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The Hanukkah festival commemorates events that took place in Judea more than 2,000 years ago, when the Syrian king Antiochus ordered the Jews to abandon the Torah and publicly worship the Greek gods. This act provoked a rebellion led by Judas Maccabeus, climaxed by the retaking of the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been desecrated by the Syrians. The army of Jews won, despite their small numbers.

In an eight-day celebration, the "Maccabees" (as the rebels came to be known) cleansed and rededicated the Temple (*chanukah* means "dedication"). According to the Talmud, there was only enough consecrated oil to re-light the candelabra for one day, yet, miraculously, it remained lit for eight days.

The central feature of the observance of Hanukkah is the nightly lighting of the Chanukiah or menorah, an eight-branched candelabra with a place for a ninth candle, the shammes, used to light the others. One candle is lit on the first night of Hanukkah, and an additional candle is lit on each successive night, until, on the eighth night, the Chanukiah is fully illuminated. Hanukkah is also called the Feast of Lights or Festival of Lights due to the importance of the candle-lighting.

This year, **2018**, Hanukkah begins at sunset on **Sunday**, **December 2** and ends at sundown on December 10

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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.

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Schedule of Service		
Sat. Dec. 1 Shabbat/Morning Service		9:30AM
	followed by Kiddush Lunch in honor of Ivan Gelb's	
	Mother's 99th Birthday	
Sun. Dec. 2	Sunday Morning Service	10:00AM
	Followed by Chanukah Brunch & Entertainment	11:00AM
	by Ricky Pen	
Tues. Dec. 4	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Pirkei Avot	7:30PM
Thurs. Dec. 6	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
Fri. Dec. 7	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Dec. 8	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Dec. 9	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
	Sisterhood General Meeting &	11:00AM
	Annual Penny Auction	
Thurs. Dec. 13	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
Fri. Dec. 14	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Dec. 15	Shabbat Morning Service Simcha Shabbat	9:30AM
Sun. Dec. 16	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Dec. 18	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Pirkei Avot	7:30PM
Thurs. Dec. 20	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
Fri. Dec. 21	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Dec. 22	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Dec. 23	Sunday Morning Service	9:00AM
	Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	
Tues. Dec 25	Christmas Day Office Closed	
Thurs. Dec. 27	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
	Executive Board Meeting	7:30PM
	Board of Directors' Meeting	8:00PM
Fri. Dec. 28	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Dec .29	Saturday Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun Dec. 30	Sunday Morning Service followed by	9:00AM
	Men's Club Breakfast	
Mon. Dec 31	Early Closing	



The following is an edited version of a message delivered by Rabbi Joel Mishkin at St. Thomas The Apostle Church for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

The Torah, the first part of the Hebrew Bible and the most sacred text of the Jewish people, is no stranger to disagreements within families. In our tradition each week we read a different portion of the Torah. This coming Sabbath the Torah is about a conflict between two brothers, Jacob and Esau, the sons of Isaac and Rebekah. They become estranged from one another when Jacob, prodded by his mother Rebekah, disguises himself as his brother. He does this so that his father, Isaac, will give him the first-born blessing and, in that way, Jacob guarantees that God's covenant will be passed through him.

When Esau learns how his brother has deceived him he lets it be known that he has every intention of killing Jacob once their father, Isaac, has died. The scene is then set for our Torah portion when, twenty years later, Jacob and Esau will finally reunite. Jacob is obviously petrified when he learns that his brother will meet him but he will be accompanied by four hundred men. The Torah tells us just how terrified Jacob becomes.

"Jacob was greatly frightened; in his anxiety he divided the people, his flocks, herds and camels, into two camps, thinking, "If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, the other camp may yet escape." Jacob takes his two wives, two maidservants and his eleven children and they cross the ford of the Jabbok in anticipation of the reunion with his brother Esau. The reader of the Torah is understandably uncertain of the outcome. What will happen between these two brothers? Will there be a devastating battle? Will Esau and his four hundred men take revenge upon Jacob and do what he had already threatened to do, kill his brother once and for all? But something miraculous happens when the reunion takes place.

Jacob wants Esau to accept a gift from him as the two brothers meet. When Esau asks about the family surrounding Jacob, he answers that they are "the children with whom God has honored your servant." Then Esau asked, "What do you mean by all this company which I have met?" Jacob answered, "To gain my lord's favor." Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; let what you have remain yours." But Jacob said, "No, I pray you; if you would do me this favor, accept from me this gift; for to see your face is like seeing the face of God, and you have received me favorably. And when he urged him, Esau accepted Jacob's gift."

So how did this ever happen? How did two brothers who had been estranged for twenty years finally come to a peaceful resolution? And how did one brother intent upon killing the other ultimately decide not to take up the sword, but to embrace his brother? What is the reason for this unimaginable reconciliation? The answer to this question comes directly from Jacob's heartfelt words to his brother, perhaps the most important words that he speaks throughout this entire conversation. They are, "to see your face is like seeing the face of God." In other words, I have seen the face of God. As a result I am not the same person I was years ago, the one who tricked you and stole your blessing. I have learned to see you not as an intimidating rival, but as a person just like me, fashioned in God's image. These are the words that lead to the reconciliation between these brothers who had been sworn enemies for twenty years.

