

# BETH OHR NEWSLETTER

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## Interfaith

# Thanksgiving Service



***Tuesday, November 21, 2017***

***Congregation Beth Ohr***

***Simpson United Methodist Church***

***And St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church***

***Participating Clergy:***

***Rev. Kevin Davis, Rev. Gerry Paderon and***

***Rabbi Joel Mishkin***

***7:00 PM at Congregation Beth Ohr***

***Refreshments Served After Service***

## 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

Thurs. Nov. 2	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Daytimers The Borscht Belt with Marisa Sheinfeld at Congregation Beth Chaim, West Windsor, NJ	10:30AM
Fri. Nov. 3	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Nov. 4	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Nov. 5	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
	Flu Shots	10:30AM
Tues. Nov. 7	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed. Nov. 8	Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner	7:30PM
Thurs. Nov. 9	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
Fri. Nov. 10	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Nov. 11	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
	Kristallnacht Remembrance	
Sun. Nov. 12	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
	Global Day of Jewish Learning at East Brunswick Lib.	2:00PM
Tues. Nov. 14	Rabbi's Book Discussion Group	11:00AM
	Discussion Group At Barnes & Noble	2:30PM
	Wise Aging Class	7:30PM
Wed. Nov. 15	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thurs Nov. 16	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Basic Judaism Class	11:15AM
Fri. Nov. 17	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Nov. 18	Shabbat Morning Service—	9:30AM
	Celebrate Nov. Birthdays/Anniversaries	
Sun. Nov. 19	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Nov. 21	Discussion Group at Barnes & Noble	2:30PM
	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	7:00PM
Thurs. Nov. 23	Thanksgiving (Office Closed)	
Fri. Nov. 24	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Nov. 25	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Nov. 26	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Nov. 28	Discussion Group at Barnes & Noble	2:30PM
	Wise Aging Group	7:30PM
Thurs. Nov. 30	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Basic Judaism Class	11:15AM
	Temple Exec. Board	7:00PM
	Temple Board of Directors	8:00PM



## Rabbi's Message - November 12th 2017 - Global Day of Learning

After completing the four most sacred weeks of the year our sages took note of the fact that the Hebrew month immediately following is a month completely void of festivals and holidays, both major and minor. That month is known as *Cheshvan*, but because of its dearth of celebratory events our rabbis coined it *Mar Cheshvan*, the “bitter” month of *Cheshvan*. Our community fortunately has a chance to participate in a unique learning experience during this month.

Each and every year there is a Global Day of Learning, a day where Jews the world over take great delight and joy in the gift of God's Torah. The day was initiated by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, the contemporary sage who translated the complete Talmud into Hebrew and English along with a comprehensive commentary that makes this challenging work accessible to lay-people everywhere.

On **Sunday November 12, 2017** our synagogue, in partnership with the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey, will host a gathering of three congregational rabbis in East Brunswick at the **East Brunswick Public Library from 2-4 PM**. We will welcome Rabbis Efrayim Unterman of Young Israel, Eric Eisenkramer of B'nai Shalom and Jeff Pivo of the East Brunswick Jewish Center to the library for a stimulating discussion on the subject of prayer. The discussion is titled “T'filah, Prayer - Speaking to God in Our Special Way.” I will moderate the discussion on behalf of Congregation Beth Ohr.

This afternoon will give us the chance to hear from rabbis of the three main denominations of American Judaism discuss their personal approach to prayer and how they believe that the liturgy of their movement best captures their intentions as they approach the Almighty in daily and weekly services.

If you remember last year's presentation on the subject of Revelation you will undoubtedly want to hear this year's enlightening conversation. Once again sessions such as these demonstrate that the rabbis of our community are not only deeply committed and invested in the theological and liturgical issues of their own denomination, but that they are eager to share these ideas with each other and the broader community. This is not something that happens everywhere today. So I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity at the East Brunswick Library. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

Rabbi Joel S Mishkin



## President Allen Skupp's Message

**The following is the Kol Nidre speech that Allen Skupp gave on September 29, 2017 to the congregation:**

Gemar Chatimah Tovah.

