

BETH OHR NEWSLETTER

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Happy Birthday America

This month as we celebrate our nation's birthday, Rabbi Aiello, the first female rabbi in Italy, as well as Italy's first non-Orthodox **rabbi**, suggests that we Jews reclaim the Fourth of July as a day for thanking God for America, and that we think of it not only as a "holiday" but as a "holy day," as well. (Rabbi Aiello was born in Pittsburgh to a family of Italian Jewish origin and was ordained at the Rabbinical Seminary International in New York at the age of 51).

Why? The Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution are sacred documents. Each one of them is a spiritual statement that has its roots in the Torah. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal" is exactly how The Declaration of Independence begins.

Where did our founders get such an idea? Rabbi Aiello believes that they took seriously the first page of the Bible where we read that God created human beings in God's own image. These patriots believed that human life is sacred and that the spark of the divine neshamah is deep inside every one of us. From that specific belief, our country based itself on the principles and freedoms written down in the Bill of Rights and later on in the body and the amendments of the Constitution.

American values have their roots in Jewish values. It was and continues to be our belief in freedom, our hatred of slavery and our Jewish dedication to public service that makes America the land of opportunity for anyone who wants a piece of the American pie.

For us Jews the American flag is an important symbol because it honors our mothers and fathers, our bubbes and zaydes, our greats and our great-greats who came from the shtetls, the ghettos and the camps with hope in their hearts for a peaceful life and a brand new start. This year on Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 1, 5779, we should offer two greetings: Shavuah Tov for a good week and Hag Sameach for a Happy Fourth. For surely the Fourth of July is also a yontif –not just for us, but for all those who believed in the promise of democracy and freedom and risked everything to come to America to find it.

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. July 2	Pirkei Avot	7:30PM
Thurs. July 4	Independence Day (Office Closed) Rosh Chodesh Tammuz	
Fri. July 5	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. July 6	Shabbat Morning Service & Mason/Perlman Aufruf	9:30AM
Sun. July 7	Sunday Morning Service & Men's Club Red White & Blue Pancake Breakfast	9:00AM
Tues. July 9	Daytimers Trip Program Jewish Family Services at Monroe Pirkei Avot	10:00AM 7:30PM
Thurs. July 11	Heschel Philosophy Class	9:30AM
Fri. July 12	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. July 13	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. July 14	Sunday Morning Service & Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM
Thurs. July 18	Heschel Philosophy	9:30AM
Fri. July 19	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. July 20	Saturday Morning Services Simcha Shabbat	9:30AM
Sun. July 21	Sunday Morning Service No Breakfast - Fast of Tammuz Ugly Tee Shirt Contest	9:00AM
Thurs. July 25	Temple Executive Board Temple Board of Trustees	7:30PM 8:00PM
Fri. July 26	Friday Evening Service	7:30PM
Sat. July 27	Saturday Morning Service	9:30AM
Sun. July 28	Sunday Morning Service & Men's Club Breakfast	9:00AM



Rabbi's Message

The Sabbath - A Time for Prayer, A Time for Study!

Recently the ritual committee unanimously passed an exciting initiative for the members of our congregation that I would like to describe to you. When we meet to arrange the schedule calendar events for next year September 2019 - June 2020, we will select approximately six Shabbatot where services will be conducted in a slightly different format than our ordinary practice.

The morning service will begin promptly at 9:30am and conclude by 11:00am. We will accomplish this by choosing Shabbat mornings where there is no additional liturgy because of Festivals, Rosh Hodesh or the Blessings of the New Moon. We also streamline both the Shacharit and Musaf services by praying together as a congregation without the traditional repetition of the Amidah. There will also be no sermon during the service. At the conclusion of our services these mornings we will retire immediately to the social hall where a complimentary, light Shabbat lunch will be available. Our members will take their lunch, sit down and immediately begin an hour of intensive study led by the rabbi. Each time we meet a different topic will be chosen for discussion and deliberation. It may well be about the Torah portion, but it also might be about a spiritual concept such as Revelation, Jewish Law, or Mysticism. You will be provided with a text or a copy of the Humash for study. We will complete the hour of study by 12:15pm with the recitation of the Grace after Meals.

It is my hope that this unusual practice will entice some members of our synagogue who are not frequent shul-goers to share in the wonderful custom of Shabbat joy, study, prayer and fellowship. We will post the dates for these special Shabbatot before the High Holidays. I am most enthusiastic about this chance to share with you the wisdom of our tradition.

Rabbi Joel S Mishkin



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congregation Beth Ohr members and followers:

This is the first of my monthly communications with you as your president. I know that I don't know many of you and I hope to meet you over the next few months. Lisa and I have been members of the synagogue for almost four years now and have been active since we joined the community. I am happy to become your president and am looking forward to working with the Board of Directors to continue many things we are doing and to find new programs and ways to attract you and new people to Congregation Beth Ohr.

I know that safety and security is a major concern for everyone everywhere in today's world. Allen Skupp and I have been working diligently to find ways to make our building safer and more secure. It is not a simple solution and we are exploring ways to do this in an efficient and cost effective manner. We have submitted a grant application to obtain funds to help us make the front doors and security more secure. For obvious reasons, I cannot share the details in a public forum like this. We have shared our ideas at the Congregational Meeting in May. As of this writing, we are adding security to the inner front door to allow us to keep it locked during services. We also had an Old Bridge detective offer us a presentation on how to keep ourselves safe wherever we are and whatever we are doing. Recently, he did a walkthrough of our facility and made recommendations. I will keep you apprised, in the appropriate manner, as we move forward.