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(Rabbi Mishkin's Message Continued)

So what is the message for us today? And how does this fit within the theme of the Thanksgiving celebrations that unite all families of faith? It is simply this. Only when we recognize the divine spark that inhabits each and every individual, only when we come to realize that every single human being is created in the image of the Almighty. And only when we decide that as human beings we have more in common than in conflict can we ever hope for a time and a world at peace.

My dear friends, it has been less than a month since the sanctity of the Sabbath, the most sacred day of the Jewish week, was disrupted suddenly at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Eleven souls who happened to be at the synagogue that morning to practice their faith, lost their lives for the sole reason that they went to synagogue on that day. And while this latest attack on people of religious faith stunned a nation we also learned something else in its aftermath. That people of faith have far more that unites them than divides them. Only days after the assault we learned that the Muslim community of Pittsburgh raised over two hundred thousand dollars among their worshippers to provide armed security for parishioners at the Tree of Life Congregation. And it wasn't just in Pittsburgh that people of all faiths reached out to Jewish communities. I received several poignant notes from members of the faith communities in Old Bridge who wanted me to know of their support for the Jewish community. In fact, the very first call I received was Mayor Owen Henry phoning me, not only to offer his consolation but to inform me that he would do everything that he could to make our congregation feel safe when we gathered together the following Sabbath.

Yes, it was a devastating attack on religious freedom but it also showed a remarkable response to those who suffered. There were many for whom we should be thankful - the brave first responders who rushed to the rescue of the people in Pittsburgh, the neighbors who overwhelmed evil with kindness, the Americans of every background who inspire more optimism than we have been accustomed to in the past. In 1790 George Washington wrote a letter to a Rhode Island synagogue. He vowed that America is to be a place where "every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid." Those words aren't his. They are from the Hebrew prophet Micah and they should resonate in our hearts and our minds these days. So this Thursday, as we sit down to our Thanksgiving meals, let all people of faith give thanks for the blessings of this nation and for the promise that one day it shall most certainly fulfill.



President's Message

On November 1st Stan Perlman spearheaded implementing the new Synagogue security system. The system as designed includes alarms on entrances, motion detectors, panic buttons and video recording. Along with this we have limited access to the building by restricting the number of keys. Those who have been issued keys have been given the security code, number of the security company and password.

As you are aware we had our Scholar in Residence Program the weekend of November 2nd. This was the weekend immediately following the horrific event in Pittsburgh on October 27th. We were very fortunate to have the support of Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry who went out of his way to ensure our safety both that weekend and the following week for the Sisterhood Donor dinner.

We are working very hard to ensure everyone's safety. In going forward, Stan and I have been attending discussions held by both United Synagogue and Jewish Federation related to Synagogue safety. Some of the items on our to-do list are:

- Establishing a small security committee. If you are interested, please let me know no later than December 15th. We want to have this operational by the end of the year.
- Meeting with Old Bridge Police to establish a relationship and have them evaluate our facility and preparedness. Recommendations would be reviewed by the security committee before being presented to the Board.
- Determining if Homeland Security has security grants available and if so submitting the required paperwork.
- Installing panic buttons in case of an emergency.

Linda and would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Chanukah and a healthy, happy New Year.

- Allen Skupp

Hanukkah Traditions

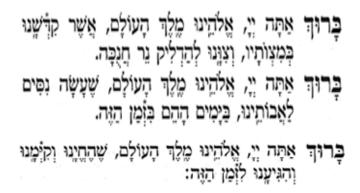
Gifts: Some families give a gift on each night. Some families give one present on the first night and then treats for the remaining nights. Some families do the opposite and start with tchotch-kes that lead up to a bigger gift. Some families plan a special night or vacation together.

Fried Foods: Latkes and jelly donuts are tried and true and also delicious but get creative. French fries, onion rings, eggrolls, etc. Especially if the holiday falls on a Friday. (Get it? Fryday?)

Chocolate Coins/Gelt: Gelt is Yiddish for *money*. On Hanukkah, in addition to presents, we're supposed to give money to charity. Back in the day, before Venmo and Apple Pay, people gave their children coins to give away. Somehow that got translated to handing out those chocolate coins in the awesome fishnet sacks. (Now we're waiting for the next Hanukkah miracle, which will be a new way to get the foil off the gelt without embedding chocolate under our fingernails.)

Dreidels: Have you ever played dreidel? If not, give it a try. It started when the ancient Jews were hiding in caves learning Torah. They would play dreidel for a break. Each **player** spins the **dreidel** once during their turn. Depending on which side is facing up when it stops spinning, the **player** whose turn it is gives or takes **game** pieces from the pot: If \(\(\text{1}\)(nun\)) is facing up, the **player** does nothing. If \(\text{1}\)(gimel) is facing up, the **player** gets everything in the pot.