For those who may not know me my name is Allen Skupp and I have been President of Congregation Beth Ohr for the past three months. If you do not know me I am sure most, if not all, have seen my name either on your monthly bills or your end-of-the-year tax statement. For the past six years I was Financial Secretary of the Synagogue.

I would at this time like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved with the preparation for the High Holidays. I may miss someone and, if I do, I apologize. A special thanks to Rabbi Mishkin, Cantor Goldring, the Ritual Committee, Men's Club, Sisterhood, our Office Administrator, Fund Raising and our Financial Secretary. To put it in perspective preparing for the High Holidays is similar to producing a Broadway show where everything has to be choreographed so that, on opening night, the show goes on.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to discuss the financial status of the Synagogue. The Board, over the past couple of years, has done a remarkable job of controlling expenses but our expenses continue to exceed our income. We anticipate a budget deficit this year of \$26,000. You may ask why we have been running a deficit and there are a number of reasons, such as members reaching retirement age, and therefore paying less dues, members moving away and becoming Associate Members. However I want to point out it is also due to the loss of two rentals which would have been more than enough to cover the deficit. However for the past two fiscal years we were very fortunate, as we were able to balance the budget due to a large donation each year, one from Sisterhood and the other from Herman and Barbara Schneider. Even with these donations we have not been able to address upgrades to the building while unplanned maintenance

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issues place a strain on our finances. In fact just this month we had a major unbudgeted capital expense of \$30,000 to replace the boiler.

Since this is something we have struggled with, a Long Range Planning Committee was formed a couple of years ago to ensure the continued success of the Synagogue. The committee identified some possible ideas to (1) eliminate our deficit, (2) upgrade the facility, (3) address maintenance of our facility and (4) put us in sound financial footing. As just mentioned one of those unplanned maintenance issues was the replacement of the boiler. We would love to rent out the downstairs but so far have not had any success.

Knowing this and in order to address our financial future we initiated what we now commonly refer to as “Securing our Future” in July of this year. This involves 3 phases. Phase 1 was to present it to the Board and get their endorsement. I am happy to report that The Board of Directors in addition to Rabbi & Beverly Mishkin have 100% endorsed this initiative not only in name but with contributions. Phase 2 which was rolled out last month involves presenting this to our major donors. Phase 3 will be reaching out to all of you. We have to date had a tremendous commitment as we have just surpassed 50% of our \$400,000 goal. It is largely due to a very significant commitment by Herman and Barbara Schneider, and for that we thank them. For them the Sanctuary will be named. For those who wish to contribute based on designated giving guidelines there are other opportunities for naming specific items within the Synagogue, such as the Social Hall, Classrooms and Bema chairs just to name a few. If you are interested in learning more about this please contact either Allan Benish or myself.

What I have just tried to present is an attempt to make it clear why we need your support. Securing our Future was not meant to replace the Kol Nidre appeal but to establish a separate revenue source. Kol Nidre pledges are built into the current budget while Securing The Future is for our long term financial security. Please try and increase your Kol Nidre contribution over last year. In fact I have because, to me, Beth Ohr is family and I believe in “walking the talk.” What I mean is ,how can I ask you to increase your pledge if I don’t? Also I want to mention

that I just became aware that for at least one company Congregation Beth Ohr qualified under their Matching Gift Program. Whether retired or actively working, check with your company.

After the Rabbi's sermon we will be reciting Yizkor. As I have always done at this time of the year I remember my parents. I am a Jersey boy who grew up in Hillside, New Jersey after moving from Newark where I was born. My family was not very religious but I did attend an Orthodox Synagogue where I had my Bar Mitzvah. Thinking back, I would have to say that the one thing I did learn especially from my father that has stayed with me over my entire life is my work ethic.

