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Beth Ohr Purim Celebration
At Etz Chaim, Monroe Township, NJ,
with Rabbi Levy and Rabbi Mishkin

PURIM CAFÉ
Wednesday Evening February 28, 2018 at 7:00PM

We are combining a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner with Purim Celebration into one fun filled evening.



We will have a Potluck Vegetarian/Dairy Dinner to be enjoyed with a show – the Purim Spiel and Megillah reading in English. All are welcome to dress in costume.

Please bring a dairy or vegetarian main dish, appetizer, side dish or wine to share. You don't have to cook – you can purchase an item, must make sure it does not contain meat as this is a dairy meal. (No desserts please, we will be providing dessert & soft drinks.)

We are looking forward to seeing you at this fun time. Please RSVP to Stan Perlman ([732 723 0293](tel:7327230293)) if you would like to participate and if you plan on joining us.

Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 9:00AM
Congregation Beth Ohr
Purim Celebration Continues with
Megilla Reading



See page 7 for Purim Customs and Rituals

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. Feb 1	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
Fri. Feb. 2	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Feb. 3	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Feb. 4	Sunday Morning Service World Wide Wrap	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast and Ed Mendlowitz	
	Financial Seminar	
Tues. Feb. 6	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Wise Aging Class	7:30PM
Thurs Feb. 8	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Basic Judaism Class	11:15AM
Fri. Feb. 9	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Feb. 10	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Feb. 11	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Feb 13	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Thur. Feb. 15	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
Fri. Feb. 16	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Feb. 17	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Feb. 18	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Feb. 20	Book Discussion Group	11:00 AM
	Wise Aging Group	7:30PM
Thurs. Feb. 22	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. Feb. 23	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Feb. 24	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Feb. 25	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Feb. 27	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed. Feb 28	Fast of Esther and Megilla Reading	7:00PM
	(See page 1)	



Rabbi's Message

“The Rabbinic Training Institute”

In the midst of the coldest week in recent memory I had the pleasure to take a “mini-break,” so-to-speak, from the daily patterns of congregational life in Old Bridge, New Jersey to attend something called the Rabbinic Training Institute at the Pearlstone Conference Center in Baltimore, Maryland. You might be wondering, what on earth is a rabbinic training institute and why would my rabbi need any training? He’s already been a rabbi for almost three decades, for God’s sake!

RTI as it is known among colleagues, is a gathering of close to seventy Conservative rabbis from across the country who spend four days in intense study, prayer, introspection, fellowship and companionship. Rabbinic life at any stage is something of a unique experience. While some of its challenges and joys replicate other vocations it remains a sacred and sui-generis calling. In that way I cannot overemphasize the benefit of being able to share and learn from other rabbis in the field, be they younger or older, coming from larger or smaller congregations.

We rabbis had the privilege to learn from several professors of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, a therapist who specializes in trauma, a gifted actor and a biblical scholar among others. One of the highlights for me was the chance to study with the very first gentleman I met from the Seminary over thirty years ago. His name is Rabbi Joel Roth and when I first came to the Seminary he was the Dean of the Rabbinical School. Studying with Rabbi Roth was a powerful reminder of the impact that an influential and wise rabbi can have among his students as well as reunion with a man I greatly admire and respect. The actor with whom I studied, Jon Adam Ross, is an engaging and delightful innovator of theatre and his art can actually be applied, at a basic level, to congregational education. It was an invaluable experience studying with him.

However I would have to say the greatest component of RTI was the chance to hear from, sit with, and perhaps most importantly, laugh with a variety of colleagues, all of whom face the challenges of the rabbinate. That was an important gift that cannot be replicated anywhere else. I would like to mention that it was through the auspices of Lisa Clark, Chairperson of Congregation Beth Ohr’s Board of Education, that made it possible for me to attend. I would like to express my appreciation to her and to our entire congregation for this great opportunity.

