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From the Beth Ohr Family to your Family We wish you a Happy and Healthy Passover 5778

THE SEDER MEAL

A meal to celebrate and remember the Passover night when God rescued the Children of Israel from slavery in Egypt

WHY DO WE OBSERVE THIS FEAST?

Moses said, "You shall observe this rite as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children. When you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. And when your children ask you, 'What do you mean by this observance?' you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed down and worshiped.

—Exodus 12:24-27

PRAYERS

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you kept us alive and sustained us and brought us to this season. May this place be made holy by the light of your presence, shining upon us in blessing and giving us peace. Amen.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you feed all with your goodness, with grace and lovingkindness and with compassion. You give food to all flesh, and your mercy endures forever. Amen.

EGG

The egg symbolizes the desire for freedom to which hard labor gave birth.

PARSLEY

A symbol of springtime, parsley is placed in salt water, a sign of the tears that need to be shed before joy can be experienced.

MIXED FRUIT

Mixed fruit, called charoseth (which is made of apples and walnuts), helps us to remember the mortar which the Israelites were forced to make when they were slaves in Egypt.

UNLEAVENED BREAD

The unleavened bread is the bread of haste, made with eagerness to experience the Lord's deliverance.

WINE

Wine is drunk to honor the Lord, recognizing his benefits, and the gratitude that makes everything possible.



BITTER HERBS

Bitter herbs, usually rat tailed horseradish, represent the bitterness the Israelites endured before their escape from Egypt.

SHANK BONE

The shank bone of the Passover Lamb brings to mind the deliverance which the Lord God wrought for us by the blood of this sacrifice. It is served on the plate reserved for Elijah.



**Friday Evening March 30th
Through Saturday Evening April 7th, 2018
For a Full Schedule please turn to Page 21
For the Rabbinical Assembly
Passover Guide go to
Rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide**

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. Mar. 1	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
Fri. Mar. 2	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Mar. 3	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Mar. 4	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Mar. 6	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Coffee Talk & Torah at Federation	2:30PM
Thurs. Mar. 8	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Basic Judaism Class	11:15AM
Fri. Mar. 9	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Mar. 10	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Mar. 11	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Sisterhood and Men's Club Joint Program (See page 25)	
Mon. Mar. 12	Federation of Jewish Men's Club Mtg. Northern Region	6:00PM
Tues. Mar. 13	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Thur. Mar. 15	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Daytimers Passover Program	1:00PM
Fri. Mar. 16	Friday Evening Service (Welcome New Members Sabbath)	7:30PM
Sat. Mar. 17	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Mar. 18	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast Mitzvah Day: Assemble Passover packages	
Tues. Mar. 20	Book Discussion Group	11:00 AM
	Wise Aging Group	7:30PM
Thurs. Mar. 22	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. Mar. 23	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Mar. 24	Shabbat Morning Service & Simcha Shabbat	9:30AM
Sun. Mar. 25	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast Deliver Passover Packages	
Tues. Mar. 27	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Thurs. Mar. 29	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Search for Chamatz at nightfall	
Fri. Mar. 30	Siyum for First Born	7:30AM
	First Seder	
Sat. Mar. 31	Shabbat Morning Passover Services	9:30AM ₂
	Second Seder	



From the Rabbi's Desk

Please, End this Madness Now

I write these words following yet another horrific shooting at a school in Parkland, Florida. A mentally unstable man armed with an assault weapon walked through the corridors of the school and gunned down seventeen innocent students and adults. I was struck by the reaction that I read in the newspaper immediately following the attack and I quote the words verbatim.

“Around 2:30 p.m. on Valentine’s Day, President Trump was in the study off the Oval Office when John F. Kelly, his chief of staff, arrived with news of a school shooting in Florida. Mr. Trump shook his head, according to an aide, and muttered, “Again.”

Mark Barden was visiting a playground named for his 7-year-old son killed in 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School when a friend texted him: Be careful watching television. It’s happening. Again.

His senator, Christopher S. Murphy, Democrat of Connecticut, heard about the Florida shooting while he was on his way to the Senate floor and ripped up his speech to declare that through inaction, “we are responsible” for a mass atrocity. Again.

