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Congregation Beth Ohr of Old Bridge  
Cordially Invites the Community To

## **Torathon 5778**

# **Sunday April 22, 2018**

Congregation Beth Ohr  
70 Route 516  
Old Bridge New Jersey

**Registration at 12:30 PM**  
**First Class starts at 1:00 PM**

Area Rabbis will teach classes covering diverse elements of the Jewish experience. The afternoon will consist of four 50-minute sessions, with refreshment breaks between sessions. Attendees will choose which sessions to attend.

With a generous sponsorship from:



**The Jewish Federation**  
IN THE HEART OF NEW JERSEY

**Admission is \$5.00 and canned food for the  
Old Bridge Food Bank**

For Information call: Cong. Beth Ohr 732- 257-1523 or Linda Benish at 609-426-8727  
(see page 5 for list of Rabbis and classes)

## 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

Sun. Apr. 1	Second Day Passover Service	9:30AM
Tues. Apr. 3	Coffee Talk & Torah 2 at Federation In South River	2:30PM
Fri. Apr. 6	Seventh Day Passover Service	9:30AM
	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Apr. 7	Shabbat/Last Day Passover Service & Yizkor	9:30AM
Sun. Apr. 8	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Apr. 10	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Wise Aging Class	7:30PM
Thurs. Apr. 12	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Basic Judaism Class	11:15AM
	Yom Hashoah Program	7:30PM
Fri. Apr. 13	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Apr. 14	Shabbat/Simcha Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Apr. 15	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Apr. 17	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed. Apr. 18	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thur. Apr. 19	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
Fri. Apr. 20	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Apr. 21	Shabbat Morning Sisterhood Shabbat Service	9:30AM
Sun. Apr. 22	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
	Torathon Registration	12:30PM
	Torathon Begins	1:00PM
Tues. Apr. 24	Book Discussion Group	11:00 AM
	Wise Aging Group	7:30PM
Thurs. Apr. 26	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Basic Judaism Class	11:15AM
	Temple Exec. Board	7:15PM
	Temple Board of Directors	8:00PM
Fri. Apr. 27	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Apr. 28	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Apr. 29	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
	Torah Fund Benefactors Luncheon	12:00PM



## From the Rabbi's Desk

March 16, 2018

Friday Evening - "The Call to Belong"

Our sages believed firmly that the Torah was a divine proclamation directly from the mouth of the Almighty. Therefore every single word in the Torah mattered. Nothing was extraneous or unnecessary. Each and every word counted. However as we begin this week's Torah portion we see a rather awkward introduction with its opening word, "Vayikra." If we look carefully at the verse we will notice that its construction is really quite odd. Literally translated, the first verse of the Torah reads: "He called to Moses and God spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying ...". The first phrase seems to be redundant. If we are told that God spoke to Moses, why say in addition to that, "He called"?

The answer is that God's call to Moses was something prior to and different from what God went on to say. The latter were the details; however the former was the summons, the mission – not unlike God's first call to Moses at the burning bush where He invited him to undertake the task that would define his life: leading the people out of exile and slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.

Why this second call? Probably because the book of Vayikra has, on the face of it, nothing to do with Moses. The original name given to it by our sages was Torat Cohanim, "the Law of the Priests." Strikingly, we know that Moses was not a priest. That role belonged to his brother Aaron. So it was as if God were saying to Moses: this too is part of your vocation. You are not a priest but you are the vehicle through which I reveal all My laws, including those of the priests. You cannot set this aspect aside because it is part of your vocation.

We tend to take the concept of a vocation – the word itself comes from the Latin for a "call" – for granted as if every culture has such an idea. However, it is not so. The great German sociologist Max Weber pointed out that the idea of vocation, so central to the social ethic of Western culture, is essentially "a religious conception, that of a task set by God."

And if we look to our tradition we will see that this notion was born in the Hebrew Bible. As one contemporary rabbi explains, "Elsewhere there was little communication between the gods and human beings. The idea that God might invite human beings to become His partners and emissaries was revolutionary. Yet that is what Judaism is about.