DAYTIMERS NEWS

FEBRUARY, 2018: WINTER BREAK

- The Daytimers are on vacation
- Stay warm

THURSDAY, MARCH 15: DAYTIMERS PASSOVER PROGRAM

- Details to follow
- Save the date

THE DAYTIMERS ARE PARTICIPATING WITH JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES AND CONGREGATION BETH OHR IN THE 2018 PASSOVER FOOD APPEAL.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18: DROP OFF AND ASSEMBLE FOOD PACKAGES

SUNDAY, MARCH 25: DELIVER FOOD PACKAGES

- Please refer to page 15 with information about the delivery of food packages.
- Save the dates

BETH OHR NEWS



Mazel Tov

Seymour Nussenbaum proudly announces the marriage of his grandson, Tom Ziv to Archana.

Thank You

Edna Yourman would like to thank everyone for their kindness and good wishes during and after her recent surgery. Edna appreciated all the cards, and calls. She wants to express a special thank you to Ashna and Bernie Pincus, Roberta Karpel, and her sister-in-law Paula for all they did for her. She also wants to thank Rabbi Joel and Beverly Mishkin for all their calls and concern during and after her illness.

To Ira and Lee Donenfeld for their administrative help and willingness to always lend a helping hand.

Thank you to Edna Yourman, Meryl Finkelstein, Harriet Feld, and Ann Branfman for office coverage during the month of January.

The following Yahrzeit Plaques have been donated by Myles and Melody Schwartz and have been placed on the Yahrzeit Memorial Wall.:

Bret Philip Schwartz

Harriet Glassman

Benjamin Glassman

Sally Schwartz

Norman Schwartz

Steven Richard Salti

The following Yahrzeit Plaques have been donated by the children of Loretta and Stanley Rosen and placed on the Yahrzeit Memorial Wall.

Loretta Rosen

Stanley W. Rosen

Condolence

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of our beloved congregant, Ruth Risman.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Marilyn Bleiweis.

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.**

Purim: Customs and Rituals



In the Book of Esther, we read that Purim is a time for "feasting and merrymaking," as well as for "sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor" (Esther 9:22). In addition to reading the *M'gillah* (Book of Esther), celebrants dress in costumes, have festive parties, perform "Purim-spiels," silly theatrical adaptations of the story of the *M'gillah*, send baskets of food (*mishloach manot*) to friends, and give gifts to the poor (*matanot l'evyonim*).

Hamantaschen

Hamantaschen (Yiddish for Haman's pockets) are three-cornered pastries filled with poppy seeds (*mohn* in Yiddish), fruit preserves, chocolate, or other ingredients that are traditionally eaten on Purim. In Israel during the weeks leading up to Purim, the aroma of freshly baked hamantaschen can be smelled on every block. Their triangular shape is thought to be reminiscent of Haman's hat or ears.

Costumes

As part of the carnival-like atmosphere of Purim, many children and adults wear costumes. Some attribute this tradition to the fact that Esther initially "masked" her Jewish identity. Now a vibrant and widely practiced custom, some choose to dress as characters from the Purim story, while others select Jewish heroes from throughout history.

In Israel, the celebrations are especially extravagant and exciting. People of all ages take to the streets, rejoicing with parades, parties, costumes and carnivals. The parade through the streets of Tel Aviv is known to be especially wild. At the *Kotel* (the Western Wall) volunteers for [Women of the Wall](#) read *Megillat Esther* in the women's section.

In the Synagogue

The *Megillah* (scroll) most often refers to *Megillat Esther* (The Scroll of Esther) which also is known as the "Book of Esther." According to the Talmud, "The study of Torah is interrupted for the reading of the *Megillah*." Maimonides, a 12th century sage and rabbi, teaches, "The reading of the *Megillah* certainly supersedes all other *mitzvot*."

