

# BETH OHR NEWSLETTER

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## **CONGREGATION BETH OHR WISHES THE CONGREGATION A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### **Celebration of NEW YEAR'S DAY IN THE UNITED STATES**

*January 2017 Newsletter highlighted New Year's around the world. This article talks about New Year's in the United States.*

New Year's Day falls on January 1 and marks the start of a new year according to the Gregorian calendar. It marks the end of New Year's Eve celebrations in the United States and gives many Americans a chance to remember the previous year.

The start of New Year's Day, at midnight, is heralded by fireworks, parties and special events, which are often televised. Very few people have to work on the day itself. For many it is a day of recovery from the New Year's Eve celebrations the previous night. In some towns and cities, parades are held and special football games are played. The birth of the first baby in the New Year is often celebrated with gifts to his or her parents and appearances in local newspapers and on local news shows. Many people make New Year's resolutions. These are usually promises to themselves that they will improve something in their own lives. Common New Year's resolutions are to stop smoking or drinking alcohol, to lose weight, exercise more or to live a healthier lifestyle.

Government offices, organizations, schools and many businesses are closed in the USA on New Year's Day. Public transit systems do not run on their regular schedules. Where large public celebrations have been held, traffic may be disrupted by the clean-up operation. In general, public life is completely closed down.

A common symbol of New Year's Day is Baby New Year. This is often a male baby dressed in a diaper, a hat and a sash. The year he represents is printed on his sash. He is rarely a newborn baby, as many pictures show him sitting up or even standing alone. According to mythology, Baby New Year grows up and ages in a single year. At the end of the year he is an old man and hands his role over to the next Baby New Year. Other symbols of New Year's Day are spectacular fireworks exploding over landmarks and clocks striking midnight as the year begins.

## **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**

Tues. Jan. 1	Office Closed New Years Day	
Thurs Jan. 3	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
Fri. Jan 4	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Jan. 5	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Jan. 6	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Pancake breakfast catered by the Cohens and Wards	9:00AM
Tues. Jan. 8	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
Thurs. Jan. 10	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
Fri. Jan. 11	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Jan. 12	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Jan. 13	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast Sisterhood Membership Meeting	9:00AM  11:00AM
Tues. Jan. 15	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:00AM
	Pirkei Avot	7:30PM
Thurs. Jan. 17	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
	Executive Board Meeting	7:30PM
	Board of Directors' Meeting	8:00PM
Fri. Jan. 18	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Jan. 19	Shabbat Morning Service & Simcha Shabbat	9:30AM
Sun. Jan. 20	Sunday Morning Service Followed by Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Wed. Jan. 23	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30PM
Thurs. Jan. 24	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30AM
Fri. Jan. 25	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. Jan. 26	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. Jan 27	Sunday Morning Service followed by Men's Club Breakfast and talk with Howard Schwartz, Real Estate Broker with Weichert about selling and buying a home	
Tues. Jan.29	Rabbi's Book Discussion	11:30AM
	Pirkei Avot	7:30PM
Thurs. Jan. 31	Talmud	9:30AM
	Jewish Prayer	10:30PM



## “Winter is Coming”

December has come and gone and, with it, the winter has arrived. Ever since I moved to New Jersey from Florida I noticed that I have become more sensitive to the cold temperatures. Although I grew up in Hartford, Connecticut and spent an additional twelve years in New York and Baltimore, my eighteen years in Florida seemed to spoil me when it comes to the wintery months of January, February and March. Each year, as I clear the snow and scrape the windshield of my car, I can't help but feel some nostalgia for the winter months that I used to spend in Florida. They obviously were pleasant. Most days the humidity had dropped, the skies were clear and snow was forever absent from our lives. Of course, I conveniently forget just how oppressive the heat and humidity were from May through October and how nice it is to experience once again the change of seasons, but isn't that always the case that we forget the pleasantries of spring when we are confronted with the cold of winter.

Something else I have noticed around this time of year is that, beginning with the month of December, we seem to experience more than the ordinary number of deaths in our congregation and in the larger community. I am not certain why this happens. Perhaps it has something to do with the change of weather, or perhaps the onset of the holidays brings with it feelings of despondency or loneliness. But for as long as I have been practicing as a rabbi I have noticed that the winter months tend to be lonelier, grayer and more trying than the springtime and the summer.

