

BETH OHR NEWSLETTER

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Jewish communities in the United States celebrate the first day of Hanukkah on the 25th day of the month of Kislev in the Jewish calendar. The Hanukkah period lasts for eight days and is celebrated from the 25th day of Kislev to the second day of Tevet. The first night of Hanukkah (or Chanukah) starts with special blessings at sunset the day before the 25th of Kislev. Many Jewish people light the menorah, also known as the *hanukiah* (or *chanukkiyah*), which is a type of candelabrum.

Chanukah in 2017 will start on Wednesday, the **13th of December** (12/13/2017) and will continue for 8 days until Wednesday, the **20th of December**. Note that in the Jewish calendar, as stated above, a holiday begins on the sunset of the previous day, so observing Jews around the world will begin to celebrate Chanukah and light the first candle on the sunset of Tuesday, the **12th of December**.

Many Americans celebrating Chanukah also eat food fried in olive oil, such as potato cakes, and different fried breads. Hanukkah dishes include *sufganiot* (Hanukkah donuts), potato *latkes* (pancakes), *Mandelbrot* (this can be sliced like a hard bread), and *rugelach* (pastry with different fillings). The first day of Hanukkah is the start of a celebratory period in which a four-sided toy called *dreidel* is used for games. Hanukkah is also a night when people sing traditional songs to celebrate Hanukkah. Gift-giving is also popular at this time of the year.

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

Fri. Dec. 1	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Dec. 2	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Dec. 3	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Dec. 5	Discussion Group at Jewish Federation South River	2:30PM
	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed. Dec. 6	Sisterhood /Membership Penny Auction	7:30PM
Thurs. Dec. 7	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
Fri. Dec. 8	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Dec. 9	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Dec. 10	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast & Mensch Award	
Tues. Dec. 12	Book Discussion Group	11:00AM
	Discussion Group At Jewish Federation South River	2:30PM
	Wise Aging Class	7:30PM
	Erev Chanukah	
Wed. Dec. 13	Timely Topics Symposium	2:30PM
Thurs Dec. 14	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Basic Judaism Class	11:15AM
	Daytimers Paid-Up Lunch and Chanukah Celebration	12:00PM
Fri. Dec. 15	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Dec. 16	Shabbat Morning Service— Celebrate December Simchas	9:30AM
Sun. Dec. 17	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Dec. 19	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed. Dec 20	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thur. Dec 21	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
Fri. Dec. 22	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Dec. 23	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Dec. 24	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Dec. 26	Book Discussion Group	11:00 AM
	Wise Aging Group	7:30PM
Thurs. Dec. 28	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Basic Judaism Class	11:15AM
	Temple Exec. Board	7:00PM
	Temple Board of Directors	8:00PM
Fri. Dec. 29	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Dec. 30	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Dec. 31	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	



Rabbi's Message Some of My Favorite Things"

I am delighted to report to you that we are featuring some extremely successful ventures in adult education at Congregation Beth Ohr during these winter months. While all of these classes are ongoing anyone who is so inclined can join in at any time. Just consult our Sisterhood calendars for the dates and let Phyllis know. With a little bit of personal guidance, which I would be glad to provide, you can begin attending any of the following classes:

1. Book Discussion Group - Alternate Tuesdays at 11am: While we are in the midst of reading Richard Elliot Friedman's exciting book, *The Exodus, How It Happened and Why It Matters*, we have just begun to scratch the surface of Friedman's work of "detective non-fiction." This book illuminates the lasting controversy regarding the historicity of the Exodus and Friedman engages us in a remarkable defense of the Israelites' successful journey from darkness to light.

2. Coffee Talk and Torah - This popular interactive study of family issues inspired by Genesis and Exodus will still have two classes to go by the time this article appears. The class is so well attended that we needed to change the venue from a Barnes and Noble bookstore to the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey. Meeting on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 you are welcome to attend as long as you let our office know before sessions IV and V, taking place on December 5th and 12th!

3. Basic Judaism - While this course is designed for students interested in learning about the basics of the Jewish religion it can also serve as a great refresher and social opportunity. Meeting on alternate Thursday mornings at 11:15 am the course may be taken in conjunction with or separate from an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah program already in progress.

