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Passover, or *Pesach* in Hebrew, is one of the three major pilgrimage festivals of ancient Israel and commemorates the Exodus from Egypt. Its name comes from the miracle in which God "passed over" the houses of the Israelites during the tenth plague. Centered on the family or communal celebration of the seder (ritual meal), Passover is one of the most beloved of all Jewish holidays.

Passover History

The origins of Passover lie in pre-Israelite spring celebrations of the first grain harvest and the births of the first lambs of the season. In the <u>Jewish context</u>, it celebrates God's great redemptive act at the time of the <u>Exodus</u>, leading the Israelites out from slavery in Egypt to freedom. Together with <u>Shavuot</u> (the Festival of Weeks) and <u>Sukkot</u> (The Festival of Booths), Passover is one of the three ancient Israelite pilgrimage festivals, during which adult males journeyed to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer sacrifices and bask in the divine presence. Since the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE, the focus of Passover shifted to the ritual meal, called the seder, which normally takes place at home.

Passover At Home

In anticipation of Passover, it is traditional to engage in a thorough spring cleaning. During the holiday, the food reflects the major theme of Passover and is intended to help Jews relive God's great redemptive act, albeit in a vicarious manner. Because the Israelites had no time to let their bread rise as they hurriedly left Egypt, Jewish law forbids eating (or even possessing) any food that contains leavened grains. Therefore, a major part of the preparations for Passover consists of removing all traces of leavened foods from the home and replacing them with unleavened foods (though many Jews prefer to "sell" some leavened products to a non-Jew for the duration of the holiday). This necessitates both a massive cleanup and the replacement of one's ordinary dishes with special Passover ones. It also requires a shopping expedition to stock the kitchen with special kosher-for-Passover foods.

The central ritual of Passover is the seder, a carefully choreographed ritual meal that typically takes place in the home. A number of symbolic foods are laid out on the table, of which the most important is the matzah, the unleavened "bread of affliction." The seder follows a script laid out in the Haggadah, a book that tells the story of the redemption from Egypt. Although the Haggadah is a traditional text, many people add to it and revise it in accord with their theology and understanding of God's redemptive actions in the world.

Passover In the Community

Although the focus of Passover observance is on the home, on the first and last days traditional Judaism prohibits working. There are special synagogue services, including special <u>biblical readings</u>, among them <u>Shir ha-Shirim</u>, "The Song of Songs," and <u>Hallel</u>, psalms of praise and thanksgiving. The last day of Passover is one of the four times a year that the <u>Yizkor</u> service of remembrance is recited.

Passover Theology and Themes

The overarching theme of Passover is redemption. After all, this is the holiday that celebrates God's intervention in history to lead the Israelites from slavery to freedom. It is a time to celebrate God as the great liberator of humanity. The divine redemption of the Israelites thus becomes the blueprint for the Jewish understanding of God and divine morality and ethics.

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.

Schedule of Services and Events

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Thurs. April 4	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
Fri. April 5	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. April 6	Sisterhood Annual Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. April 7	Sunday Morning Service & Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
	JFS Food Packing	
	Burial of books in cemetery	
Tues. April 9	Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Pirkei Avot	7:30AM
Thurs. April 11	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
	Daytimer's Passover Program	1:00PM
Fri. April 12	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. April 13	Shabbat Morning Service (Shabbat Hagadol)	9:30AM
_	Simcha Shabbat	
Sun. April 14	Sunday Morning Service & Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
	JFS Food Delivery	
Thurs. April 18	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
	Search For Chamatz	
Fri. April 19	Siyum for First Born	7:30AM
	First Seder (No Friday Evening Service)	
Sat. April 20	Shabbat Morning and First Day of Passover Service	9:30AM
Sun. April 21	Sunday Morning 2nd day Passover Service	9:30AM
Wed. April 24	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thurs. April 25	Temple Executive Board Meeting	7:30PM
	Temple Board of Directors Meeting	8:00PM
Fri. April 26	7th Day Passover Service	9:30AM
	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. April 27	Shabbat Morning 8th Day Passover Service & Yizkor	9:30AM
Sun. April 28	Sunday Morning Service followed by Men's Club	9:00AM
	Breakfast	
Tues. April 30	Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Pirkei Avot	7:30PM



Rabbi's Message

"We're Better Than This!"