However, I have also learned over the years that one of the surest antidotes to these kinds of feelings is to surround ourselves with the sense of community during this season. While some of us can experience this sense through social media and other formats of technology there is really no substitute for people coming together with other people. When I think of the many reasons why our congregants come to the synagogue one of the most compelling reasons is the feeling of community. There is, each and every Shabbat and Sunday, a small but strong core of members who come to Shul, not only for spiritual sustenance but also for companionship and fellowship. So during the next three months why not find the time to spend either a Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday morning in our synagogue. Not only will you be assisting us with assuring that we always have a necessary minyan but I believe firmly that you will also find meaning, inner peace and friendship that otherwise just might be missing from your lives.



## **President's Message**

As we move into the New Year the Board of Directors is actively working on (1) the Rabbis, contract, (2) the 2019-2020 budget, (3) the slate of officers for the upcoming fiscal year and (4) Synagogue Security.

1. A new contract for Rabbi Mishkin as his current contract is up for renewal at the end of June. We are currently in discussion with him and I will report on it when appropriate.
2. The preparation of the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget. The timeline calls for the preliminary budget to be presented to the Board at the January meeting with Congregational review/approval in the Spring.
3. The preparation of the slate of officers for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the Board as soon as possible as this will be voted on at the Spring Congregational Meeting. It is really important to have new faces on the Board.
4. Synagogue security. In December we had a detective from the Old Bridge Police department meet with our Security Task Force to perform a security assessment and make recommendations. Additionally we are working on scheduling the detective to come to the Synagogue sometime in January to make a presentation to the Congregation.

Again, this winter, in case of inclement weather we will be communicating the decision to cancel services and or functions via the following:

### **NJ1015 website**

- Log onto [nj1015.com](http://nj1015.com) and go to "WEATHER". Under weather go to "SCHOOL CLOSINGS, DELAYS, DISMISSALS, WINTER WEATHER ALERT".
- Scroll down to Middlesex County to see if Congregation Beth Ohr is listed.

### **Synagogue Office**

- Call the office as the message will be updated to reflect that services are cancelled

Linda and I want to wish everyone a very Healthy Happy New Year.



**Congregation Beth Ohr of Old Bridge  
Cordially Invites the Community To**

# **Torathon 5779**

## **Sunday March 31, 2019**

**Congregation Beth Ohr  
70 Route 516  
Old Bridge New Jersey**

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

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

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

**For Information call: Phyllis at Cong. Beth Ohr 732- 257-1523 or  
Linda Benish at 609-426-8727**

**With a generous sponsorship from:**



# Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

## **DONATED BY:**

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## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Bessie Davis  
Beatrice Woods and Rita Aroyo  
Otto Elkan  
Jacob Birnbaum, Ida Birnbaum,  
Jules Birnbaum & Leibe Bernstein  
Mary Blitstein  
Ben Noah  
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Vera Nussenbaum  
Fannie Sass, Martha Prussack  
George Skupp  
Robert Frank Lionheart  
Herman Waxenberg  
Miriam Waxenberg  
Paul Kalefsky  
Hyman Wexlin