Hanukkah Blessings: Hebrew:



Transliteration:

- 1. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-vanu le-had-lik ner Cha-nu-kah.
- 2. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim bi-zman ha-zeh.
- 3. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-hechi-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

Translation:

- 1. Blessed are You, Lord our $G \square d$, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.
- 2. Blessed are You, Lord our $G \square d$, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.
- 3. Blessed are You, Lord our G□d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

You Are Invited to Welcome in Hannukah with the Fabulous International Singing Star



RICKY PEN

Bringing her music to

Congregation Beth Ohr of Old Bridge Sunday, December 2, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Pen, an Israeli television and recording artist, sings in 18 languages, has a range of 31/2 octaves and plays seven musical instruments. She has entertained all over the world and has even performed at the White House.

The festivities begin with an Israeli brunch starting at 11:00, Ricky will entertain for a solid hour, and latkes will be served afterwards.

The cost for brunch, show, and latkes is \$25 per person.

Please note that the morning service will begin at 10:00AM

Please RSVP to the Temple Office at 732-257-1523 or Allan Benish at 609–426-8727 or Ira Donenfeld at 732-679-2652.

Hanukkah Songs

Maoz Tzur

Ma'oz tzur yeshu'ati, lecha na'eh leshabe'ach, tikon beit tefilati, vesham todah nezabe'ach. Le'et tachin matbe'ach mitzar hamenabe'ach. Az egmor beshir mizmor chanukat hamizbe'ach

Literal English Translation:

My refuge, my rock of salvation!

It is a pleasure to sing Your praises.

Let our house of prayer be restored.

And there we will offer You our thanks.

When You will have prepared the slaughter Of the the barking foe, Then we will celebrate with song and psalm The dedication of the altar.

English Lyrics

Rock of Ages let our song Praise Thy saving power Thou amidst the raging foes

Was our sheltering tower. Furious, they assailed us, But thine arm availed us.

And Thy word broke their sword
When our own strength

<u>Hanukkah Oh Hanukkah</u> Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanuk-

kah

failed us.

Come light the menorah Let's have a party We'll all dance the horah

Gather 'round the table We'll give you a treat Dreidels to play with And latkes to eat.

And while we
Are playing
The candles are burning
low
One for each night
They shed a sweet light
To remind us of days long
ago.

Yiddish Lyrics:

Chanukah oy Chanukah A yontif a shayner, A lustiker a freylekher Nisht do nokh azoyner Ale nakht mit dreidlech shpiln mir, Frishe heise latkes, esn on a shir.

Geshvinder, tsindt kinder Di Chanukah likhtlech on, Zogt "Al Hanisim", loybt Got far di nisim, Un lomir ale tantsen in kon. Zogt "Al Hanisim", loybt Got far di nisim, Lomir ale tantsen tsuzamen.

Sivivon (outside of Israel)

English translation:

Dreidel, spin, spin, spin Chanukah is a great holiday. Chanukah is a great holiday. Dreidel, spin, spin, spin.

A holiday of happiness it is for the nation.
A great miracle happened there.

A great miracle happened there.

A holiday of happiness it is for the nation.

Hebrew:

Sivivon, sov, sov, sov Chanukah, hu chag tov Chanukah, hu chag tov Sivivon, sov, sov, sov!

Chag simcha hu la-am Nes gadol haya sham Nes gadol haya sham Chag simcha hu la-am.

Hanukkah Recipes

Beckie's Mandel Bruit (from Phyllis Greenberg; her mom's recipe)

- 3 1/2 cups of flour
- 3 beaten eggs
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups of chocolate chips or 1 cup chocolate chips and walnuts or 2 cups slivered almonds
- 1 cookie sheet and slight amount of oil to grease the cookie sheet

Add flour, sugar, 2 tsp. baking powder and add to the mixture. Add 1 tsp vanilla and 3 eggs to the batter. Add the chocolate chips or walnuts or slivered almonds to the mixture and then add 1 cup of oil and mix well.

Slightly oil the cookie sheet and make four balls from batter.

Individually place each ball on the cookie sheet and roll into a loaf on the short side of the cookie sheet. You will have four loaves. Slice each loaf into about 10 pieces for each loaf. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes or until brown. Slice each piece again when cool. Loaves must be cooled, otherwise they will fall apart. Makes about 40 pieces.

My mom's recipe calls for four cups of flour, but I use 3 ½ because it's easier to make the loaves since it's not as dry.

If you want to make it gluten-free use gluten-free all- purpose flour and 4 eggs instead of 3.

