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The word *Shavuot* (or Shavuos) means “weeks.” It marks the completion of the seven-week counting period between Passover and Shavuot.

The Torah was given by G□d to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai on Shavuot more than 3,300 years ago. Every year on the holiday of Shavuot we renew our acceptance of G□d’s gift, and G□d “re-gives” the Torah.

The giving of the Torah was a far-reaching spiritual event—one that touched the essence of the Jewish soul for all times. Our sages have compared it to a wedding between G□d and the Jewish people. *Shavuot* also means “oaths,” for on this day G□d swore eternal devotion to us, and we in turn pledged everlasting loyalty to Him. In ancient times, two wheat loaves would be offered in Holy Temple on Shavuot. It was also at this time that people would begin to bring *bikkurim*, their first and choicest fruits, to thank G□d for Israel’s bounty. In the times of the Temple in Jerusalem, the *bikurim* offering was an annual event, an obligation placed on the Jewish farmer to bring the first of his crops to the altar in the Temple.

Berel Wein, is an American-born Orthodox *rabbi*, lecturer and writer. He authored several *books* concerning Jewish history and popularized the subject through more than 1,000 audio tapes, newspaper articles and international lectures. It is a long standing tradition that connects the book of Ruth with the holiday of Shavuot. Rabbi Wein in the following articles says:

“The book of Ruth is the book of Jewish kindness and compassion, especially towards those individuals in society who feel themselves weak and disadvantaged because of life and societal circumstances. This includes the widowed and the orphaned, the alien and the stranger, the poor and the otherwise hopeless. (continued on page 21)

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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

Tues. May 1	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Thurs. May 3	Lag B'omer	
	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
Fri. May 4	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. May 5	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. May 6	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Thurs. May 10	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
Fri. May 11	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. May 12	Shabbat/Morning Daytimers Service	9:30AM
	Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Mishkin	
Sun. May 13	Mother's Day	
	Yom Yerushalayim	
	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. May 15	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Wed. May 16	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thur. May 17	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Daytimers at George Street Playhouse	
Fri. May 18	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. May 19	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. May 20	Shavuoth Service	9:30AM
	Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah	
Mon. May 21	Shavuoth Service & Yizkor	9:30AM
Tues. May 22	Book Discussion Group	11:00 AM
	Wise Aging Group	7:30PM
Wed. May 23	Daytimers Program with Naomi Miller at Beth Chaim	2:00PM
	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thurs. May 24	Talmud Class	9:30AM
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM
	Basic Judaism Class	11:15AM
	Temple Exec. Board	7:00PM
	Congregation Meeting	7:30PM
	Temple Board of Directors following Congregation Meeting	
Fri. May 25	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. May 26	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. May 27	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
	Daytimers Attend George Street Playhouse "The Nerd"	
Mon. May 28	Memorial Day Office Closed	
Tues. May 29	Talmud Class	7:30PM
Thurs. May 31	Talmud Class	9:30AM ₂
	Hebrew Class	10:30AM





Rabbi's Message:

Day to Celebrate and Remember!

On Sunday May 20, 2018 something very exciting will take place at Congregation Beth Ohr. While we formally observe the first day of the festival of Shavuoth, the Jewish holiday that celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, we will also recognize seven extraordinary individuals at a very special service in our sanctuary. On that day we will affirm the B'not Mitzvah of Meryl Finkelstein, Roberta Karpel, Harriet Weiss and Edna Yourman. We will also acknowledge Roberta Fachler, Larry Fachler and Ralph Karpel for the diligent work that they have done over the past two years studying the Hebrew language with Linda Benish.

I am not certain that many people can grasp just how challenging it is to tackle a foreign language when one is an adult but all seven of these ladies and gentlemen put in many hours of study so that they would be able to read our prayer book in its original language, a value that our sages held in high esteem. Furthermore the four women who will celebrate their B'not Mitzvah also participated with me in a year-long study of the principles of Basic Judaism. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and cheerful attitude made this a mutually rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Not only have I had the privilege of getting to know the members of this very special class better this past year, but I have also watched them all grow Jewishly. Two of the students, Roberta and Ralph Karpel, have also "religiously" attended my Talmud classes, something not for the faint of heart. So please do yourself a favor and bestow upon these richly deserving folks the honor that they deserve. Watch them read from the Haftorah, offer thoughtful presentations on the selected passages of the day and recognize a very courageous group of adults. Mazal Tov to all of our students and hope to see many of our members in Shul!