## **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.

### January 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.

<b><u>Jan. 4/5</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 11/12 (cont'd)</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 18/19 (cont'd)</u></b>
Bessie Davis 1/5	Ephraim Ruchelman 1/13	Joseph Sadek 1/24
Jonathan Frank 1/5	Harold Shapiro 1/13	Jack Fass 1/25
Ruth Risman 1/5	Leon Praport 1/14	Joseph Glaz 1/25
Mollie Schneider 1/5	Yitzkok Shleifer 1/14	
Isidore Sibelman 1/5	Clara Star 1/14	<b><u>Jan. 25/26</u></b>
Meyer Fusfeld 1/6	Belle Vogel 1/14	Gizella Feldman 1/26
Joseph Gray 1/6	Jacob Finkelstein 1/15	Marion Greenspan 1/26
Leonard Pulchin 1/6	Johanna Diamant Katz 1/15	Joseph Weiss 1/26
Irving Steuer 1/6	Esther Solomon 1/15	Harry Weissman 1/26
Gerald Wasserman 1/6	Dorothy Katz 1/16	Herman Feld 1/27
Benjamin Feldheim 1/7	Joel Kirschner 1/16	Charlotte Flax 1/27
Irwin Kaminsky 1/7	Philip Shindelman 1/16	Anna Haft 1/27
Ignatie Kardos 1/7	Sofia Shulman 1/16	Marvin Lubinsky 1/27
Bronia Shindelman 1/7	Isidore Zavlek 1/16	Charles Silberstein 1/27
Iris Sweig 1/7	Marilyn Dorfman 1/17	Hugh Bleiweis 1/28
George Dragunoff 1/8	Mayer Ettner 1/17	Irving Goldberg 1/28
Bahckmal Kikorov 1/8	Rubin Ross 1/17	Jerome Robinson 1/28
Sylvia Rauch 1/8	Minnie Wernick 1/17	Lena Sanders 1/28
George Skupp 1/8	Sheila Klein 1/18	Morris Sapsowitz 1/28
Bette Kushner 1/9	Samuel Rosenthal 1/18	Sylvia Leah Weprin 1/28
Aaron Narol 1/9	<b><u>Jan. 18/19</u></b>	Herman Balsam 1/29
Fannie Seidner 1/9	Abraham Blumenthal 1/19	Mabel Simon 1/29
Benny Feld 1/10	Raymond Cheney 1/19	Barbara Wernick Bennett 1/29
Henry Kanter 1/10	Meyer Masher 1/19	Mollie Honig 1/30
Barbara Lipp 1/10	Benjamin Vogel 1/19	Roberta Persky 1/30
Noah Florence 1/10	Miriam Blatt 1/20	Matilda Schlissel 1/30
Melvin Bondy 1/11	Paula Kardos 1/20	Eleanor Weinstein 1/30
Leo Fuchs 1/11	Karen Belsky 1/21	Betty Zeidel 1/30
Samuel Gold 1/11	Muriel Blaugrund 1/21	Harold Lowe 1/31
Betty Karp 1/11	Harry Bloom 1/21	Esther Weiner 1/31
Edward Nightingale 1/11	Ruth Deitz 1/21	Irving Sanders 2/1
Robert Sheffler 1/11	Irving Feuer 1/22	Aaron Shifronson 2/1
Gussie Zaret 1/11	Bernard Goldstein 1/22	
<b><u>Jan. 11/12</u></b>	Ben Gorden 1/22	
Sol Borenstein 1/12	Susan Israel 1/22	
Sara Feinman 1/12	Abraham Rothstein 1/22	
Elaine Gallin 1/12	George Waldman 1/22	
Jennie Kornreich 1/12	Hyman Klionsky 1/23	
Jerry Newman 1/12	Greg Romanow 1/23	
Helmed Furth 1/13	Jennie Segal 1/23	
Elaine Leibowitz 1/13	Freida Segal 1/24	
Herman Rosenfeld 1/13	Joseph Rabinowitz 1/24	



**Thank you**

**From Roberta and Larry Fachler**

Thank You for the wonderful Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 2. The entertainment by Ricky Pen was fabulous. The Israeli brunch was delicious. We want to thank everyone on the committee who worked very hard to make this event very special.

**From Phyllis Greenberg**

Thank you to Ann Branfman, Ira and Lee Donenfeld, Linda Garfinkel, Meryl Finkelstein for all your help in the office.

**From Helene Grynberg**

Thanks to all of our wonderful Beth Ohr family who provided so much love and support to myself and my family during our time of sorrow.

**From Harvey Cohen**

Thank you Ed Mendlowitz for your generous gift of books to those of us who attended the special "gift book Sunday" service. Everyone should pay attention to the Men's Club announcements in the newsletter and take advantage of Ed's continuing generosity (and you'll get all of the additional benefits – you'll help to make the minyon and have a bountiful bagel breakfast

**From Joyce Hilfman**

The Hilfman family wishes to express their appreciation to Rabbi Mishkin for his personal attention and compassion during this difficult time, in the loss of our beloved Ira Hilfman.

We also want to thank the members of the congregation who were so kind as to send condolences and join in the Shiva. Special thanks to Ira Donenfeld, Allen Appel and Philip Rabinowitz.

**Mazel Toy**

Lana and Harvey Cohen are proud to announce that their grandson, Elijah Benjamin Cohen, Eli, son of Robin and Jason Cohen, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 with family and friends in West Orange, New Jersey.

Phyllis and Harry Greenberg are Happy to announce that their granddaughter, Rachel Greenberg, who is a kindergarten teacher in Nashville for Teach For America received her Master's Degree in Education, on Saturday, December 16th. We are so very proud of all her accomplishments.

Rebecca Clark, daughter of Steve and Lisa, and granddaughter of Ashna and Bernie Pincus, has been accepted to Muhlenberg College, the college of her choice.

David and Alice Honig are happy to announce the birth of their new grandson, Sawyer Grayson Weiss. Parents are Avra Honig and Torrey Weiss, and great grandparents are Ellie and Bob Honig.