The Temple offers services three times per weekend, numerous education programs, the Sisterhood and Men's Club, special events and our annual Gala event. We urge you to come to any or all of these things. Our Temple is vibrant and we are looking forward to remaining this way for many years to come.

If you have any concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. There is one caveat to this, though. I would prefer not to discuss Temple business on Shabbos and would appreciate if you would respect this request.

Have a great summer and I will look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Stan Perlman

PROGRAMMING PLANNING IN THE WORKS

Although synagogue programming is slowing down for the summer, planning for the fall is already underway!

We plan to continue providing special Shabbat programs throughout the 2019-2020 year and will again be offering varied Adult Education classes and individual sessions. But we also hope to try something new:

All of you who live in the Monroe Township area are in our sights! Rabbi Mishkin is looking forward to teaching classes in Monroe several times throughout the year, starting after the holidays. If you would be interested in opening your home for just one or two Wednesday morning classes, let me know. We can hold sessions in different communities, making learning more accessible to those who live in the area. You can contact me at 609-426-8727 or palinda@aol.com.

Finally, in this newsletter find the flyer describing the FABULOUS trip to Israel that Rabbi Mishkin will be leading next May 3-14. If you are interested in any more information, call Allan Benish at 609-426-8727.

Have a wonderful summer!

Linda Benish



ADDRESS GIVEN BY HARRIET RABINOWITZ, SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT, AT GALA BRUNCH

Mayor Henry, Assemblyman Thompson, Brunch Committee, Friends and Congregants, Rabbi Mishkin - Welcome to the Annual Gala Brunch.

On behalf of Sisterhood, I want to thank everyone who worked so hard planning today's Gala, to everyone who sold and purchased ads for the Souvenir Journal and to everyone who is in attendance today. The members of Sisterhood appreciate this recognition and are overwhelmed by its success.

Sisterhood just completed our 60th year as an integral part of Congregation Beth Ohr. How can we continue to be relevant as we enter our seventh decade? I would assert that we have evolved over the years and remained in step with the conservative movement and with the changes made by our own congregation.

For example, when we first joined the congregation, Sisterhood held an annual Character Breakfast that was a major success. When the number of children declined, we ended this program. Sisterhood conducted one Friday evening service annually for decades, but when attendance declined at evening services and after we became an egalitarian synagogue, we started to conduct one Shabbat morning service annually. This service continues to be a success with our members leading parts of the service, reading Torah, chanting the Haftorah and delivering the D'Var Torah. We celebrated our annual end of year Donor Dinner where members dressed in evening gowns and took buses to catering halls, then at local catering halls where buses were not necessary. When demographics resulted in reduced membership, we started having these dinners in our own Social Hall.

About 15 years ago when Allan Benish was Synagogue President, he worked with Sisterhood to repave the parking lot. We provide snacks for Junior Congregation and Break the Fast, provide flowers for the holidays and have regular meetings and special programs. We also make a quarterly donation to the Synagogue to subsidize on-going projects.

As we enter our seventh decade, we hope to offer programs that are relevant to our members. If you are interested in a specific program, please let me know. Some new or revived programs for the coming year include:

A Trenton Thunder baseball game on August 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please speak with Lisa Mason.

We are very excited to announce that Margie Miller, the international president of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, will be our featured guest at our annual Paid Up Dinner on November 6, 2019.

Rabbi Mishkin is planning a trip to Israel in May 2020. Sisterhood is undertaking a crafts program so we can knit or crochet scarves for soldiers or blankets for babies. We plan to take these goods with us on the trip and deliver them to the appropriate parties. If you have unused yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks that you would like to donate for this project or if you are interested in participating, please see me.

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Paula Yourman shared the following anecdote with me. In the fall of 1972, Marjorie Simon chaired the Sisterhood Bazaar. When setting up the night before, Paula Jeret and others tried on the clothes to be sold the next day and put on an impromptu fashion show. It was apparently a hilarious event.

Sue Edwards remembers the bowling league that met on Thursday afternoons and setting up the Oneg Shabbats on Friday evenings.

Finally, I have the beautiful embroidered tablecloth that was started in 1975 as a fundraiser which Sue called a "Sisterhood heirloom". It continues to be used at our annual Paid Up Membership Dinner. It is hanging in the Social Hall and represents a walk down memory lane. Please take a look at it during the Brunch.

I also want to welcome the following women and thank them for their efforts on behalf of Sisterhood. Please stand when I announce your name.

Edna Yourman - Edna served as part of the presidium in 1983-1984 after the death of Betty Pekar. Browse the showcase adjacent to the coat room dedicated in Betty's memory.

Marcia Trechak - Marcia served as President from 1987-1990 and then Synagogue President from 1996-1998. She was President when our Synagogue became egalitarian. Marcia was the first woman to hold both positions and I am the second.

Barbara Schneider - Barbara served as President from 1994-1996, as co-President with Liz Aroyo in 2005-2006 and as part of the presidium from 2007-2009 and 2011-2017.

Liz Aroyo - Liz also served as President in 2006-2007 and as part of the presidium from 2007-2009 and 2011-2017.

