgage, advertising and programming.

Now let me review our facility with you. The downstairs area of the synagogue, the original structure was built 55 years ago in 1961; the upstairs ballroom, kitchen, and cloak room were added later in the 1960s. Both of these areas reflect their age. Our last capital campaign was held in 1989 to build our beautiful sanctuary which remains in relatively good shape. The main office and the Rabbi's office upstairs were remodeled 15 years ago.

Our congregants were extremely generous when we held our Israel Bond Drive last month. As we celebrate our 60th anniversary in the spring of 2017, it is urgent that we build up our assets this year with significant funds for the future

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President's Message on Yom Kippur (continued from page 4)

existence of our synagogue. So I implore you to increase your pledges this year, and additionally donate subexistence of our synastantial monies to mark our 60th Anniversary.

During the repetition of the Amida during the Musaf service we recite Unesana Tokef. At the end of the prayer we say U-TE-SHU-VAH U-TE-FI-LAH U-TZE-DA-KAH - REPENTANCE AND PRAYER AND CHARITY lead to a year "written and sealed" for good.

So what can each of us do personally this New Year to fulfill these three important principles.

REPENTENCE: The root of the Hebrew word Te-Shu-Vah means return. So return to the Temple this year for one of our programs or educational classes. We had a very successful Torathon this past April with 11 local rabbis teaching a variety of Jewish topics. We attracted an equal number of members and non-members, and the feedback given was to extend the number of sessions next year.

PRAYER: Those members who attend only during the High Holidays should come to at least one additional service this year. Share a Simcha with us, participate in a prayer for a sick relative or friend, say Kaddish for a family member's Yahrzeit, or attend a Shiva minyan to console a fellow congregant.

CHARITY: I consider volunteer work to be the best form of charity so I ask that you all continue to do what you do. If you have extra time, please assist at one programming or fundraising event at the synagogue.

After the rabbi's sermon we will be reciting Yizkor. Today I remember my dear Aunt Rae who passed away this past July at the age of 94. Since my birthday was yesterday, I think of her today because our birthdays were within 10 days of each other. This is the first year we will not be exchanging birthday cards.

My Aunt Rae grew up in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania with two siblings, her brother Joseph (my father) and her sister Selma. My aunt moved to Manhattan for a better career opportunity with Metropolitan Met Life, eventually serving as the executive secretary to the CEO. She lived in Long Island City and then Woodside in Queens. Between 1965 and 1973, my aunt lost her four closest relatives, her brother, her husband, her mother and her sister. She had two children who blessed her with 10 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Her life revolved around her family, her synagogue, and volunteer work for various Jewish organizations. After retirement she volunteered weekly at the main New York public library. I cherish the special relationship we shared, especially the first 6 years of my marriage when Harriet and I lived nearby in Forest Hills in Queens. Now please make your pledge and pass your envelope to the aisle so the ushers can collect them!

Lashana Tova Tikatevu va Taichatemu!!

PROGRAM NOTES

The year is marching along at a rapid pace. November 4th and 5th we will be having Rabbi Yaffe from L'Dor V'Dor from Little Neck, New York as our Scholar in Residence. Friday night we will be having a Shabbat dinner with the Rabbi at 6:00PM followed by services at 7:30PM. Saturday morning services will begin at 9:30AM as usual. Rabbi Yaffe will be doing a presentation at each service. Following Saturday services the congregation will host Kiddush with the Rabbi. Please call Roberta Karpel at 732-642-7881 if you are available Friday to help prepare for the weekend.

November 20th we will be sponsoring, in coordination with the Jewish Federation, a program called "Global Day of Jewish Learning." The program will be held at the East Brunswick Public Library at 2:00PM. 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 topic is "Mystery of Revelation; What it means to my Rabbinate."

The joint meeting of Men's Club and Sisterhood will be held Sunday morning, December 4th. Our Israeli travelers will be telling us about their trip and showing pictures of the wonderful things they saw. Also in December, the Grandparents Circle will have a Chanukah party on Sunday, December 11th. More information will be forthcoming.