Traditionally, the Book of Esther is read at both evening and morning services on Purim—both in North America and in Israel. A number of customs are associated with the reading. Haman, the enemy of the Jews in this story, is associated with all those who have tried to destroy the Jewish people throughout history. Therefore, we make loud noises—verbally or with noisemakers—at every mention of Haman's name in order to drown it out. Derived from the Polish word meaning "rattle," a *grogger* is the noisemaker used to drown out the name of Haman during the reading of the *Megillah*. Beginning in the 13th century, Jews throughout Europe sounded the *grogger* as a part of their Purim celebrations.

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits are observed during the months of **December, January and February**. We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

DONATED BY:

Wilma & Allen Appel
Susan Belmont, Ann Hermann and families
Ann K. Branfman
Andrea & Mark Chassen
Arnold Dorfman
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Roberta & Larry Fachler
Meryl Finkelstein

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Seymour Nussenbaum

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Marjorie & Stuart Simon
The Simon Family
Irene & Leonard Ullmann

Phyllis & Melvyn Ward

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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Marion Greenspan
Sally Posner
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Marilyn Dorfman
Harold Lowe
Aaron Narol
Sylvia Rauch and Harry Rauch
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Charles F. Silberstein
Sol Bornestein
Mabel Simon
Paul Kalefsky
Bertha Ullmann
Lillian Warshofsky



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 732-257-1523 for further details.

February 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 February Yahrzeit. 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>Feb. 2/3</u>		<u>Feb. 16/17 (cont'd)</u>	
Joseph Rabinowitz	2/3	Estelle Speert	2/18
Joseph Sadek	2/3	Mary Rachel Wilpon	2/18
Freida Segal	2/3	Harriet Alper	2/19
Jack Fass	2/4	Harold Branfman	2/19
Joseph Glaz	2/4	Bessie Brod	2/19
Gizella Feldman	2/5	Philip Goldenberg	2/19
Marion Greenspan	2/5	Judith Grabel Greenstein	2/19
Joseph Weiss	2/5	Harry Rauch	2/19
Harry Weissman	2/5	Dorothy Rosencranz	2/19
Herman Feld	2/6	Celia Stadin Davis	2/20
Charlotte Flax	2/6	Morris Liebman	2/20
Anna Haft	2/6	Shelly Morris	2/20
Marvin Lubinsky	2/6	Louis Nathanson	2/20
Charles Silberstein	2/6	Enny Sheffler Feldstein	2/21
Hugh Bleiweis	2/7	Renee Freedman	2/21
Irving Goldberg	2/7	Harriet Glazier	2/21
Jerome Robinson	2/7	Benjamin Hinden	2/21
Lena Sanders	2/7	Anthony Lisanti	2/21
Morris Sapsowitz	2/7	Gershon Moldovan	2/21
Sylvia Leah Weprin	2/7	Fanny Sapsowitz	2/21
Herman Balsam	2/8	Louis Weprin	2/21
Mabel Simon	2/8	Anna Beer	2/22
Barbara Bennett Wernick	2/8	Ida E. Berlin	2/22
Mollie Honig	2/9	Brenda Borenstein	2/22
Roberta Persky	2/9	Ernest Deutsch	2/22
Matilda Schlissel	2/9	Charles Chencinski	2/23
Eleanor Weinstein	2/9	Joseph Rosenfeld	2/23
Betty Zeidel	2/9	Rose Spinner	2/23
<u>Feb. 9/10</u>		<u>Feb. 23/24</u>	
Harold Lowe	2/10	David Levine	2/24
Esther Weiner	2/10	Anne Schiller	2/24
Irving Sanders	2/11	Minnie Stern	2/24
Aaron Shiffrinson	2/11	Elias Berlin	2/25
Meyer Benish	2/12	Michael Katz	2/25
Dorothy Reichbach	2/12	Rosalie Lubitz	2/25
Elaine Stifel	2/12	Dorothy Seiden	2/25
Morrie Bleiweis	2/13	Max Berkowitz	2/26
Hyman DeMayo	2/13	David Betesh	2/25
Rose Fass	2/13	Martha Blumenthal	2/26
Max Feldman	2/13	Alvin Levine	2/26
Benjamin Glassman	2/13	Max Post	2/26
Mo Leibowitz	2/14	Harry Schwarzwald	2/26
Harry A. Stadin	2/14	Lillian Silverman	2/26
Harry Weinreich	2/14	Saul Steinklein	2/26
Bella Zarfes	2/14	Harold Berman	2/27
Irwin Daniel Belsky	2/15	Libbie Gorsky	2/27
Roman Shmoys	2/15	Albert Kornberg	2/27
Leonard Stern	2/15	Benjamin Levine	2/27
Melanie Strassberg	2/15	Myrtle Lynn	2/27
Max Kosser	2/16	Esther Fantelli	2/28
Abraham Silverberg	2/16	David Schoenfeld	2/28
Yetta Silverberg & Children	2/16	David Weissberg	2/28
<u>Feb. 16/17</u>		Rose Winters	2/28
Irving Ash	2/17	Harry Davidowitz	3/1
Ellis Sherman	2/17	William Donenfeld	3/1
Ray Moses	2/17	Herman Lieber	3/1
Bernard Klein	2/18	Joseph Ackerman	3/2
Louis Schulsinger	2/18	Isadore Jaffe	3/2
William Silverstein	2/18	Joy Rothlin	3/2