On behalf of all Sisterhood members, past and present, thank you for your continued support. Shalom.



Trenton Thunder
ARM & HAMMER Park
One Thunder Road,
Trenton, NJ 08611

Join Sisterhood for a

TrentonThunder Game
Sunday, August 11, 2019
Game Start Time - 5PM

Bring Your Family & Friends - Open to All
Discount Tickets \$10 per person

Ticket Orders Must Be Placed by Monday, July 15th

Name: _____ **# of Tkts** _____

Phone: _____ **Total Enclosed:** _____

Make check payable to: Sisterhood Beth Ohr

Write "Baseball" on the check subject line or on envelope and leave in the
Sisterhood mailbox or mail to: Lisa Mason, 11 Drexel Terrace, Monroe, NJ 08831

A Note In Support of Congregation Beth Ohr

In view of what happened about the exclusion of our synagogue from the Monument Dedication for the Pittsburgh Shooting Victims, the following e-mail letter was received from a congregant of Young Israel of East Brunswick that we would like to share.

Dear Rabbi Mishkin,

My name is Lara Weisberg. My husband, Arel, and I (as well as our 2 daughters), are members of the Young Israel of East Brunswick.

Rabbi Unterman's sermon this past Shabbat addressed what has been going on with regards to your community and tonight's tree dedication for the Pittsburgh shooting victims. I was very grateful that he did, as I and many others were unaware of any of this. My family was **extremely** saddened to hear of the recent complaints leading to the exclusion of your community at tonight's ceremony. Rabbi Unterman explained how our communities have always been involved with one another and how he views you as his friend and colleague in the same manner that he views the other East Brunswick synagogue rabbis as his friends and colleagues.

I was present at the November 1, 2018 community Pittsburgh memorial service in which you participated. I distinctly remember thinking how nice it was that we were coming together across denominations and towns to honor the lives of those victims. I was especially touched that your community participated in that event. It made me feel that we were truly one people. I felt this specifically because it wasn't only the East Brunswick synagogues in attendance.

We just want to go on record that there are many who feel as we do. We are truly saddened if the town's decision caused you or any members of your community to feel negatively about our community or synagogue. Please accept our apologies that, unfortunately, we learned of the decision too late to personally attempt to change the outcome.

We hope we can still come together for events (hopefully joyous ones) in the future and that one day we will all view ourselves as one people.

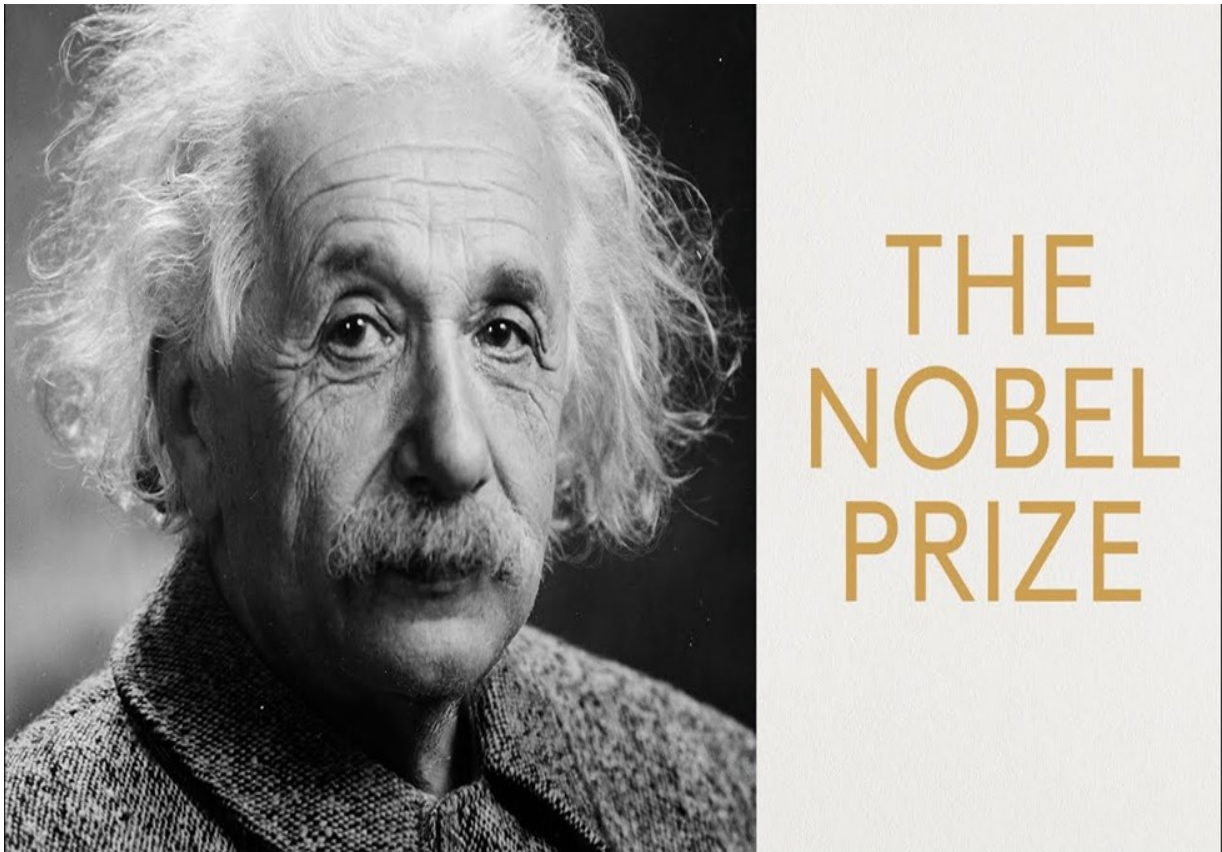
All our respect and admiration,
Lara and Arel Weisberg

