



Congregation Beth Ohr

Weekly Newsletter

July 10/11, 2020

Yahrzeits, July 10/11

Sylvia Benish	7/11
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Harriet Saks	7/12
Lisette Bercovici	7/13
Emanuel Deitz	7/13
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Irene Kleiman	7/13
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Bertha Kanter	7/13
Simon Lionheart	7/14
Elizabeth Nurick	7/14
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Sylvia Blank	7/14
Lillian Feld	7/15
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Esther Betesh	7/16
Benjamin Cohen	7/16
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Beatrice Baum	7/17
Lyle Damon Rosen	7/17
Charles Sheffler	7/17
Bella Zavlek	7/17

**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR A COMMUNAL
COMMEMORATION OF**

TISHA B'AV

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
JULY 29 AT 8:30 PM**

Tisha B'Av (9th of the Hebrew month Av) is a day we mourn the First Temple and the Second Temple in Jerusalem, as well as other tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people during our history.

Join members of Congregation Beth Ohr, Marlboro Jewish Center, Temple Beth Ahm of Aberdeen, and Temple Beth Shalom, for the chanting of the the Book of Lamentations (Eicha) and prayers. All are welcome

**CLICK THE
FLYER FOR THE
ZOOM LINK**

**MEETING ID:
550 999 2020
PASSWORD:
309875**



Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque

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 for **\$300.00** to the synagogue office. If you have any questions about Hebrew names and/or dates, please call Phyllis. During the pandemic Phyllis is working at home and can be reached at 732-939-2720.



(Print Name in Hebrew)

(Date in English)

PLEDGE

I hereby authorize you to supply and maintain permanently on your Memorial Tablet, a nameplate 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: _____

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR INFORMATION AND PAYMENT BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020, SO IT CAN BE ON THE MEMORIAL WALL BEFORE YOM KIPPUR.

Tree of Life (To honor or memorialize a loved one)



\$118.00

Signed by _____

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 or, if the office is still closed, at 732-939-2720 for further details.



Dear Congregant:

- In order to attend the Zoom Gala the cost will be \$75 per person cash or ads (personal or outside business ads).
- Each attendee will receive a free meal from Classical Caterers (entree only).
- Meals will be distributed from the synagogue, **Sunday** July 26th. If you are unable to pick up your meal at the synagogue please contact us to see if other arrangements can be made.
- For \$36 you can add your name to a Memorial Page for those we have lost this past year.

Below you will find an invitation, a response form and a menu.

If you have any questions please contact:

Allan Benish
(732) 236-5643
abenish@aol.com

or Allen Skupp
(732) 895-4111
aiskupp@gmail.com

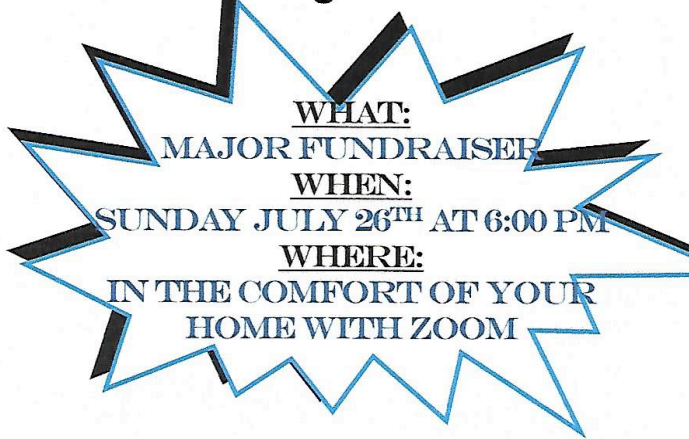
**Congregation Beth Ohr
Cordially Invites You to a
Zoom Gala Dinner
Sunday, July 26th, 2020
At 6:00PM
In The Comfort Of Your Home
Couvert \$75 per person, RSVP by July17, 2020
Dress: Casual
Allan Benish, (732) 236-5643, abenish@aol.com
Allen Skupp, (732) 895-4111, aiskupp@gmail.com**

Please respond by July 17, 2020

M _____
_____ Accepts with pleasure
Number of people attending _____
Send check to:
Allan Benish
114 Avignon Rd
Monroe Township, NJ 08831
_____ Declines with regret
Of free dinners requested:
Fish___ Chicken___ Beef___ Pasta___

- Teriyaki Glazed Salmon, over Vegetable Fried Rice
- French Cut Chicken with Marsala Sauce, with Herb Rice and Sautéed Spinach
- Pulled BBQ Brisket, over Mashed Potatoes and Grilled Vegetables
- Pasta Primavera

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



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.