Representative Steve Scalise of Louisiana, the Republican whip and gun rights supporter who was himself grievously wounded last year when a man opened fire at a congressional baseball practice, huddled with colleagues on the House floor, reliving his horror. He knew what was coming: the activists who in his view would exploit tragedies like his to advance their anti-gun agenda. Again.

The horror that we live with in this country continues to boggle the mind. The powers that be have put forth suggestions such as arming the nation’s teachers, better enforcing existing background checks, and hardening our schools with more armed guards. What they have studiously avoided of course is what the vast majority of the citizens of this nation desire, stronger anti-gun laws and greater gun control.

They say that this time will be different because the students in the school were old enough to speak out in enraged and articulate voices. Unlike their parents, they have grown up in an atmosphere where they have seen their schools turned into “combat zones with desks,” and they need this to stop.

I pray that we will listen to their words, that this madness will soon end and that our nation will embrace a saner and safer policy regarding firearms. I am heartened by the voices that I have heard these past days from young people and how they have been motivated and energized to make a difference. However, it is tragic that so many innocent lives have been lost and that once again, we as a nation must collectively mourn. I am weary of asking all who are attending services to collectively rise and recite the Kaddish prayer after yet another massacre. We must rise up as a nation and end this madness now.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have been making progress to improve the appearance of the Synagogue. During and after the High Holidays I had numerous congregants mention that a second railing should be installed on the Bema. Since the current railing was loose, we decided to replace it as part of the undertaking. I have to thank Linda's mother for donating the money to cover this project.

During February the Board in response to comments over the years regarding the appearance of the floor in the Social Hall, proceeded to have it refinished. I am sure you will all agree that this has made a tremendous improvement. A special thank you to Roberta Karpel for spearheading this project and to everyone who helped to move the chairs and tables.

As I have previously reported, we have now expanded "Securing Our Future" to the general membership. We have two goals. One is to have participation by 100% of our membership and the other is reach or exceed our financial goal of \$400,000. I plan to report on progress towards both goals in future newsletters.

At the end of March we will be celebrating Passover. Linda and I want to wish everyone a very Happy Pesach.

ALLEN SKUPP

IT'S TORATHON TIME!!!



CIRCLE THE DATE! Sunday, April 22, 2018, our annual Torathon returns! Enjoy a “taste of Torah” at our afternoon extravaganza of learning, fun, good company, a little nosh, and a rich, fulfilling Jewish experience. This award-winning program brings together some of our community’s outstanding Rabbis. With twelve Rabbis already committed to teaching, you can choose from a variety of topics and a variety of speakers.

Registration is at 12:30 p.m. The first class session starts at 1:00. Stay for all four 50-minute sessions and choose a different teacher and topic for each session.

Cost: \$5.00 and canned food for the Old Bridge Food Bank.

Look for further details in the next newsletter.

Need some info? Call the office and talk to Phyllis or call me at (609)426-8727.

See you at the Torathon!

Linda Benish

**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.

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 _____

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

DONATED BY:

Ann Branfman

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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 March 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.