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 Funds during the month of December

To the David Benish Memorial Fund from Linda and Allan Benish:
Yahrzeit donation in memory of Linda's grandfather, Otto Elkan

Purim (continued from page 7)

A Purimspiel (pronounced *shpeel*, rhymes with "reel") is a humorous skit presented on Purim. Most parody the story of the Book of Esther, but it also is common for participants to take the opportunity to poke some gentle fun at themselves and their idiosyncrasies. [Some congregations run an adults-only event for Purim, too.](#)

At Home

Mishloach manot are gifts of food that friends (and prospective new friends!) exchange on Purim. Often presented in baskets, most *mishloach manot* include hamantaschen, the traditional three-sided pastry eaten on Purim, but may also include a wide variety of foods and treats. These gifts are frequently referred to by their Yiddish name, *shalachmanos*.

Jewish families make *mishloach manot* baskets at home and distribute them to friends. Many families also make hamantaschen to include in these baskets and to enjoy at home. [Check out these creative ideas for making your own.](#)

Matanot l'evyonim (gifts to the poor) are gifts given at this season to those in need so that they, too, can celebrate Purim with a special meal. Many families have committed to participating in this important social justice aspect of the holiday.

Source: *The Jewish Home (Revised Edition)* by Daniel B. Syme

**FEBRUARY 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, February 24th. 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, February 22, 2018.

Mazel Tov to the following congregants who celebrated their simchas at the January 20th Simcha Shabbat:

Birthday

Chuck Rogol
Edna Yourman

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Believe it or not, we are already thinking about Passover! Please note two very important dates – Sunday, March 18, Beth Ohr is once again the central location for Jewish Family Services' Passover Packaging Program. JFS will be filling bags and bags (and bags) of Passover food to be delivered to those in need. Come help load the bags with Passover goodies. This is a Mitzvah Day #1.

Believe it or not, Mitzvah Day Part II is the following Sunday, March 25. That's the day we can join so many other community members in delivering all those bags to Jewish families throughout Middlesex County. Come give a little of your time to make someone else's Passover brighter. This is Mitzvah Day #2.

Believe it or not, it's already time to start thinking about TORATHON! Put it on your calendar – SUNDAY, APRIL 22 –12:30 P.M. We are planning another wonderful afternoon filled with teaching and learning, socializing and snacking. Our roster of Rabbis is already filling up, some new to our program, some respected returnees. Beth Ohr will be the place to be on that Sunday afternoon. Tell your friends now, so they, and you, will SAVE THE DATE.