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

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

Men's Club News

ATTEND the ZOOM minyan every Sunday. Some weeks we have a large group, but sometimes we don't. We need to make sure we have a minyan every Sunday. Try to attend the 50 minute service. We need you.

Men's Club Calendar

(In building and/or on ZOOM except where indicated. Programs subject to change.)

Aug 23 - Shofar blown at minyan until Rosh Hashanah

Sept 6 – Men's Club Photo Sunday – If ZOOM we will take a screen shot of everyone at the minyan

Sept 6 – Men's Club change torah and ark covers (only if temple open)

Sept 6 and 13 – Men's Club set up sukkah (only if temple open)

Oct 25 - Sisterhood / Men's Club joint program. Speaker Steve Samtur *Back in the Bronx* editor and publisher sponsored by Stephen Edwards Memorial Fund

Dec 6 – Men's Club Mensch Award

Jan 3, 2021 – Men's Club New Year Pancakes [only if temple open]

Jan 17 – Men's Club / Daytimers joint program

Feb 7 - World Wide Wrap / Men's Club, Ed Mendlowitz, 41st Financial Program

Feb 28 - Sisterhood / Men's Club joint program. Speaker Louis L. Picone, presidential historian and author, sponsored by Herman and Freda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp

Mar 21 - Men's Club Favorite Haggadah program [only if this date is available – if not available then cancel this program]

Mar 25 – Siyum for First Born

May 26 - Men's Club BBQ and Election [only if temple open]

June 6 - Men's Club Installation

July 4 – Men's Club Red, White and Blue Pancakes [only if temple open]

Photo of the Week



If you e-mail me by July 12 that you read this, I will postal mail you a special gift.

Shabbat July 11, 2020. **One Minute Dvar Torah** prepared by Ed Mendlowitz.

Pinchas

Numbers 25:10-30:1.

Parsha name

Pinchas: Pinchas redux. The parsha seems to be named for someone that does not have a continuing role throughout the parsha. However, Pinchas is an example or a symbol for the conversion of the Israelites toward lives of virtuousness with this parsha containing many ways to bring this about.

Torah portion summary and selections

Phinehas is reintroduced as the grandson of Aaron. Why? Maybe the people were shocked and disapproved of his impulsive actions in the previous chapter. Another census. The story of the daughters of Zelophehad - a rare Biblical occurrence of women's rights (although many women have very important, active and prominent leadership roles). Moses is told he will die and should designate Joshua as his successor. Laws of inheritance. Daily and festival offerings. We read from this portion on the holidays.

To the more thou shalt give the more inheritance,
and to the fewer thou shalt give the less inheritance;
to each one according to those that were
numbered of it shall its inheritance be given.

Numbers 26:54

Another and final census has been taken. This one is to determine the allocation of land when they enter Eretz Yisrael. This verse has many interpretations. Rashi says that the larger tribes will get larger portions so that each individual would get the same size plot. Ramban says that each tribe would get an equal portion with their members getting an equal share among them. Rabbi Naftali Tzvi Yehudah Berlin (1817 – 1893) ("The Netziv") expands upon this and says that each person would get a share of equal value so that the members of the larger tribes would get a smaller piece but of better value (i.e. more fertile), while the members of the smaller tribes would get bigger pieces of lesser value. Rabbi Zalman Sorotzkin (*Insights in the Torah*) offers his rationale of the Netziv's interpretation saying that there is really no difference in the productivity of two pieces of land. The difference being that the less fertile requires more work which can be better done by the larger tribes because they have more people working. Now, how do we reconcile what we just read about the division of the land with the verse that follows that says the land will be divided by lot? That places the choice in G-d's hands, removing jealousy among the tribes over the land division.

This seems like a modern day economics lesson.