Jewish history began with God's call to Abraham to leave his land and family. God called to Moses and the prophets. There is a particularly vivid account in Isaiah's mystical vision in which he saw God enthroned and surrounded by singing angels:

Then I heard the Voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

And the most touching account is the story of the young Samuel, dedicated by his mother Hannah to serve God in the sanctuary at Shiloh where he acted as an assistant to Eli the priest. In bed at night he heard a voice calling his name. He assumed it was Eli. He ran to see what he wanted but Eli told him he had not called. This happened a second time and then a third, and by then Eli realized that it was God calling the child. He told Samuel that the next



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

On June 10<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Gala Brunch honoring Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry. This is our major fund raiser for the year. It is critical that you support it by soliciting ads from local businesses, purchasing your own ad and by planning to attend. Ad forms are available in the Synagogue office. Remember you can attend the Brunch for free if you sell ads, \$250 for an individual or \$500 for a couple.

The Board has approved the budget for next year and this will be presented to the Congregation in an upcoming general membership meeting. At that meeting the congregation will also be asked to vote for the 2018-19 slate of officers which is at this time a work in progress. If you are interested in a position on the Board, please contact me.

**ALLEN SKUPP**

TORATHON TIME

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 12:30 P.M.

**Torathon is coming!!!**

We have 13 distinguished Rabbis from all over the community.

**Look at our list of Rabbis:**

Dov Goldberg, Cong. B'nai Israel of Rumson

Ira Grussgott, Freehold Jewish Center

Bryan Kinzbrunner, Wilf Campus Home for the Aged

Marc Kline, Monmouth Reform Temple, Tinton Falls

Nathan Langer

Benjamin Levy, Etz Chaim, Monroe Township Jewish Center

Sara Metz, Cong. Beth Mordecai – Perth Amboy

Joel Mishkin, of course!

Robert Pilavin, Sons of Israel, Manalapan

Jeffrey Pivo, East Brunswick Jewish Center

Eric Wisnia, West Windsor

Robert Wolkoff, Cong. B'nai Tikvah, North Brunswick

Eliezer Zaklikovsky, Chabad Jewish Center of Monroe

**Just a few of the topics they will be presenting:**

Who is a Jew?

Prayers don't change things. Prayers change people, and people change things.

Good = God

"The Sacred Act of Tying Your Shoes: Four Approaches to Jewish Spirituality".

A New Way of Looking at the Sh'ma

Cost - \$5 and canned food for the Old Bridge Food Bank.

**With a generous sponsorship from:**



**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: emcpal@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.

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

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**April 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 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>April 6/7</u>	
Rudolph Carl Kaiser	4/7
Jaelyn Brianne Perlman	4/7
Morris Kuritsky	4/8
Ruth Rothlin	4/8
Morris Hyman	4/9
Ralph Krause	4/9
Alice Lanzoff	4/9
Toby Maness	4/9
Rae Perzley	4/9
Anna Polansky	4/9
Ceil Rosenthal	4/9
Lena Weiss	4/9
Yetta Chekofsky	4/10
Violet Davidowitz	4/10
Michael Ebenstein	4/10
Eve Schnitzer	4/10
Joshua Weissman	4/10
Yette Ribet	4/11
David Rosenberg	4/11
Stanley Silverstein	4/11
Rhoda Tash	4/11
Seymour Weinman	4/11
Gizela Brody	4/12
Mollie Rothberg	4/12
Aaron Kanter	4/12

<u>April 13/14</u>	
Morris Brown	4/14
Jules Linder	4/14
Marta Adler	4/15
Barry Geller	4/15
Sophie Perlin	4/15
Jacob Podol	4/15
Belle Shumer	4/15
Anne Skupp	4/15
Dalia Goldhecht	4/16
Joseph Maness	4/17
Anna Goldberg	4/18
Morris Silverstein	4/18
Norman Sweig	4/18
Arthur Ullman	4/18
Lilly Gelb Weisz	4/18
Joseph Jacob Wilpon	4/18
Iris Wolfe	4/18
Marcia Erlich	4/19
Harriet Glassman	4/19
Barbara Kleiman	4/19
Stuart Polovsky	4/19
Kurt Schiller	4/19
Harold Karpel	4/20
Mary Schechtman	4/20
Monroe Schnitzer	4/20

<u>April 20/21</u>	
Isaac Bemaman	4/21
Benjamin Heisler	4/21
Maria Kushnir	4/21
Aaron Levenstein	4/21
Gertrude Margolin	4/22
Louis Platman	4/22
Sol Yourman	4/22
Thelma Rothstein	4/23
Helen Yourman	4/23
Arebell Gordon	4/24
Pauline Salstein	4/24
Abraham Schneider	4/24
Susan Slobodien	4/24
Benjamin Chancy	4/25
Louis Rothlin	4/25
Frank Hecht	4/26
Harry Meislick	4/26
Anna Rosenthal-Charoff	4/26
Samuel Smith	4/26
Doris Springer	4/26
Julius Kaplan	4/27
Carolyn Lanzoff	4/27
Lee Myra Schuman	4/27