Potato Latkes

2	cups	peelec	l and	shred	ded	potatoes

1 tablespoon grated onion \Box

3 eggs, beaten □

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour or matza meal

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1/2 cup vegetable oil for frying

Add all ingredients

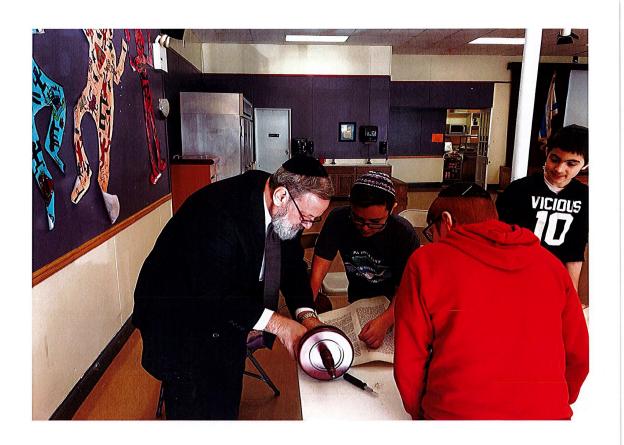
Place the potatoes in a cheesecloth and wring, extracting as much moisture as possible.

In a medium bowl stir the potatoes, onion, eggs, flour and salt together.

In a large heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil until hot. Place large spoonfuls of the potato mixture into the hot oil, pressing down on them to form 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick patties. Brown on one side, turn and brown on the other. Let drain on paper towels. Serve hot!

If you want a Recipe of the month added to the Newsetter each month, please send me your favorite recipe each month.

TORAH REPAIR



SOFER REPAIRING BETH OHR TORAH

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits occur during the months of November & December. We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

DONATED BY:

Willma & Allen Appel

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Morris Silver Lillian Ullman

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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



December 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>Dec. 7/8</u>		(Dec. 14/15 Continued)	10/10	
John Burns	12/8	Milly Golden	12/19	
Sylvia Shulman	12/8	Fannie Sass	12/19	
June Bienstock	12/9	Anna Wishnia	12/19	
Sam Morris	12/9	Samuel Branner	12/20	
Sidney Segal	12/9	Gussie Goldberg	12/20	
Milton Shumer	12/10	Mindy Nightingale	12/20	
Nathan Ehrenworth	12/10	Abraham Block	12/21	
Charles Friedman	12/10	Sharon Gallo	12/21	
Haim Grayewsky	12/10	Esther Moss	12/21	
Donald Lipp	12/10	Lillian Sofan	12/21	
Larry Schnitzer	12/10	<u>Dec. 21/22</u>		
George Weiss	12/10	Tessie Davis	12/22	
Betty Appel	12/11	Eleanor Schneider	12/22	
Fred Kanig	12/11	Miriam Waxenberg	12/22	
Ralph Wishnia	12/11	Sidney Bienenfeld	12/23	
Thelma Baron	12/12	Paul Kaminsky	12/23	
Eva Blumenthal	12/12	Rose Rosenblum	12/23	
Paul Epstein	12/12	Morty Gallin	12/24	
Emil Goldsten	12/12	William Greenspan	12/24	
Rosalie Albaum	12/13	Lillian Simkin	12/24	
Tenney Egers	12/13	Esther Solomon	12/24	
Paul Kalefsky	12/13	Vera Nussenbaum	12/25	
Libby Krutoy	12/13	Beckie Tischler	12/25	
Aaron Persky	12/13	Morris Akronowitz	12/26	
Irving Gordon	12/14	Sonia Feinman	12/26	
Leon Ayre Odzer	12/14	Erich Hollander	12/26	
Philip Wolpert	12/14	Yetta Kaminsky	12/26	
Dec. 14/15		Robert Lionheart	12/26	
Alfred Feld	12/15	Manny Friedman	12/27	
Louis Moss	12/15	Howard Pfeffer	12/27	
Naomi Strassberg	12/15	Sadie Rankowitz	12/27	
Katie Waldman	12/15	Jacob Shulman	12/27	
Hyman Wexlin	12/15	Lillian Warshofsky	12/27	
William Zarfes	12/15	Mary Blitzstein	12/28	
Ray Cimring	12/16	Floyd Shumer	12/28	
Sam Heimlich	12/16	Dec. 28/29		
Noah Benjamin	12/16	Miriam Goldstein	12/29	
Sally Posner	12/16	Ida Rubrum	12/29	
Peggy Clark	12/17	Leonard Finkelstein	12/29	
Joseph Fusfeld	12/17	Morris Radvinoviez	12/30	
Arthur Meyers	12/17	Sam Schnitzer	12/30	
Yetta Silverstein	12/17	Florence Trechak	12/30	
Charles Albertson	12/18	Solomon Kaminsky	12/31	
Otto Elkan	12/18	Lillian Persky	12/31	
Isidore Feinman	12/18	Martha Prussack	12/31	
Leo Greenstein	12/18	Bella Hyman	1/1	
Miriam Lieberman	12/18	Phyllis Nightingale	1/1	
Dora Geller	12/19	Samuel Glazier	1/2	
		Mary Karmin	1/2	
		Rose Rothstein	1/3	

BETH OHR NEWS



Thank you

- The Bromfeld family would like to thank Congregaion Beth Ohr for all the cards received in memory of Barbara Bromfeld.
- Marcia Trechak says thank you for all the cards and good wishes I received on my grandson Sammy's Bar Mitzvah It was wonderfuil to receive them
- Linda Skupp would like to thank the following people for helping to make the Paid Up Daytimers Luncheon a success: Lee Donenfeld, Edna Yourman, Pearl Hillman, Ira Donenfeld, Allen Skupp. Also thank you to all those who helped clean up after the party
- Phyllis Greenberg would like to thank Ann Branfman, Ira Donenfeld, Lee Donenfeld, Edna Yourman and Paula Yourman for helping in the office during the month of November.