But among these there was not a man
of them that were numbered by Moses
and Aaron the priest, who numbered the
children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

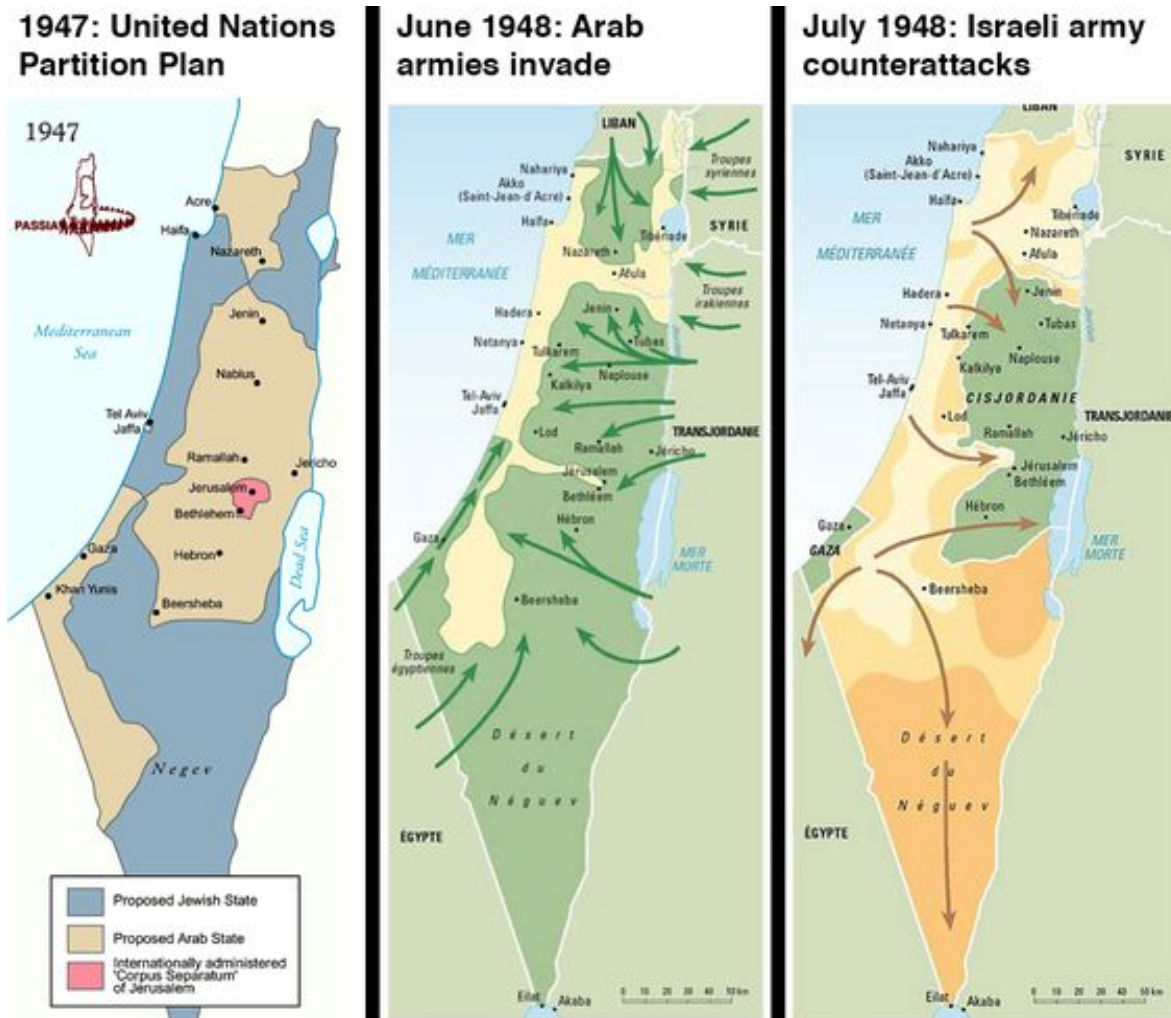
Numbers 26:64

The forty-year journey is reaching an end. A last census was taken and except for Caleb and Joshua, none of those that were included in the first census will be entering the Promised Land.

Israel Based on the United Nations Partition Plan

Look at the map below of the land that the United Nations created for the State of Israel. This really happened but it looks like a cruel joke. Israel was divided into three noncontiguous parts (as was the Arab state). However, this was too much for the surrounding Arab nations and they attacked to take over **all** of what the United Nations designated for Israel. After Israel's counterattack, which was not supported by any government including the United States, Israel became an undivided nation.

The Arab state was never created since it was more important for the Arabs that there be no Israel than any new Arab state. This seems to still be the situation. My comment: It is impossible for a Palestinian state to be currently formed since they are divided into two hate filled factions and there is no leadership that could speak or represent the people that call themselves "Palestinians".