<u>April 27/28</u>	
Louis Aroyo	4/28
Sylvia Karpel	4/28
Sidney Kranz	4/28
Ida Samuel	4/30
Eva Mann	5/1
Irving Shapiro	5/1
Helen Gertler	5/2
Leonard Rosenthal	5/2
Eleanor Solomon	5/2
Dora Merein	5/3
George Nikop	5/3
Henry Tuteur	5/3
Mollie Nagler	5/4
Louis Polansky	5/4
Gertrude Satmary	5/4
Dorothy Simon	5/4

## DAYTIMERS NEWS

### APRIL: PASSOVER BREAK

A Happy and Healthy Passover to all.

### MAY: COMING ATTRACTIONS (3 BIGGIES)

#### SATURDAY, MAY 12: DAYTIMERS SHABBAT SERVICE-- 9:30 AM

#### LUNCH AND LEARN – 12:00 NOON

The Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Mishkin will be sponsored by the Daytimers. All are welcome.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 17: *THE NERD*

The Daytimers will attend the 2:00 PM matinee performance of *The Nerd* at the George Street Playhouse (interim home at College Farm Road).

*The Nerd* is a rollicking farce by Larry Shue, the author of the award-winning comedy *The Foreigner*. Willum's birthday party gets a jolt of hilarious excitement when Rick Steadman, a fellow ex-soldier who saved Willum's life, stops by for a visit. When he realizes that Rick is socially inept and will overstay his welcome with a vengeance, Willum must put together an outrageous plan to rid himself of this wacky GI who came to dinner.

Daytimers group price is \$35.00. A very few tickets are still available. First paid/first served. Please call Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) or Linda ([609-642-8182](tel:609-642-8182)) to RSVP.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 23: *A BIS'L THIS & A BIS'L THAT!*

Join the Daytimers at Congregation Beth Chaim (329 Village Rd. East, Princeton Junction, NJ) at 10:30 AM for *A Bis'l This & A Bis'l That!* featuring Naomi Miller.

From the shtetls of Eastern Europe, to the fun of Second Avenue's Yiddish theatre, to the glitter of the Broadway musical, get ready for an entertaining and amazing performance with Naomi Miller. Naomi will sing some klezmer. She'll sing cabaret. She'll sing some jazz. She'll sing Broadway tunes. She'll sing Israeli songs. Naomi will sing "*A Bis'l This & A Bis'l That!*"

The cost for the Daytimers is \$5.00 per person (group rate). All proceeds will benefit the Yvette Sarah Clayman Food Pantry. The program will be followed by lunch (optional).

For details and to RSVP, please call Linda (609-642=8182) or Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)).

## BETH OHR NEWS



A special thank you once again to Lisa Clark for arranging our annual Shalach Manot project. Also, to all our congregants who so generously participated to make this a success. Both the Food Bank and our Congregation benefit from the efforts put forth.

Once again, I have renewed the annual subscription for Moment magazine in Stu's memory for the members of our Beth Ohr family. I hope you find it interesting and thought-provoking and that when you receive the magazine, you remember Stu's smiling face.

Thanks,  
Terrie

Thank you to Sylvia Kagan for sponsoring the Kiddush Lunch on Saturday, March 17th, in memory of the 20th anniversary of her beloved husband Abraham's yahrzeit and her brother Gershon Moldovan's Yahrzeit.

Thank you to Ira and Lee Donnenfeld for your administrative help in the office and always being willing to lend a helping hand.

Happy Birthday to Alice Honig who shared her special birthday with us with a cake.

Thank you all for the Shalach Manot sent to Harry and me on Purim.. Phyllis Greenberg.

Thank you to Ed and Ronnie Mendlowitz for co-sponsoring the Shabbat Kiddush in honor of Ed chanting his Bar Mitzvah Haftorah on Saturday, March 24.

Thank you to Chuck Rogol on co-sponsoring the kiddush on March 24 in memory of his wife, Heidi's Yahrzeit.

Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz would like to thank all the people that came to Shul on Shabbat Hagadol when Ed repeated his Bar Mitzvah Haftorah.

Wilma and Allen Appel thank the Congregation for their condolence cards and visits following the death of Wilma's brother. The obvious caring and concern from so many of our friends helped us through a difficult period.