4. Talmud Study - These two courses taught on alternate Tuesday evenings and weekly Thursday mornings has space for additional students. While Talmud study may not be for everyone, the students already participating enjoy a casual and informal setting and spirited conversation. No prior knowledge is required and you may find an entirely different kind of spiritual world opening up for you.

5. Wise Aging - Meditation, frank conversation and problem-solving in a safe and supportive setting. This class continues to meet on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm.

6. Timely Topics - a chance to meet with friends and discuss topical issues of the day once-a-month on Wednesday afternoons. The class is identified as the "Rabbi's Class" in our Sisterhood calendar, although the topics will be facilitated by lay people from our shul.

December may be the last month of the secular year but it can be the very first month for you to start something completely different and learn much more about your religion and your Jewish heritage. It's your shul! Take advantage of it! Happy Chanukah!



President Allen Skupp's Message

In response to the current rise in anti-Semitism and the proliferation of acts of violence upon churches and synagogues in our daily headlines, the Board of Directors has taken action to update our security system within and around the Synagogue.

Following guidelines from the NJ Office of Homeland Security I would like to update everyone on the new security system that was installed by Bounty Alarm. First it is important to mention that this system was funded by both a grant from The Jewish Federation and by Sheila Reinstein (The Reinstein Fund).

The new system consists of alarms on all entrances, motion detectors, panic buttons and new video recording cameras. In addition new monitors have been installed in both the main and Rabbi's offices.

We plan to go live with the system shortly. Specific details are being worked out concerning but not limited to (1) changing the key locks and limiting distribution of keys, (2) location of panic buttons and (3) access to the Synagogue for meetings or other events during off hours.

Linda and I want to wish all of you a Happy Chanukah and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

The following two (or three) blessings are said before the menorah is lit.

First blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה

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

Blessed are You, Lord our G□d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

Second blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמַּן הַזֶּה

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

Blessed are You, Lord our G□d, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.

Third blessing, recited only on the first night (or the first time lighting this Chanukah):

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהִחַיֵּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה

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

Blessed are You, Lord our G□d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Below is the Yiddish and English versions of Oh Chanukah Oh Chanukah. It was customary for Phyllis's family to chant the Chanukah Blessings, then we sang Oh Chanukah Oh Chanukah in English and Yiddish and sang Maoz Tzur

Chanukah, Oy Chanukah

Yiddish Transliteration

Oy Chanukah, Oy Chanukah
a yontif a sheiner,
A lustiger; a freilicher
nito noch a zeyner.
Alle nacht in dredlech,
Shpilm mir,
zudig heise latkes, es un a shir.
tsindt kinder geshvinder*
Di dininke lichtlech ohn.**
Lumir ale singen
Und lumir ale shpringen
Und lumir ale tantzen in khur.
Lumir ale singen
Und lumir ale Shpringen
Und lumir ale tantzen in khur.

Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah (English Translation)

Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah,
A holiday, a lovely one,
A cheerful and happy one,
There's none other like it.
Every night with dreidels
Do we play,
Fresh*** hot latkes, do we eat.
Quickly children light
The thin, little candles!
Let's all sing,
And let's all jump,
And let's all dance together!
Let's all sing,
And let's all jump,
And let's all dance together!

*Normally this line is in reverse: "geshvinder tsindt kinder".

**Alternatively: "Di Chanukah lichtlech on" = "The Chanukah candles!"

***Literally: Scalding or burning hot.

English Version

Oh, Hanukah, Oh Hanukah
Come light the menorah
Let's have a party
We'll all dance the horah
Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a
treat
Dreidels (or "sevivon") to play with, and
latkes (or "levivot") to eat

And while we are playing
The candles are burning bright (or low^[2])
One for each night, they shed a sweet light
To remind us of years (or days) long ago
One for each night, they shed a sweet light
To remind us of years (or days) long ago.

Maoz tzur

Maoz tzur yeshua-si
Lecha na-eh li-sha-beyach
Tikone bais ti-fee-lasi
Vi-sham todah ni-za-beyach.
Li-ase ta-chin mat-beyach
Mee-tzar ham-na-beyach
Az eg-more vi-sheer meez-mor
Chanukas ha-meez-beyach
Az eg-more vi-sheer meez-mor
Chanukas ha-meez-beyach.
(Translation)
O Rock of my salvation, with delight we
praise You.
Restore the Temple where we will bring
offerings.
When You will eliminate our enemies,
Then I shall sing at the rededication.

