



**Congregation Beth Ohr**

**Weekly Newsletter**

**June 6, 2020**

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June 5/6

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Shabbos Jun 6, 2020. **One Page Dvar Torah** for Torah readings prepared by Edward Mendlowitz.

## **Naso**

Numbers 4:21-7:89

### **Parsha name**

Naso: Take. G-d commands Moses to take another census.

*The Gutnick Edition Chumash The Book of Numbers* ©2005 Chaim Miller says that the literal meaning of Naso is “lift” and refers to the Torah lifting our existence to a higher plane. The book further explains that this Torah reading is always around Shavuot – either immediately before or after. Shavuot celebrates receiving the Torah, the ultimate uplifting event.

### **Torah portion summary and selections**

More duties of the Levite; Levite census completion [after all this *is* the book of Numbers]; some ritual rules; and the law of the Nazirite. The Priestly Blessing: “The L-rd bless thee, and keep thee; The L-rd make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; The L-rd lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.” The last chapter of this parsha is the longest chapter of the Torah, with 89 verses, and describes the gifts of the princes of the twelve tribes. FYI, each of the twelve gifts are exactly the same. Why? And G-d and Moses have a “talk.” G-d has another job for Moses, one He deems even more important than the Tabernacle; but this is described in the next parsha.

“Take the sum of the sons of Gershon also...

*Numbers 4:22*

The descendants of Levi, who were to minister the sanctuary, were to be counted. The Kohathites were given the honor of being counted first. Now the Gershonites were to be counted, and the above wording says “also.” Why were they distinguished by “also?” They were the eldest and should have been counted first, but the Kohathites were considered more important since their job in the Temple was much more significant. When the count started, the Gershonites thought they were going to be passed over, so the word “also” was put in to indicate that they were *also* to be included in the census.

And he that presented his offering the first  
day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab,  
of the tribe of Judah;...

...This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

*Numbers 7:12 - 83*

Each prince of each tribe presented the exact same gifts to the dedication of the altar. The prince is named and the gifts described in detail. The gifts were equal in quantity and size. The individual gifts had symbolical significance, as did the sum total. However, each tribe had their unique mission and the spiritual quality of each gift was distinguished from the others. An example could be when two people each give the same cash contribution, but the reasons leading up to it, and the feelings and spirit about it, are much more intricate and involved. So too here.

# Men's Club News

## Men's Club Election Results

**Installation: Sunday Jun 7, 2020 following the Minyan**

**Installing official: Elliot Leibowitz**

**Officers and Board 2020-2021**

President	Edward Mendlowitz
Program VP	Harvey Cohen
Ritual VP	Elliot Leibowitz
Treasurer	Kenneth Deitz
Secretary	Herbert Goldenberg
Good & Welfare	Ira Donenfeld
Fund Raising	Andy Mendlowitz
Trustees	Allen Appel
	Larry Fachler
	Morton Kamenitz
	Kenneth Kaufman
	Stan Perlman
	Robert Weiss

## Photo of the Week from a Tee shirt



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2019/2020 5780 DUES INVOICE

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MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$36.00

If you are 65 or older AND retired, you are not required to pay the full \$36.00 dues. 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.

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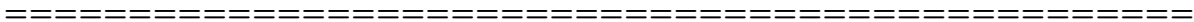
For upcoming events look at schedule in newsletter.

Program ideas are always welcome

If you are **not** receiving the weekly Men's Club email from Ed



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RECEIVE NOTICES OF MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES



MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

MEN'S CLUB, CONGREGATION BETH OHR

PUT IN MEN'S CLUB MAILBOX AT TEMPLE or

MAIL TO: Ken Deitz,

Men's Club Congregation Beth Ohr

P.O. Box 206, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

(732-780-3665)

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

On Sunday, May 31, 2020, Sisterhood held our Book and Author program by Zoom. We welcomed New Jersey author Michelle Cameron who discussed her newest book, *Beyond the Ghetto Gates*. Thank you to everyone who purchased books and sold books to friends and family. Even though the program was not what we planned back in December, this was a successful program. We enjoyed discussing the book with the author's insight.

**Linda Skupp** has been selected as the recipient of the Torah Fund Benefactor Award for 2020. The April luncheon honoring Linda was cancelled and we hope to announce plans to reschedule it in the near future.