The last few weeks have not been so good for the Jewish people and by this I do not mean the diluted version of the resolution passed in Congress the other day regarding the problem of hatred in this country. Although the original intentions might have been well-founded, it is disturbing that our nation cannot seem to unequivocally speak out against antisemitic tropes regardless of where they originate. To decree that all hate speech is evil significantly diminishes the value of that statement. Of course all hate-speech is evil! As our sages would say "Pshita!," that's obvious so why bother saying it.

As my book-discussion group will discover, the disturbing trends of the recent antisemitic events across the world are very real and very frightening and this is made crystal clear in the book we have chosen, Deborah Lipstadt's "Antisemitism Here and Now." However, as I began this article, that was not what I was thinking when I say that this has been a sorry few weeks for the Jewish people.

By that I mean that recently there were three Jews prominently featured on the front pages of American newspapers: Michael Cohen, Bibi Netanyahu, and Robert Kraft. As my Zayde would say, 'Oy vey iz mir!'

It began with the Michael Cohen testimony. A friend called me on the day that Mr. Cohen was testifying on the hill and said she had been watching, but had turned the TV off, feeling physically sick from what she was seeing. I asked her if it was because of what Cohen's testimony symbolized in terms of the state of the union, or because he was a Jew? 'Because he is a Jew,' she said, 'because I was watching a Jew stand up in front of the country, in front of the world, talking about cheating others, paying off prostitutes, lying, bullying, seeking power and money at any cost, having no morals or ethics, and serving those with no morals or ethics. I was ashamed.'

Then there was the prime minister of Israel. Yes, the indictment (s) – won't make his life any easier, particularly with an election a little over a month away. But far more disturbing is his willingness to play in the same political sandbox as Otzma Yehudit, a far-right politically organized Israeli group that unabashedly expresses racist views and advocates the 'removal' of most if not all Arabs from 'greater Israel.' Three men tangentially connected with the group were convicted of setting fire to a school where Jewish and Arab children studied together in 2015. Opposition to Bibi's willingness to engage this group was so strong that even AIPAC supported a statement from the American Jewish Committee condemning Netanyahu's actions. When AIPAC is condemning Netanyahu, you know something serious is going on.



President's Message

On June 23rd the Synagogue will be having our Gala Brunch honoring Sisterhood. This is our major fund raiser for the year. It is very important that you support this by soliciting ads from local businesses, purchasing your own ad and by planning to attend. Ad forms will be available in the Synagogue office. Remember you can attend the Brunch for free if you sell ads, \$250 for an individual and \$500 for a couple. With everyone's help we can make this one of our most successful fund raisers.

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Rabbi's Message

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Finally, last, and probably least is Robert Kraft. He is one of the wealthiest men in America and one of its most prominent Jews. He has been a generous donor to Jewish causes, and best known as the owner of the New England Patriots, Kraft was arrested on charges of soliciting prostitution at a Florida massage parlor. He entered a not guilty plea, but word is there is video tape evidence that will be submitted should things progress to a trial.

When I was going to Hebrew Day school we were taught to have pride in the Jewish community, in Jewish identity, and in Judaism's deep belief in the importance of living a moral and ethical life. We learned that Jews give charity (tzedekah), that Jews make the world a better place (Tikkun olam), that Jews stand for justice (tzedek). And we understood, not just from our rabbis and educators, but from our parents and grandparents, that we were supposed to live our lives by those values. That to be a moral and ethical person, to be a person of integrity and honor and honesty, in short to be a mensch – was what it meant to be a Jew.

Maybe it's just coincidence. Everyone has a bad week now and then. However the truth of the matter is that we expect more, and we should expect more. The Torah teaches that Israel is supposed to be an "ohr lagoyim," a light unto the nations. It is hard enough to do that in the very best of circumstances. With the headlines of the last few weeks about three highly visible and prominent Jews, it makes it feel almost impossible.

In his closing statement at the public phase of the Michael Cohen testimony, Representative Elijah Cummings said 'we are better than this.' Jews around the world should be saying the same thing about this news. Let us hope we are right, and we live our lives accordingly.