BETH OHR NEWS



Mazel Tov to Edna Yourman for being selected as Congregation Beth Ohr Sisterhood's Torah Benefactor for 2018.

Welcome New Members

- Peter Okoh
- Jon and Beatrice Namm & family
- Lee & Paul Hyman

Thank you for Sponsoring the Kiddush Lunch during October and November

- Feder family on the naming of their granddaughter, Sophie, on October 14
- Phil and Harriet Rabinowitz in honor of Phil's chanting the Haftarah on the 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah on October 21, 2017
- Roberta Karpel & Larry Karpel - for Yahrzeit in memory of Roberta's father on October 21, 2017
- Saturday Kiddush Lunch at the Scholar in Residence Shabbat on October 28, 2017, sponsored by the Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund
- Rysie Perlman on November 25, 2017 in honor of Jeff chanting his Bar Mitzvah Haftarah and for his surprise 60th birthday.

Thank you Ilene Gray and Ira Donenfeld for helping in the office during the month of November.

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits are observed during the months of **Oct. Nov. & Dec.** We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

DONATED BY:

Aroyo Family
Elias Engber
Susan Belmont & Ann Hermann families

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Suzanne Edwards
Sid & Barbara Feder
Meryl Finkelstein
Linda Garfinkel
Marilyn Gilbarg
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Clifford Shulman
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Sandra Wexlin
Paula Yourman & Family

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Lewis Woods & Eva Blumenthal
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Hesie Fusfeld
Ida Birnbaum
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Bella Honig
Ralph Israel
Molly Sackaroff
Irma Helen Klein
Lillie & Bernie Winter
Isaac Caleinar
Sadie Sishnick
David Obsatz
Sadie Wishnick
Lillian Ullman
Rose Wexlin
Constance Litwak, David Litwak
Gerald Litwak

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 each congregant to one individual plot which must be reserved at a cost of \$50 All other costs such as perpetual care, administrative fee, funeral, plot opening, headstone, etc. are borne by the family of the deceased. Please call Phyllis Greenberg in the office at 732-257-15 23 for further details



December Yahrzeits

The actual date that the Yahrzeit is observed is to the right of the name. It is customary to light a memorial candle on the eve of this date and to give tzedakah in memory of the deceased. One should recite the Mourner's Kaddish at services the evening before as well as the day of the Yahrzeit. Please call Phyllis in the Synagogue office at 732-257-1523, if you need information about the schedule of worship. The name of your departed will be read at the Friday evening and Shabbat morning services, the week before the Yahrzeit date which are represented by the dates in the columns which are in bold print.