Rabbi Joel S Mishkin



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Congregational meeting is being scheduled for May 24th at 7:30PM. It is important for everyone to attend as on the agenda are the slate of officers and budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and an amendment to the Constitution. A simple majority of the membership present is required to approve the budget and slate of officers while to amend the Constitution requires 2/3 of the those present. Both the budget and amendment have been approved by the Board of Directors. Copies will be distributed at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

The Constitution currently allows only the Men's Club and Sisterhood Presidents to vote at Board meetings. The Amendment allows both the Men's Club and Sisterhood to designate an elected officer, provided they are a member of the Synagogue, to be their representative for the year and therefore have voting rights.

I want to remind everyone that on June 10th we are having our annual Journal Brunch honoring Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry. It is important that you send in your response cards as soon as possible to attend the Brunch. As I am sure you are all aware this is our major fund raiser for the year so please purchase an ad and make every effort to solicit ads from the various businesses in Old Bridge and the surrounding area.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Another year, another Torathon. Torathon 5778 was a big success! Our Rabbis were wonderful, teaching a wide variety of interesting and diverse topics. Our attendees were enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed the classes, the discussions outside the classes, the comraderie and, of course, the snacks. Our guests were once again as geographically and theologically diverse as our Rabbis. From Edison to Freehold, from Perth Amboy to West Windsor, people came from all over to learn together. What an exciting day.

But this could not have happened without the hard work and effort of a great number of people. Some helped set up the downstairs classrooms, some made sure publicity went out –through e-mails to Rabbis and congregations, in newspapers, with flyers in businesses , in invitations to friends, some shopped, some set up and served our guests snacks and coffee, some gave time to register and greet our guests.

I know it's risky to name all of you without the chance of forgetting somebody, but for all the hard work that went into making this event so successful, I must try. Forgive me beforehand, if I miss anyone. Before the event, Phyllis Greenberg was invaluable in the office for helping me contact all the Rabbis and keep track of replies. Plus all the work of printing, organizing, providing me with supplies, helped me keep things moving smoothly.

Meryl Finkelstein and Lysa Rogol – thanks for schlepping from here to there to post those posters. They were noticed and brought in attendees. Allen Appel – thank you for a masterful job (as always) of making sure that publicity was eye-catching and where it would be seen. A number of people mentioned the ad in the New Jersey Jewish News as their impetus for attending.

My “movers and shakers – Allen Skupp, Stan Perlman, Ira Donenfeld, and Allan Benish – those classrooms didn't get to look that great by themselves. All those chairs, all that stair-climbing, and all the physical stuff that isn't done as easily as it used to be – thank you.

The day of the Torathon, so many people helped me that it shows how much effort it takes for a program to be presented. Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen, making a very impressive and delightful snack area. Linda Skupp, my friend and cohort, I can always depend on you to do it right and to give so much of yourself to make everything go smoothly. You and your amazing team kept our guests well-fed and happy. So thanks to all those who worked with you – Edna Yourman, Paula Yourman, Roz Goldstein (our newest member and already in the kitchen!), Harriet Feld, Harvey Cohen, Lisa Mason, Helene Grynberg, and Allen Skupp. Thanks to those at the “front desk” welcoming our guests and providing information – Allan Benish, Stan Perlman, and Chuck Rogol.

Of course, thanks to Rabbi Mishkin, always ready to hear me kvetch or give me support or encouragement. Many of these rabbis that come to teach come to us because they like and respect you. You have made my job that much easier. Thank you.

Finally, thank you to my husband, Allan, who lives through these 4 months of planning and worrying, and phone-calling and e-mailing, and schlepping and listens and discusses and consoles and supports me every step of the way. Oh one last thank you – to all of you who attended Torathon – you made it the success that it was.

On to next year.....

**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 **March, April and May**. We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

DONATED BY:

The Aroyo Family
Linda & Allen Benish
Lana Cohen
Lee & Paul Hyman
Roberta & Ralph Karpel
Robert Nagler
Seymour Nussenbaum
Sandra Wishnia & Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Louis Aroyo
Martha Sender
Violet Davidowitz
Morris Hyman
Sylvia and Harold Karpel
Mollie Nagler
Yette Ribet
Anna & Morris Wishnia

Yizkor on Passover Donations

Rita & Bernard Selden
Joyce Silberstein



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.