Growing up I always knew I was Jewish and we celebrated the holidays in our own way. It wasn't until after Linda and I were married that the holidays had more of a special meaning. It was really because of her grandparents. Linda and I have maintained a kosher home because it was important for her grandparents and other relatives to be able to eat at our house. We continued this after our recent move to Monroe.

Many things stick with me but I will never forget on Yom Kippur, during the Neilah service when you stand while the ark is open, Linda's 90-year old grandmother, would never sit down. You have to understand that she was one of the most strong-willed people I have ever known. I was 40 years her junior but, as I assume you can surmise, I never ever considered sitting.

Now I am asking you to please make your pledge and pass your envelopes to the end of the aisle so the ushers can collect them. If for some reason you did not receive a pledge card there should be envelopes in your Yizkor book and on the tables. I ask that you return them to the Synagogue after Yuntif.

For Linda and our whole family I wish you a L'Shanah Tovah and may you all be sealed in the Book of Life.

Shabbat Shalom

## BETH OHR NEWS



### THANK YOU

Ann Branfman wishes to thank Linda Benish, Lee and Ira Donenfeld, Meryl Finkelstein & Harriet Feld for their help with the setup of refreshments and clean up after the Selichot Service. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the "Brunch in the Sukkah" team for a really great brunch, in spite of the weather. The many tasty selections, classy presentation and camaraderie made it a memorable and enjoyable day. For those who missed it, maybe there'll be another chance next year. (Author Anonymous)

Linda Skupp would like to thank the following people for all their help in making the Sukkah Brunch a huge success even though it wasn't in the Sukkah:

Linda Benish, Harriett Feld, Lisa Mason, Harvey and Lana Cohen, Allen Skupp, Ira Donenfeld, Phyllis and Mel Ward, The Men's Club, The Cleanup Committee

Thanks to Meryl Finkelstein Ashna Pincus and Ilene Gray, and Ira Donenfeld for helping in the office.

Thank you for all the good wishes I received during my recent hospital stay. Thanks to Rabbi Mishkin and others that visited me in the hospital. The many phone calls I have received and am still receiving while I am at home recuperating has meant so much to me.

Paula Yourman

Phil Rabinowitz would like to thank Dara and Ken Deitz for their donation to the synagogue in honor of his 50th Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

### A Belated Thank You To: (for several years)

- Lisa Clark— has been shopping and setting up snacks for the children during the High Holiday Services.
- Gregg Perlman—For leading Junior Congregation Services

### Mazel Tov

To Barbara & Melvin Feder on the Baby Naming of their Granddaughter, Sophie Feder Rosenberg, daughter of Lauren & Hosea Rosenberg on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Marilyn & Ira Karlstein have a new great grandson, Liam Benjamin Savage. The parents are Sean & Rachel Savage and the grandparents are Steven and Suzanne Savage.

# Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

## **DONATED BY:**

Doris Schulsinger  
Linda & Allen Skupp  
Elias Engberg  
Paul & Laurie Roth  
Glenda Levenstein  
Myles & Melody Schwartz  
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Shirley Klionsky  
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Rita & Bernie Selden

Ed & Ronnie Mendlowitz

Ann K. Branfman

## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Irving Schulsinger  
Irving Schulsinger  
Donald Kaminsky  
Anna Godlewski  
Caryn Katz  
Norman Schwartz  
Sarah Weinreich  
Maurice Zeltzer  
David Rankowitz  
Sophie Levine  
Steven Salti  
Norman Schwartz  
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Pauline Salstein, Meyer Salstein,  
Milton Salstein  
Arthur Mendlowitz  
Irving Weisgold  
Lillian Kosser  
Pinchas Beer