**Condolences:**

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Helene and Dan Grynberg and family on the loss of Helene's mother, Ruth Barry.

Our Sincerest condolences are extended to Joyce Hilfman and family on the loss of our beloved congregant, Ira Hilfman.

To Marcia and Perry Trechak and family on the loss of Marcia's beloved brother, and our congregant, Jerry Shindelman.



**JANUARY 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.

Mazel Tov to the following congregants who will be celebrating their simcha on Saturday, January 19, 2019:

**January Birthdays**

**Eileen Birnbaum**  
**Seymour Golden**  
**Ralph Karpel**  
**Rafael Kikirov**  
**Stephen Lerner**  
**Charles Rogol**  
**Susan Ross**  
**Dorothy Shafran**  
**Arlene Silver**  
**Cathy Silver**  
**Marjorie Simon**  
**Estee Spiegel,**  
**Deborah Weintraub**  
**Edna Yourman**

**January Anniversaries**

**Monica & Mark Atzbi**  
**Bonnie & Stephen Lerner**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# ShoeBox Recycling

RECYCLE YOUR SHOES, FIND YOUR SOLEMATE.

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## YES<sup>shoes</sup>

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

## NO<sup>shoes</sup>

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



## **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 donation to Special Funds:

### **David Benish Fund**

Allan & Linda Benish in Memory of Linda's grandfather

### **Elaine Leibowitz Memorial Fund**

Ira & Lee Donenfeld in memory of Bob Nagler & Yetta Morris

### **Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund**

Rhonna & Brian Rogol to support the Rabbi in Residence Weekend 2018.

### **General Fund**

Sara Ullman for Alliyah

For your convenience, we have included this **Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque Form**. If you would like to order a plaque, please fill out and return this form with a check in the amount of **\$300** to the Synagogue office. If you have any questions about Hebrew names and/or dates, please call Phyllis at the office at 732-257-1523.



(Print Name in Hebrew Here)

(Print Name in English Here)

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(Date in English) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date in Hebrew)

#### PLEDGE

I hereby authorize you to supply and maintain permanently on your Memorial Tablet, a name plate *in memory of*

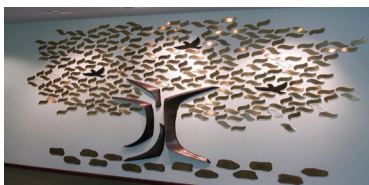
NAME IN FULL \_\_\_\_\_

for which I agree to pay \$300.00. It is mutually agreed that each year, on the Yahrzeit of the departed, and on other appropriate occasions in accordance with Jewish custom a Memorial Prayer will also be said.

Signed by

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Tree of Life  
to honor or memorialize a loved one  
Leaf - \$118.00



## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR  
COATS, HATS, GLOVES, ETC.  
AND DROP THEM OFF IN THE BIN  
IN THE LOBBY.**

**YOUR DONATIONS  
WILL KEEP FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WARM  
THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS.**

**IF YOU HAVE CLOTHING TO BE PICKED UP,  
PLEASE CALL IRA DONENFELD  
(732-679-2652).**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR  
KIND DONATIONS.**

## 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.



## Men's Club Happenings!

Top: Jan 27 speaker Howard Schwartzer, real estate broker. Marty with a great seasonal Tee Shirt. Cover of the handout for Ed's Feb 3 program which will be a getting your affairs in order workshop. SALY—don't do the Same As Last Year—do more in 2019. Grow, learn new things, volunteer, come to Minyan more often.

2nd row taken at a Minyan: Two Robertas with their husbands—Ralph and Larry. Bernie Pincus with daughter Lisa and grandchildren Rebecca and Ian. Come to the Minyan as a family—our family and yours.

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

Jan 6—Pancake breakfast catered by the Cohens and Wards

Jan 13 and 20—Everyone that comes to the Minyan will receive a FREE gift. Also Jan 13—Birkat practice. Jan 20—Joint program with Daytimers is postponed.

Jan 27—Howard Schwartzer, real estate broker with Weichert —getting your house ready for sale and what to look for when buying a house; how interest rates factor into the price, home supply and demand, and understanding buyers' and sellers' strengths. Also will be with Jeffrey Schwartz, Weichert Mortgage Advisor and Jeffrey Lehman, Real Estate Attorney.

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 top.