May 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>May 4/5</u>		May 11/12 (cont'd)	
Edward Socoloff	5/5	Bernard Berkley	5/18
Fay Weintraub	5/5	Mary Elkan	5/18
Gertrude Becker	5/6	Abram Erlick	5/18
Gerald Sherline	5/6	Bessie Nemet	5/18
Eva Silver	5/6	Richard Sommers	5/18
Betty Kornblatt	5/7	<u>May 18/19</u>	
Sonia Levine	5/7	Meyer Salstein	5/19
Chaim Sapozhnikov	5/7	Joel Weprin	5/19
Samuel Shafran	5/7	David Benish	5/20
Natalie Weprin	5/7	Herb Reinstein	5/20
Bob Barry	5/8	Minnie Fachler	5/21
Janette Hollander Golden	5/8	Leon Kurtz	5/21
Jeffrey Zekser	5/8	Pearl Cohen	5/22
Elizabeth Zeltzer	5/8	Joseph Gilbarg	5/22
Eli Becker	5/9	Bernard Weiss	5/22
Albert Nussenbaum	5/9	Edward Katz	5/23
Herman Ravnitzky	5/9	Jack Schneider	5/23
Joseph Shapiro	5/9	Rose Rabinowitz Cabelly	5/24
Lillian Lustgarten	5/10	Zelda Levitt	5/24
David Ingber	5/11	David Edelman	5/25
Lola Praport	5/11	<u>May 25/26</u>	
<u>May 11/12</u>		Isadore Simon	5/26
Edward Haft	5/12	Fred Goldberg	5/27
Eli Jaffee	5/12	Perl Fishman	5/28
Esther Beer	5/13	Bertha Lowenthal	5/28
Abraham Mann	5/13	Brett Schwartz	5/28
Mildred Weissman	5/14	Sol Fachler	5/29
Simon Douglas Babitz	5/15	Isaac Feder	5/29
Molly Pincus	5/15	Max Kasloff	5/29
Alice Rogol	5/15	Shirley Silverstein	5/29
Samuel Star	5/15	Abraham Douglas	5/30
Ben Handler	5/16	Joseph Tischler	5/30
Marlene Honig	5/17	Lillian Burstein	5/31
Max Mordecai Klein	5/17	Michele Feinstein	5/31
Frank Schaffer	5/17	Pearl Sovern	5/31
Stephen R. Silberstein	5/17	Eleanor Perlman	6/1
		Eva Rosenfeld	6/1

DAYTIMERS NEWS

SATURDAY, MAY 12: DAYTIMERS SHABBAT
SERVICE – 9:30 AM
LUNCH AND LEARN – 12:00 NOON
TOPIC – AARON: PEACEMAKER OR PRIEST?

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) or Linda (609-642-8182) to RSVP as soon as possible.

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) by Wed., May 16.

TUESDAY, MAY 29: JERRY (THE GEATOR) BLAVAT PRESENTS POP, DOO WOP, ROCK N ROLL - FEATURING FRANKIE AVALON, THE VOGUES, AND MORE

A limited number of tickets are available for a free 1:30 PM matinee performance at the PNC Arts Center. For tickets, please call Ira (732-679-2652) or Linda (609-642-8182).

BETH OHR NEWS



Jennifer and I are so thankful for the overwhelming response and Mazel Tov wishes on the birth of our daughter Gabriella Sochukumaluobim (Only Adonai knows my heart) Okoh. Gabriella and Mom are doing amazingly great. Naysa and Nathan are super excited as well and can't get enough of her. Praise be Adonai our God, the creator of all things. - Shimon (Peter) Okoh

Sisterhood wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to the May 20, Shavuot Sunday Bat Mitzvahs:

Edna Yourman
Roberta Karpel
Harriet Weiss
Meryl Finkelstein

Linda Garfinkel proudly announces the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Caleb on 5/12. Parents are Shari and Michael Sullivan

Bob Nagler proudly announces the Bar Mitzvah of his grandson Zachary. Parents are Jill and Kenneth Gelman.