Mar. 2/3		Mar. 9/10 (continued)		Mar. 23/24 (continued)	
Mildred Berman	3/3	Carl Karp	3/15	Mrie Bloshassa	3/28
Joseph Druckman	3/3	Rose Kushner	3/15	Robert Cohen	3/28
Nathaniel Greenspan	3/3	Jeffrey Nadler	3/15	Phillip Judd	3/28
Louis Lubin	3/3	Samuel Rabinowitz	3/15	Sol Lapidus	3/28
Frieda Schwartz	3/3	Jonas Deitz	3/16	Fabian Bloshassa	3/29
Elaine Jarvis	3/4	Goldie Lesser	3/16	Herbert Heimlich	3/29
Ester Narol	3/4	David Richman	3/16	Peisach Nodleman	3/29
Sylvia Boshak	3/5	Miriam Rosenthal	3/16	Victor Oppenheimer	3/29
Stephen Edwards	3/5	Ida Zimmerman	3/16	Dottie Schwartz	3/29
Marilyn Riley	3/5	Mar. 16/17		Ethel Nightingale	3/30
Edward Abramson	3/6	Julius Edwards	3/17	Marvin Robbins	3/30
Anna Altscher	3/6	Israel Forgotson	3/17	Mar. 30/31	
Abraham Honig	3/6	David Vassi	3/17	Geraldine Edelman	3/31
Alexander Linz	3/6	Dorothy Blumenfeld	3/18	Esther Gross	3/31
Herman Lipp	3/6	Edith Donenfeld	3/18	Philip Nadler	3/31
Sura Rivka Polovsky	3/6	Harry Burstein	3/19	Barbara Kuntz	4/1
Barbara Steinklein	3/6	Eleanor Gray	3/19	Issac Ludwin	4/1
Morris DeMayo	3/7	Max Rothenberg	3/19	Kaila Praport	4/1
Fred Fritz Freud	3/7	Ben Spinner	3/19	Leo Ullmann	4/1
Seymour Risman	3/7	Blanche Bauman	3/20	Sheila Kirschner	4/2
Rose Sklar	3/7	Richard Ellner	3/20	Leonard Nightingale	4/2
Bernard H. Cadel	3/8	Eleanor Mansfield	3/20	Della Pollack	4/2
Jack Dlugash	3/8	Ellen Mendlowitz	3/20	Anna Rosenfeld	4/2
Esther Egers	3/8	Martin Schectman	3/20	Ida Schulsinger	4/2
Miles Halpert	3/8	Abraham Cohen	3/21	Ralph Wurtzel	4/2
Lori Maiorana	3/8	Morris Wishnia	3/21	Harold Nadler	4/3
Minnie Reiser	3/8	Leonora Cohen	3/22	Pearl Shapiro	4/3
Simeon Fishman	3/9	Pauline Feld	3/22	Henry Vollweiler	4/3
Zelda Gaizband	3/9	Sven Ibsen	3/22	Samuel Weiner	4/3
Paul Katz	3/9	Regina Shulman	3/22	Frances Dashevsky	4/4
Lillian Kessler	3/9	Hyman Belsky	3/23	Angela Dubin	4/4
Pola Schaffer	3/9	Seymour Branner	3/23	Zilla Weininger	4/4
Mar. 9/10		Mary Cederbaum	3/23	Leo Drabin	4/5
Moses Faffer	3/10	Cynthia Deitz	3/23	Syd Hillman	4/5
Arnold Freedman	3/10	Isadore Gerenstein	3/23	Abe Kagan	4/5
Sanford Rothman	3/10	Heidi Rogol	3/23	Abraham Kagan	4/5
Philip Schhweidel	3/10	Mar. 23/24		Emma Weisgold	4/5
Roslyn Suriff	3/10	Jean Cohen	3/24	Seymour Phillips	4/6
Mollie Borenstein	3/11	Esther Fridman	3/24		
Howard Chassen	3/11	Morris Jacobs	3/24		
Eliazer German	3/11	Martha Sender	3/24		
Bernard Levy	3/11	Louis Zolotin	3/24		
Eva Pakhmanov	3/11	Eugene Berko	3/25		
Morris Zekser	3/11	Felice Jeidel	3/25		
Nathan Freedman	3/12	Miriam Schwarzwald	3/25		
Esther German	3/12	Zlota Shvedova	3/25		
Henrietta Schochetman	3/12	Solomon Coffina	3/26		
Vivian Berkley	3/13	Barbara Geller	3/26		
Fannie Cohen	3/13	Rose Kantrowitz	3/26		
Anna Nussenbaum	3/13	Marcia Rothman	3/26		
Debbie Gold	3/14	Abraham J. Perlman	3/27		
Barbara Klein	3/14	Marvin Smith	3/27		
Siegfried Sender	3/14	Mark Weiss	3/27		

DAYTIMERS NEWS

THURSDAY, MARCH 15: PASSOVER PROGRAM AND A MOVIE

Please join the Daytimers at Beth Ohr at 1:00 PM for Passover program and a movie.