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*

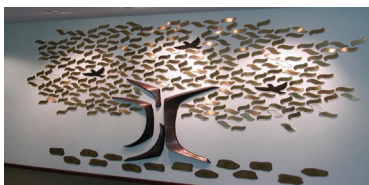
NAME IN FULL _____

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



COFFEE TALK AND TORAH PART 2



Discussing families in the Books of Genesis and Exodus

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30PM

February 6, March 6, April 3

Where: The Jewish Federation, 230 Old Bridge Turnpike,

South River, NJ 08882

Presented by Congregation Beth Ohr

Join Rabbi Joel Mishkin for a series of discussions about families in the books of Genesis and Exodus. Enjoy Congregation Beth Ohr's growing education program with these FREE gatherings.

Explore topics such as the never-ending saga of sibling rivalries, pressures between parents and children of all ages, the challenge of being Miriam in an alpha-male family, and others.

Grab a cup of coffee and come to one or come to all!

Contact: Lisa Adler lisaa@jewishheartnj.org 732-588-1800

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Please Help A Family Celebrate Passover

February 2018

Dear Valued Friends,

Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS) is coordinating a special Passover Food Appeal. JFS is asking for monetary gifts and accepting food during March to benefit 700 members of our community who could not celebrate Passover without your help.

Each dollar raised and every box, can or container of food collected goes to the people who need it the most. You can participate in one of the following ways:

- make a monetary donation by March 9
- donate kosher food for Passover by March 18*
- assemble food packages on March 18
- deliver food packages on March 25*

JFS is once again excited to partner with Congregation Beth Ohr in Old Bridge as the host site for this year's Passover activities.

We are counting on you for your support this Passover! **Without your help, people simply may not be able to celebrate their traditions. This Passover, when you give up bread, please give it up with generosity as many people in our neighborhood are relying on you.** Kindly use the enclosed form to indicate how you will help our community this 2018 Passover season.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy Passover!

Sincerely,

Jack Goldberg
Passover Food Drive Chair

Sam Nussbaum
CEO



PASSOVER Appeal 2018

Please check all that apply and return this form to JFS in the enclosed envelope by March 5. Questions call 732-777-1940 or 609-395-7979

Yes, I want to help JFS Fight hunger in the Jewish community!

My check for \$45 for each needy family is enclosed. # of families ___ x \$45 = \$___ (Please make check payable to JFS)

Or charge my credit card (Print Information) Visa Mastercard American Express Discover

Acct # _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____
 Name on card _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Yes, I will purchase non-perishable food for one or more families!

Please drop your Passover packages at Congregation Beth Ohr. On **Sunday, March 18 9:30AM-12 P.M.**

Sample Kosher for Passover Food List Per Family			
Quantity	Product	Quantity	Product
1	1 lb. box matzah	1	16 oz. can potatoes
1	Box matzah ball soup mix	1	14 oz. or 15 oz. can fruit
1	16 oz. gefilte fish	1	22 oz. bottle grape juice
1	6 oz. box potato latke or kugel mix	1	Can tuna fish
1	16 oz. oil	1	Jar jelly
1	10 oz. can/box macaroons or cake mix	1	Jar of mayonnaise
1	14 oz. or 15 oz. can vegetables	1	Can of chicken consommé'

Yes, I want to volunteer to sort & assemble food packages Sunday, March 18th at 10 A.M. at Congregation Beth Ohr (Volunteers must be ages 14 and up.). # Persons Volunteering _____.

Yes, I want to deliver food packages Sunday, March 25th at 9 A.M. from Congregation Beth Ohr # Cars Delivering _____.

This form confirms your participation to volunteer. Include your email below to receive a reminder. (Complete all information)

(Print Information) Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Thank you for your generosity

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

also enjoy a bagel and the camaraderie.



Men's Club Happenings!