Barbara and Herman Schneider want to thank the congregation for the many cards and calls regarding Herman's recent illness. Your good wishes for his speedy recovery is very much appreciated.

The following Yahrzeit Plaques were placed on our Memorial Wall By Lawrence and Deborah Weintraub in memory of Deborah's parents:

Joan G. Plaut
Harry Plaut

Phyllis Greenberg wants to thank Ira Donenfeld, Lee Donenfeld, Meryl Finkelstein, and Paula Yourman for helping in the office.



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 and check out Community Recycling online at 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.

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



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



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 April

Rabbis Discretionary Fund

Myles and Melody Schwartz
Nelson & Arlene Silver
Steven Selenko

David Benish Memorial Fund

Linda & Allan Benish
Ashna & Bernie Pincus

Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund

Ashna & Bernie Pincus
Chuck Rogol

Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund

Ashna & Bernie Pincus

General Fund

Joe Shafran
David Honig - In honor of Alice Honig's birthday

**MAY 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, May 12, 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, May 10, 2018.

Mazel Tov to the following congregants who will be celebrating their simchas at the May 12, Simcha Shabbat:

Birthdays

Allen Appel, Allan Benish, Sid Birnbaum, Andrea Chassen, Seymour Nussenbaum, Terrie Polovsky, Paula Yourman

Anniversaries

Eileen & Sid Birnbaum

PROGRAM NOTES MAY 2018

On Sunday, April 15 we had our Holocaust remembrance program. The program began by watching the movie, "Nicky's Family." A short discussion followed. The movie is about Sir Nickolas Winton who as a young man, put together kinder transports from Czechoslovakia beginning in 1938. It was a beautiful and moving film and I highly recommend it to anyone who was unable to attend our program. We would like to thank Linda Skupp for getting the film for us. We also want to thank Ira Donnenfeld and Allen Skupp for setting up the TV and DVD player and the Men's club for their help in setting up the chairs

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

also enjoy a bagel and the camaraderie.



Men's Club Happenings!

Top: Torah reading on Rosh Hodesh Iyyar and Hagba. Rabbi Mishkin delivering a Midrash lesson on morning of first seder at Siyum Fast of the First Born. Next row: Michael and father Jon at a Minyan. Michael will become a Bar Mitzvah in June at Beth Ohr. Next is the Yellow Candle crew—Andy, Paula, Stan, Phil and Ira—the usual suspects always helping out.