Congregation Beth Ohr has partnered with Community Recycling and their ShoeBox Recycling program. Together we are on a mission to help promote the importance of shoe recycling while raising funds to help further our efforts. ShoeBox Recycling is easy, engaging and rewarding for everyone involved.

Participating is simple. We are collecting gently used shoes for reuse, meaning all the shoes we recycle as a group are destined for another home. From South America and Africa to areas right here in the United States, our ShoeBox Recycling efforts will go to help people and communities in over 50 countries.

And what's even better is the many ways that our community benefits as well. Not only will your recycled shoes help Congregation Beth Ohr raise funds, it will also help keep usable shoes out of our local landfills. ShoeBox Recycling also gives us a chance to connect with the people and places that receive our recycled shoes. By writing a SoleMate Note to include with your shoes, you can let their new owner know about where they came from, what they were used for, or even any special memories attached to them. In return, they can write back to us and we can make a SoleMate connection.

So start cleaning out your closets and start looking under your bed for gently used shoes. Every pair you recycle means extra funds for us, less landfill waste and the potential to connect us to a SoleMate!

For more information contact Allan Benish at [abenish@aol.com](mailto:abenish@aol.com) and check out Community Recycling online at [www.communityrecycling.biz](http://www.communityrecycling.biz).

You can drop off your shoes at the synagogue and place them in the box labeled "SHOES" in the lobby during regular office hour of 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

***Please see next page for What Is and What Is Not allowed***

# ShoeBox Recycling

RECYCLE YOUR SHOES, FIND YOUR SOLEMATE.

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## YES<sup>shoes</sup>

GENTLY USED PAIRS  
MENS/WOMENS/KIDS  
SOCCER CLEATS  
CASUAL SHOES  
DRESS SHOES  
WORK BOOTS  
SNEAKERS  
SANDALS  
HEELS  
FLATS  
LOAFERS

## NO<sup>shoes</sup>

DAMAGED/HOLES  
WET/MILDEWED  
SINGLE SHOES  
METAL SPIKES  
FLIP FLOPS/PLASTIC SHOES  
SLIPPERS  
DRESS BOOTS  
SKI/WINTER BOOTS  
SKATES/BLADES



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





Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Shalach Manot fundraiser. By making a contribution to Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County, we were able to help feed many local families and make a real difference.

Given with love by the following members:

Wilma and Allen Appel	Elliot Leibowitz	Sara Ullman
The Aroyo Family	Glenda Levenstein	Phyllis and Melvyn Ward
Mark and Monica Atzbi	Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz	Deborah and Lawrence
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Lana and Harvey Cohen	Rysie and Jeff Perlman	Edna Yourman
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Alice and David Honig	Sharen Silverman and	
Eloise and Robert Honig	Family	
Marty Israel	Mala and Robert Simon	
Sylvia Kagan	Linda and Allen Skupp	
Marilyn and Morty Kamenitz	Estee Spiegel	

**CONGREGATION BETH OHR  
PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
5778/2018**

Saturday March 24	Shabbat Hagadol Service	9:30AM
Thursday, March 29	B'dikat Hametz (The search for leaven)	Conducted at home after nightfall
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Friday, March 30	Fast of the First-Born (Siyyum Bekhor)	7:30AM
	Erev Pesach—First Seder Candle lighting	7:02PM
	<b><u>NO SERVICE AT SYNAGOGUE</u></b>	
Saturday, March 31	1st Day of Passover SERVICE	9:30 AM.
	Second Seder Candle lighting	8:02PM
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Sunday, April 1	2nd Day of Passover Service	9:30AM
Thursday, April 5	Erev 7th Day of Passover Candle Lighting	7:08PM
' Friday, April 6	7th Day Passover Candle Lighting	7:09PM
	Seventh Day Passover Morning Services	9:30AM
	Friday Evening Services	7:30PM
Saturday, April 7th	8th Day of Passover Service Yizkor	9:30AM

**You may consume Hametz at 810 p.m. on Saturday, April 7th .**

**CHAG SAMEACH**



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# **COFFEE TALK AND TORAH PART 2**



**Discussing families in the Books of Genesis and Exodus**

**Tuesday, 2:30-3:30PM**

**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](mailto:lisaa@jewishheartnj.org) 732-588-1800

Supported by the Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy

**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 March**

**David Benish Memorial Fund**

Allen & Linda Benish

**Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund**

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## The Rabbi's Desk (continued from page 3)

time the Voice called his name, he should reply, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' It did not occur to the child that it might be God summoning him to a mission, but it was. Thus began his career as a prophet, judge and anointer of Israel's first two kings, Saul and David."