Top: Chuck Rogol and Harvey Cohen making French Toast on Dec 31, and Herb Goldenberg, Ivan Gelb and Harvey making pancakes on Jan 7. Top notch breakfasts by Top Notch Guys! We will have a Challah French Toast breakfast on Sunday Feb 11—so come early and eat up!

Next row shows Bernie Pincus flanked by grandchildren Rebecca and Ian Clark and daughter Lisa at a Minyan. They were each given a Mentsch Gift Book. Dara Deitz with a Rice University Tee Shirt and Ivan Gelb with a hand painted Sgt. Peppers shirt.

We also had a joint program with Daytimers and the awards for best photos in "Gimmie Your Best Shot" photo contest with photos on the following pages. A lot going on!

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

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

Feb 4—World Wide Wrap tefillin presentation by Rabbi Mishkin during Minyan; and 38th Annual Ed Mendlowitz Financial Presentation following bagel breakfast—Tax Tips—handout will be distributed

Feb 11—Pre Feb 14 Challah French Toast Breakfast catered by Harvey and crew. ***Nothin' says Lovin' Like Somethin' from the Oven!*** Bagels as usual will also be available.

Mar 11—Joint Sisterhood and Men's Club program sponsored by the Herman and Freida Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp. Fraidy Reiss from *Unchained at Last* program will be the speaker.

Ed Mendlowitz

Ed Mendlowitz, Men's Club President, email: 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!***

Jewish Genealogy Joint Program of Men's Club and Daytimers

Presented by Professor Nathan Reiss

Photo on left: Professor Reiss, Middle shows Prof. Reiss addressing the large attendance, and Daytimers' "Head Counselors" Linda Skupp and Ira Donenfeld



Gimme Your Best Shot Photo Contest Awards presented by Ed Mendlowitz to Stan Perlman and Julia Sullivan

Shown in first photo below. In second photo from left is the Sullivan family with Mother and Grandmother

Linda Garfinkel: Olivia, Michael, Linda, Julia and Shari



Photo Gallery

Bottom left: At the pancake breakfast: Lana and Harvey Cohen & Phyllis and Mel Ward, Middle: Temple sign for programs first week of February, and Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz at the Magic Kingdom last month.



Roberta and Eugene Bernstein Photo Gallery

Clockwise from top left: New Year's Eve with Marilyn and Morty Kamenitz & friends Chris and Michael. Roberta with grandchildren Aidan and Evie, a great shot at the Miami Zoo with Scott, Jen and Evie Jean, Eugene with a Boa, and a family New Year selfie of Aidan, Evie, Lisa and Chris



Boynton Beach Florida Lunch
Ellie Honig, Paula Yourman, Sheila Reinstein
and Lillian Rosenberg

Kristallnacht Remembrance Booklet



Beth Ohr will be publishing a Kristallnacht Remembrance Booklet on Friday November 9, 2018 to memorialize Beth Ohr members, families and friends that were subjected to the Nazi led inhuman barbaric treatment of Kristallnacht solely because the people attacked were Jewish. It must never happen again and remembering is a way to stop it from reoccurring.

If you have a story to tell about yourself, a family member or friend, let us capture it in this booklet. To date we have personal remembrances from the following:

- Elisabeth Gelb**
- Sylvia Kagan**
- Vera Nussenbaum**
- Martin Tyberg's parents**
- Daniel Grynberg**

We want and need more stories to tell. Contact Ed to arrange for your story to be told. Tel 732.890.3344.



*Joint Program Men's Club and Sisterhood
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in memory of Barbara Lipp*

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from a forced marriage

Sunday March 11, 2018

38th Annual Ed Mendlowitz Financial Program
Making Sense of the New Tax Law
and how 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.
Bagel breakfast at 10:00 and Minyan at 9:00



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 732.890.3344¹⁹

Note: Minyan will be at 10:00 (not 9:00)

**CONGREGATION BETH OHR
GALA BRUNCH COMMITTEE**

Dear Fellow Congregant,

Our major fund raiser will be a Gala Brunch honoring Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry. It will be held Sunday June 10, 2018 from 11:00 to 2:30 at the Synagogue.