Looking at the future, the Torahthon will be held April 30, 2017. Linda Benish is starting to work on this and needs help so please volunteer to help us make this year's program even better than last year's. In addition, in order to keep our Shul going, we need to hold a fund raiser in the spring. As Phil mentioned during his Yom Kippur speech we had a very successful fund raiser last year and ended the year ONLY \$2 thousand short of expenses. We need another successful fund raiser this year to keep our Shul going. To be successful, it takes a committee so please call me and volunteer so we can get started planning a great program.

The Chicken in the Coop was a big success thanks to the following people: Marty Israel, Edna Yourman, Paula Yourman, Anne Branfman, Marion Falkowitz, and Ashna Pincus.

News from the Beth Ohr Family

Beth Ohr Mazel Tovs

- Barbara & Mel Feder proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Lauren to Hosea Rosenberg.

Condolences:

- Our sincerest condolences to Ira and Joyce Hilfman on the loss of Ira's brother, Lawrence Jay Hilfman.
- Our sincere condolence to Ira and Linda Shapiro on the loss of Ira's brother, Marc Shapiro.

Beth Ohr Thank You Notes

- Marjorie Simon would like to thank everyone with her love and sincerity, to all her Beth Ohr friends for their good wishes while she was recuperating and to all who came to visit her
- Thank you to Ann Branfman and Paula Yourman who purchased desserts for the Israel Bond Breakfast and who set up and cleaned up along with Monica Atzbi and Edna Yourman.
- Thank you to Ann Branfman who provided desserts for the Selichot service and to Lee and Ira Donenfeld, Roberta and Larry Fachler and Linda Skupp for helping set up.
- Joyce and Ira Hilfman want to thank the Sisterhood and the temple membership for all their kinds words regarding the loss of Ira's brother, Lawrence Jay Hilfman
- Sue and Barry Edwards would like to thank everyone at their Beth Ohr family for their good wishes on the occasion of Barry's engagement
- The Ritual Committee would like to thank Ira Donenfeld, Linda Benish and Harriet Rabinowitz for their constant efforts dealing with the honors, and other items, during the Holidays. Also much appreciated are Phil Rabinowitz, Allen Scupp, David Honig, Ed Mendlowitz, Andy Mendlowitz, and Ken Deitz for their "manpower" to set up and "breakdown" the building. Kudos again to Harvey Cohen for organizing the ushers.
- 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.
- Thank you to Sara and Steven Ullman for sponsoring the Kiddush lunch in memory of Sara's mother, Erica Ettner, for the donation for the aliyah received and thanking the congregation for welcoming them so warmly.



Daytimers News

Monday November 21st the Daytimers will take a trip to visit The Mandir (Hindu Temple) in Robbinsville, N.J. It will be the worlds largest Hindu Temple when completed. This magnificent Temple is a "must see" so join us for a guided tour, movie and short service.

If you plan to leave from Beth Ohr be at the Synagogue at 9:00 am sharp.
The tour starts at 10:00.

Appropriate clothing must be worn. No shorts or sleeveless tops.
Wear socks as shoes are removed upon entering the Mandir.

Lunch to follow (optional).

Call Linda [\(609\) 642-8182](tel:6096428182) or Ira [\(732\) 679-2652](tel:7326792652)
no later than November 16th.



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Shabbat

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Rabbi Yaffe will guide us on a journey to take a new look at our traditional prayers and suggest how we can

Turn Going To Shabbat Services Into A Transformative Experience

Has Your Synagogue Experience Ever Raised Questions Like:

- How Many Times Do We Need To Tell God How Great God Is?**
- Why Do I Say Prayers In A Language I Do Not Understand?**
- Do We Have To Say The Same Prayers Over and Over Again?**
- Does God Need To Hear All Those Prayers?**

Join us for this special Shabbat as we learn together and we address these and other questions that will help us to discover the relevancy of Shabbat Services for our contemporary lives.

Schedule for Shabbat Scholar in Residence

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**PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 28 TO PHYLLIS GREENBERG @CONGREGATION BETH OHR@GMAIL.COM
DINNER \$20 NUMBER ATTENDING _____ NAME**

**KIDDUSH LUNCH \$10 NUMBER ATTENDING _____
NAME _____**

Happy Thanksgiving



A Thanksgiving Prayer By Rabbi Naomi Levy

For the laughter of the children,
For my own life breath,
For the abundance of food on this table,
For the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast,
For the roof over our heads,
The clothes on our backs,
For our health,
And our wealth of blessings,
For this opportunity to celebrate with family and friends,
For the freedom to pray these words
Without fear,
In any language,
In any faith,
In this great country,
Whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants.
Thank You, G-d, for giving us all these. Amen.