I have scheduled an informal Installation and Social for Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Thank you to our outgoing 2019-2020 Officers for serving Sisterhood this past year. We welcome our incoming 2020-2021 Officers and wish them a successful term. Mazel Tov to the following Officers:

President	Harriet Rabinowitz
Treasurer	Ronnie Mendlowitz
Membership Co-Vice Presidents	Roberta Karpel & Edna Yourman
Fundraising Co-Vice Presidents	Liz Aroyo & Ilene Gray
Programming Vice President	Lisa Mason
Corresponding Secretary	Marion Falkowitz
Recording Secretary	Sharen Silverman
Financial Secretary	Estee Spiegel

We will schedule a Zoom meeting to formally approve the Trustees and Committee Chairpersons. All members of Sisterhood are welcome to volunteer to join a Committee. If you are interested, please contact me at [harriet.rabinowi@gmail.com](mailto:harriet.rabinowi@gmail.com).

Shalom and Stay Healthy,

*Harriet Rabinowitz*

Sisterhood President

**Sisterhood closes their books on 6/30**

Therefore within the next few days, I will be sending out bills.

Please make checks payable to:

**Sisterhood Beth Ohr**

Please mail checks directly to me and not to synagogue:

**Paula Yourman  
405 Harrier Drive  
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831**

If you don't receive a bill by the end of next week, that means you do not owe any money at this time. You will not lose your existing donor credits and whatever you will earn now will be added on to your balance.

Thanks,  
Paula  
609-409-0346

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**Mazel Tov to Allyson Fachler**

We are very proud to announce that our granddaughter, Allyson Fachler, received the "Johanna Chait Essex 53" Prize in Early Childhood Education. This prize is awarded annually to a junior who shows the most promise as an Early Childhood Education teacher. Allyson in the fall will be a Senior at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. Her proud parents are Jessica and Michael Fachler of New Market, Maryland.

**Roberta and Lawrence Fachler**

## June Simchas

**Mazel Tov to all our congregants  
celebrating birthdays and anniversaries**



### **Birthdays:**

Kenneth Deitz	6/2/20
Dara Deitz	6/4/20
Elliot Leibowitz	6/7/20
Linda Skupp	6/8/20
Alan Zussman	6/8/20
Ronnie Mendlowitz	6/9/20
Bob Weiss	6/11/20
Liz Aroyo	6/12/20
Susan Cannata	6/12/20
Fern Calascibetta	6/15/20
Lee Cadel	6/18/20
Barbara Feder	6/21/20
David Honig	6/21/20
Ilene Gray	6/28/20
Ronnie Rosenzweig	6/28/20
Sheila Reinstein	6/29/20
Greg Fortune	

### **Anniversaries:**

Liz and Michael Aroyo	6/5/20
Wilma and Allen Appel	6/7/20
Linda and Allan Benish	6/16/20
Virginia and Bob Zussman	6/17/20
Rysie and Jeff Perlman	6/18/20
Helene and Daniel Grynberg	6/21/20
Roberta and Gene Bernstein	6/25/20
Arlene and Nelson Silver	6/26/20
Beverly and Rabbi Joel Mishkin	6/27/20



## **A message from our president, Stan Perlman**

Dear Congregant,

It has been about a month since I last wrote to you. I am not good at this point in keeping track of time as each day blends into the next. As the US is beginning to re-open, we are working on what to do about the High Holidays. This is not an easy answer considering the nature of our congregation, concerns about sterilizing and keeping the building as clean as possible, etc.

The USCJ, the Jewish Federation of the Heart of NJ, local Rabbis and the Presidents of Middlesex County synagogues of all denominations are in touch and are looking at numerous issues surrounding services for the High Holidays. The conversation just began so there isn't anything to report to you as of yet. Rest assured, as we move through this process, I will keep you updated on what we are learning and the direction we are leaning. Towards that end, I would like to ask you some questions and would really like you to send me your answers. I cannot promise anything at this time, but the more information we have, the easier it will be to move forward. Obviously, we don't know what the status of Covid19 will be in the fall so answer as of today.

Question 1 - Would you come to the synagogue for services if we were open and everything is as it used to be? Yes or No

Question 2 - Would you come to the synagogue for services if we were able to open if some type of social distancing was possible? Yes or No

Question 3 - Would you be willing to participate in services via Zoom? Yes or No

Question 3a - Do you have access to Zoom on a PC, iPad, etc.? Yes or No

Question 4 - On Rosh Hashanah, what is the part[s] of the service that you find most compelling?

Question 5 - On Yom Kippur, what is the part[s] of the service that you find most compelling?