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

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

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.**

Ed Mendlowitz, Men's Club President, emcpa1@aol.com tel 732 890-3344

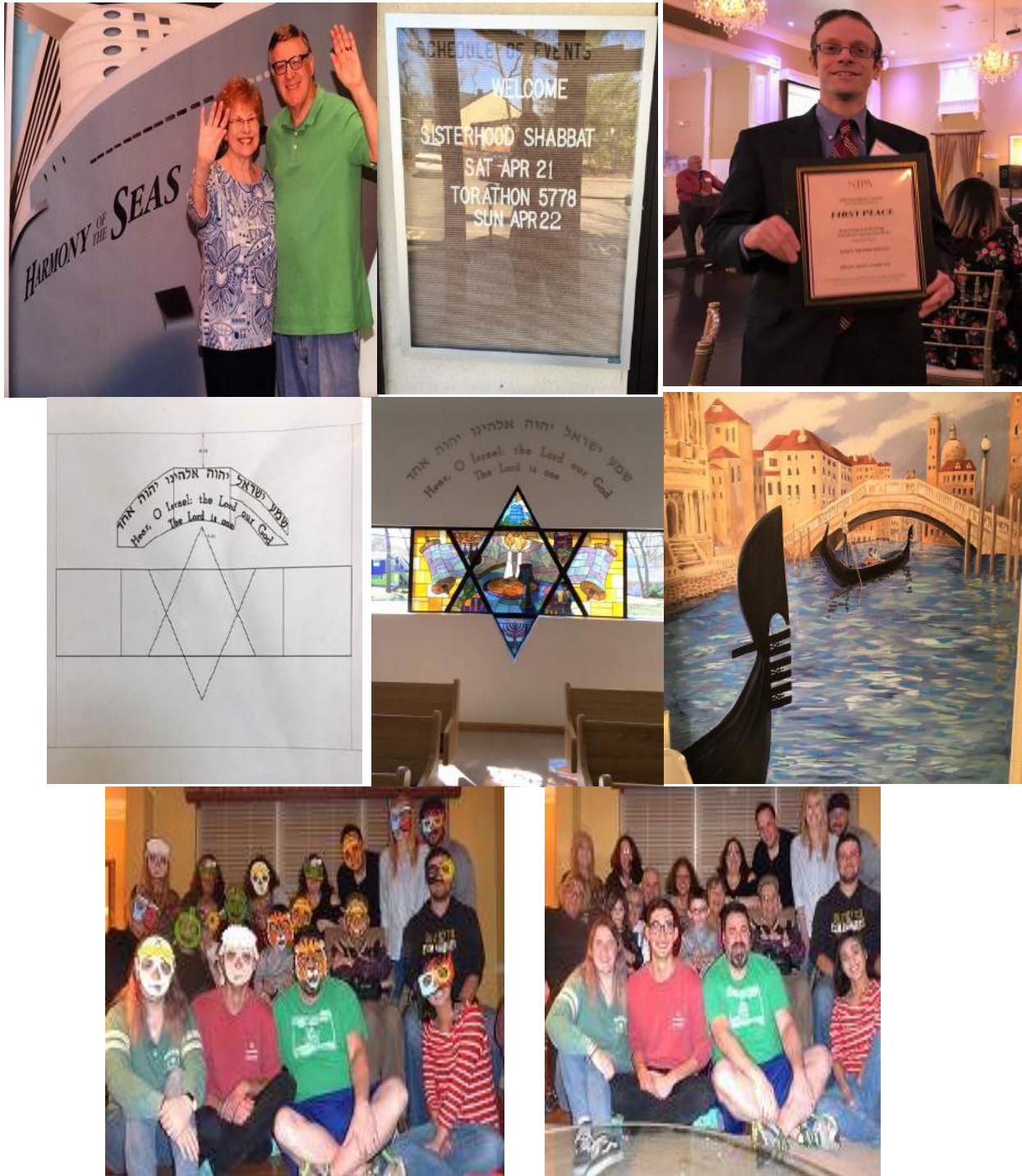
If you don't usually attend, try coming once in a while and see what we have to offer.

Torathon 5778 Huge Success PHOTO GALLERY



Clockwise from top left : Kitchen crew setting up the refreshments. Part of the enormous crowd at Beth Ohr. Rabbi Mishkin and photos of four of the other Rabbis in their sessions. In all, thirteen Rabbis participated and taught classes.

Beth Ohr Photo Gallery



Top: Harriet and Bob Weiss on a cruise vacation. Sign on front of Congregation promoting the Sisterhood Shabbat and Torathon. Andy Mendlowitz holding his first place award granted by the New Jersey Press Association for Reporting and Writing.

Middle row: Shema added above stained glass windows in sanctuary compliments of Barbara and Herman Schneider along with artist's drawing. Beautiful mural on wall of Wilma and Allen Appel's bathroom of a photo taken by Allen on their trip to Venice. Bottom row: Taken at Paula Yourman's second seder—19 altogether. Photo on left: Wearing masks representing the 10 plagues and next is without masks. Gary Yourman (in front with green tee shirt). In red shirt next to Gary is Paula's grandson David. Jason is in back and Edna is to left of Paula. Paula and Edna are holding Jennifer's and Jason's twins. What wonderful photos.

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



Subject: information about organ donations

On Shabbat, April 7, Rabbi Mishkin spoke about organ donations during his Dvar Torah. Harriett Feld and Sara Ullman also commented on it.

Sara also told us about an organization in NY that you can register with if you decide to become a donor. Following is the information:

Halachic Organ Donation Society (HODS)

Phone # is 212-213-5087

email address is admin@hods.org

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*

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Ruth and Naomi, the heroines of the book and the mothers of Israel are befriended and saved by Boaz, a man of stature and power, who risks a great deal in saving them from penury and abandonment. From this act of compassion and kindness sprouts eventual love, marriage and a child who will be one of the founders of the Davidic line of royalty of the kingdom of Judah and of all messianic hope and yearning.

Judaism views all seemingly small things as being great and important in their own right for no one can estimate or foretell the consequences of even the smallest act of courtesy to others. The rabbis give examples of "if only so and so knew the consequences of the small act of goodness that he performed" he would have acted with even greater fervor and intent to do greater good in performance of that act.