We need everyone's participation to be successful. This includes your attendance at the Gala Brunch, and your selling ads to local businesses who can show their support of Beth Ohr, the Mayor and Old Bridge community.

An ad form is on the following page. Please make copies and bring to the businesses and professionals you patronize and ask for their show of support.

As we did for previous Journal Galas, Congregants that sell \$250.00 in ads can attend the Gala Brunch for **no charge**. A couple can attend by obtaining \$500.00 in ads. This way we all win—you can attend for free, the Congregation receives needed contributions, and the advertiser shows their support of Beth Ohr and the Mayor.

Please copy the ad form and start selling the ads. If you need help, do not hesitate to call me for assistance and suggestions. We have a big and active committee anxious to assist you should you need help.

Thank you for your support.



Chairman

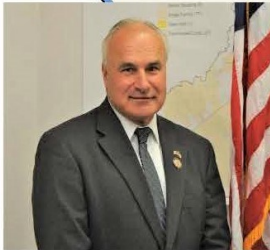
Tel 732.890.3344 email: emcpa1@aol.com

P.S. We will have an Alumni page for listings and messages from those that have been Bar or Bat Mitzvah'ed here and attended Hebrew School at Beth Ohr. Please reach out to Alumni you know and ask them to show their support of the Synagogue. Each listing is \$36.00.

Congregation Beth Ohr Gala Brunch in Honor of Mayor Owen Henry

GALA BRUNCH SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Honoring
Old Bridge Mayor
OWEN HENRY
Sunday June 10, 2018



Your ad in the
Souvenir Journal supports
Mayor Owen Henry
and the programs of
Congregation Beth Ohr

Special Alumni Page
\$36 contribution.

Journal Ad prices - 8½" x 11" page size

When submitting your camera ready ads please allow for margins
All ads except back cover are black and white. Either PDF or JPG formats are acceptable.

Back cover supporter (full color)	\$2,500.00
Inside front or inside back cover supporter	\$1,800.00
Gold supporter	\$1,000.00
Silver supporter	\$750.00
Full page	\$500.00
Half page (8½ x 5½)	\$275.00
Quarter page (4¼ x 5½)	\$150.00
Business card	\$ 75.00
Congratulatory personal mention	\$ 36.00
In memorium listing	\$ 36.00
Alumni page message	\$ 36.00
Family Jewels (list your children and grandchildren) per name	\$ 18.00

YES! Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to Congregation Beth Ohr of \$_____ for a _____ (specify size) ad in the souvenir journal. Ad copy is attached. (Please attach camera ready copy, if available.) (NOTE: DO NOT STAPLE ads or business cards to this form)

YES! I want to attend the Gala Brunch in Honor of Mayor Owen Henry. Enclosed is my check for \$60.00 per guest. (Please provide the names of the attendees):

Name _____
Co. Name _____
Tel _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Ad deadline May 21, 2018
Send your ad today to
Beth Ohr Journal Ad Committee
c/o Allan Benish
114 Avignon Road
Monroe Township, NJ 08831
Tel: 609.426.8727 Email: abenish@aol.com

Ad solicited by _____

Message from Cheryl Cadel
Presidium President Sisterhood Congregation Beth Ohr
January, February and March

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has been keeping warm in this very cold winter! I was saddened to postpone our Book Review Meeting of, "The Marriage of Opposites", by Alice Hoffman but we will definitely reschedule for the warmer weather. Hopefully, it will give more of us time to read and be part of the discussion when we do. We won't be together in February and Purim will be here before we know it. Stay warm!

Shalom
Cheryl Cadel

Sisterhood Book Club

On February 11 we will be discussing the book "The Marriage of Opposites", for the sisterhood meeting

Marian Falkowitz

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.

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.