Do A Mitzvah

Do you have any old prayer books or religious books that are in bad shape or you no longer want? Is there an old tallis or set of tefillin you no longer want? Bring them to the synagogue so that they can be buried in a small but interesting ritual manner.

On April 7, the Jewish Federation is sponsoring a mitzvah day for teens in our area. We are participating by having the teens help us bury old books that are not to be thrown away because they contain God's name. If you have any books that you want us to bury, bring them to the synagogue before the 7th and we will take care to do this mitzvah while teaching the teens about this tradition.

Any questions? Call me at (609) 426-8727.

Thanks so much for doing this mitzvah and helping our teens learn about their Judaism

Linda Benish



MEKHIRAT <u>H</u>AMETZ (SALE OF LEAVEN 2019

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 <u>hametz</u> you own. Similarly, should you own other property, or store leaven products in your office, you must still sell the <u>hametz</u> 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, APRIL 18TH. YOU MAY, HOWEVER, GIVE IT TO RABBI MISHKIN IN PERSON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH 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

PASSOVER Appeal 2019

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

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May this **Passover**bring peace, happiness,
health, and every blessing
to you and your loved ones.

Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County

Dear Friends & Family,

Once again, we are excited to partner with Congregation Beth Ohr in Old Bridge, our host for this year's Passover Food Drive. Please help a family celebrate Passover.

Consider helping in one or more ways: give a monetary gift, pack bags or deliver food. There are nearly 600 members of our community not able to celebrate Passover without your help. Every dollar raised purchases the food that fills the bags they receive.

By helping, you make it possible for people to rejoice in their traditions.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy Passover.

Passover Food Drive Chair

Roni Salkin Executive Director

REMINDER DATES:

Let us know how you can help by March 25, 2019

- Help JFS fight hunger in the Jewish community with a monetary donation by March 25th - www.ifsmiddlesex.org/passover
- Sort and assemble food packages at Congregation Beth Ohr Sunday, April 7th at 10AM - Call JFS (732) 777-1940
- Deliver food packages from Congregation Beth Ohr on Sunday, April 14th at 9AM - Call JFS (732) 777-1940

Thank you for your generosity this Passover.

CONGREGATION BETH OHR PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 57792019

Friday, April 19, 2019 Erev Pesach—First Seder

Candle lighting 7:22PM NO SERVICE AT SYNAGOGUE

Saturday, April 20 1st Day of Passover

SERVICE 9:30 AM.

Second Seder

Candle lighting 8:24PM

Sunday, April 21

2nd Day of Passover

Service 9:30AM

Friday, April 26 7th Day Passoverr

Candle Lighting 7:29PM

Seventh Day Passover

Morning Services 9:30AM Friday Evening Services 7:30PM

Saturday, April 27 8th Day of Passover

Service 9:30AM

Yizkor

You may consume Hametz on Saturday, April 27 at 9:29PM







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Gala Brunch

honoring Beth Ohr Sisterhood

Dear Friend and Fellow Congregant,

We will be having a Gala Brunch honoring the Beth Ohr Sisterhood on Sunday June 23, 2019 and we need your support.

This is our major fund raiser of the year and we need all of our congregants to step up with Journal ads either by taking it yourself or by selling ads to surrounding businesses and friends of Beth Ohr, and attending the Gala Brunch.

The funds raised from this event, and particularly the Journal, will help balance our budget and defray any annual deficit that we incur. The membership dues and contributions are greatly appreciated, but we need more. Ads sold to those outside our family bring in much needed funds.

Please note that any congregant that sells \$250.00 in ads (or \$500.00 per couple) can attend the Gala Brunch for FREE. So this is a big win-win. We get ad revenue and you can attend the Gala Brunch for Free.

If you need additional information or any assistance, please reach out to me. An ad form is on the next page and can be photocopied, and ad forms are available at the Synagogue.

We thank you and appreciate your support.

Cordially,

Edward Mendlowitz Committee Chairman

Tel: 732 890-3344, Email: emcpa1@aol.com

Congregation Beth Ohr Gala Brunch in Honor of Beth Ohr Sisterhood



Your ad in the Souvenir Journal shows your support of Congregation Beth Ohr and its programs

> Special In Memorium page For Bob Nagler S36 contribution.