Daytimers News

TUESDAY, JULY 9: FACES OF GENIUS: JEWISH NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS IN SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

The lecture will be presented at 10:00 AM by Jean Klerman and Barbara Michaels at Jewish Family Services in Monroe (Concordia Shopping Center – 1600 Perrineville Rd.) as part of the Jewish Historical Society of Central New Jersey’s American Jewish Experience lecture series.

**The lecture will be followed by lunch (optional).
For details and to RSVP, please call Ira (732-679-2652) or Linda (609-642-8182) by Thursday, July 4.**





**Join Congregation Beth Ohr
Exploring Israel Adult Tour
Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin
May 3 – 14, 2020**

Optional Eilat—Petra extension May 14-17, 2020

View and download itinerary and application at www.israeltour.com/rmishkin

DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR CHECK PAYMENT	FULL PRICE FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	REDUCTIONS
Land only Package - \$4145 per person in a double room	Land Only Package - \$4311 Per person in a double room	Third in a Room \$300
Land and Air Package - *\$5475 Per person in a double room	Land and Air Package - *\$695 Per person in a double room	
<u>Single Room Supplement - \$1250</u>	Single Room Supplement - \$1299	

Round trip air: EWR – Tel Aviv – Return

Added to the costs above are tips for guide, Driver, Restaurants, and Porterage - \$180

*Air price is subject to change as are fuel and security surcharges

***Tour price is based on 20 participants; price will increase with less participants and be reduced at 25 or more participants

The Secret is Out: Israel is #trending

Join Congregation Beth Ohr's adult Israel trip where you can walk through the tunnels under the Old City, Float in the Dead Sea, become part of the daily life in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Visit the Palmach Museum, Historic Neve Tzedek neighborhood, City of Sand and Sea mosaic fountain, Founders' Monument, New Israeli Innovation Center, Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Yitzhak Rabin Center, Palmach Museum, Western Negev, Kibbutz Alumim, Briefing on local regional security from Rafi Babian, Salad Trail on Moshav Talmei Yosef, Encounter/ workshop with local sculptor Yaron Bob, Makhtesh Ramon, Traditional Bedouin community, David Ben Gurion's House, Kitchen Queens of Yerucham, Torah Study session at Bamidbar, Discover the archaeological story of the Western Wall , Western Wall Tunnels, Tour of the Archaeology Wing at the Israel Museum, Greet the Sabbath at the Western Wall, pray together as a congregation at the "Masorati Kotel", Meet Lone Soldiers, New sound and light show at the Tower of David, Ruins of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls, Masada and the Dead Sea, Guided tour of Yad Vashem Campus focusing on Holocaust art, Tasting tour of the bustling Machane Yehuda Market, Hebrew Music Museum, Update on Israeli politics, New Six Day War Heritage Museum on Ammunition Hill, Your senses will be filled with the life, smells, sounds and textures of modern Israel, along with an appreciation of our connections to our Jewish roots and biblical history. Your experience will be a exciting fantastic, fun-filled spiritual adventure! Come join us.

For additional information please contact:

Rabbi Joel Mishkin by email; rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com or call Rabbi at 732.257.1523

Tour arranged by ITC: call Janine at 800.247.7235.- 973.535.2575 or email janine@israeltour.com



One does not travel to Jerusalem, on returns

See next page for itinerary

Sunday, May 3 – Depart USA Monday,

May 4 – Going up into the Land •

Morning arrival in Israel to be met and assisted by your ITC representative (today's program depends on arrival time) •

Walking tour of the historic **Neve Tzeddek** neighborhood, once home to Zionist cultural pioneers Eliezer Ben Yehuda, S.Y. Agnon and Rabbi Kook, which 25 years after its founding gave birth to Tel Aviv – The first Hebrew city in 2,000 years

• **ITC Touch: Discover City of Sand and Sea**, a mosaic fountain created by artist and writer Nachum Gutman portraying scenes from the history of Jaffa and Tel Aviv

Hear about the establishment of Tel Aviv at the Founders' Monument then stroll down Rothschild Boulevard to view the Bauhaus architecture for which central Tel Aviv was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site •

Visit the new Israeli Innovation Center located in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to learn how Israel became the Start Up Nation •

Lunch on own•

Tour the Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center for a critical look at Israeli history and society

1st Timers Option: Multimedia tour of the Palmach Museum to learn about the elite underground organization that played a critical role in founding the State of Israel•

Check-in to the Carlton Hotel on Tel Aviv's Mediterranean Coast

Welcome Dinner at Maganda Restaurant in Tel Aviv's old Yemenite Quarter. • Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday May 5 – Defense and Pioneering in the Western Negev

Travel to the western Negev

Visit Kibbutz Alumim to meet with a local kibbutznik and hear first-hand about living on the Gaza border, pioneering in the Negev and kibbutz as a community