These were all prophetic calls, and prophecy ended during the Second Temple period. Nonetheless the idea of vocation remains for all those who still believe in Divine providence. Each of us is different; therefore we each have unique talents and skills to bring to the world. The fact that you are here, in this place, at this time, with these abilities, is not accidental. There is a task to perform, and God is calling you to it.

And so that is where the concept of membership in a religious community intersects with the notion of a "sacred calling." The idea is that no matter what you do outside of the walls of this sanctuary, no matter what your profession or, if you are retired, no matter how you occupy your time, by joining us you are making a statement that you wish to accept the "Call to Belong." And that in itself is a sacred act.

The essayist Logan Pearsall Smith once said, "The test of a vocation is the love of the drudgery it involves." All real achievement requires backbreaking preparation. The most common estimate is 10,000 hours of deep practice. Are you willing to pay this price? It is no accident that Vayikra begins with a call – because it is a book about sacrifices, and vocation involves sacrifice. We are willing to make sacrifices when we sense that a specific role or task is what we are called on to do.

In our religious institution that functions with a professional and administrative staff of only two, this is the reality. What we need to do in order to continue the vibrancy of our congregation and the rebirth of programming, classes and support is to ask everyone to take part in this sacred project.

And do not be mistaken, this can be life-changing. For each of us God has a task: work to perform, a kindness to show, a gift to give, love to share, loneliness to ease, pain to heal, or broken lives to help mend. Discerning that task, hearing God's call, is what gives a life meaning and purpose. Where what we want to do meets what needs to be done and that, my friends, is precisely where God wants us to be.

**APRIL 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, April 14, 2018. 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, April 26, 2018.

Mazel Tov to the following congregants who celebrated their simchas at the March 24th Simcha Shabbat:

**Birthdays**

Taliah Ausby  
Roberta Fachler  
Lisa Mason  
Ed Mendlowitz  
Larry Weintraub

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

*also enjoy a bagel and the camaraderie.*



## **Men's Club Happenings!**

Rabbi Mishkin is shown presenting the Dvar Torah at a regional board meeting of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs held at Beth Ohr On March 11. Representing the Beth Ohr Men's Club were Ed, Chuck Rogol, Stan Perlman, Ivan Gelb and Andy Mendlowitz. Besides the typical board meeting an excellent program was presented as part of the FJMC's Hearing Men's Voices on-going initiative. The Men's Club guests were most impressed by the "reserved parking spot" for our Men's Club president.

We had a busy month with well attended events: The Joint program with Sisterhood and the Jewish Family Service crew which are described with photos in the following pages.

**Participate with the Men's Club any Sunday morning. Shul, Schmooze and Schmeer!**

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

Mar 30—Friday morning at 7:30 am. Siyum Fast of the First Born. Join us for this minyan.

Apr 22—Not a Men's Club event, but plan on attending the Torathon with over a dozen Rabbis from our surrounding area.

Apr 29—Edna Yourman, a Minyan regular, will be honored by Sisterhood as the Torah Fund benefactor.

**NOTE DATE CHANGE:** May 30 Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Men's Club BBQ and Elections. All are welcome.

Jun 3—Men's Club Installation

Jun 10—Gala Brunch honoring Mayor Owen Henry at 11:00. **Minyan will be at 10:00 this Sunday.**

***The Men's Club wishes everyone at Beth Ohr and your families a Zissen Pesach.***

***If you don't usually attend, try coming once in a while and see what we have to offer.***

**Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint Program held on Mar 11**  
*sponsored by Herman and Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp*  
**Guest speaker: Fraidy Reiss from [www.UnchainedAtLast.org](http://www.UnchainedAtLast.org)**

Photos below show Fraidy Reiss with Marion Falkowitz, on left, who made the arrangements for the speaker and Robyn Lipp Wolfe who represented the Lipp family. Middle photo shows the large crowd at the program. Right photo shows Fraidy Reiss with Marion Falkowitz, on left, who made the arrangements for the speaker and Robyn Lipp Wolfe who represented the Lipp family. Middle photo shows the large crowd at the program. Right photo shows Fraidy Reiss with Marion Falkowitz, on left, who made the arrangements for the speaker and Robyn Lipp Wolfe who represented the Lipp family.



**Photo Gallery, Part 1**



Top: President Allen Skupp & Noble; and then the Temple sign announcing the New Member Shabbat and the Simcha Shabbat that were both heavily attended.