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THE NEW BETH OHR SUKKAH

Thank you all for contributing to our New Beth Ohr Sukkah.

Sukkah Donations to date

Allen and Wilma Appel
Liz & Michael Aroyo
Ann Branfman
Lana and Harvey Cohen
Arnold Dorfman

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.

Meryl Finkelstein
Marilyn Gilbarg
Bob and Ellie Honig
David and Alice Honig
Herbert Goldenberg
Marty Israel
Sylvia Kagan
Kenneth and Maxine Kaufman
Joseph and Caroline Klein
Elliott and Evan Liebowitz
Lisa Mason and Stan Perlman
Rabbi Mishkin's Discretionary Fund
Ashna and Bernie Pincus
Phil and Harriet Rabinowitz
Herman and Barbara Schneider
Marjorie & Stu Simon
Arlene Sommers
Steve and Sara Ullman
Phyllis and Melvyn Ward
Harriet and Robert Weiss



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.



ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR UNWANTED
COATS, HATS, AND GLOVES
AND DROP THEM OFF IN THE BIN
THAT WILL BE SET UP IN THE LOBBY.**

**YOUR DONATIONS
WILL KEEP FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WARM
THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS.**

**IF YOU HAVE CLOTHING TO BE PICKED UP,
PLEASE CALL IRA DONENFELD
[\(732-679-2652\)](tel:732-679-2652).**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KIND
DONATIONS**

GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

“The Miracle of Revelation: Its Meaning for Me and My Rabbinatē”

East Brunswick Library, Sunday, November 20, 2 – 4 PM

Discussion with East Brunswick's

Rabbi Efrayim Unterman of Young Israel
Rabbi Joshua Finkelstein of East Brunswick Jewish Center
Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer of B'nai Shalom

Moderated by **Rabbi Joel Mishkin of Congregation Beth Ohr, Old
Bridge.**

Hosted by Congregation Beth Ohr

All are invited. No charge. Coffee and cake served
following the program.



The Jewish Federation
IN THE HEART OF NEW JERSEY

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

DONATED BY:

Sue Edwards
Elias Engber
Elizabeth & Sy Goldin and Family
Alice and David Honig
Marty Israel
The Karpel Family
Glenda Levenstein
Glenda Levenstein
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Rita and Bernie Selden

Rita Selden
Arlene & Nelson Silver
Linda & Allen Skupp
Sarah Ullman
Sandra Wishnia
Ashna & Bernie Pincus

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Dorothy Rubrum
Donald Kaminsky
Bertha Weilzenkour
Seymour Himmelstein
Ida Israel
Alias Henry Nehman
Rubin Levenstein
Caryn Katz
Larry Garfinkel
Leo Ribet and Philip Ribet
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Kestenberg, Mayer Salstein,
Pauline Salstein, & Milton Salstein
Irving Kestenberg
Jeanette Schenker
Irving Schulsinger
Erika Ettner
Ruth & Murray Woodman
Sophie Levine
Ira Pincus



BETH OHR CEMETERY

Congregation Beth Ohr owns and operates a cemetery which is located on Ernston Road in Sayreville. The cemetery is a non-profit entity using existing funds and fund-raising as its source of operating revenues. Membership in Beth Ohr entitles our congregants to the individual plot only, all other costs such as funeral, plot opening, memorial tablet costs, etc., are borne by the family of the deceased. Please call