Briefing on local regional security from Rafi Babian, security coordinator of the Sdot Negev Regional Council and Kibbutz Alumim member

Lunch at Kibbutz Alumim•

Discover hi-tech agriculture and innovative crops on the Salad Trail on Moshav Talmei Yosef • Encounter/workshop with local sculptor Yaron Bob, who has created works of art out of Kassam rockets that have fallen in the region

Travel to the Negev Highlands•

Check-in to the Ramon Inn in Mitzpe Ramon • Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon

Wednesday, May 6 – Negev Highlands: Primeval Desert Beauty

Learn about the natural history of the region at the multimedia Makhtesh Ramon Visitors Center dedicated to fallen Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon

Explore Makhtesh Ramon (Ramon Crater) on foot and by jeep to discover magnificent desert landscapes and a fascinating window into the earth's past

Lunch on own

ITC Touch: Encounter with a traditional Bedouin community in the Negev Highlands for a "non-touristy" Bedouin tourism experience - Hear about how social changes are impacting their community

Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon

Thursday, May 7 – Vision and Development in the Negev

Walk in the stunning white canyon of Ei Avdat in the Zin Valley in the Zin Valley

Tour of David Ben Gurion's House on Kibbutz **Sde Boker** to learn about his vision for developing the Negev

Travel to the Negev development town of

Yerucham

Lunch with the **Kitchen Queens of Yerucham** - a true gastronomic experience •\

Tour of **Yerucham** with a local social activist to hear about its transformation from a downtrodden development town to a dynamic growing community •

Study session on the role of the desert in the Torah at **Bamidbar**, a Yerucham based educational and social action center • Travel north to **Jerusalem** \

Check-in to **Leonardo Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem**

Dinner on own • Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, May 8 – The Old City of Jerusalem: An Ancient Jewish Legacy

Discover the archaeological story of the **Western Wall** and episodes of Jewish life in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago at **Robinson's Arch and the Southern Wall Excavations**, including a recent discovery related to the Chanukah story •

Unique tour of the Western Wall Tunnels, including impressive new discoveries with **Dr. Avi Solomon**, the site's former chief archaeologist (subject to availability)•

Tour of the Archaeology Wing at the **Israel Museum** with an emphasis on Jewish Archaeology, followed by free time to explore additional exhibitions on own

Lunch on own

Free time to relax and prepare for Shabbat

Friday/Shabbat Evening Options:

Join hundreds of other Jews from around the world to Greet the Sabbath at the Western Wall. Option to pray together as a congregation at the "Masorati Kotel", where men and women can stand together or attend Friday night services at a local Jerusalem synagogue.

Festive Shabbat Dinner at hotel – Lone Soldiers invited, subject to availability. • Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem Saturday/

Shabbat, May 9 – And on the Seventh Day....in Jerusalem •

Shabbat morning services at a local Conservative/Masorati synagogue.

Traditional Shabbat Lunch at hotel

Shabbat Afternoon Options:

Late afternoon walking tour to the historic **Montefiore Windmill** to discover the first neighborhood built outside the walls of the Old City and/or Walking tour to the First Temple period Jewish burial site at **Ketef Hinnom** – Where archaeologists discovered the oldest biblical text ever found

Havdalah with Rabbi Mishkin •

Dinner on own •

Evening: Watch the **New sound and light show at the Tower of David** •

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, May 10 – Nature, Rebels and Refugees in the Judean Desert

Tour the ruins of **Qumran**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were discovered and hear about the ascetic Jewish sect that lived there 2,000 years ago

Lunch on own

1st Timers Option – Masada and the Dead Sea: Freedom Fighters or Fanatics?

Set out across the **Judean Desert** and ascend Masada by cable car to tour the ruins of Herod's palace and the last outpost of Jewish independence.

Discussion: Which Jewish Legacy – Masada or Yavne

Swim in the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth, at a local resort. The resort also has a fresh water pool and spa facilities. Massage and spa treatments available by prior reservation at own expense. •

Lunch at Dead Sea resort

Return to Jerusalem •

Free evening •

Dinner on own

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, May 11 – Holocaust, Remembrance and Continuity

Guided tour of Yad Vashem Campus focusing on Holocaust art. This tour will examine both art created to memorialize different aspects of the Holocaust and art produced during the holocaust by its victims, including visits to the **Museum of Holocaust Art, the Yad Vashem Synagogue** and viewing sculpture installed at Yad Vashem.

1st Timers Option: Yad Vashem Tour Tour of Yad Vashem – Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum, including the Holocaust History Museum and Children's Memorial

Tasting tour of the bustling Machane Yehuda Market to discover Jerusalem's many flavors from East and West •

Lunch on own, if still hungry•

Guided tour of the new Hebrew Music Museum in downtown Jerusalem's Nachalat Shiva neighborhood to learn about the history of Jewish music from biblical times and through seven different regions of the Diaspora

Free evening •

Dinner on own

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, May 12 •

Update on Israeli politics by Steve Linde, editor-in-chief of the Jerusalem Report and former editor-in-chief of the Jerusalem Post •

Multimedia tour of the **new Six Day War Heritage Museum on Ammunition Hill**, the site of the fiercest and most costly battle of the Six Day War •

Lunch on own

Geopolitical tour of Jerusalem to examine several key geopolitical issues impacting on the city, including borders, building and settlement (Jewish and Arab) and Israel's security fence •