Bottom row: Photo taken at the Joint program showing fellow 1963 City College graduates when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was the speaker. Ed Mendlowitz, Harvey Cohen, Larry Fachler and Paul Sulkis. Next photo was taken by Ed during the Disney World Magic Kingdom *It's a Small World* ride showing a Shalom sign at the Exit.

## Jewish Family Service

On Mar 19 and 26 the Jewish Family Service used the all purpose room to assemble food bags for over 700 needy Jewish people in Middlesex County to assist them in celebrating Passover.

The Men's Club provided bagels and more for the people working on this important project. Shown is the crew taking a break enjoying the breakfast with the assembled food bags in the background. The next photo was a week later with cars lined up to pick up the bags to deliver.



## Photo Gallery, Part 2—The Family Lipp



Photos taken at Robyn's son Griffin's Bar Mitzvah on Oct 14, 2017. Top: Past Congregation President Bob Lipp with his three children who all had their Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Beth Ohr, Patti, Robyn and Eric. Next is Diane and Bob. Bottom row is a family portrait at Griffin's Bar Mitzvah, and Griffin with Aunt Patti and Robyn (this was erroneously described in last month's newsletter).

***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 732.890.3344



**AL DAVIS, PAST PRESIDENT OF NORTHERN NY REGION, FJMC**  
***Remarks at his training session at the FJMC Region Board Meeting on Mar 11, 2018***  
**Hearing Men's Voices**

**Why we focus on men:**

- ◆ Because of poor hand off from pediatric care delivery, men are less likely to visit a health care practitioner and preventable health problems go undetected and unmanaged
- ◆ Many of the risk factors which result in chronic illnesses (tobacco smoking, physical inactivity, poor diet, obesity and alcohol abuse) remain highest among men
- ◆ Men's health issues place significant financial burdens on our socioeconomic systems due to late treatment costs, longer years of illness, loss from the workforce, negative impact on children and other factors

**Why men don't take care of themselves:**

- ◆ Knowledge deficit. Lack of specific direction, targets and goals
- ◆ Social constraints of gender. Boys are taught to suck it up; men don't cry; be tough!
- ◆ Male culture and societal influences, attitudes and psyche
- ◆ Rewards out weight risks? Addictions and Habits
- ◆ Myth folklore: "People go to hospitals to die," "Surgery spreads cancer," "If they find something there is little you can do about it" (Lack of perceived benefits)

**Kristallnacht Remembrance Booklet**



Beth Ohr will be publishing a Kristallnacht Remembrance Booklet on Friday Nov. 9, 2018 to memorialize Beth Ohr members, families and friends that were subjected to the Nazi led inhuman barbaric treatment of Kristallnacht and the Holocaust solely because of being Jewish or their family's Jewish background. 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,**  
**Albert Tyberg, Daniel Grynberg, Murray Goldwaser,**  
**A Ritchie Boy listed in the book *Sons and Soldiers***



## **SISTERHOOD PRESIDIUM PRESIDENT**

Shalom you all,

Spring is in the air and Passover is on our minds. It takes a lot of work to make a traditional Passover, but it's all worth it just being with our family and friends. This year let us remember that "matzah" was not meant to be a Jewish delicacy, but a reminder that we have not completed our task to bring freedom and food to all of humanity.

And now to tell you what an interesting and enlightening brunch the Sisterhood and Men's Club had this past Sunday. I'm so sorry if anyone of you missed this lecture because it was riveting!

We are having our annual Sisterhood Shabbat on April 21<sup>st</sup>. I certainly hope all will attend.

On Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, our annual Sisterhood Torah Fund Benefactor's luncheon will be held. We will be honoring Edna Yourman, and I hope to see you all there.

Just a quick reminder, our Sisterhood Donor Dinner---Elections will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

From my family to yours---

I wish you a sweet and happy Passover!

Barbara Schneider  
Presidium Member

**Annual Sisterhood  
Torah Fund Benefactor's Luncheon  
Sunday April 29, 2017  
12 Noon**



**HONORING  
EDNA YOURMAN**



**Join us for an afternoon of good food, good time, and sharing an afternoon with good company as we thank Edna for all of her hard work. Without people like Edna, we would not be the strong Sisterhood we are today!**

**Send your \$25 Check made payable to  
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Paula Yourman at  
405 Harrier Drive, Monroe Twp, NJ 08831**

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# Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be  
**Monday, April 16, 2018**

Please send all of your thank you, articles  
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**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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## **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**

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Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.

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### Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For April 2018



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Friday, Apr. 13	7:16
Friday, Apr. 20	7:23
Friday, Apr. 27	7:31