## **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



**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. 3/4</u>		<u>Nov. 17/19 (cont'd)</u>	
Mildred Sommers	11/4	Jillian Prada	11/22
Rebecca Silverstein	11/5	Barbara Sibelman	11/22
Sol Czortkower	11/6	Lillian Gerenstein	11/23
William Steinberg	11/6	Arlene Roemer	11/23
Hyman Cohen	11/7	Lydia Edwards	11/24
Arthur Rhodes	11/7	Stephen Gilbarg	11/24
Leah Silver	11/8	Henry Sommers	11/24
Bennie Winter	11/8	<u>Nov. 24/25</u>	
Moses Greenspan	11/9	Sadie Goldenberg	11/25
Molly Sackaroff	11/9	David Litwak	11/25
Irving Weisgold	11/9	Bertram Shapiro	11/25
Louis Woods	11/9	Lillian Shapiro	11/25
Eva Blumenthal	11/10	Sandor Ullman	11/25
Jerry Lustgarten	11/10	Carrie Weiss	11/25
Irving Weiner	11/10	Jennie Bienenfeld	11/26
Lewis Woods	11/10	Sheldon Weinstein	11/26
<u>Nov. 10/11</u>		Beatrice Woods	11/26
Martin Goldberg	11/11	Max Reiser	11/28
Ida Birnbaum	11/12	Howard Boshak	11/29
Flora Heimlich	11/12	Isaac Caleinar	11/29
Rose Wexlin	11/13	Hesie Fوسفeld	11/29
Rose Feuer	11/14	David Obsatz	11/29
Carroll Gordon	11/17	Ben Rosenblum	11/29
Isabelle Weiss	11/17	Lillian Ullman	11/29
<u>Nov. 17/18</u>		Judith Abramson	11/30
Irving Greenspan	11/18	Samuel Finkelstein	11/30
Alfred A. Hillman	11/18	Rebecca Barbara Singer	11/30
Paul Smith	11/18	Harry Spinner	11/30
Sam Suval	11/18	Sol Leibowitz	12/1
Gladys Weiss	11/18	Meyer Levine	12/1
Bella Honig	11/19	Henry Nathanson	12/1
Nathan Moss	11/19	Charles Pincus	12/1
Eva Engber	11/20		
Clara Friedman	11/20		
Irving Miller	11/20		
Bernard Cimring	11/21		
Bernard Mann	11/21		
Irma Helen Klein	11/22		
Clara Lieber	11/23		

## ADULT EDUCATION 2017-18

### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Every other Tuesday morning, beginning October 17

11:00 a.m.

### **COFFEE TALK AND TORAH! – NEW**

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

5 consecutive Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.

November 14-December 12

Join Rabbi Mishkin at the East Brunswick Barnes and Noble for coffee, talk and terrific discussion about family issues in the Book of Genesis and Exodus. This is a five-week mini-series requiring sign-up in advance. The sessions will begin in mid-November and conclude in mid-December. This is a partnership of Congregation Beth Ohr and The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.

### **WISE AGING**

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Alternate Tuesday Evenings, at 7:30 p.m. beginning October 17

### **TREADING WATER IN THE SEA OF TALMUD**

Taught by Rabbi Mishkin

Alternate Tuesday Evenings at 7:30 p.m. – beginning October 24.

Also taught Thursday mornings 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginning October 19

### **TIMELY TOPICS – NEW**

Monthly on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. beginning in November, dates to be determined.

A symposium for the members of our congregations who wish to discuss timely issues revolving around national and international concerns. Political subjects will also be entertained. Presentations to be made by congregant volunteers with Rabbi Mishkin as the facilitator. This promises to be a stimulating opportunity for passionate adults to share their thoughts about our world today.

### **ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS - NEW**

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Thursday mornings at 11:15 a.m. beginning October 19

Rabbi Mishkin will be teaching a bi-weekly supplement, (every other Thursday morning), to the chanting/liturgical component of the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. He will be reviewing Jewish customs, literature and history. The class will be geared towards the needs/knowledge base of the students. This component is required for students of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, but open to all others who wish to learn more about our faith.