Mazel Tov

• Ellie and Bob Honig have a new great grandson His name is Cooper. Grandfather is Adam Honig.

Harriet Cohen announces the engagement of her granddaughter Marissa to Etan
Neal Cohen

Melody and Myles Schwartz proudly announce the marriage of their daughter Heather to Matthew Kaplan on 11/17.

Harriet Cohen proudly announces the marriage of her son Mitchell to Shelly Whidden.

Condolences:

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Lee Hyman and family on the loss of Lee's husband and our beloved congregant Paul Hyman. Donations in his memory can be made to Mckenna Farms Therapy Services, c/o Jessica Moore, PTA, Executive Director, 3044 Due West road, Dallas, Georgia 30157.

Welcome New Members: Jana Blain and Susan and Michael Weinstein.

<u>DECEMBER CELEBRATION OF</u> 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.

Mazel Tov to the following congregants who will be celebrating their simcha on Saturday, December 15, 2018:

December Birthdays:

Wilma Appel

Monica Atzbi

Roberta Bernstein

Lee Donenfeld

Lawrence Fachler

Harriett Feld

Linda Garfinkel

Susan Goldenberg

Peter Okoh

Melody Schwartz

Joyce Silberstein

Sharen Silverman

Mala Simon

Steven Ullman

December Anniversaries:

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Fachler

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Rabinowitz

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Schneider

Mr. and Mrs. Myles Schwartz

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Weiss





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 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 <u>abenish@aol.com</u> 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

GENTLY USED PAIRS

MENS/WOMENS/KIDS

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SOCCER CLEATS

CASUAL SHOES

DRESS SHOES

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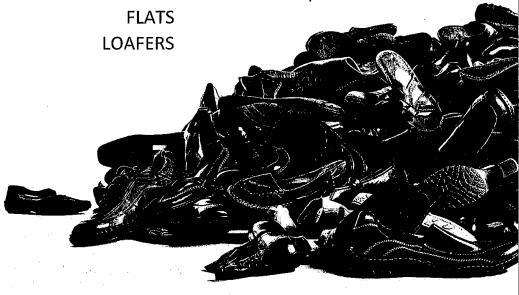
FLIP FLOPS/PLASTIC SHOES

SLIPPERS

DRESS BOOTS

SKI/WINTER BOOTS

SKATES/BLADES



CONGREGATION BETH OHR MEMORIAL FUNDS

The following is a listing of the Memorial Funds to which tax deductible donations may be made.

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 the fund's name in the memo portion of the check.

Thank you to the following people who donated to the David Benish and Heidi Rogol Memorial Funds:

David Benish Fund

Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz

Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund

Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz

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Rabbi Mishkin will be continuing his wonderful variety of classes –

Treading Water in the Sea of Talmud – alternate Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 9:

Book Discussion Group - alternate Tuesday mornings 11:00 a.m.

Judaic Potpourri - alternate Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM which will continue the study of Pirkei Avot, the Teachings of the Fathers.

Join us for any or all of these wonderful opportunities! Contact Linda Benish at 609-426-8727 for information.

Men's Club News

Minyan every Sunday. All are Welcome.



Men's Club Happenings!

Allen Appel is shown with the Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award that he was presented with on Nov 25. Additional photos are on a following page. Next is Linda Benish laining Torah at a Sunday Rosh Hodesh service, flanked by Stan Perlman and Morty Kamenitz and Harold Cohen with the Kohen Aliyah.

Next shows me distributing an ArtScoll hard cover book to attendees at the Minyan on the 10th Annual Gift Book Sunday. The next photo shows the book's cover—*Gateway to the Talmud*.

Participate with the Men's Club any Sunday morning. Shul, Schmooze and Schmear! Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

Dec 2—Minyan will be at 10:00 and there will be no bagel breakfast. The Temple will have a special program with brunch and Ricky Pen performing. See elsewhere in this newsletter for full details.

Jan 6—Pancake breakfast catered by the Cohens and Wards

Jan 20—Joint program with Daytimers

Feb 3—FJMC World Wide Wrap and Ed Mendlowitz 39th Annual Financial Program—Putting Your Affairs in Order workshop with 20 essential checklists that will be distributed, described and documented. See illustration of Tool Kit on right.

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.

More Men's Club News



Photos

Some photos taken at Minyans. Top: Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz, Bernie Pincus and Joe Shafran with Raymond.