Your input will be most useful to us as we move forward and work on a solution that meets most of our needs as a community.

Thank you.

Regards,

Stan  
President - Congregation Beth Ohr

As a follow-up to the email from our president about our Zoom Gala, let us give you a little more information.

The inspiration for having a Zoom Fundraiser came by way of an email from United Synagogue encouraging synagogues to attempt to have a fundraiser, similar to past events, but realizing that it will be different.

The executive board and the gala committee decided to go ahead with an event that will raise funds and still take into consideration the challenges the coronavirus has placed before us.

Our theme is "Remembering the Past and Looking to the Future".

In light of that theme, we will have a Zoom program of approximately one hour that will allow those members who have experienced a loss this past year to speak about their loved ones. This will also provide an opportunity for anyone to express their feelings of gratitude for having weathered the difficulties we have faced during this extraordinary period in our lives.

We are attempting to find a way for friends and family to chat with each other after the conclusion of the program. More about that later.

As in the past, we will have a journal (but different).

The cost of attending the Zoom event is \$75 per person/ \$150 per couple, whether as an ad(s) or as a donation. This will entitle each attendee to a free meal from Classical Caterers. Details about your meal(s) will come later.

Here are some possible ideas for the personal ad you may want to place in our journal. What has gotten you through the quarantine? What did you learn about yourself and your family? What are you grateful for? Share your thoughts in a few lines. You could even add a picture of yourself and/or your family.

We are celebrating the lives of those we lost while looking to a brighter future.

See you at the Gala, July 26th at 6PM.

Thank you,

Allan Benish  
Co-Chairperson  
[abenish@aol.com](mailto:abenish@aol.com)  
732-236-5643

Allen Skupp  
Co-Chairperson  
[aiskupp@gmail.com](mailto:aiskupp@gmail.com)  
732-895-4111

See Page 15 For Journal Ad

**Congregation Beth Ohr  
Virtual Gala Event and Journal  
"Remembering the Past and Looking to the Future"**

**WHAT:  
MAJOR FUNDRAISER**  
**WHEN:  
SUNDAY JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM**  
**WHERE:  
IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR  
HOME WITH ZOOM**

Remembering those  
We Lost this Year  
Seymour Golden  
Sue Goldenberg  
Marilyn Karlstein  
Jack Mishkin  
Herman Schneider  
Joyce Silberstein  
Stu Simon  
Paul Singer

**Journal Ad prices - 8½" x 11" page size.**  
When submitting your camera ready ads please allow for margins.  
Ads can be black and white or in color. Either PDF or JPG formats are acceptable.  
The Journal will be a Virtual journal, but any printed copies will be in black and white.

<b>Gold supporter</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Silver supporter</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>Full page</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Half page (8½ x 5½)</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>
<b>Quarter page (4¼ x 5½)</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Business card</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>Congratulatory personal mention</b>	<b>\$ 36.00</b>
<b>In memorium listing</b>	<b>\$ 36.00</b>
<b>Alumni page message</b>	<b>\$ 36.00</b>
<b>Family Jewels (list your children and grandchildren) per name</b>	<b>\$ 18.00</b>

**YES!** Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to Congregation Beth Ohr of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_(specify size) ad in the souvenir journal. Ad copy is attached. (Please attach camera ready copy, if available.) (NOTE: DO NOT STAPLE ads or business cards to this form)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Co. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Ad solicited by \_\_\_\_\_

**Ad deadline July 12, 2020**  
*Send your ad today to*  
Beth Ohr Journal Ad Committee  
c/o Allan Benish  
114 Avignon Road  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
Tel: 609.426.8727 Email: abenish@aol.com

## **Yahrzeits**

We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits occurred during recent months. (The slips were collected June 3, 2020). We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

### **Donated By**

Ken & Dara Deitz  
Elizabeth Golden  
Helene & Daniel Grynberg  
Sheila Reinstein  
Lee Hyman  
Ashna & Bernie Pincus

### **In Loving Memory**

Sarah Oshinsky  
Janette H. Golden  
Bernard Barry  
Herb Reinstein, Shri Widmayer  
Ida Waranch, Alex Waranch  
Saul Levine

### **Donation to Special Funds:**

- David Benish Memorial Fund from Linda & Allan Benish  
In Memory of David
- In Memory of Rose Pohl beloved mother Rabbi & Mrs. Philip Pohl
- In Memory of Justin Footerman beloved husband of Mrs. Gittel Footerman

### **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 fees, funeral, plot opening, headstone, etc. are borne by the family of the deceased. Please call Phyllis Greenberg at 732-939-2720 for further details.