### **LEARN TO CHANT A HAFTORAH - NEW**

Led by Linda Benish

Thursday mornings, at 10:30 a.m. beginning October 19

Here is an opportunity to learn a new skill (or relearn an old one), to chant a haftarah using the musical notes that have been taught for centuries. A “good” voice is NOT a requirement! We will also study the liturgy of the Shabbat morning service. Men and women who never had the opportunity to learn this, and those who did but would like to refresh their memories, can learn a skill that will add beauty and meaning to our services. Plus, you can take part in the lively discussions that revolve around what we are learning. If you are taking Rabbi Mishkin’s Adult B’nai Mitzvah class, this will coordinate with what the Rabbi is teaching. A non-member fee of \$36 is requested.

### **Many more wonderful programs to come! JOIN US!**

For more information or to register for a class, call Linda Benish, Program Chair at 609-426-8727 or call Phyllis Greenberg in the synagogue office at 732-257-1523.

**Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life  
at Rutgers University**

The 18th annual **Rutgers Jewish Film Festival** runs from **Sunday, October 29 through Sunday, November 12, 2017**. The festival features a diverse array of dramatic and documentary films from around the world, and most screenings feature guest speakers, including filmmakers and scholars. Opening day festivities will be held at the **Rutgers Business School** in Piscataway. The remainder of the Festival will be held at the **AMC Loews New Brunswick** and the **Princeton Garden Theatre**. For further information about films or to purchase tickets online, visit the film festival webpage <http://BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu/film>.



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5 Consecutive Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.  
November 14-December 12

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## **Congregation Beth Ohr Programming**

September and October have been UNBELIEVABLY busy months. We started with Slichot, slid into the busy High Holidays, had a Sukkah brunch and will end the month with a wonderful weekend with our guest rabbi, Rabbi Geoffrey Huntting.

None of this could have been done by one person alone. Let me start by thanking Ann Branfman for her generosity of time and sponsorship of the Slichot evening. The program could not have been as successful as it was without her hard work and care about “doing it right.” Thank you, Ann, for providing the opportunity to experience a special evening. There are always people “behind the scenes,” and thank goodness for these wonderful people who are willing to give up time and leisure to set up the room and platter the food so the rest of us can enjoy the program. Thank you to Ann, Lee and Ira Donenfeld, Harriet Feld, and Meryl Finkelstein for providing “sustenance” for us all. Finally, a special thank you to Cantor Mark Goldring, who took the time to come to Slichot to introduce himself and his beautiful melodies to the congregation.

Our Sukkah brunch, despite being rained on, was also a successful and enjoyable event. The good food and camaraderie brightened a gloomy day. A special thank you goes out to our amazing “catering company” – L’s and H’s Catering – Linda Skupp, Linda Benish, Lisa Mason, Lana Cohen, Harriet Feld and Harvey Cohen. The cooks, who spent their Saturday night “in the kitchen,” worked hard to prepare beautiful platters, delicious salads, and oh, those wonderful blintz souffles. Back at work early Sunday morning, they took care of last minute cooking and table set-ups. That was the time Harvey and Lana took over to start cooking those delicious scrambled egg dishes. Also, thanks to Allen Skupp for helping with the shopping and table set-ups. Thank you, thank you for all your hard work and effort. The brunch was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

That brings us to our Rabbi-in-Residence weekend. As of this writing, we are anxiously looking forward to spending a stimulating and memorable weekend with Rabbi Huntting. Hopefully, you can join us Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday of October 27-29. If you do, please say thank you to all the people who are working so hard to provide outstanding programming for the congregants of Beth Ohr.

**NOVEMBER 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 first Shabbat service will be on Saturday, November 18th. Future dates will be announced.

Please RSVP to Roberta Fachler at [609-860-6479](tel:609-860-6479) by  
Thursday, November 16th.