November 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>Nov 4/5</u>			<u>Nov 18/19</u>	
Mae Kanter		11/5	Hyman Cohen		11/19
Rubin Reich		11/5	Arthur Rhodes		11/19
Shirley Litwak		11/6	Leah Silver		11/20
Henry Lynn		11/6	Bennie Winter		11/20
Hyman Schlissel		11/6	Moses Greenspan		11/21
Rose Bloom		11/7	Molly Sackaroff		11/21
Sarah DeMayo		11/7	Irving Weisgold		11/21
Donald Kaminsky		11/7	Lewis Woods		11/21
Paul Stern		11/7	Eva Blumenthal		11/22
Marion Davidson		11/9	Jerry Lustgarten		11/22
Fay Cohen		11/10	Irving Weiner		11/22
Milton Lubitz		11/10	Lewis Woods		11/22
Isidore Mann		11/10	Martin Goldberg		11/23
Norman Melnick		11/10	Ida Birnbaum		11/24
David Rankowitz		11/10	Flora Heimlich		11/24
Barry Fass		11/11	Rose Wexlin		11/25
Hank Jeret		11/11		<u>Nov 25/26</u>	
Leonard Pollack		11/11	Rose Feuer		11/26
	<u>Nov 11/12</u>		Carroll Gordon		11/29
Evelyn Barsky		11/12	Isabelle Weiss		11/29
Pinchas Beer		11/12	Irving Greenspan		11/30
Martin Silverberg		11/12	Alfred A. Hillman		11/30
Lillie Winter		11/12	Paul Smith		11/30
Hilda Fuhrman		11/13	Sam Suval		11/30
Lillian Kosser		11/13	Gladys Weiss		11/30
Ira Orenstein		11/13	Bella Honig		12/1
Hannah Rothenberg		11/13	Nathan Moss		12/1
Pauline Schwartz		11/13	Eva Engber		12/2
Leah Weiss		11/13	Clara Friedman		12/2
Sadie Wishnick		11/13	Irving Miller		12/2
Juana Levit		11/14			
Sylvia Albert		11/15			
Ken Cohen		11/15			
Norman Shimberg		11/15			
Robert Solomon		11/15			
Mildred Sommers		11/16			
Rebecca Silberstein		11/17			
Sol Czortkower		11/18			
William Steinberg		11/18			

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. 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 prayers, come to our class on Thursday mornings at 11AM.

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.

OR, how about learning to sing a Haftarah? We can start a class on Thursdays where you learn the blessings, and the trope, (musical notes) and then learn to sing a Haftarah at a Shabbat service.

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Adult Education Highlights (continued from page 12)

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 Yaffe. 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.



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



Top Row: **They just do not want to leave**—friends on two different Sundays chatting after everyone else left and tables were cleaned. **Bob Weiss, Ken Deitz, Harvey Cohen and Elliot Leibowitz.** Try coming on a Sunday to join in the fun!

2nd Row—President **Phil Rabinowitz** leading the davening on Rosh Hodesh Elul, **Bonnie Lerner**, our congregant, administered Flu shots on Nov 16 courtesy of **Walgreens**. Next photo is some of the people having the bagel breakfast following the Minyan. Sunday morning is a good time to be at Beth Ohr. **Shul, Schmooze and Schmeat!**

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

- Nov 13 – Foreign Born Members' Program—6 members will discuss their experiences leaving their country of birth and coming to America.
- 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 37th Annual Financial Program
- May 18 - Men's Club BBQ and Election—Thursday
- Jun 11 - Men's Club Installation following Minyan

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



Save a Life. Improve a Life.

Come 3 extra times in next year and join in

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 an additional installment of the Men's Club T Shirt Contest
 Lysa Rogol, Mark Atzbi with NY Giants socks, Ken Deitz and Phil Rabinowitz (Notice that the Giants and Jets are on opposite ends).
 Allen Skupp's (not pictured) T Shirt is from an 8 mile Triathlon in West Chester, PA which included 2 miles each of Biking, Canoeing, Walking and Biking; Allen went with grandson Sam and his son Ben went with his daughter Belle.