	<u>Dec. 1/2</u>			<u>Dec 15/16 (cont'd)</u>	
Helene Albertson		12/2	Ralph Wishnia		12/21
Ralph Israel		12/2	Thelma Baron		12/22
Murray Rubrum		12/2	Eva Blumenthal		12/22
Lila Ash		12/3	Paul Epstein		12/22
Sylvia Cartmell		12/3	Emil Goldstein		12/22
Bess Handler		12/3		<u>Dec. 22/23</u>	
Constance Litwak		12/3	Rosalie Albaum		12/23
Yetta Lustgarten		12/3	Tenney Egers		12/23
Frances Moskowitz		12/3	Paul Kalefsky		12/23
Nathan Albaum		12/4	Libby Krutoy		12/23
Gussie Wasserman		12/4	Aaron Persky		12/23
Rita Aroyo		12/5	Irving Gordon		12/24
Albert Berman		12/5	Leon Ayer Odzer		12/24
Charles Winter		12/5	Philip Wolpert		12/24
Howard Rice		12/6	Alfred Feld		12/25
Ted Cannata		12/7	Louis Moss		12/25
Jules Cohen		12/7	Naomi Strassberg		12/25
Gerald Litwak		12/7	Katie Waldman		12/25
June Rhoda Block		12/8	Hyman Wexlin		12/25
Marilyn Brown		12/8	William Zarfes		12/25
Philip Fireman		12/8	Ray Cimring		12/26
Ron Samuel		12/8	Sam Heimlich		12/26
Bertha Weissman		12/8	Benjamin Noah		12/26
Boris Wodakow		12/8	Sally Posner		12/26
			Peggy Clark		12/27
	<u>Dec. 8/9</u>		Joseph Fusfeld		12/27
Jacob Birnbaum		12/9	Arthur Meyers		12/27
Mary Garcia		12/9	Yetta Silverstein		12/27
Bertha Ravnitzky		12/9	Charles Albertson		12/28
Joel Rockaway		12/9	Otto Elkan		12/28
Rose Podol		12/10	Isadore Feinman		12/28
Beckie Ehrenworth		12/10	Leo Greenstein		12/28
Morris Silver		12/12	Miriam Lieberman		12/28
David Abstender		12/13	Dora Geller		12/29
Morris Erlish		12/13	Milly Golden		12/29
Benny Praport		12/13	Fannie Sass		12/29
Leonard Apploff		12/14	Anna Wishnia		12/29
Howard Gray		12/14		<u>Dec. 29/30</u>	
Bertha Ullman		12/14	Samuel Branner		12/30
Joyce Ellen Weiss		12/14	Gussie Goldberg		12/30
Leibe Bernstein		12/15	Mindy Nightingale		12/30
Alec Goldberg		12/15	Abraham Block		12/31
Ruth Masher		12/15	Sharon Gallo		12/31
	<u>Dec. 15/16</u>		Esther Moss		12/31
Mary Berkowitz		12/16	Lillian Sofan		12/31
Ralph Betesh		12/16	Tessie Davis		1/1
Sylvia Hochheiser		12/16	Eleanor Schneider		1/1
Esther Ruth Nadler		12/16	Miriam Waxenberg		1/2
Pauline Stern		12/16	Sidney Bienenfeld		1/2
Herman Waxenberg		12/16	Paul Kaminsky		1/2
Gertrude Bier		12/17	Rose Rosenblum		1/2
Sylvia Hochheiser		12/17	Morty Gallin		1/3
Murray Rosencranz		12/17	William Greenspan		1/3
Jules Burns		12/18	Lillian Simkin		1/3
Sylvia Shulman		12/18	Esther Solomon		1/3
Sidney Segal		12/19	Vera Nussenbaum		1/4
June Bienstock		12/19	Beckie Tischler		1/4
Sam Morris		12/19	Morris Akronowitz		1/5
Milton Shumer		12/19	Sonia Feinman		1/5
Nathan Ehrenworth		12/20	Erich Hollander		1/5
Charles Friedman		12/20	Yetta Kaminsky		1/5
Haim Grayewsky		12/20	Robert Lionheart		1/5
Donald Lipp		12/20			
George Weiss		12/20			
Betty Appel		12/21			
Fred Kanig		12/21			

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR UNWANTED
COATS, HATS, AND GLOVES
AND DROP THEM OFF IN THE BIN
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.**



COFFEE, TALK AND TORAH

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin
5 Consecutive Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.
November 14-December 12

Join Rabbi Mishkin at the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey, South River, NJ, for coffee, talk and terrific discussion about family issues in the Books of Genesis and Exodus. This is a five-week mini-series, which began last month. Call the synagogue office if you would like to attend the remaining sessions. This is a partnership of Congregation Beth Ohr and The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jer-

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.

Thank you to the following donors who made donations to the General Fund during the month of November:

- Paula Yourman—For donation in honor of her grandson receiving an Aliyah
- Barbara & Mel Feder for donation in honor of the baby naming of their granddaughter, Sophie
- Ken & Dara Deitz for donation in honor of Phil Rabinowitz.
- Karen Silverman—donation from friend of Harriet Feld
- Elaine & Laurence Hochwald
- The Rosens—from friends of Marilyn & Ira Karlstein
- Sara Ullman—for Aliyah
- Gary Yourman for matching gift

**DECEMBER CELEBRATION OF
BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES AND OTHER SIMCHAS**

RITUALLY SPEAKING

SHARE A SIMCHA

The Ritual Committee will honor members celebrating a



birthday, anniversary,

or other simcha once a month at a Shabbat service. The next Share a Simcha Shabbat service will be on Saturday, December 16th. Future dates will be announced.