2nd row: Bob Weiss and Elliot Leibowitz, Lisa Mason and Stan Perlman, Al Engber with Annette. 3rd row: Morty and Allen before a Minyan started divvying up the davening. Next is a photo taken at a movie theatre door saying "No Weapons Allowed." A frightening sight. The last photo shows the range of gas prices with Premium a full \$1.00 more than the regular. Remember when it used to be a few cents more?

More Men's Club News



Beth Ohr Men's Club presents Mensch Award to Allen Appel

The Men's Club presented the annual Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award on Sunday Nov 25, 2018 to Allen Appel. The award is voted on by members of the Men's Club and honors a Men's Club member who has worked to further the goals of the club, which is to provide services to the synagogue and surrounding community at large. Allen has been a Beth Ohr member for over 50 years and has served as president of both the Congregation and the Men's Club. The award is named for Sydney Lustgarten, who received the first Mensch Award in 2014 and it was immediately renamed in his honor. His son, Mitchell Lustgarten, attended the ceremony and shared a few words about his father who passed away four years ago just short of his 96th birthday. Sydney was a World War II veteran. The Award was endowed by the Lawrence Schacht Foundation, Milton Heumann, Trustee.



Photos

Photos from the Mensch Award program. Top shows part of the crowd.

2nd row: Ed presenting the award to Allen. Mitch with sister Marlena. Edna Yourman and Paula Yourman at the Mensch ceremony.

3rd row: Another of Ken Deitz' great tee shirts. Next is appropriate for all of the Men's Club guys. The empty box represents the photo you did not send in. Send your photos to emcpal@aol.com

Beth Ohr Photo Gallery—1







Photos

Top: Third Annual Global Jewish Day of Learning held at East Brunswick Public Library. Shown is Rabbi Jeff Pivo of EB Jewish Center, Rabbi Efraim Unterman of Young Israel, Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer of Bnai Shalom, and Rabbi Joel Mishkin of Beth Ohr. There was an interesting discussion on The Challenges Judaism Faces in the 21st Century. Next photo show the huge crowd.

2nd row: Phyllis and Harry Greenberg and friend Toby Weissman at the Global Day of Learning program. Next is Paula Yourman and her wonderful family on Thanksgiving at her nephew's house in Jackson surrounded by children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

3rd row: Two photos of big fun day at the Daytimers' Triple Header program on Nov 15. Next is cover of the 44 page memorial booklet distributed at Beth Ohr's Kristallnacht program.

Beth Ohr Photo Gallery 2



Photos

Top row: Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz with Dara and Ken Deitz with friends Beverly and Jim Matthews at the East Brunswick Public Library Foundation Gala at the Park Chateau on Oct 24th. Next is Ed as treasurer of the Foundation presenting a \$100,000 check to the Library for expansion of the Children's section.

2nd row; Ed receiving the Distinguished Service Award Medal from Sarah Krom, president of the NJ Society of CPAs. Next is the Friday afternoon Mah Jong group having lunch first at Bagel Boy. Phyllis Geller, Harriet Weiss, Carolyn Schwartz, Terrie Polovsky and Ronnie Mendlowitz.

3rd row; A bunch of guys at Atlantic City: Bob Weiss, Andy Mendlowitz, Bob Zussman, Ed Mendlowitz and Dan Grynberg. Ken Kaufman wasn't in the photo. Next is Roberta and Eugene Bernstein with their family on Thanksgiving.

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SENTINEL 3

World War II vet details the art of deception as part of The Ghost Army

By VASHTI HARRIS Staff Writer

uring World War II, Seymour Nussenbaum had to use inflatable tanks, scripted radio broadcasts and other tools of deception in order to survive.

On Oct. 18, he spoke about his service in "The Ghost Army," which is featured in a PBS documentary, in front of dozens of residents at the East Brunswick Library.

The event was co-sponsored by the East Brunswick Hadassah.

The Ghost Army was officially known as the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops. From June 1944 to March 1945, the unit staged 20 battlefield deceptions, beginning in Normandy, France. The deceivers employed an array of inflatable tanks, trucks, Jeeps and airplanes; sound trucks; phony radio transmissions; and even play acting to fool the enemy, according to a statement provided by the library.

East Brunswick Hadassah member Beth Hoffman said that a book about the Ghost Army is currently being made into a feature film in Hollywood by actor Bradley Cooper. There is also a bill pending in Congress to award members of the unit a Congressional medal.

Inspired by British deception efforts, Capt. Ralph Ingersoll, who was a wellknown journalist before the war, suggested the U.S. Army create a phantom unit designed to fool the enemy right on the front lines.

Before World War II began, the Anny was looking for professionals in the art world and recruited set designers, actors and artists.

Nussenbaum, who was born in Manhattan, was brought up in The Bronx where he attended Herman Rider Junior High School and DeWitt Clinton High School.

After graduating from DeWitt Clinton High School in 1939, his family moved to Brooklyn, where he attended night classes at the Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts and Pratt Institute, according to Hoffman.