AN IDEA FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

אֲשָׁמְנוּ, בְּגַדְנוּ, גָּזַלְנוּ, דִּבַּרְנוּ דָּפִי. הֶעָוִינוּ,
 << We have << slander. < we have << we have << we have << We have
 committed committed spoken robbed; betrayed; been guilty;
 iniquity;
 וְהִרְשָׁעְנוּ, זָדְנוּ, חָמְסְנוּ, טָפְלְנוּ שָׁקֵר. יַעֲצֹנוּ
 < We have << false ac- < we have << we have << we have sinned << we have commit-
 given advice cusations. made extorted; willfully; ted wickedness;
 רָע, כְּזָבְנוּ, לָצְנוּ, מְרִדְנוּ, נִאֲצָנוּ, סָרְרְנוּ, עָוִינוּ,
 << we have << we have << we have << we have << we have << we have << that
 been strayed; provoked rebelled; scorned; been is bad;
 iniquitous; [God's anger]; deceitful;
 פָּשַׁעְנוּ, צָרְרְנוּ, קִשִּׁינוּ עֲרָף. רָשָׁעְנוּ, שִׁחַתְנוּ,
 << we have << We have << our < we have << we have caused << we have sinned
 been corrupt; been wicked; necks. stiffened distress; rebelliously;
 תַּעֲבָנוּ, תַּעֲיִנוּ, תַּעֲתָעְנוּ.
 << we have << we have << we have
 scoffed. gone astray; committed
 abominations;

Shown above is one of the confessionals from the High Holidays.
 A suggestion is to try to not do some of these during the next year.

FAMILY AFFAIR PHOTOS—10/16/16



Photo descriptions

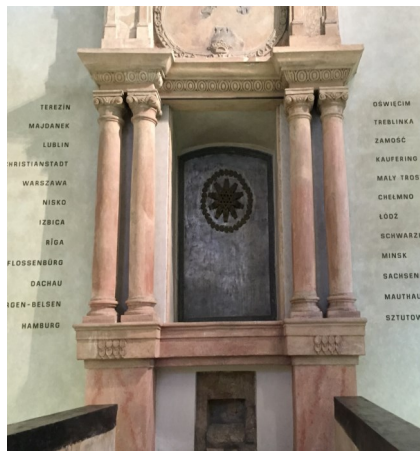
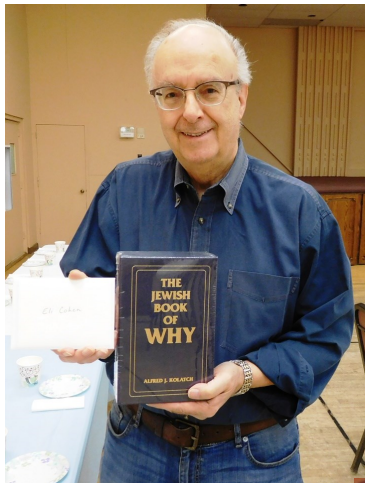
At the Minyan on Sunday Oct 16 there were many family members that attended together.

Top row : **Wilma and Allen Appel. Ed and Andy Mendlowitz, Roberta and Larry Fachler.**

2nd row: **Seymour Golden and cousin Harold Cohen, Harriet, Josh and Phil Rabinowitz, Marjorie and Stu Simon.**

3rd row: **Bernie Selden and Mark Atzbi—two Men’s Club “brothers.”** At the Sukkah dedication are **Allen and Linda Skupp and Roberta and Larry Fachler** and (an unidentified person) holding up one of the decorations that were placed in the Sukkah.

Come some Sunday with a relative—make it your Family Day!



Photos on the left:
 The first photo shows **Herb Goldenberg** davening with Shmuel Shatook (Flat Samuel) and next is Flat Samuel giving Tzedakah at the Sunday Minyan. Flat Samuel is an assignment of Herb's granddaughter **Addie Field**, age 11 (mother is Aileen). The purpose is to teach how Judaism is experienced throughout the United States.

Top row: The Ark with the white High Holiday covers and the beautiful flowers provided by Sisterhood. Rabbi Mishkin and Chuck Rogol rolling the Torah to the right place for the readings on Rosh Hashanah. Notice sign in front of Temple building announcing a lot of activities.

2nd row: Harvey Cohen holding a set of books Rabbi Mishkin gave as a "reward" to be given to Harvey's grandson Eli (Jason's son) for finding the Rabbi's special Machzor with his notations to lead us with. The Machzor was returned to the book table at the end of the Neilah service on Yom Kippur. When the Rabbi realized it was in the pile of books, he offered a reward to anyone finding it. Eli was he lucky one. The books are a two volume set of *The Jewish Book of Why*. Next is a photo from the Pinchas Synagogue in Prague (where our Holocaust Torah came from) taken by Allen and Linda Skupp. The next photo shows part of the dedication ceremony for the new Sukkah.