Please call Roberta Fachler at [609-860-6479](tel:609-860-6479) to let her know of your simcha by Thursday, December 12th

DAYTIMERS NEWS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14: A TRIPLE HEADER: CHANUKAH CELEBRATION,
PAID-UP LUNCHEON, AND ANNUAL MEETING**

The Daytimers triple header at Beth Ohr will begin at 12:00 PM. We will have a brief business meeting and plan our events for the coming year.

The annual meeting will be followed by our paid-up deli luncheon. Membership dues will be collected at the meeting.

Temple Members

Single: \$21.00

Couple: \$36.00

Non-Temple Members

Single: \$30.00

Couple: \$45.00



The luncheon cost for Non-Daytimers members is \$15.00.

The Daytimers triple header will conclude with our Chanukah celebration. We will be entertained by The Jewbadors with songs, humor, and stories in English and a "bissel" Yiddish by a seasoned troupe of New Jersey performers.

For an afternoon of good food, fun, and surprises, please RSVP to Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) or Linda ([609-642-8182](tel:609-642-8182)) by Friday, December 8.

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

I hereby authorize you to supply and maintain permanently on your Memorial Tablet, a name plate *in memory of*

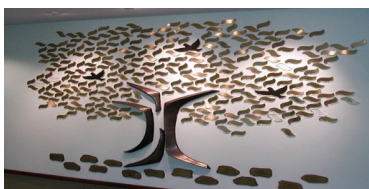
NAME IN FULL _____

for which I agree to pay \$300.00. It is mutually agreed that each year, on the Yahrzeit of the departed, and on other appropriate occasions in accordance with Jewish custom a Memorial Prayer will also be said.

Signed by

Date _____

Tree of Life
to honor or memorialize a loved one
Leaf - \$118.00



MEN'S CLUB *Minyan Every Sunday. All are welcome.*



Club Doings!

Last month on Nov 5 Walgreens was here giving Flu and other shots. Thank you Walgreens and Bonnie and Steve Lerner for setting it up and administering it.

Top: Free U.S. Post Office souvenir sheet to everyone that attends the Dec 24 Minyan (see below). Next is Hagba for Rosh Hodesh Kislev on Nov 19. For the 3rd Aliyah on Rosh Hodesh there were five past Congregation presidents on the bima. From left: Chuck Rogol serving as Gabbi, Allan Benish who had the Levi Aliyah. Mark Atzbi with the third Aliyah. Phil Rabinowitz laining the Torah and Allen Appel as Gabbi. WOW! Great dedication!

Next row: Mr. T-Shirt Man Ken Deitz with two more. He wore his Halladay shirt in Roy's memory. Next is Ed and Harriet with the American Flag Tees on the Sunday after Veteran's Day and Phil and Herb with Jets' shirts.

Sunday morning is a good time to be at Beth Ohr. Shul, Schmooze and Schmear!

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

Dec 10—Men's Club Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award AND Gift book Sunday. Mitch Lustgarten will be sharing some stories about his father. Also, everyone that comes to the Minyan will get a **free book**.

Dec 24—What are my collectibles worth? Bring your stamps, coins, autographs and baseball and sports cards and find out if they have any value. Everyone attending will receive a free U.S. souvenir sheet (pictured above) that was issued in 1947 honoring the first two U.S. postage stamps.

Dec 31—**Surprise** breakfast catered by Harvey Cohen and his kitchen crew

Jan 7, 2018—Men's Club Pancake Breakfast. Winner of the photo contest announced.

Jan 21—Joint Men's Club / Daytimers program

Feb 4—World Wide Wrap presentation by Rabbi Mishkin during Minyan and 38th Annual Ed Mendlowitz Financial Presentation following bagel breakfast

Mar 11—Joint Sisterhood and Men's Club program sponsored by the Herman and Freida Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp.

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!