Dinner on own •

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, May 13 – Modern Realities and Departure •

Engage in **hands on tzedakah** preparing food packages for distribution to some of Israel's neediest people at **Pantry Packers** in southern Jerusalem

Tour of less visited sites in the **Jewish Quarter: The Israelite Tower**, a 2,600 year old "archaeological puzzle" beneath the modern day neighborhood, the restored **Karaites Museum** and hear about the remarkable new discoveries under the ruins of the **Tiferet Yisrael Synagogue**

Lunch on own •

Remainder of afternoon free to explore on own and get in last minute shopping

Late check out

Farewell Dinner at Olive and Fish Restaurant

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport

Thursday, May 14 – Arrive in USA

SISTERHOOD CONGREGATION BETH OHR CALENDAR PERSONALS

Dear Members:

Sisterhood is once again planning to make up our Jewish Calendar for the year 5779-5780 (2019-2020).

There will be a place on the calendar for your personal dates. Your cost will be \$2.50 for each birthday, anniversary, wedding, and yahrzeit. Personals will be listed on each month's page. Full donor credit will be given for these contributions.

In addition to the above, for a donation of \$10 your name (or those of your friends and relatives) can be listed as a patron. Full donor credit for each \$10 patron obtained by a Sisterhood member.

We need the support of the entire Congregation to make this as successful a year as last year. Please enclose your check payable to Sisterhood Congregation Beth with your imprint order and mail to Linda Garfinkel, c/o Congregation Beth Ohr, P. O. Box 206, Old Bridge, N.J. 08857.

Thank you for your support. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS JULY 12, 2019.

Linda Garfinkel

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(\$2.50 each)

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(\$2.50 each)

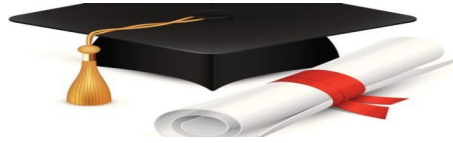
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Our Graduates



The following graduates were omitted from the June list of Graduates in the June Newsletter

Jordan Leibowitz, grandson of Elliott Leibowitz, graduated on May 24th from Collegiate High School and will be attending the University of Richmond.

Sabrina Leibowitz, granddaughter of Elliott Leibowitz, graduated from Fair Lawn high school on June 25 and will be attending Drexel University in Pennsylvania.

Thank you

Monica and Mark Atzbi thank the congregation for all the gold cards on the birth of their new granddaughter, Rachel.

Ronnie and Jay Rosenzweig thank the congregation for the gold cards in honor of Grandson Aidan's Bar Mitzvah

Roberta Bernstein wants to thank everyone who bought Sweepstakes Tickets.

Thank you to Ira and Lee Donenfeld, Paula Yourman and Meryl Finkelstein for helping in the office.

Mazel Tov

Roberta and Larry Fachler are proud to announce that their granddaughter, Ryleigh Fachler, made the Dean's List at the Community College of Baltimore County. Her major is Business.

Mazel Tov to Sisterhood for being honored this year at our Gala Brunch and Ad Journal Event. Everyone present had a great time. Kudos to Classic Caterers for doing such an outstanding job.

Tisha B'Av

Saturday night, August 10, approx. 9:00 PM: Communal Tisha B'Av Services and chanting of Eicha (Lamentations) at Marlboro Jewish Center. Fast begins at 8:01 PM. Shabbat ends at 8:46 PM. Details to follow.

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

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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.

July 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.

<u>July 5/6</u>		<u>July 19/20</u>	
Mildred Levine	7/6	Robert Davis	7/20
Leonard Sass	7/6	Michael Fischer	7/20
Arlene Szegeti	7/6	Bruce Steinklein	7/20
Frances Goldstein	7/7	Ida Waranch	7/20
Dorothy Hodos	7/7	Irene Blumenthal	7/21
Pauline Keen	7/7	Sarah Levenstein	7/21
Morris Lipson	7/7	Shirley Sass	7/21
Rebecca Mann	7/7	Theodore Silverman	7/21
Aaron Schlissel	7/7	Irving Trechak	7/21
Morris Wishnick	7/7	Sylvia Benish	7/22
Charles Betesh	7/8	Nancy Braunsberg	7/22
Erna Caleinar	7/9	Marjorie Burstein Smith	7/22
Jean Smith King	7/9	Rose Friedman	7/22
Freda Zalman	7/9	Ida Meyers	7/22
Herman Albert	7/10	Max Morgenstein	7/22
Jennie Birnbaum	7/10	Gilbert Rosen	7/22
Meyer Karmin	7/10	Dora Ross	7/22
Benjamin Knepper	7/10	Nathan Seiden	7/22
Beatrice Shander	7/10	Frank Datkowitz	7/23
Jack Sofan	7/10	Emanuel Frankel	7/23
Michael Wishnia	7/10	Lisette Bercovici	7/24
Fortunee Betesh	7/11	Sylvia Blank	7/24
Abraham Cederbaum	7/11	Emanuel Deitz	7/24
Karolyne Freud	7/11	Mitchell Feinman	7/24
Ludwig Goetz	7/11	Rhoda Goetz	7/24
Estale Goldberg	7/11	Irene Kleiman	7/24
Abby Klein	7/11	David Krauss	7/24
Matty Roland	7/11	Bertha Kanter	7/25
Shari Widmayer	7/11	Simon Lionheart	7/25
Shirley Dondes	7/12	Elizabeth Nurick	7/25
Judith Druckman	7/12	Joan Pekor Nover	7/25
Wolf Goldhecht	7/12	Minna Fredman	7/26
Alice Hoerd Pfeifer	7/12	Sylvia Pulchin	7/26
Alex Waranch	7/12		
	<u>July 12/13</u>	<u>July 26/27</u>	
Joseph Bienenfeld	7/13	Esther Betesh	7/27
Nathan Polovsky	7/13	Benjamin Cohen	7/27
Lillian Shifrinson	7/15	Steven Engber	7/27
Susan F. Ginsberg	7/16	Max Rubrum	7/27
Susan Kosser	7/16	Cheryl Seltzer	7/27
Abraham Orenstein	7/16	Beatrice Baum	7/28
Preston Pellatt	7/16	Lyle Damon Rosen	7/28
Reah Silverberg	7/16	Charles Sheffler	7/28
Jeanette Goldman	7/17	Bella Zavlek	7/28
Lena Kornberg	7/17	Steven Helman	7/29
Edythe Buckberg	7/18	Julius Hoffman	7/29
Steven Brown Honig	7/18	Anne Leibowitz	7/29
Bennet Appel	7/19	Morris Lustgarten	7/29
Rose Gordon	7/19	Max Kaufman	7/30
Fannie Greenspan	7/19	Sam Speert	7/30
Sally Steuer	7/19	Murray Schaeffer	7/31
		Irving Birnbaum	8/1
		Jacqueline Robinson	8/1
		Abraham J. Paley	8/2
		Arlette Wilpon	8/2