Book of Genesis

On Shabbos Oct 29 we began reading the Book of Genesis from the Torah. Following is a “Cliff Notes” explanation with each name of the 12 parshas described. You can find out more by reading the parsha in your Chumash or by coming to Shabbos services. If you do not have a Chumash in your house and would like one – for free – come to any Sunday Minyan and ask Ed, Harvey or Chuck for one of the Hertz Chumashes.

Bereshith: In the beginning. ...and G-d was already there! What a great way to begin a story of G-d’s might, wonder and creation.

Noach: The man’s name. These are the generations of Noach.

Lech Lecha: Literal translation: Go for yourself. Go away. This has a dual meaning. Travel from your homeland to the new land G-d will give to you; and go away from all prior value systems.

Vayyera: Appeared. G-d appeared three days after Abraham’s circumcision while he was still recovering.

Chayye Sarah: Lifetime of Sarah. Sarah dies. This parsha develops from Sarah’s purpose of life – to provide a beginning of the Jewish people, a wife for Isaac with the right ethical and spiritual values and a suitable “replacement” for Sarah as a mother in Israel, and the first ownership of land in Eretz Yisrael.

Toledoth: Descendants. Family of Isaac – Esau and Jacob. The story begins...

Vayyetze: Departed. Jacob departed – actually ran away to escape vengeance from Esau.

Vayyishlach: Sent. Then Jacob sent messengers to Esau. The brothers meet after 34 years – in peace.

Vayyeshev: Settled. Jacob settles in Canaan.

Mikketz: At the end. The portion begins “It was at the end of two years of days” referring to getting on with the story – the end of days; the end of Joseph’s exile and beginning of the events leading to the Jews’ journey to Egypt so they could then be redeemed. Comment: This was exactly two years since the release of the butler whose dream Joseph favorably interpreted. Joseph was imprisoned ten years before then and was eighteen when sold into slavery. He is about thirty, Jacob 120, and Isaac 180 and Isaac died around this time. Jacob lived to 147.

Vayyiggash: [Judah] came near him - Judah approached Joseph.

Vayyechi: And he [Jacob] lived...in the land of Egypt 17 years, and died. The parsha tells about Jacob’s death and the surrounding events. The parsha name of Jacob having “lived” signifies that his life and good works will be continued through his descendants. The true commitment someone has to Judaism shows when their children carry on their love and study of Torah.

Compiled by Ed Mendlowitz

Sisterhood Presidium President

Shalom,

I want to thank all of our Sisterhood members who helped make the High Holidays wonderful. From ordering of the beautiful flowers to providing the orange juice and cookies and to all of those that participated in the services by opening and closing of the Ark to assorted readings and everything in between- Todah Rabah to all of you.

Greatly looking forward to our November 2nd 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. Ms. Dupuy will transport us back to the 1860s wearing authentic attire and in a persona where she will entertain and educate us about life during the Civil War. This program is of interest to all, please see the flyer in this newsletter for details.

Our next upcoming Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 16th. December 7th will be our annual Sisterhood Chanukah Penny Auction. Bring a wrapped new gift valued between \$5.00 and \$10.00. This is always a fun evening and if possible, please participate.

Liz Aroyo
Presidium President

SISTERHOOD

November Birthday/Anniversary Announcements

- **Happy Belated Birthday to the Greatest Husband, Michael Aroyo!!**
- **Happy Birthday to my “fun loving” husband, Bernie Pincus!! From Ashna**
- **Happy Belated Birthday to my wonderful daughter, Amy Hope Grynberg!!**
- **Happy Birthday to my wonderful husband, Daniel Grynberg!!**
- **Happy 4th Birthday Ali and Noah!! Love, Bubbe**
- **Happy 7th Anniversary Jen and Jason!! Love, Mom**
- **Happy Belated 30th Birthday to my terrific daughter, Lysa Anne!!
Love, Abba**

OOPS I GOOFED

The people listed below sent New Year Greeting and were left off the list in the October Newsletter. They sent 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 Inscribed for a Year of Peace.