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**JOIN THE DAYTIMERS FOR:  
THE BORSCHT BELT WITH MARISA SCHEINFELD  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 10:30a.m.**

**Congregation Beth Chaim  
329 Village Road East, Princeton Junction, NJ**

Marisa Scheinfeld, author of *The Borscht Belt: Revisiting the Remains of America's Jewish Vacationland*, will present a lecture at Congregation Beth Chaim ([329 Village Road East, Princeton Junction, NJ](https://www.bethchaim.org/329-Village-Road-East-Princeton-Junction-NJ)) at 10:30 AM. The program is sponsored by the Jewish Family & Children's Service, Congregation Beth Chaim, and the Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer-Bucks. Time travel through American Jewish history and pop culture as we revisit the Borscht Belt - once home to about 500 hotels and 50,000 bungalows in the Catskill Mountains. This program is both a eulogy and a celebration to what was once called "The Jewish Alps."

Marisa's book presents photographs of abandoned sites where resorts and bungalow colonies once boomed. Some of the structures have been lying abandoned. Other sites have since been demolished, or repurposed, making this book an even more significant documentation of a pivotal era in American Jewish history. Marisa's book will be available for sale and signing. Coffee and cake will be served.

The cost for the Daytimers is \$5.00 per person (group rate). Please bring a non-perishable item for the Kosher Food Pantry. All proceeds will benefit the Yvette Sarah Clayman Kosher Food Pantry. The program will be followed by lunch (optional).

For details and to R.S.V.P., please call Linda ([609-642-8182](tel:609-642-8182)) or Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) A.S.A.P.

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

**We will be entertained by the JEWBADORS.**

## **Reminders from Your Financial Secretary**

Dear Congregants:

While we hope that all of our members remain part of the Beth Ohr Family forever, we recognize that job changes, retirement to Florida, etc. make it necessary for some families to leave the synagogue. Our Constitution and By-Laws obligate our members FINANCIALLY until the Financial Secretary is notified in writing that a member is resigning. You will be responsible for dues, tuition, building fund, etc. until he is notified.

Our Constitution and By-Laws state that to qualify for the senior citizen dues discount you must be over 65 and retired. Contact your Financial Secretary if you fall into this category.

All Kol Nidre pledges have been added to your October monthly bill. Please pay the pledge promptly. If you have any questions, please call: Your Financial Secretary Philip Rabinowitz [732-501-4799](tel:732-501-4799).

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### **Anniversary of Kristalnacht**

Shabbat Morning, November 11th will be dedicated to remembering the anniversary of Kristalnacht with selected readings and remarks by Rabbi Mishkin at the morning service.

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### **Global Day of Jewish Learning**

#### **HOW WE TALK TO G-D**

#### **“T’filah, Prayer – Speaking to G-d in Our Special Way”**

**Panel Discussion at the East Brunswick Public Library**

**Sunday, November 12 from 2-4PM**

**Discussion with East Brunswick’s**

**Rabbi Efrayim Unterman of Young Israel**

**Rabbi Jeffrey Pivo of East Brunswick Jewish Center**

**Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer of B’nai shalom**

The panel discussion is being presented by Congregation Beth Ohr of Old Bridge under the auspices of Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.

All are invited to attend. There is no charge. Coffee and cake will be served following the program.

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



(Print Name in Hebrew Here)

(Print Name in English Here)

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(Date in English) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date in Hebrew)

#### PLEDGE

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

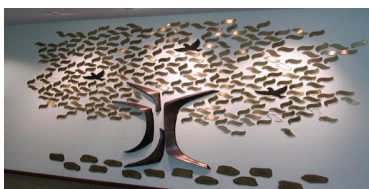
NAME IN FULL \_\_\_\_\_

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.***  
*also enjoy a bagel and the camaraderie.*



Top: Ken Deitz with another cool Tee Shirt. Arthur Szyk Soldier in Art exhibit at NY Historical Society, 77th Street and Central Park West in Manhattan until Jan 21, 2018. Ed and Andy Mendlowitz in Sanctuary after a Minyan.