BETH OHR PHOTO GALLERY



A lot of Happenings

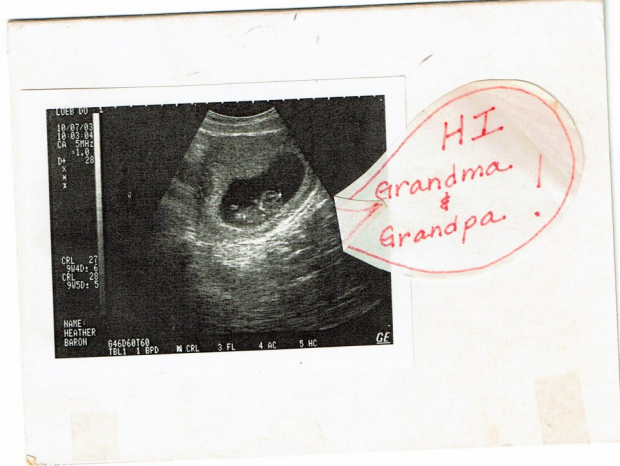
Top: Two bulletin boards announcing Congregation events followed by the Global Day of Learning sponsored by Jewish Federation and hosted by Beth Ohr at the East Brunswick Public Library on Nov 12. Shown is Rabbi Mishkin moderating the panel of three East Brunswick Rabbis—from left Rabbi Efrayim Unterman of Young Israel, Rabbi Jeffrey Pivo of East Brunswick Jewish Center and Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer of B'nai Shalom.

2nd row: The three Rabbis answering questions after the program (look at arrows), and a partial view of the over 100 people attending the program.

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3rd row: A “sold out” crowd at the Minyan on Nov. 19. Look at the bottom shelf of the book rack where we keep the Sunday siddurs. All but two books were being used.

GALLERY



British Foreign Secretary
Arthur James Balfour

Foreign Office,
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Yours sincerely
Arthur James Balfour

What's happening with Beth Ohr'ers

Top: Ronnie and Ed in Barcelona at the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, a short walk from their hotel. Next is a statue of Maimonides in Cordoba, his birthplace. Next is a painting by Arthur Szyk whose Soldier in Art exhibit is at NY Historical Society, 77th Street and Central Park West in Manhattan until Jan 21, 2018.

2nd row: First "photo" (a sonogram) of Ken and Maxine Kaufman's granddaughter Samantha¹⁶ Barron. Next is Ed being inducted into the Estate Planning Hall of Fame at a ceremony in New Orleans on Nov 17.

Gimmie Your Best Shot!

MEN'S CLUB PHOTO CONTEST

Final gallery of "most" favorite photos

(photos without people).. The top 3 photos will get a prize that will be announced on January 7.

Here is the third group.



Annual Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award

Endowed by Lawrence Schacht Foundation and presented by Men's Club

& Gift Book Sunday

Everyone attending Minyan will receive a Free book

No charge and no RSVP necessary

December 10, 2018 Sunday morning Minyan at 9:00.

Bagel breakfast at 10:00 and Sydney Lustgarten Award at 10:15



38th Annual Ed Mendlowitz Financial Program

Making Sense of the New Tax Law and 10 ways to save on your taxes this year

Presented by Edward Mendlowitz, CPA

Partner, WithumSmith+Brown, PC

*One of Accounting Today's 100 Most Influential Accountants
and author of 26 books.*

No charge and no RSVP necessary

February 4, 2018 Sunday morning at 10:15.



*Participate with us and 700 other Men's Clubs
In the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs'
World Wide Wrap*

Sunday February 4, 2018

*Rabbi Mishkin will provide instruction and
information about Tefillin during the Minyan*

Minyan at 9:00. Bagel breakfast at 10:00



Beth Ohr Annual Brunch

Honoring

Mayor Owen Henry

**Sunday June 10, 2018 from 11:00 to
2:30**

**Save the date. Also plan on selling ads
as this is our major fundraiser.**

If you want to be on the committee, contact
Ed Mendlowitz at emcpa1@aol.com or

SISTERHOOD PRESIDIUM PRESIDENT

Shalom from Sisterhood,

Sisterhood's Paid-Up was held on Wednesday November 8th and it was a wonderful evening. A special thank you to Lisa Mason and Roberta Karpel who did a great job chairing the event and to all of the ladies who assisted them, it was truly appreciated.