Lee and Ira Donenfeld
Roberta and Larry Fachler
Meryl Finkelstein
Marilyn and Marty Israel
Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz

Also, many of you were disappointed that I did not include your sentiments next to your name that was on the list. As the editor I felt it would be better to combine all the wishes that are included in the first paragraph above.

My sincerest apologies.

Phyllis

Sisterhood

SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT 2015 - 2016

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PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS AND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. WE WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE OUR SISTERHOOD LIST. IF YOU HAVE A WINTER ADDRESS, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT AS WELL.

Date: 10/18/16

Name	Amount	Carry Over	Name	Amount	Carry Over		
Appel	Wilma	\$48.00	Finkelstein	Meryl	\$ 58.00 0.5		
Aroyo	Elizabeth	\$ 311.50	7.0	Fox	Helene	\$ 14.00	
Atzbi	Monica	\$ 354.50	39.5				
			Garfinkel	Linda	\$ 95.50	5.0	
Benish	Linda	\$ 40.00	5.0	Gasior	Ellen		
Bernstein	Roberta	\$ 59.00	6.0	Gilbarg	Marilyn	\$ 13.00	
Birnbaum	Eileen			Golden	Elizabeth	\$ 127.75	7.0
Boshak	Rochelle			Goldenberg	Susan	\$ 20.00	1.0
Branfman	Ann	\$ 117.50	1.0	Greenstein	Barbara	\$ 14.00	
				Grynberg	Helene	\$ 105.00	8.5
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				Honig	Eloise	\$ 28.00	
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Donenfeld	Lee	\$ 34.00	1.0				
				Kagan	Sylvia	\$ 66.00	
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				Karlstein	Marilyn	\$ 796.00	
Fachler	Roberta	\$ 127.00	0.5	Karpel	Roberta	\$ 97.00	2.0
Falkowitz	Marion	\$ 24.00		Kaufman	Maxine	\$ 75.00	11.0
Feder	Barbara	\$113.50		Klein	Caroline	\$ 20.00	
Feld	Harriet	\$ 40.00	0.5	Krieger	Karen		
Feurier	Darlene						

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Name		Amount	Over
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Lazarowitz	Andrea	\$50.00	7.0
Levenstein	Glenda	\$55.00	
Levine	Helen		
Mason	Lisa	\$58.00	
Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$142.00	11.0
Nadler	Elinor		
Perlman	Ryselle	\$26.00	
Pincus	Ashna	\$90.00	2.5
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Gray	Ilene	\$94.00	4.5
			43.0

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Name		Amount	Over
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Schlussfeld	Mindy		
Schneider	Barbara	\$140.00	6.0
Schottlander	Hilde	\$65.50	12.0
Shafran	Dorothy	\$144.00	6.5
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ALL INVITED TO
Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Ohr's
2nd Annual Historical Performance

Lady of the Civil War Performed By Alisa Dupuy

Sunday November 13th at 3:00 PM
Congregation Beth Ohr
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\$18.00 in Advance \$20.00 at the Door

Coffee, Tea, Soda, Desserts and Fruit after Performance
Call Lysa Rogol 732-266-9522 or Ilene Gray 732-390-5017
Or Liz Aroyo 732-257-6010



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Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857

For your convenience, we have included this **Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque Form**. If you would like to order a plaque, please fill out and return this form with a check in the amount of \$300 to the Synagogue office. If you have any questions about Hebrew names and/or dates, please call Phyllis at the office at 732-257-1523.

(Print Name in Hebrew Here)

(Print Name in English Here)

(Date in English)

(Date in Hebrew)

PLEDGE

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Announcements

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Noon, Monday, November 14, 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”

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Sisterhood is selling

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Rabbi Mishkin’s Contact Numbers

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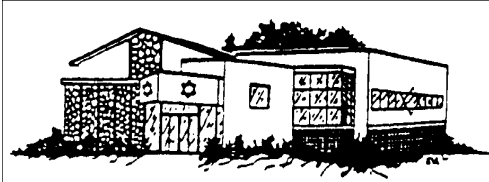
Office Phone # 732-257-7031

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 November

Nov 4	5:32
Nov 11	4:25
Nov 18	4:19
Nov 25	4:15