SCRIP

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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Aroyo	Elizabeth	\$ 324.25	4.0	Fox	Helene		
Atzbi	Monica	\$ 488.00	38.5				
				Garfinkel	Linda	\$ 119.00	2.5
Benish	Linda	\$ 37.00	5.5	Gasior	Ellen	\$ 5.00	
Bernstein	Roberta	\$ 40.00	4.5	Gilbarg	Marilyn	\$ 15.00	
Birnbaum	Eileen	\$ 47.50	0.5	Golden	Elizabeth	\$ 211.50	10.0
Boshak	Rochelle	\$ 65.00		Goldenberg	Susan	\$ 15.00	1.5
Branfman	Ann	\$ 137.50	0.5	Greenstein	Barbara	\$ 5.00	
				Grynberg	Helene	\$ 50.00	10.0
Cadel	Cheryl	\$ 41.50		Gurman	Ruth		3.5
Cannata	Susan	\$ 5.00					
Clark	Lisa	\$ 5.00		Hillman	Pearl	\$ 5.00	4.5
Cohen	Harriet	\$ 61.00		Honig	Alice		
Cohen	Lana			Honig	Eloise	\$ 5.00	
				Hyman	Lee	\$ 76.50	3.0
Donenfeld	Lee	\$ 25.00					
				Kagan	Sylvia	\$ 56.00	
Edwards	Sue	\$ 38.00	0.5	Kamenitz	Marilyn	\$ 25.00	
				Karlstein	Marilyn	\$ 32.50	10.5
Fachler	Roberta	\$ 165.00	3.0	Karpel	Roberta	\$ 130.00	3.0
Falkowitz	Marion	\$ 22.00		Kaufman	Maxine	\$ 60.00	11.5
Feder	Barbara	\$42.50	0.5	Klein	Caroline	\$ 15.00	
Feld	Harriet	\$ 52.50	0.5	Krieger	Karen	\$ 5.00	
Feurier	Darlene						

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Laddin	Anne	\$5.00		
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Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$212.50	13.0	
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Perlman	Ryselle	\$26.00		
Pincus	Ashna	\$73.00	3.5	
Polovsky	Terrie	\$42.50	4.0	
Rabinowitz	Harriet	\$242.00	22.5	
Reinstein	Sheila	\$31.00		
Risman	Ruth	\$35.00	1.0	
Rogol	Lysa	\$35.00	0.5	
Rosenzweig	Ronnie	\$5.00		
Gray	Ilene	\$159.00	5.5	
Schlussfeld	Mindy	\$5.00		
Schneider	Barbara	\$124.00	6.0	
Schottlander	Hilde	\$100.00	2.0	
Shafran	Dorothy	\$180.00	10.0	
Silberstein	Joyce	\$66.00	2.5	
Silver	Arlene	\$100.50	0.5	
Silverman	Sharen	\$205.50	12.0	
Simon	Mala	\$87.50	1.5	
Simon	Marjorie	\$17.00	0.5	
Skupp	Linda	\$232.00	15.0	
Sommers	Arlene	\$10.00		
Spiegel	Estee	\$141.50	0.5	
Trechak	Marcia	\$322.50	6.0	
Ulman	Sara	\$25.00		
Ulmann	Irene	\$5.00		
Ward	Phyllis	\$5.00		
Weintraub	Deborah	\$5.00		
Weiss	Harriet	\$83.50		
Wittlin	Renee	\$5.00		
Yourman	Edna	\$50.00		
Yourman	Paula	\$103.50	2.5	
Zussman	Virginia	\$15.00		

Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be
Monday, February 12, 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.

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

Rabbi Mishkin's Contact Numbers

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

Office Phone # 732-257-7031

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

e-mail address: rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com

Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.

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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For February 2018



Friday, Feb. 2
Friday, Feb. 9
Friday, Feb. 16
Friday, Feb. 23

4:59PM
5:07PM
5:16PM
5:24PM