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Sisterhood News

On Sunday, March 10, 2019, Sisterhood and Men's Club had a joint brunch cosponsored by the Herman and Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp featuring Rabbi Tali Adler of Hadar. Thank you to Marion Falkowitz and her committee for helping with this program.

Upcoming Sisterhood events include:

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Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Sisterhood Shabbat scheduled for April 6, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. if you have not signed up to participate, please contact Roberta Fachler.

Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Torah Fund Benefactor's Luncheon on May 5, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in honor of Roberta Karpel.

The members of Sisterhood join me in wishing everyone a Zissen Pesach.

Harriet Rabinowitz, co-President

P.S. The annual Torathon will be held on Sunday, March 31, 2019. Please try to attend this educational program.



TORAH FUND BENEFACTOR'S LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar Sunday, May 5th, 2019 at 12 noon Torah Fund Benefactor's Luncheon

honoring

ROBERTA KARPEL

There will be good food, a chance to see your friends & have a good time.

Look for more information in future newsletters. The invitation will be coming soon.

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. For more information call Roberta Bernstein at 732-679-4986.



Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits occur during the months of **March& April.** We acknowledge the following for their Contribution to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund.

DONATED BY:

Wilma & Allen Appel Linda & Allan Benish Sue & Renee Balaban

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Anna Nussenbaum, Rose Kushner

Rubin Ross

Mollie Borenstein Violet Davidowitz



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

April Yahrzeits

The actual date that the Yahrzeit is observed is to the right of the name. It is customary to light a memorial candle on the eve of this date and to give tzedakah in memory of the Yahrzeit. One should recite the Mourner's Kaddish at services the evening before as well as the day of the Yahrzeit. Please call Phyllis in the Synagogue office at 732-257-1523, if you need information about the schedule of worship. The name of your departed will be read at the Friday evening and Shabbat morning services the week before the Yahrzeit date which are represented by the dates in the column which are in bold print.

April 5/6		April 19/20	
Julius Edwards	4/6		
Israel Forgotson	4/6	Geraldine Edelman	4/20
David Vassi	4/6	Esther Gross	4/20
Dorothy Blumenfeld	4/7	Philip Nadler	4/20
Edith Donenfeld	4/7	Barbara Kuntz	4/21
Harry Burstein	4/8	Isaac Ludwin	4/21
Sidney Davis	4/8	Kaila Praport	4/21
Eleanor Gray	4/8	Leo Ullmann	4/21
Max Rothenberg	4/8	Sheila Kirschner	4/22
Ben Spinner	4/8	Leonard Nightingale	4/22
Blanche Bauman	4/9	Della Pollack	4/22
Richard Ellner	4/9	Anna Rosenfeld	4/22
Eleanor Mansfield	4/9	Ida Schulsinger	4/22
Ellen Mendlowitz	4/9	Ralph Wurtzel	4/22
Martin Schectman	4/9	Harold Nadler	4/23
Abraham Cohen	4/10	Pearl Shapiro	4/23
Sam Fichtenbaum	4/10	Henry Vollweiler	4/23
Morris Wishnia	4/10	Samuel Weiner	4/23
Leonora Cohen	4/11	Frances Dashevsky	4/24
Pauline Feld	4/11	Angela Dubin	4/24
Sven Ibsen	4/11	Leo Drabin	4/25
Regina Shulman	4/11	Syd Hillman	4/25
Hyman Belsky	4/12	Abe Kagan	4 /25
Seymour Branner	4/12	Emma Weisgold	4/25
Mary Cederbaum	4/12	Seymour Phillips	4/26
Cynthia Deitz	4/12	April 26/27	4/27
Isadore Gerenstein	4/12	Rudolph Carl Kaiser	4/27
Heidi Rogol	4/12	Brianne Jaclyn Perlman	4/27
<u>April 12/13</u>	4/10	Morris Kuritsky	4/28
Jean Cohen	4/13	Ruth Rothlin	4/28
Esther Friedman	4/13	Morris Hyman Ralph Krause	4/29 4/29
Morris Jacobs	4/13	Alice Lanzoff	4/29
Martha Sender	4/13 4/13	Toby Maness	4/29
Louis Zolotin		Rae Perzley	4/29
Eugene Berko Felice Jeidel	4/14 4/14	Ann Polansky	4/29
Miriam Schwarzwald	4/14	Ceil Rosenthal	4/29
Zlota Shvedova	4/14	Lena Weiss	4/29
Solomon Coffina	4/14	Yetta Chekofsky	4/30
Barbara Geller	4/15	Violet Davidowitz	4/30
Rose Kantrowitz	4/15	Michael Ebenstein	4/30
Marcia Rothman	4/15	Eve Schnitzer	4/30
Abraham J. Perlman	4/13	Joshua Weissman	4/30
Marvin Smith	4/16	Yette Ribet	5/1
Mark Weiss	4/16	David Rosenberg	5/1
Marie Bloshassa	4/10	Stanley Silverstein	5/1
Robert Cohen	4/17	Rhoda Tash	5/1
Philip Judd	4/17	Seymour Weinman	5/1
Sol Lapidus	4/17	Gizela Brody	5/2
Fabian Bloshassa	4/18	Mollie Rothberg	5/2
Herbert Heimlich	4/18	Aaron Kanter	5/3
Victor Oppenheimer	4/18		
Dottie Schwartz	4/18		1.5
Ethel Nightingale	4/19		15
Marvin Robbins	4/19		
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Thank you