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



(Print Name in Hebrew Here)

(Print Name in English Here)

(Date in English) _____

(Date in Hebrew)

PLEDGE

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

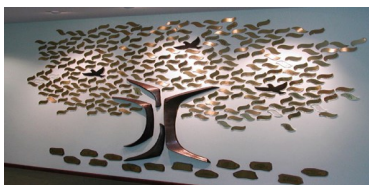
NAME IN FULL _____

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

Signed by

Date _____

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JULY 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 whose birthday and/or anniversary will be recognized on Saturday, July 20, 2019.

July Birthdays

Risa Cooper
Lee Hyman
Michael Hillman
Harriet Rabinowitz
Myles Schwartz
Burt Silverman
Allen Skupp

July Anniversaries

Ilene & Barry Gray
Alice & David Honig
Linda & Allen Skupp

Men's Club News

Minyan every Sunday. All are Welcome.

Men's Club 2019-2020 Officers and Board

President	Edward Mendlowitz
Program VP	Harvey Cohen
Ritual VP	Morton Kamenitz
Secretary	Herbert Goldenberg
Treasurer	Ken Deitz
Good & Welfare	Ira Donenfeld
Fund Raising	Andy Mendlowitz
Trustees	Allen Appel Larry Fachler



Men's Club News

Top: Men's Club officers and board members for 2019/2020 year. Ed and new board were installed by past Congregation and Men's Club President Allen Appel. Joe Shafran leading us in a Minyan.

2nd row: Harvey and Herb catered the BBQ. Because of the torrential rains the BBQ was held inside using the kitchen and all-purpose room. Bob Weiss with a NY Yankees' Tee Shirt. Ed and Herb are 2 of the Guys with matching Tees.

Men's Club Happenings!

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

Men's Club Program of Events (partial listing)

Jul 7—Pancake breakfast—red white and blue pancakes catered by Men's Club Chefs Harvey Cohen, Herb Goldenberg assisted by Mel Ward.

Jul 21—Ugly Tee Shirt contest

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 of Men's Club and other Temple happenings

Top: Men's Club BBQ and election meeting with hearty souls that made it through the terrible rain showers. We had a great time and we each had a lot more to eat since less than half the expected attendance showed up.

Middle: Newly installed Temple President Stan Perlman with Sisterhood and Men's Club Presidents—Harriet Rabinowitz and Ed Mendlowitz. Also the immediate past president Allen Skupp with Stan.

Bottom: Congregation Israel Trip next May presentation attended by some of the many that expressed interest in the trip. Next is Phil Rabinowitz letting David Honig participate at presentation via Facetime. Photo of new Sisterhood officers and board taken at their installation.

Beth Ohr People Photos



Photo descriptions

Top: Diane and Bob Lipp with a granddaughter. Alice and David Honig with two grandchildren. First photo of first grandchild of Dara and Ken Deitz, Sadie Blair Brooks; parents are Jackie and Adam.

2nd row: Marcia and Perry Trechak with granddaughter Lexi. Rebecca Clark at high school graduation. Ed with Katrina M. Adams, immediate past chairwoman of the board, CEO and President of the United States Tennis Association.

Bottom: Photos from Skupp and Mendlowitz cruise—in Halifax City Gardens, Peggy's Cove and in Bar Harbor with ship in background.

Beth Ohr Hobbyists



Photo descriptions

The top 3 pictures and the first on the 2nd row are of acrylic paintings by Cliff Schulman. 2nd row: The “stamp” is of a 22-year old World War II soldier, Seymour Nussenbaum, that was illustrated by his son-in-law for Seymour’s 90th Birthday in 2013. Seymour is a noted collector of Judaica stamps and covers. He is also an award-winning philatelic artist. Next is a new stamp issued by Great Britain from Seymour’s collection that portrays Queen Victoria and Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli.