2nd row: Some of the Skupp family getting set for a Triathlon. Ed and Ken solving the problems of the World.

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

**Men's Club Program of Events** (partial listing)

Nov 5—Flu Shots by Walgreens 10:30 to Noon.

Dec 10—Men's Club Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award AND Gift book Sunday

Jan 7, 2018—Men's Club Pancake Breakfast

Jan 21—Joint Men's Club / Daytimers program

*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!***



# SUNDAY MINYAN DURING SUKKOT



## A nice Sunday at the Minyan

Top: Stan Perlman, Bob Weiss, Peter Okoh and Herb Goldernberg

2nd: Walking around sanctuary with Torah. Laining Torah, Hagbah and Gelilah.

3rd row: Marching around the sanctuary with the esrog and lulav; Ritual Committee hard at work reviewing High Holiday services and planning for future activities.

# BRUNCH IN SUKKAH AND SETTING BACK UP



## Things don't just happen

Top: Siddurs and Chumashes back in Sanctuary. Signs announcing Brunch in Sukkah and Baby Naming for Sophie Feder Rosenberg granddaughter of Barbara and Mel Feder.

2nd: Harvey and Lana Cohen & Phyllis and Mel Ward at Brunch—they assisted in the cooking. Next table Allen Skupp, Allan and Linda Benish, Rabbi Mishkin and Stan Perlman at Brunch. They also worked hard to get it organized and to feed everyone.

3rd. Sukkah ready and able for Holiday. David Honig putting away the chairs used in the All Purpose room during Yuntif.

It takes a lot of people pitching in so the load is spread out and instead of a chore it becomes a pleasant Mitzvah.

# *Gimmie Your Best Shot!*

## **MEN'S CLUB PHOTO CONTEST**

***Send in your best or most favorite photos  
(not with people).***

***The top 3 photos will get a prize that will be announced in January.  
Email to Ed at [emcpa1@aol.com](mailto:emcpa1@aol.com). Photos will also appear in the next  
newsletter. Ed is judge and is not eligible for the prize.  
Here is the second group.***



# *Gimmie Your Best Shot!*

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## SISTERHOOD PRESIDIUM PRESIDENT

Shalom and L'Shanah Tovah from Sisterhood,

Thank you to Marion Falkowitz for a lovely first meeting of the year with our recipe swap which despite the rain was truly enjoyable. Sisterhood's Paid-Up will be on Wednesday, November 8 and I know it will be a wonderful evening.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 5778.

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](mailto: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 Donen-fachler.**



## MAH JONGG CARDS

If you would like to order Mah Jongg Cards here is the information;

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118 Willet Way  
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**2017 Large Card**

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**HOLD THE DATE**

Ladies Festival of Miriam

Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Ohr

Old Bridge, NJ

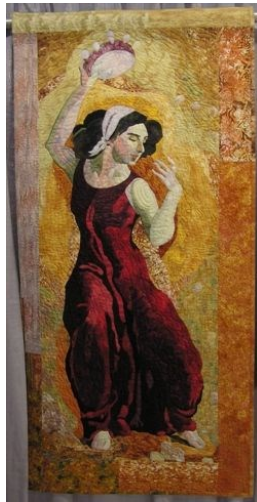
**Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> – Snow Date March 4<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 PM