## June 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 or at home, if the office, is still closed, if you need information about the schedule of worship. The name of your departed will be read at the Friday evening and Shabbat morning service (or will be held virtually because of the coronavirus) the week before the Yahrzeit date which are represented by the dates in the column in which are in bold and underlined.

<b><u>June 5/6</u></b>		<b><u>June 19/20 (cont'd)</u></b>	
Perl Fishman	6/6	Rae Hochwald	6/21
Bertha Lowenthal	6/6	Saul Levine	6/21
Brett Schwartz	6/6	Sally Miller	6/21
Sol Fachler	6/7	Carl Tash	6/21
Issac Feder	6/7	Shana Raizel Wilpon	6/21
Max Kasloff	6/7	Barnet Zaret	6/21
Shirley Silverstein	6/7	Harry Zaret	6/21
Douglas Abraham	6/8	Jacob Blitzstein	6/22
Joseph Tischler	6/8	Sarah Moss	6/22
Lillian Burstein	6/9	Esther Feder	6/23
Pearl Sovern	6/9	Mildred Levine	6/24
Eleanor Perlman	6/10	Rose Glaz	6/24
Eva Rosenfeld	6/10	Charles Gorsky	6/24
Eisig Kornreich	6/11	Seymour Golden	6/25
Morris Rosenthal	6/11	Mildred Levine	6/25
Samuel Schechter	6/11	Rebecca Mann	6/26
George Feldstein	6/12	Aaron Schlissel	6/26
Sarah Oshinsky	6/12	Morris Wishnick	6/26
Miriam Schreier	6/12	<b><u>June 26/27</u></b>	
David Schweidel	6/12	Charles Betesh	6/27
<b><u>June 12/13</u></b>		Erna Caleinar	6/28
Irene Himelstein	6/13	Jean Smith King	6/28
Zindel Praport	6/13	Freda Zalman	6/28
Larry Greene	6/14	Albert Herman	6/29
Al Tyberg	6/14	Jennie Birnbaum	6/29
Iliana Weiner	6/14	Meyer Karmin	6/29
Frank Robert	6/15	Benjamin Knepper	6/29
Mel Naron	6/15	Beatrice Shander	6/29
Irving Solomon	6/15	Jack Sofan	6/29
Arlene Baron	6/16	Michael Wishnia	6/29
Rachel Wilhelm	6/16	Fortune Betesh	6/30
Esta Bloness	6/17	Abraham Cederbaum	6/30
Eugene Hammer	6/17	Karolyne Freud	6/30
Marvin Lanzoff	6/17	Ludwig Goetz	6/30
Martin Barsky	6/18	Estelle Goldberg	6/30
Stuart Jay Enden	6/18	Abby Klein	6/30
Roslyn W Katz	6/19	Matty Roland	6/30
Henrietta Nathanson	6/19	Shari Widmayer	6/30
Hyman Schiffer	6/19	Shirley Dondes	7/1
<b><u>June 19/20</u></b>		Judith Druckman	7/1
Louis Deutsch	6/20	Wolf Goldhecht	7/1
Rhoda Hyman	6/20	Alice Hoerd Pfeifer	7/1
Louis Rothberg	6/20	Alex Waranch	7/1
Barbara Wilkes	6/20	Joseph Bienenfeld	7/2
Selma Auerbach	6/21	Nathan Polovsky	7/2

## Simon Wiesenthal Center

Coronavirus has unfortunately led to a serious spike in anti-Semitic activity on social media and is impacting on local Jewish communities.

We must remember that immediately prior to the pandemic residents from the Tri-State area marched across the Brooklyn Bridge and through the streets of the City to express our outrage against double digit increases in felony-level hate crimes against Jews. Clearly, we MUST remain vigilant in these times of crisis.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center dedicated experts and researchers are working around the clock to finding, exposing, and combatting anti-Semitism and hate. We cannot afford to allow such hate to go unchallenged.

We have to rely on scientists to find a vaccine against the newest deadly virus. But working together we can defend ourselves against history's oldest virus--- anti-Semitism.

Please partner with the SWC by reporting anti -Semitic or other coronavirus-related hate activity online or impacting your community by contacting the Simon Wiesenthal Center at [SWCNY@Wiesenthal.com](mailto:SWCNY@Wiesenthal.com).

**For updates on breaking developments every day please follow the Simon Wiesenthal Center at Facebook:**

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