The Passover program will include:

- A reading of the original Rhyming Haggadah, which gives a lighter approach to the Passover story.
- A Passover sing-along. Please bring your beautiful singing voices.

We will conclude with a movie: *The Lemon Tree* (also known as Etz Limon). The film describes the legal efforts of a Palestinian widow to stop the Israeli Defense Minister, her next door neighbor, from destroying the lemon trees on her family farm. Based on a true story, *Lemon Tree* explores the painful human detail of life in a society warped from within and without by terrorism. A positive and personal Israeli film that offers an understated and thought-provoking vision of the West Bank troubles.

Following the movie, coffee and cake will be served.

The Daytimers are participating in the Jewish Family Services Passover Food Appeal – 2018. Please refer to the pertinent information in the Beth Ohr newsletter on pages 19 and 20.

Non-perishable Kosher food for Passover and/or monetary donations can also be brought to the program on March 15.

Please RSVP to Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) or Linda ([609-642-8182](tel:609-642-8182)) by Sunday, March 11.

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 limited number of tickets are available. Please call Ira ([732-679-2652](tel:732-679-2652)) or Linda ([609-8182](tel:609-8182)) to RSVP.

BETH OHR NEWS



Thank you

Phyllis Greenberg thanks you for all your gold cards, telephone calls, and concern for the speedy recovery of my husband, Harry Greenberg, who recently had back surgery. It was very much appreciated. Harry is recovering and, hopefully, will be better real soon.

Phyllis Greenberg would like to thank Ira and Lee Donenfeld and Meryl Finkelshtein for helping in the office and always being willing to lend a hand during the month of February.

Stuart Simon would like to sincerely thank all his Beth Ohr friends for their good wishes. It certainly made him feel so much better. Thank you all.

Thank you Sylvia Kagan for sponsoring the Kiddush Lunch on March 17.

Thank you Ed Mendlowitz and Chuck Rogol for sponsoring the Shabbat Kiddush lunch on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Thank you Rabbi Joel and Beverly Mishkin for sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of welcoming Rabbi's Sister and Brother-in-law Barry and Donna Gordon on Saturday March 3, 2018.

Arlene Lustgarten on behalf of the entire family of Marilyn Bleiweis wrote the following:

“Please accept my sincere gratitude to all of you. The cards, donations, visits, and attendance at the funeral meant so much. Beth Ohr has been such a presence in our lives. It was comforting to see and her from all of you.”



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR.**

At Friday evening services on March 16, 2018 at 7:30PM, our congregation will be welcoming and celebrating with a beautiful service and Oneg Shabbat following services new member households who have become part of the Congregation Beth Ohr family in recent years. The congregation is thankful for the new perspectives and spiritual gifts that our new members bring to us. May we learn from and strengthen one another. Together, let us share our joys and comfort in times of sorrow. We welcome our newest members with excitement and commitment.

WELCOME
to Our Newest Members!

**MARCH 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, March 24th. Future dates will be announced. Please call Roberta Facher at [609-860-6479](tel:609-860-6479) to let her know of your simcha by Thursday, March 22, 2018.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday

Cheryl Cadel
Marian Falkowitz
Ashna Pincus

Anniversary

Ed and Ronnie Mendlowitz celebrating their 46th Wedding Anniversary

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





Hello Everyone,

Congregation Beth Ohr has partnered with Community Recycling and their Shoe-Box 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 are 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 and check out Community Recycling online at www.communityrecycling.biz.

You can drop off your shoes at the synagogue and place 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.

YES^{shoes}

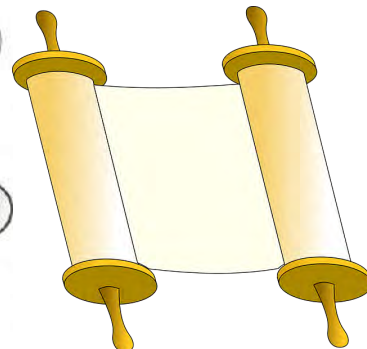
GENTLY USED PAIRS
MENS/WOMENS/KIDS
SOCCER CLEATS
CASUAL SHOES
DRESS SHOES
WORK BOOTS
SNEAKERS
SANDALS
HEELS
FLATS
LOAFERS