Lunch, Learn, Craft, Music and Dancing

Learn About Miriam

\$36.00 – Advance Reservations Required



		Carry					Carry		
Name		Amount	Over		Name	Amount	Over		
Appel	Wilma	\$14.00			Finkelstein	Meryl		0.5	
Aroyo	Elizabeth	\$ 134.25	4.0		Fox	Helene			
Atzbi	Monica	\$ 166.00	38.5						
					Garfinkel	Linda	\$ 37.50	2.5	
Benish	Linda	\$ 12.00	5.5		Gasior	Ellen			
Bernstein	Roberta	\$ 5.00	4.5		Gilbarg	Marilyn			
Birnbaum	Eileen		0.5		Golden	Elizabeth	\$ 77.50	10.0	
Boshak	Rochelle				Goldenberg	Susan		1.5	
Branfman	Ann	\$ 42.50	0.5		Greenstein	Barbara			
					Grynberg	Helene	\$ 25.00	10.0	
Cadel	Cheryl				Gurman	Ruth		3.5	
Cannata	Susan								
Clark	Lisa				Hillman	Pearl		4.5	
Cohen	Harriet				Honig	Alice			
					Honig	Eloise			
DeRosa	Rebecca				Hyman	Lee		3.0	
Donenfeld	Lee								
					Kagan	Sylvia			
Edwards	Sue	\$ 23.00	0.5		Kamenitz	Marilyn			
					Karlstein	Marilyn		10.5	
Fachler	Roberta	\$ 60.00	3.0		Karpel	Roberta	\$ 35.00	3.0	
Falkowitz	Marion	\$ 12.00			Kaufman	Maxine		11.5	
Feder	Barbara		0.5		Klein	Caroline			
Feld	Harriet	\$ 14.00	0.5		Krieger	Karen			
Feurier	Darlene								



Name		Amount	Carry Over
Laddin	Anne	\$5.00	
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Mason	Lisa	\$79.50	
Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$150.00	13.0
Nadler	Elinor	\$5.00	
Perlman	Ryselle	\$16.00	
Pincus	Ashna	\$43.00	3.5
Polovsky	Terrie	\$5.00	4.0
Prussack	Zellie		1.5
Rabinowitz	Harriet	\$162.00	22.5
Reinstein	Sheila	\$31.00	
Risman	Ruth	\$35.00	1.0
Rogol	Lysa	\$5.00	0.5
Rosenzweig	Ronnie	\$5.00	
Gray	Ilene	\$98.00	5.5

Name		Amount	Carry Over
Schlissel	Lenore		1.0
Schlussfeld	Mindy	\$5.00	
Schneider	Barbara	\$124.00	6.0
Schottlander	Hilde	\$87.50	2.0
Shafran	Dorothy	\$140.00	10.0
Seltzer	Karen		
Seidner	Lois		
Silberstein	Joyce	\$15.00	2.5
Silver	Arlene	\$84.00	0.5
Silverman	Sharen	\$120.50	12.0
Simon	Mala	\$67.50	1.5
Simon	Marjorie	\$17.00	0.5
Skupp	Linda	\$153.50	15.0
Sommers	Arlene	\$5.00	
Spiegel	Estee	\$106.50	0.5
Trechak	Marcia	\$302.50	6.0
Ulmann	Irene	\$5.00	
Ward	Phyllis	\$5.00	
Weiss	Harriet	\$57.50	
Wittlin	Renee	\$5.00	
Yourman	Edna	\$30.00	
Yourman	Paula	\$91.50	2.5
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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.)

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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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# SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR

## ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

2017 - 2018

*TEMPLE MEMBERS*                      \$50

*NON-TEMPLE MEMBERS*                \$39

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

# Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be  
**Monday, November 13, 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](mailto:rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com)**

Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.

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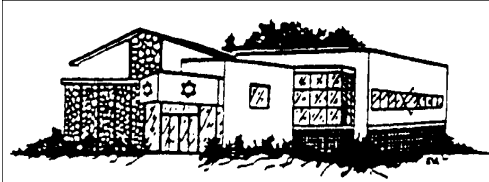
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### Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For November



**Friday, Nov. 3**  
**Friday, Nov. 10**  
**Friday, Nov. 17**  
**Friday, Nov. 24**

**5:34PM**  
**4:26PM**  
**4:20PM**  
**4:16PM**