The rabbis of the Talmud taught us that goodness, courtesy, kindness, a compassionate "way of the land," precedes Torah. Thus the holiday of Shavuot marked as the commemoration of the granting of the Torah to Israel at Mount Sinai is introduced to us through the book of Ruth. The Torah is not only laws and commandments; it is a value system as well.

To understand and appreciate the Torah itself, its value system must be discerned and appreciated first. Otherwise one runs the risk, in the words of Ramban, of being an obnoxious person and yet seemingly remaining within the limits of Torah law. The book of Ruth, though written many centuries after the granting of the Torah at Mount Sinai, is really the preface to the Torah.

The Jewish people begin with Avraham and Sarah, our father and mother, whose basic characteristic that allowed them to spread the message of monotheism in a pagan world was their kindness and hospitality towards others. The palace of Torah is entered through the garden of goodness. This goodness and concern for others has been the hallmark of the Jewish people throughout our existence. It has guaranteed that the Torah has remained with us and has forged the eternal link with Mount Sinai that the holiday of Shavuot represents and commemorates. The rabbis of the Talmud again characterized Israel as being a compassionate and kind generous people. All of this is represented in the book of Ruth and the holiday of Shavuot.

The holiday of Shavuot has many meaningful traditions associated with it. However, lest we become lost in the dairy meals and all night study sessions without realizing the true importance of this holiday of Torah, the book of Ruth comes to place it all into proper perspective. The idea of the acceptance of Torah through kind and compassionate behavior towards others is basic to Judaism.

The nineteenth century Mussar movement attempted to make this idea widespread amongst the Jewish society of Lithuania and parts of Eastern Europe. It is worthy of support today, especially in a society that has become more and more self-centered. From nineteenth century Jewish life in the Pale of Settlement to twenty-first century life in our societies there is an enormous distance in time and attitude. But human problems remain constant as do our failures and shortcomings.

The Torah attempts to raise our field of vision to see what can and should be noble in our lives and society. How to pursue this vision is through the actions that we exhibit towards others. The Torah emphasizes this message in myriad ways. The book of Ruth is the perfect guide to this accomplishment. We should be aware that Ruth, Naomi, Boaz, Elimelech, Machlon, Chilyon, Ploni Almoni and all of the characters that appear in the book of Ruth still walk among us. Realizing this will make our acceptance of the Torah on Shavuot most meaningful and sincere.”

SISTERHOOD PRESIDIUM PRESIDENT

Shalom, you all,

It's May, it's springtime and it's that time of year when we are thinking of planting our gardens with flowers and vegetables and also planning our summer vacations.

As American women, we celebrate Mother's Day, and we honor and acknowledge mothers everywhere for their selfless devotion and their love that knows no bounds.

On May 23rd, Sisterhood will hold our annual Donor Dinner. It will be held at our temple, and our members will be honored for working to support our Sisterhood.

Don't forget Sisterhood Installation on June 6th.

Barbara Schneider
Presidium Member

Sisterhood Donor Information

The donor year end April 30 and if you had at least \$90.00 of credit by then you will be invited to our Donor Dinner on May 23. This is a lovely evening with a catered cocktail hour and full dinner reception. In addition, any carryovers or extra donors can be used to be a Torah Fund Benefactor or for admission to the Temple Journal event or to be spent at either Aramis Jewelers, which is on Route 9 South in Manalapan next to Mom's Griddle, or G&W Jewelers, located on Ryders Lane in Milltown in the mall with Lox Stock and Deli.

Donor is earned by participating in fund raisers such as scrip, gold cards, bricks and lottery, for examples. After the first \$90.00 is earned for the dinner a donor is \$75.00 and a half is \$37.50. Each is worth 50% purchasing power towards either of the stores listed above or Torah Fund or Journal event rounded to the next half donor.

Any questions call Ilene Gray 732-390-5017 or Liz Aroyo 732-257-6010.

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

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

Monica Atzbi 732-390-5890

Sharen Silverman 732-266-2389

Marcia Trechak 609-655-9507 (summer months)

Phyllis Greenberg --Temple Office 732-257-1523

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



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Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be
Monday, May 14, 2018

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and announcements via e-mail to:

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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

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May 25, 2018	7:58