**BEST WISHES from the Men's Club for a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year!**



# More Men's Club News



## Best Books Read in 2018

Ken Deitz: The Rooster Bar by John Grisham  
Roberta Fachler: Between You and Me by Susan Wiggs  
Ivan Gelb: The Reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida  
Morton Kamenitz: The Girl with No Name by Diney Costeloe  
Elliot Leibowitz: Leadership in Turbulent Times by Doris Kearns Goodwin  
Ed Mendlowitz: The Collector of Lives / Giorgio Vasari and the invention of art by Ingrid Rowland and Noah Charney  
Rabbi Joel Mishkin: Educated by Tara Westover  
Stan Perlman: Whiskey Beach by Nora Roberts; The Wright Brothers by David McCullough; Lincoln the Unknown by Dale Carnegie  
Terrie Polovsky: The Plot Against America by Philip Roth; Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family by Amy Ellis Nutt  
Joe Shafran: Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark T. Sullivan  
Bob Weiss: Russian Roulette by Michael Isikoff & David Corn



## Best Movies Seen in 2018

Ken Deitz: Bohemian Rhapsody  
Ivan Gelb: Daniel  
Marty Israel: Green Book  
Morton Kamenitz: The Post  
Elliot Leibowitz: The Opera Aida in HD  
Ed Mendlowitz: The Post  
Rabbi Joel Mishkin: Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri  
Stan Perlman: The Free State of Jones  
Terrie Polovsky: Bohemian Rhapsody  
Joe Shafran: Green Book  
Allen Skupp: Green Book  
Bob Weiss: Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri

## Beth Ohr Photo Gallery



### Photos

Top: Ricky Pen performing at Beth Ohr and Congregation Hanukkah celebration and Israeli Brunch and latkes. A photo of Moses from top of U.S. Supreme Court Chamber overlooking the Justices. Let's not forget where the "Law" comes from. We will read The Ten Commandments at Shul on Shabbos Jan 26.

2nd row: Rebecca Clark early admission to Muhlenberg Sep 2019 class. Congrats! Next is Rebecca and Ian at a photo exhibit at NY Historical Society where Rebecca worked last two summers. Check out this museum gem.

3rd: A trip to a New York Philharmonic Orchestra concert. From left: Bob Weiss, Ira Donenfeld, Elliot Leibowitz, Ronnie Mendlowitz, Harriett Feld and Ed. Next photo is before the concert started.

**MEN'S CLUB OF  
CONGREGATION BETH OHR  
70 ROUTE 516 (P.O. BOX 206)  
OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857**

**2018/19 DUES INVOICE**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$36.00**

**If you are 65 or older AND retired, you are not required to pay the full \$36.00 dues, but a minimum of \$18.00 is required to cover your mandatory membership in our national organization, The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Donations in lieu of dues are always appreciated.**

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

**Ideas for new programs and events are always welcome!!!**

**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.)**

**EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_\_**

**CELL PHONE NUMBER FOR TEXT MESSAGES: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**MENS' CLUB, CONGREGATION BETH OHR  
ATTENTION: KEN DEITZ, TREASURER  
PO BOX 206  
OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857**



News from Sisterhood

The annual Sisterhood Penny Auction was rescheduled to Wednesday, December 19. Fifteen women attended and participated in an auction of gifts provided by these members. It was a fun night, with latkes, donuts and surprise gifts, that everyone enjoyed. We also collected funds from this successful fund raising event.

Mazel Tov to Roberta Karpel who is Sisterhood's Torah Fund honoree for 2019. The luncheon for Roberta will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Further information will follow.

Our next membership meeting is Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 11 a.m. Our next Board meeting is Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Cheryl Cadel and I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2019.

Harriet Rabinowitz, Co-President

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**TORAH FUND  
BENEFACTOR'S  
LUNCHEON**

**Mark your calendar  
Sunday May 5th 2019**

**Torah Fund Benefactor's Luncheon honoring  
ROBERTA KARPEL**



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

## 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](mailto: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.

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.)

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**

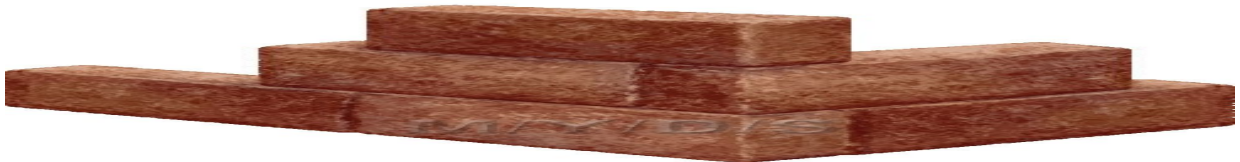


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WHILE YOU*



## 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](mailto: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:

**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 Belay-Bianco at [michelleb@middlesexjfs.org](mailto: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,