If you want additional information about Cliff’s painting or Seymour’s collecting, they welcome you to contact them directly.

Apologies to Lee and Ira Donenfeld

The ad they placed in the Gala Brunch Journal in memory of Bob Nagler was inadvertently omitted. They wanted to be included among those remembering him in the Journal. Our apologies to Lee and Ira for that omission.

Gala Brunch Held on June 23 honoring Sisterhood



Gala Brunch honoring Sisterhood

Top: Ed making presentation to Sisterhood President Harriet Rabinowitz and past Sisterhood presidents Edna Yourman, Liz Aroyo and Barbara Schneider. Presentation by Mayor Owen Henry and State Senator Dr. Samuel Thompson. Sisterhood past presidents at Gala Brunch: Edna, Marcia Trechak, Harriet (current president), Liz and Barbara.

2nd: Lisa Mason and Allan Benish at sign in table at Gala Brunch. The four Sisterhood Harriets: Harriet Cohen, Harriet Rabinowitz, Harriet Weiss and Harriet Feld. Rabbi Mishkin welcoming everyone to the Brunch with very well chosen remarks

3rd: Sisterhood "Quilt." Some of the great looking crowd at the Gala Brunch with great food from Classical Caterers.



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RABBI JOEL MISHKIN
STANLEY M. PERLMAN, PRESIDENT

Gala Brunch Honoring Sisterhood A Huge Success

To my fellow Congregants,

The Gala Brunch was a huge success—both from a financial and attendance standpoint. We can all feel very proud; and everyone that attended had a great time.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are photos of the Gala Brunch. We need to thank all the attendees, those that placed ads and sold ads, and the Sisterhood for giving us a great organization so very deserving of being honored.

The brunch was catered by Classical Caterers and was simply delicious and overly abundant.

We exceeded our financial target and as you are aware, the profits from the event will be used to help balance our books and allow us to maintain our services and the strong presence of Judaism in our community. Beth Ohr is the only synagogue in Old Bridge. Our membership now also covers residents living in East Brunswick, Monroe, Matawan, Manalapan and Marlboro.

I want to thank the committee members on behalf of the entire congregation for their tireless hard work that made this afternoon the success it was as well as a fun event. The committee consisted of Allan Benish, Roberta Karpel, Ralph Karpel, Lisa Mason, Stan Perlman, Harriet Rabinowitz, Phil Rabinowitz, Allen Skupp, Bob Weiss and Edna Yourman. and special thanks to Ira Donenfeld, Andy Mendlowitz, Paula Yourman, Phyllis Greenberg our Synagogue administrator, Men's Club and a dozen others that pitched in on some level with help as it was needed.

While we are extremely pleased with the success of the Gala Brunch, we also know that there is room for improvement and because of that, the committee will be meeting next month to start planning next June's event. If you would like to participate on the committee or help us out when we need some extra hands, please let me know. In the meantime, THANK YOU for making this event the success it was.

Cordially,

Ed Mendlowitz

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.

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

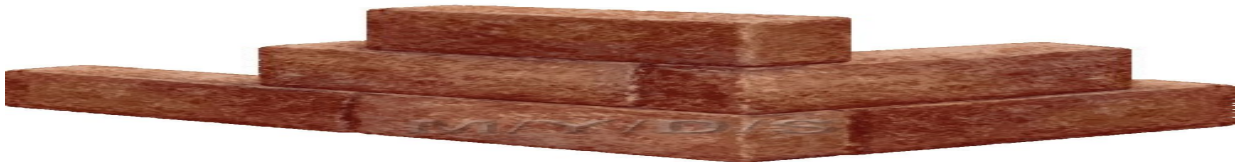


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Sisterhood Bricks

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





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/Women's/kids, Soccer Cleats, Casual Shoes, Dress Shoes, Work Boots, Sneakers, Sandals, Heels, Flats, Loafers

What is Not Allowed

Damaged/Holes, Wet Mildewed, Single Shoes, Metal Spikes, Flip Flop/Plastic Shoes, Slippers, Dress Boots, Ski/Winter Boots, Skates/Blades

Dear Friends,

By volunteering your time, you can brighten the day for hundreds of seniors -- or just one special senior. Our partners, Jewish Family & Children's Services 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 June 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,
Stacy Feldman, Director of Community Impact



Announcements

The deadline for the next newsletter will be
Monday, July 8, 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

Rabbi Mishkin will be available for counseling by appointment.

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:

General Fund

Sara Ullman in memory of Mark Cohen

Herb Reinstein Memorial Fund

Sheila Reinstein In memory of Mark Cohen

Tree of Life Donated by Meryl Finkelstein

In memory of Arlene Sommers, Loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Dear Friend

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In memory of Mark Weiss



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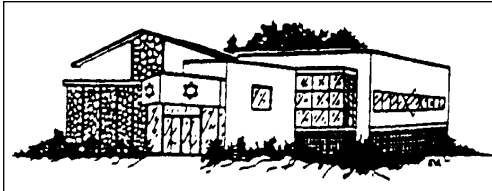
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times For July, 2019

July 5, 2019	8:13
July 12, 2019	8:10
July 19, 2019	8:06
July 26, 2019	8:00