From Ashna Pincus

Dear Friends,

I am overwhelmed by the attention I received as a result of my recent surgery. Thanking each one of you for your gold cards, personal phone calls and visits. My family and I thank you for your concern which is very much appreciated.

From Phyllis Greenberg

Thank you to Ira & Lee Donenfeld, Edna Yourman and Linda Garfinkel for helping in the office during the month of March.

Mazel Tov

To Alice Boehm and Ethan Rosenberg on the occation of their wedding on March 24, 2019 and good luck on their move to California.

Eileen & Sid Birnbaum proudly announce the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Max on March 30, 2019. Parents are Jason & Alissa.

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APRIL CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OTHER SIMCHAS



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 birthdays on Saturday, April 13, 2019:

Robert Simon	4/1/2019
Joseph Shafran	4/3/2019
Virginia Zussman	4/4/2019
Benjamin Levine	4/13/2019
Linda Benish	4/14/2019
Gail Rizick	4/14/2019
Paul Singer	4/14/2019
Arnold Dorfman	4/19/2019
Beverly Mishkin	4/21/2019
Hilde Schottlander	4/24/2019
Rabbi Joel Mishkin	4/25/2019
Eugene Bernstein	4/27/2019
Lisa Clark	4/27/2019
Robert Honig	4/28/2019
Pearl Hillman	4/29/2019

DAYTIMERS NEWS

DAYTIMERS ANNUAL PASSOVER PROGRAM THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 1:00PM:

(Please note change of date from April 4 to April 11).

Join the Daytimers at Beth Ohr for our annual Passover program.

The program will include:

- A Passover sing-a-long
- A Passover cooking demonstration with samples
- A Passover recipe exchange
- Passover trivia

Following the program, coffee and cake will be served.

Please bring donations of non-perishable Kosher Passover food for the needy.

RSVP - Call Linda (609-642-8182) or Ira (732-679-2652) by Sunday, April 7.

SATURDAY, MAY 18: DAYTIMERS SHABBAT/LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI MISHKIN

- Save the date.
- Details to follow.

CONGREGATION BETH OHR SPECIAL FUNDS

The following is a listing of the Special 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 made donations to Special Funds:

David Benish Fund

Ruth & Ed Lubitz in memory of Rosalie Lubitz

Linda and Allan Benish in memory of Linda's grandmother, Martha Sender.

Passover Recipes

Passover Apple Cake -Submitted by Ashna Pincus

3 eggs

3/4 cups sugar

1/3 cup peanut oil

5 applies, pared and sliced

3/4 cup cake meal

Topping:

1/3 cup chopped walnuts

½ cup sugar

2 tsp. cinnamon

8 or 9 inch square baking pan, lightly greased.