Other upcoming events include our December 6th Chanukah penny auction. Bring a wrapped new item valued between \$5.00 and \$10.00 and then bid on items and see what was in them. Just as a reminder, Mah Jong cards are being sold by Maxine Kaufman.

Hold the date(s) of February 25th with a snow date of March 4th for a Ladies Festival of Miriam. We will learn about Miriam, make a Miriam's cup for our Passover Sedar, enjoy middle eastern food and music and even dance (at our chairs or around the room) with tambourines. Please continue to support Sisterhood by purchasing scrip, gold cards and brick certificates.

Liz Aroyo
Presidium Member

HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZOR

If you are interested in dedicating a High Holiday prayer book, please contact Estee Spiegel by e-mail at estee86@msn.com. Donations can be made to memorialize someone special or in honor of a simcha. The cost for each book is \$36.00 and checks should be made payable to Sisterhood Congregation Beth Ohr. The donation must be paid in full before a bookplate will be affixed.



**Thank you so much to everyone who purchased and donated
a new Etz Chaim Chumash!**

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.



MAH JONGG CARDS

If you would like to order Mah Jongg Cards here is the information;
Please send your check to:

Maxine Kaufman
118 Willet Way
West Deptford, New Jersey 08086

Small cards \$8.00

Large cards \$9.00



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2017 CARD

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2017 Large Card

Please include the names & addresses & size of the cards you want. The deadline for sending in checks is January 15th. If you have any questions, please call Maxine at [\(856\) 848-3113](tel:8568483113).

HOLD THE DATE
Ladies Festival of Miriam
Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Ohr
Old Bridge, NJ
Sunday February 25th – Snow Date March 4th
12:30 PM
Lunch, Learn, Craft, Music and Dancing
Learn About Miriam
\$36.00 – Advance Reservations Required



Date: ##

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A-K		Amount	Over		Name		Amount	Over
Appel	Wilma	\$36.50			Finkelstein	Meryl	\$ 55.50	0.5
Aroyo	Elizabeth	\$ 284.50	4.0		Fox	Helene		
Atzbi	Monica	\$ 388.00	38.5					
					Garfinkel	Linda	\$ 99.00	2.5
Benish	Linda	\$ 17.00	5.5		Gasior	Ellen	\$ 5.00	
Bernstein	Roberta	\$ 30.00	4.5		Gilbarg	Marilyn	\$ 15.00	
Birnbaum	Eileen	\$ 40.00	0.5		Golden	Elizabeth	\$ 162.50	##
Boshak	Rochelle	\$ 5.00			Goldenberg	Susan	\$ 15.00	1.5
Branfman	Ann	\$ 107.50	0.5		Greenstein	Barbara	\$ 5.00	
					Grynberg	Helene	\$ 40.00	##
Cadel	Cheryl	\$ 27.50			Gurman	Ruth		3.5
Cannata	Susan	\$ 5.00						
Clark	Lisa	\$ 5.00			Hillman	Pearl	\$ 5.00	4.5
Cohen	Harriet	\$ 46.00			Honig	Alice		
					Honig	Eloise	\$ 5.00	
Donenfeld	Lee	\$ 20.00			Hyman	Lee	\$ 71.00	3.0
Edwards	Sue	\$ 38.00	0.5		Kagan	Sylvia	\$ 40.00	
					Kamenitz	Marilyn	\$ 20.00	
Fachler	Roberta	\$ 145.00	3.0		Karlstein	Marilyn	\$ 32.50	##
Falkowitz	Marion	\$ 14.50			Karpel	Roberta	\$ 80.00	3.0
Feder	Barbara	\$42.50	0.5		Kaufman	Maxine	\$ 60.00	##
Feld	Harriet	\$ 41.50	0.5		Klein	Caroline	\$ 15.00	
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Laddin	Anne	\$5.00			Schlissel	Lenore		1.0
Lazarowitz	Andrea	\$126.72	4.0		Schlussfeld	Mindy	\$5.00	
Levenstein	Glenda	\$40.00			Schneider	Barbara	\$124.00	6.0
Levine	Helen				Schottlander	Hilde	\$95.00	2.0
					Shafran	Dorothy	\$160.00	10.0
Mason	Lisa	\$79.50			Seltzer	Karen		
Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$165.00	13.0		Seidner	Lois		
					Silberstein	Joyce	\$66.00	2.5
Nadler	Elinor	\$5.00			Silver	Arlene	\$84.00	0.5
					Silverman	Sharen	\$180.50	12.0
					Simon	Mala	\$67.50	1.5
Perlman	Ryselle	\$16.00			Simon	Marjorie	\$17.00	0.5
Pincus	Ashna	\$43.00	3.5		Skupp	Linda	\$166.00	15.0
Polovsky	Terrie	\$42.50	4.0		Sommers	Arlene	\$5.00	
Prussack	Zellie		1.5		Spiegel	Estee	\$121.50	0.5
					Trechak	Marcia	\$317.50	6.0
Rabinowitz	Harriet	\$182.00	22.5		Ulmann	Irene	\$5.00	
Reinstein	Sheila	\$31.00			Ward	Phyllis	\$5.00	
Risman	Ruth	\$35.00	1.0		Weiss	Harriet	\$57.50	
Rogol	Lysa	\$35.00	0.5		Wittlin	Renee	\$5.00	
Rosenzweig	Ronnie	\$5.00						
					Yourman	Edna	\$37.50	
Gray	Ilene	\$134.00	5.5		Yourman	Paula	\$103.50	2.5
					Zeller	Kay		
					Zussman	Virginia	\$15.00	

Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be
Monday, December 11, 2017

Please send all of your thank you, articles
and announcements via e-mail to:

congregationbethohr@gmail.com

or call

Phyllis in the Synagogue office at 732-257-1523

“Ritually Speaking”

If you are interested in sponsoring a Kiddush to celebrate a simcha, commemorate the Yahrzeit of a loved one, or “just because”, contact Phyllis in the office at 732-257-1523.

Sisterhood is selling Kohl’s Cares for Kids Gift Cards. You may purchase these cards as gifts or to pay your bill in the store so you can continue to use your charge card and get your discounts.

For more information and to purchase cards, please call Monica Atzbi at 732-390-5890. When ordering Kohl’s please use a separate check—not to be combined with scrip checks.

Rabbi Mishkin’s Contact Numbers

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

Office Phone # 732-257-7031

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

e-mail address: rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com

Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.

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Sisterhood sells **Shoprite**, **Stop 'n' Shop**, and **Acme** Supermarket Gift Cards. We also sell Kohl's Gift Cards.

This ongoing fundraiser helps support **Oneg Shabbat** and other areas of our congregation. (Sisterhood members receive 5% donor credit of their scrip purchase.)

Kohl's Gift Cards may be used to purchase merchandise or to PAY your Kohl's charge card in-store so you continue to get your discounts. By purchasing Kohl's Gift Cards you are doing a double mitzvah as these card purchases support Kohl's Cares for Kids charities.

You may contact the following for purchasing scrip and/or information:

Monica Atzbi 732-390-5890
Sharen Silverman 732-266-2389
Marcia Trechak 609-655-9507 (summer months)
Phyllis Greenberg --Temple Office 732-257-1523

When ordering from Phyllis at the temple office, please try to call in your order at least one day earlier and pick up your order during the following hours: 10 am-12 noon or 1:30 pm -3:00pm.



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2017 - 2018

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NON-TEMPLE MEMBERS \$39

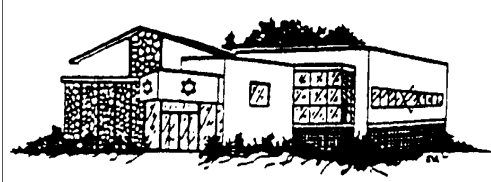
DONOR CREDIT OF \$5 WILL BE AWARDED TO MEMBERS WHO PAY THEIR DUES ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT REJOINED SISTERHOOD BY DECEMBER 31, 2017 FORFEIT ALL PREVIOUSLY ACCUMULATED DONOR CREDIT.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO:

ESTEE SPIEGEL
9 NORTH STREET
OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857

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.



Congregation Beth Ohr
P.O. Box 206
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For December



Friday, Dec. 1
Friday, Dec. 8
Friday, Dec. 15
Friday, Dec. 22
Friday, Dec. 29

4:13PM
4:13PM
4:14PM
4:17PM
4:21PM