NO^{shoes}

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



COFFEE TALK AND TORAH PART 2



Discussing families in the Books of Genesis and Exodus

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30PM

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

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 February

David Benish Memorial Fun

Linda and Allan Benish

Ruth and Ed Lubitz in memory of Rosalie Lubitz

**MEKHIRAT HAMETZ
(SALE OF LEAVEN 2018)**

The Torah tells us that during Passover, “No leaven shall be found in your houses for seven days” (*Exodus* 12:19). The Rabbis understood this to mean that one could not own any hametz during the holiday. To prevent the financial hardship that would result from discarding all of one’s leaven on an annual basis, the rabbis developed a legal mechanism whereby an individual could sell his/her leaven to a non-Jew for the duration of the holiday.

PLEASE REMEMBER that even if you plan to be away from home for the entire holiday, you must still sell all the hametz you own. Similarly, should you own other property, or store leaven products in your office, you must still sell the hametz stored at those locations.

While there is no charge for the selling of leaven, it is customary to include a charitable contribution with the “Sale of Leaven” form.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE WITH YOUR TZEDAKAH DONATION MADE OUT TO THE “RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND” OR “JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES” NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MARCH 29th. YOU MAY, HOWEVER, GIVE IT TO RABBI MISHKIN IN PERSON ON FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH AT THE FAST OF THE FIRST BORN SERVICE AT 7:30 A.M.

THE UNDERSIGNED, BY HIS/HER/THEIR SIGNATURE(S), have herewith granted full Power-of-Attorney to Rabbi Joel Mishkin of Congregation Beth Ohr, concerning the sale of every product containing leaven or its derivatives in his/her/their possession, effective as of 12:00 PM. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan which is the day before the First Seder that night. This power of attorney includes the right to rent to the purchaser all storage space, vessels and receptacles wherein such merchandise is currently found, binding, and may thus be enforced in the most effective manner in accordance with the laws of our Torah, as well as in accordance with the civil laws of the State of New Jersey.

NAME(S)	ADDRESS(ES) OF PREMISES WHERE LEAVEN IS STORED
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32 Ford Avenue, Second Floor
Milltown, NJ 08850
Tel: 732.777.1940 Fax: 732.777.1889
833-JFS-HELP (537-4357)



1600 Perrineville Road, Suite 52
Monroe Township, NJ 08831
Tel: 609.395.7979 Fax: 609.395.7129
www.jfsmiddlesex.org



Please Help A Family Celebrate Passover

March 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

**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
	<u>NO SERVICE AT SYNAGOGUE</u>	
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 5th	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



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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 a program on Tefillin as part of Beth Ohr Men's Club's participation in the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs World Wide Wrap on Feb 4th. Ivan Gelb, Herb Goldenberg with Harvey Cohen making special Challah French Toast on Feb 11th, the Sunday before Valentine's Day. Per Harvey: ***Nothin' says Lovin' Like Somethin' from the Oven!*** Bagels as usual were also available, but we had plenty left over. Everyone went for the different types of the Challah French Toast. They were yummy good! P.S. notice the "working" kitchen!

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

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

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.

Mar 12 (Monday evening)—The Men's Club will host the meeting of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Northern NJ Region. If you want to attend, speak to Ed. You will be welcome. Dinner will be available.

Mar 19 and 26—Men's Club will provide bagels and more for the people working on the Passover food deliveries by Jewish Family Service.

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

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

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!

Ed Mendlowitz's 38th Annual Financial Program sponsored by Men's Club held on Feb 4th

The program was on Making Sense of the New Tax Laws and how to benefit with tax tips.
Photos below show Ed, the booklet cover and a photo off the mirror showing part of the crowd.



Photo Gallery, Part 1



Top: Larry Weintraub with an interesting Sweat Shirt. Herb Goldenberg with a Florida Gators' Kippah, Barry and Marcia Nathanson's wedding photo in March 1988. Happy 30th Anniversary! Barry was a Bar Mitzvah at Beth Ohr. Sylvia Kagan's 1954 wedding photo with her husband Abraham.