Mix the eggs, sugar and cake meal together. Add oil and mix well. Pour half the mixture into baking pan. Spread a layer of apples over the batter. Pour remaining batter into pan and cover with the rest of the apples Sprinkle the topping over the apples. Bake 1 ½ hours at 350 degrees. To make a larger cake, double the recipe and place in a 9X13 inch oblong pan.

Mandelbread by Phyllis Greenberg

3 1/2 cups rice flour

1 cup sugar

2 tsp baking powder

3 beaten eggs

1 tsp vanilla

2 cups of either chocolate chips, or

1 cup chocolate chips and 1 cup walnuts, or 2 cups slivered almonds

1-cup safflower oil

Add all dry ingredients. Add the eggs and vanilla and 2 cups of chocolate chips, one cup of chocolate chips and walnuts, or two cups of almonds. Mix all ingredients together and then gradually add the oil until all the flour is mixed in with the oil. Form 4 balls and on cookie sheet make four loaves (shorter side). Cut before baking into 9 or 10 pieces each loaf. Bake in 350-degree oven for approximately 35 minutes or until golden brown.

Please note:

Matza Balls (Yields about 8 Matza Balls) by Phyllis Greenberg

1 cup Matza Meal

½ cup water

4 eggs

1/3 cup melted shortening

1 tsp. salt

dash of pepper

Add water, melted shortening, salt and pepper. When melted shortening cools add to the beaten eggs . Mix well. Add Matza Meal and stir thoroughly. Refrigerate for one hour. When cooled, form into balls and drop into 2 quarts of boiling soup. Can use boiling water with 1 tbs salt. Cook uncovered for 20 minutes. Take out and place in soup when ready to serve.

Easy Brisket by Phyllis Greenberg

4-5 lb first cut brisket

1 cup apple sauce

1 cup orange juice

1 cup either merlot or burgundy red wine

1 package onion soup mix

1/2 cup ketchup

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(Brisket continued)

Put brisket into baking pan. Combine soup mix, orange juice, applesauce, wine and ketchup. Pour over meat. Bake covered at 350 degrees for approximately two hours and slice. Put back into oven and bake for another hour or so until soft to your liking. Can be made in advance Freezes well.

The brisket that I just made was ready in two hours. I waited until it was cool and sliced it. Usually it is not ready and can be sliced and then put into the oven until ready.

Stuffed Cabbage by Phyllis Greenberg

1 head cabbage

6 small cans tomato sauce

1 cup ketchup

1-2 eggs

3 1lbs chopped meat (chopped white meat turkey, chicken breast, and veal)

1 large onion

lemon juice

sugar or splenda

Large cabbage should be totally frozen. Take out the cabbage to defrost at least the day before you're going to make the stuffed cabbage. When defrosted soak to separate in cold water.

For Meat

Mix meat with 2 eggs, ketchup and lemon to taste.

Sauce -, sugar or splenda and lemon juice

Separate leaves in cold water (should get approximately 16 - 20 leaves)

Stuff cabbage by placing meat along the edge and roll the cleaf like an envelope.

Line bottom of pot with left over cabbage (use the smaller pieces and pieces that cannot roll and sliced onion). Layer the stuffed cabbage and place enough sauce to cover. Add the lemon juice and sugar or splenda to taste.

Simmer in pot for at least four hours until the cabbage is soft. May take more than four hours. One cabbage makes at least 20 cabbage rolls..

Mom's Potato Kugel by Phyllis Greenberg

10 large potatoes

2 large onions

7 eggs

2 Tbs. salt

½ cup oil

1 1/4 cups matza meal

Peel and cut potatoes in eighths, and onions into small pieces. Place 2 eggs on bottom of blender, fill blender with cut up onions and potatoes set on grate position until all ingredients are grated. Pour in bowl. Repeat until all ingredients are used (last batch use one egg and rest of ingredients).

Grease pan. Pour all the ingredients in large aluminum disk. Bake at 400 degrees approximately $1-\frac{1}{2}$ hours.



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ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Jewish Prayer – Linda Benish – Thursday mornings at 10:30. Join Linda in discussion of why we pray, the different kinds of prayer, formal and informal ways of praying, and the importance of prayer in one's life. We will talk about the meaning of many of the prayers we read at services and discover the logic, structure and beauty of the services we attend.

Rabbi Mishkin will be continuing his wonderful variety of classes –

Talmud - Thursday mornings at 9:30AM

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.