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Date: 12/14/18

		Carry			Carry		
Name	Amount	Over		Name	Amount	Over	
Appel	Wilma	\$49.50		Finkelstein	Meryl	\$ 66.50	0.5
Aroyo	Elizabeth	\$ 316.00	2.5	Fox	Helene		
Atzbi	Monica	\$ 330.00	30.5				
				Garfinkel	Linda	\$ 118.75	5.0
Benish	Linda	\$ 63.00	6.0	Gasior	Ellen	\$ 5.00	
Bernstein	Roberta	\$ 32.00	6.0	Gilbarg	Marilyn	\$ 25.00	
Birnbaum	Eileen	\$ 74.00	0.5	Golden	Elizabeth	\$ 5.00	12.0
Boshak	Rochelle	\$ 5.00		Goldenberg	Susan	\$ 87.50	1.5
Branfman	Ann	\$ 85.00	2.0	Goldstein	Rosalyn	\$ 5.00	
				Greenstein	Barbara	\$ 5.00	
Cadel	Cheryl	\$ 14.50		Grynberg	Helene	\$ 60.00	10.5
Cannata	Susan	\$ 5.00					
Clark	Lisa	\$ 5.00		Hillman	Pearl	\$ 5.00	4.5
Cohen	Harriet	\$ 89.50	0.5	Honig	Alice		
Cohen	Lana			Honig	Eloise	\$ 5.00	
				Hyman	Lee	\$ 66.00	3.0
Donenfeld	Lee	\$ 47.00					
				Kagan	Sylvia	\$ 71.00	
Edwards	Sue	\$ 25.00	0.5	Kamenitz	Marilyn	\$ 37.00	
				Karlstein	Marilyn	\$ 5.00	1.5
Fachler	Roberta	\$ 103.00	1.5	Karpel	Roberta	\$ 115.00	4.0
Falkowitz	Marion	\$ 57.50		Kaufman	Maxine	\$ 60.00	11.5
Feder	Barbara	\$45.00	0.5	Klein	Caroline	\$ 5.00	
Feld	Harriet	\$ 63.00	0.5	Krieger	Karen	\$ 5.00	

			Carry	
Name		Amount	Over	
Lazarowitz	Andrea	\$85.00	0.5	
Levenstein	Glenda	\$62.00		
Mason	Lisa	\$52.50		
Mendlowitz	Ronnie	\$172.00	9.0	
Nadler	Elinor	\$30.00		
Perlman	Ryselle	\$17.00		
Pincus	Ashna	\$61.00		
Polovsky	Terrie	\$62.50	4.0	
Rabinowitz	Harriet	\$236.00	19.0	
Reinstein	Sheila	\$22.00		
Rogol	Lysa	\$25.00	0.5	
Rosenzweig	Ronnie	\$5.00		
Gray	Ilene	\$147.50	6.5	

			Carry	
Name		Amount	Over	
Schlussfeld	Mindy	\$5.00		
Schneider	Barbara	\$90.00	6.5	
Schottlander	Hilde		2.5	
Shafran	Dorothy	\$170.00	12.5	
Silberstein	Joyce	\$42.00	1.0	
Silver	Arlene	\$25.00	1.0	
Silverman	Sharen	\$202.50	1.0	
Simon	Mala	\$92.50	2.0	
Simon	Marjorie	\$109.50	0.5	
Skupp	Linda	\$230.00	9.0	
Spiegel	Estee	\$171.00	2.5	
Trechak	Marcia	\$424.00	10.0	
Ulman	Sara	\$5.00		
Ulmann	Irene			
Ward	Phyllis	\$5.00		
Weintraub	Deborah	\$5.00		
Weiss	Harriet	\$128.25	0.5	
Wittlin	Renee			
Yourman	Edna	\$32.50		
Yourman	Paula	\$95.00	1.5	
Zussman	Virginia	\$15.00		





# Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be  
**Monday, January 14, 2019**

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

**congregationbethohr@gmail.com**

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:

**Office Phone # 732-257-7031**

**Home phone #732-967-6710 after hours for emergencies**

**e-mail address: [rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com](mailto:rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com)**

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**Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For January, 2019**

<b>Jan. 4, 2019</b>	<b>4:26</b>
<b>Jan. 11, 2019</b>	<b>4:33</b>
<b>Jan. 18, 2019</b>	<b>4:41</b>
<b>Jan. 25, 2019</b>	<b>4:49</b>