Bottom row: A Sunday bagel breakfast set up—notice the great looking newly sanded floor. Next is at Fran Kantowitz's 80th Birthday Party in Florida. On left is Lola Order and Paula Yourman on right.

Photo Gallery, Part 2



Top: Samantha Kaufman, granddaughter of Maxine and Ken. This is her Bat Mitzvah photo. You saw her sonogram photo in the “Gimmie Your Best Shot!” contest. Hilde Schottlander surrounded by Elliot Leibowitz, Harriet Weiss and Ira Donenfeld. Rachel and Josh Rabinowitz with Matthew’s first Hanukkah.

2nd row: Murray Goldwaser’s four daughters, Tamar, Batya, Deena and Yael. The other photo is from last month at Yael’s Bat Mitzvah in Paris. In the photo is Tamar, her husband and three sons plus Murray’s wife Esther and daughters Deena and Yael. Mazel Tov Murray! Next is Bob Lipp’s Hole in One ball with the ball his brother Steve used for his hole in one.

3rd row: Patti, Eric and Robyn Lipp in younger days. They were all Bar or Bat Mitzvahed here. Next is Wilma Appel and Ronnie Mendlowitz at JNF Breakfast with Beverly and Rabbi Mishkin, Linda and Allan Benish, Allen Appel, Ed Mendlowitz. Rabbi Mishkin was a Table Captain. Shown is an older pushke and the current one.



*Joint Program Sisterhood and Men's Club
Sponsored by Herman and Freida Lipp Memorial Fund
in memory of Barbara Lipp*

**Fraidy Reiss
Unchained at Last
from a forced marriage**

Sunday March 11, 2018

Minyan at 9:00.

Bagel breakfast at 10:00 and Program at 10:15

No RSVP, No charge.

Forced Marriage Chains Broken

Fraidy Reiss was forced to marry someone in an arranged marriage in the Orthodox Jewish community where she lived. She had two children and was violently abused repeatedly until she left after developing a five year escape plan. She graduated at age 32 from Rutgers and was class valedictorian. She will share her heart wrenching and heart warming story with us at this program. Ms. Reiss is the founder of the nonsectarian non-profit organization Unchained at Last. Forbes named her one of Five Fearless Female Founders to Follow in 2018.

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***

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 emcpal@aol.com or 732.890.3344



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

Winter is almost over!
I hope everyone had a joyous Purim.

I was happy to be at Shabbat Services to celebrate the February birthdays, of which I was one. It is a nice addition to celebrate. I hope everyone will join us for a joint program on March 11, 2018 with Men's Club. Our guest speaker will be Fraidy Reiss. She has a very interesting story and is the founder of the nonsectarian, non profit organization, "Unchained at Last." A bagel breakfast will be at 10AM and the program will start at 10:15. All are welcome!

Torah Fund Benefactor's Luncheon

Please watch for your
Invitation in your mailbox for the
Torah Benefactor's luncheon
Honoring Edna Yourman on
April 29th, 2018.

Maxine Kaufman



Sweepstake Tickets

Roberta Bernstein is selling sweepstake tickets for Sisterhood. The tickets are still 5 dollars and you get full donor on all profits we make. All money should be in by March 10, 2018. For more information call Roberta Bernstein at 732-679-4986.



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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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Phyllis Greenberg --Temple Office 732-257-1523

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Wittlin Renee	\$5.00	
Yourman Edna	\$50.00	
Yourman Paula	\$103.50	2.5

Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be
Monday, March 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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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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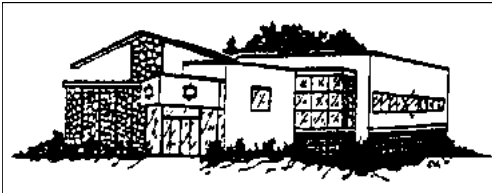
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For March 2018



Friday, Mar. 2	5:32
Friday, Mar. 9	5:40
Friday, Mar. 16	6:47
Friday, Mar. 23	6:55
Friday, Mar. 30	7:02