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Men's Club Happenings!

Unsung heroes: Chuck Rogol, Ivan Gelb and Harvey Cohen. They can always be counted on to make sure we have our bagel breakfast, hot and fresh coffee and hot water for tea and hot chocolate. Yasha Koach our friends. Shown is a cover of a New Jersey Jewish News. Copies are available in front of Synagogue building, but you should have them mailed to you. If you are not receiving it, it means you have not contributed to the Jewish Federation. A contribution of \$52 will assure you have a subscription. You can contact them at 230 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River, NJ 08882

Second row: Handwritten quote by Sydney Lustgarten. Good advice to be taken.

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

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

Mar 31— Temple Torathon registration at 12:30. Minyan and breakfast at regular time starting at 9:00.

May 5—Torah Benefactors luncheon honoring Roberta Karpel. Minyan and breakfast at regular time starting at 9:00.

Jun 23—Gala Brunch honoring Sisterhood —Minyan will be at 10:00 that morning, and no bagel breakfast. Come to the Brunch.

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



Photo descriptions

On March 10 we had a treat with a Joint program with Sisterhood that was sponsored by the Herman and Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp. The speaker was Rabbi Tali Adler from Hadar organization who gave a lively, animated and very interesting presentation. Shown above is Rabbi Adler, part of the large attendance, Rabbi Adler and Rabbi Mishkin having breakfast and Harvey Cohen making a point after the presentation. Bottom row: Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz overlooking the New Panama Canal, and Phil and Mark at a Maryland basketball game.

More Men's Club News







Celebrating what would have been Sydney Lustgarten's 100th Birthday

On Sunday Mar 24 the Men's Club had a program celebrating what would have been Sydney Lustgarten's 100th birthday. He was born on Mar 23, 1919. Shown is Syd davening at a Sunday Minyan, his sons Mitch and Alvin, Mitch's wife Arlene (who graduated from Beth Ohr's Hebrew School), and Alvin's two sons; the Lustgarten family at breakfast with Harvey, Mitch talking about his father and Sydney during World War II where he served for four years. A commemorative booklet was distributed to all attendees. Another nice way to spend part of a Sunday morning.

Beth Ohr Photo Gallery



Top: Florida photo from left: Ellie Honig, Ellie's granddaughter Rebecca, Lillian Rosenberg, Paula Yourman and Sheila Reinstein. Next is the Beth Ohr table hosted by Rabbi Mishkin at the Jewish National Fund breakfast on March 3. We heard some interesting speakers including a grandson of David Ben – Gurion who shared some intimate memories about one of the major people that created the State of Israel. 2nd row; Andy and Ed Mendlowitz at the Antiquarian Book Fair in Manhattan. Classical Caterers truck setting up for a wedding at Beth Ohr on Mar 24, Also a look at the Chuppa set up earlier that day. Beth Ohr is available for simchas, so keep this in mind. Classical Caterers will be catering the Gala Brunch on June 23, as they did the previous brunches..

Bottom row shows two photos Morty Kamenitz has in his house. 1. Photo of Jews in Synagogue in Tbilisi, Soviet Union; 2. Marty and his friend Jesse with the Devils Stanley Cup the last time they won it. Morty and Jesse are regular ticket holders at Devils' games.

Gold Cards - Paula Yourman

I will be very happy to be your Hallmark lady. You can always send your personal cards through Sisterhood by emailing me with the information @ bubbe513@gmail.com. or call me at 561-687-1481. We have cards for speedy recovery, good wishes and remembrance. Each card is \$1.50 which includes the stamp. Some of you believe that cards can only be sent to temple members, this is not true, I will send to anyone.

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.

Although I am in Florida for the winter I will continue to 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.)

Your contacts are the following people 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 1:30PM to 3:00PM



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



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.



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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. Shoe-Box 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 hours of 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

What is Allowed

Gently Used Pairs, Men/Womens/kids, Soccer Cleats, Casual Shoes, Dress Shoes, Work Boots, Sneakers, Sandals, Heels, Flats, Loafers Winter Boots, Skates/Blades

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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 Belay-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,







The deadline for the next newsletter will be Friday April 12, 2019

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

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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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