Registering for the draft in December of 1942, Nussenbaum said he was in his first year of college at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn when he registered.

"Knowing that I would be going into the service, I took a course in camouflage offered by the Army at Pratt. I was inducted into the Army in February of 1943 and sent to Virginia for basic training, ... On March 23, 1943, I was sent to Fort George G. Meade in Maryland to finish my basic training and begin advance courses in cam-





VASHTI HARRIS/ STAFF

World War II veteran Seymour Nussenbaum talks about his service in the Ghost Army on Oct. 18 at the East Brunswick Library.

ouflage," Nussenbaum said. "We trained there until January of 1944. ... Once there we were informed about our mission. We were told we were concerned counterintelligence and our mission was deception."

The Ghost Army was composed of 1,100 men who used visual, sonic and radio deception to deceive the German Army.

To carry out visual deceptions, the Ghost Army had a camouflage battalion composed of 350 men, who were mostly artists. Members of the visual battalion were tasked with creating camouflage to protect an Army plant in Baltimore where B-26 bombers were made against German air attacks.

Nussenbaum served in the Army from February 1943 to November 1945 and was mainly attached to the 603rd Engineer Camouflage Battalion, according to Hoff-

In Europe, members of the camouflage battalion would use inflatable soldiers, tanks and Jeeps to deceive German soldiers.

"Our first dummies were made of wood and burlap. Rubber dummies came later as the wood and burlap were to hard to handle. We trained in the use and repair of the rubber dummies ... in preparation for overseas service," Nussenbaum said. "On May 2. 1944, we boarded the ship at the New York Harbor and landed in England after a rough trip. Immediately, we begin to prepare for our part in the invasion of France. We sailed from England on July 18, 1944, and arrived off of Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. after a stormy voy-

age, riding out the storm off the coast of France for six days."

Using sound to fool the German Army was a new idea in World War II. The Ghost Army would use pre-recorded sounds of moving trucks, tanks and other activity, which were played over 500-pound speakers with a range of 15 miles.

By some estimates, German Army units would gather as much as 75 percent of their intelligence through radio intercepts. In response, more than 100 skilled radio operators from the Ghost Army would impersonate Army transmissions to trick the German Army.

"On Jan. 14, we set our headquarters in ... France and as soon as the Germans were defended in that sector we began to move into Germany. We had various missions, some of which I went on," Nussenbaum said. "Since I was attached to headquarters company I stayed behind on many of the missions to service the men in the field; [however.] I did go on a few missions to the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany."

With many of the soldiers in the Ghost Army being artists, they would sketch and paint their fellow unit members, people and places they encountered while serving in Europe. After the war, some of the members of the Ghost Army became famous, including fashion designer Bill Blass, painter Ellsworth Kelly and photographer Art Kane.

While serving in the Ghost Army, Nussenbaum said he would sketch constantly and would send a lot of souvenirs home. He said once he married his wife Vera Nus-

senbaum, who was a Holocaust survivor, he put away the souvenirs he collected from the war.

After being discharged from the service, he returned to Pratt Institute and graduated in 1948 with a degree in illustration. Nussenbaum found work as a package designer responsible for both structural and graphic aspects of the package. He worked for a folding carton establishment for 32 years, eventually becoming the art director. When he left that job he freelanced and took other jobs within the industry. Nussenbaum did his last freelance job in 1997, according to Hoffman.

Nussenbaum said the Ghost Army and its wartime missions remained classified for decades and members were told not to discuss what they did with their loved ones. Today, he is on the advisory board of the Ghost Army Legacy Project.

"I didn't tell them anything. I made up a scrapbook when I came out of the service. I wanted to go back to college and I had for months to wait until the new semester started so I had sent home a lot of junk and I went through it and made up scrapbooks. I never mentioned in the scrapbooks what we did," Nussenbaum said.

After the screening and discussion of the documentary, residents were able to view some of Nussenbaum's artwork he created while serving in the Ghost Army.

For more information, visit www. ghostarmylegacyproject.org.

Contact Vashti Harris at vharris@newspapermediagroup.com.

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2018/19 DUES INVOICE

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For Upcoming Events look at our EXTENSIVE schedule EACH MONTH in the Temple Newsletter!!!

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PLEASE PUT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW SO THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE NOTICES OF ADDITIONAL MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES (if you are not already on list.)

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TERHOOD

The following are excerpts from the thoughts that Harriet Rabinowitz, co-President of Sisterhood, shared at the recent Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner.

Welcome to our returning and new members. Thank you to the Chair Women for this event for graciously allowing me to speak before we begin our Paid Up Membership Dinner and Program.

For those who may not know me, I am Harriet Rabinowitz and I am co-President of Sisterhood with Cheryl Cadel. Cheryl, please stand. Thank you.

I asked to speak this evening because of the horrific events of twelve days ago in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, together with the subsequent acts of anti-Semitism that have arisen throughout our country since that day. I have received dozens of emails from various organizations, including Women's League of Conservative Judaism, an organization that our Sisterhood is part of. I attended the vigil in East Brunswick and Show Up for Shabbat services at Beth Ohr this past weekend, where I saw many of you.

What can we do to combat this incredible hatred? What actions can Jewish institutions and individuals take to bring peace and normalcy back to our country? We must educate humans that this destructive hatred and bigotry will ultimately destroy all of humanity.

As I was driving here this evening, I heard a report that anti-Semitic acts increased 22 per cent from 2017. When I heard that statistic, I knew that my decision to speak this evening was the right decision.

The most important actions we can take are to continue to support our synagogue, Sisterhoods, Men's Clubs, etc. By doing more, rather than burying our head in the sand and walking away, we are letting the anti-Semites know that we care about each other and our heritage. We must support our services, programs and fund raisers - not only those sponsored by our Sisterhood, but also those sponsored by the synagogue, Men's Club and Daytimers. We have several events coming up over the next month. If you did not plan on attending anything other than tonight's program, please reconsider your decision. It is more important now than ever that we all band together and support each other. I have placed Flyers on each table describing several programs to be held between now and Chanukah. There is also a flyer for the Brunch scheduled for Sunday, December 2, 2018 followed by a Concert by International Singer Ricky Pen. Please take these flyers with you and help support our programs.

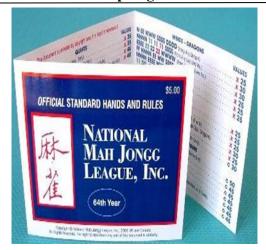
I want to thank Synagogue President, Allen Skupp, for announcing at Shabbat services that there would be a police presence this evening. We should also thank Old Bridge Mayor, Owen Henry, for ensuring that all who enter this building feel safe and secure.

In solidarity, please stand for a moment of silent meditation in memory of those who perished at the Tree of Life Synagogue. Thank you.

TORAH FUND

Roberta Karpel will be honored as the recipient of the Annual Torah Fund Award for 2018-2019 in the spring. Mazel Tov to Roberta.





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Thank you, Maxine

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Also when responding to messages that I send out, I would appreciate it very much if you would respond to me and not to ALL.

Reminder that I am leaving for Florida on 11/27 and will take care of everything while I am away. If you want a message to go out, please let me know as I will not send anything out that comes to me second-hand, it needs to come directly from you.

SCRIP

Sisterhood sells Shoprite, Stop 'n' Shop, and Acme Supermarket Gift Cards. This ongoing fundraiser helps support Oneg Shabbat and other activities of our congregation. (Sisterhood members receive donor credit equal to 5% of their scrip purchase.)

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Sisterhood Bricks

Bricks are available @ \$6.00 to send to anyone to commemorate a death, birth, in honor of, or good wishes. Call Ronnie at 732-254-1135 or send info to emrmcats@aol.com



Dear Friends.

By volunteering your time, you can brighten Chanukah or any day for hundreds of seniors -- or just one special senior. Our partners, Jewish Family & Children's Service of Monmouth County (JFCS) and Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS), both need volunteers. Here are the details:

JFCS Monmouth Seniors' Chanukah Party - Wed., Dec. 5

Program time: 11am - 2pm at Marlboro Jewish Center. Volunteers are necessary for set-up, break down and serving.

9:30am Set-up: Placing tablecloths, cutlery, napkins, cups, soda bottles, etc.

10:30am Food prep.

12:15pm Food served: Each meal is plated and served.

2pm Clean-up: All tables, dishes, etc., must be cleaned and put away.

Approximately 200 seniors are expected to attend. Get your friends to volunteer with you!

To volunteer, reach out to Marion Riback at marionr@jfcsmonmouth.org

JFS in Middlesex needs drivers for Kosher Meals on Wheels

Delivery is daily Monday-Friday but volunteers can give their time once a week, once a month, etc. It's your choice.

There are 2 pickup locations: The Orchid in Metuchen and the JFS office in Monroe.

Various routes are in need.

Meal pick up is typically between 10am and 11am. Meals are to be delivered by 1pm. Some routes may run later than 1pm based on pick up time.

To volunteer reach out to Michelle Beley-Bianco at michelleb@middlesexjfs.org

Nothing feels better than connecting with people who really appreciate you. As a volunteer, you will be giving your time to those who appreciate you, but most often it's the volunteer who feels the experience has been a gift for them!

Please sign up to volunteer!

Sincerely,

Stacy Feldman, Director of Community Impact

The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey 230 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River, NJ 08882 732.588.1800 - info@jewishheartnj.org - jewishheartnj.org







The deadline for the next newsletter will be

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Please send all of your thanks, articles and announcements via e-mail to:

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or call

Phyllis in the Synagogue office at 732-257-1523

"Ritually Speaking" Sponsor a Kiddush

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.

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

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> please contact: Pauline DePalma, BSW, Director of Volunteers at 732,224,6933 or

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