SISTERHOOD NEWS

We held our annual president's meeting on June 22, 2020 at which time we discussed our programs for the coming year. During these uncertain times, we decided to schedule programs that can be held via Zoom with the caveat that when our building reopens, we can meet in the building. Some highlights on our schedule are:

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 – This will be our first membership meeting for 2020-2021 and it will be held via Zoom. Details of this program will be announced at a later date.

Sunday, October 25, 2020 – The first joint Sisterhood/Men's Club program of the year will be held via Zoom. It will feature Steve Samtur and his *Stroll through the Bronx of Yesteryear*. This program will be sponsored by the Stephen Edwards Memorial Youth Fund. Thank you to Sue Edwards and family for their continued support.

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – Annual Paid Up program. Details of this program will be announced at a later date.

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 – Chanukah and Crafts program. Details of this program will be announced at a later date.

Sunday, January 10, 2021 – Annual book discussion. We will let you know the book at a later date.

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – Game night. Details of this program will be announced at a later date.

Sunday, February 28, 2021 – Joint Sisterhood/Men's Club Program featuring Louis L. Picone, presidential historian and author. This program will be sponsored by the Herman and Freda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp. Thank you to the Lipp family for their continued support.

Saturday, March 20, 2021 – Sisterhood Shabbat. We cancelled the 2020 service due to the pandemic and pray that we will be able to lead services in our sanctuary in 2021.

Sunday, April 18, 2021 – Torah Fund Benefactor's Luncheon.

Sunday, May 2, 2021 – Join us for our first joint program with Daytimers. Details of this program will be announced at a later date.

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – Annual Donor Dinner and Elections.

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – Sisterhood Installation.

As previously announced, **Linda Skupp** was selected as the recipient of the Torah Fund Benefactor Award for 2020. The April luncheon honoring Linda was cancelled due to the pandemic, and we plan to honor Linda in the spring of 2022.

If you are not a member of Sisterhood and interested in joining, please contact me at harriet.rabinowi@gmail.com.

Shalom and Stay Healthy,

Harriet Rabinowitz, Sisterhood President

SISTERHOOD CONGREGATION BETH OHR CALENDAR PERSONALS

Dear Members:

Sisterhood is once again planning to make up our Jewish Calendar for the year 5780-5781 (2020-2021). There will be a place on the calendar for 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. There will be 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 Ohr with your imprint order and mail to Linda Garfinkel, c/o Congregation Beth Ohr, P. O. Box 206, Route 516, Old Bridge, N.J. 08857.

Thank you for your support. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS JULY15, 2020.

Linda Garfinkel

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Birthdays _____
(\$2.50 each)

Anniversaries _____
(\$2.50 each)

Yahrzeits
List name, English month, _____
Day & Year
(\$2.50 each) _____

Weddings _____
(\$2.50 each)

Patrons _____
(\$10.00 each)

**Mazel Tov to all our congregants
Celebrating birthdays and anniversaries
During the week of July 11 - July 17**



Birthdays

Allen Skupp

7/15/20

Anniversaries

Linda and Allen Skupp

7/12/20

Lisa Mason and Stan Perlman

7/14/20

Alice and David Honig

7/15/20

Classical Caterers

In these difficult times Classical Caterers would like to offer freshly made kosher meals and kosher meats.



Kosher meals will be prepared in ready to heat microwaveable containers.* All orders preferred by Friday and will be ready for curbside pick up the following Wednesday or Thursday *****

***** Local Delivery available for \$20.00 extra charge *****

****Free Delivery for 55+ Communities Monroe, Marlboro, Manalapan** Please select "Pick up" at checkout and write note "free delivery & address for delivery in the notes section.**

4 meal minimum order required

Pick Up Locations (selected at checkout):

~B'Nai Tikvah, North Brunswick, NJ

Regular: Wednesday, between 12pm and 2pm

~Beth El, Voorhees, NJ

Regular: Wednesday, between 12pm and 2pm

~The Jewish Center of Princeton

Regular: Thursday, between 11am and 1pm

~Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield, NJ

Regular: Thursday, between 12pm and 2pm

To order go: <https://classical.catertogo.com>

Classical Caterers

(732) 297-6444

evan@classicalcaterers.com

1001 Finnegans Lane

North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Tish b'av in the United States



When Is Tisha B'Av 2020?

Quick Facts

This Thu, Jul 30, 2020
year:

Many Jewish Americans observe Tisha B'Av, which is the ninth day of the month of Av in the Jewish calendar. It is a day of mourning to remember various events such as the destruction of the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem. When Tisha B'Av falls on Shabbat (Saturday), it is deferred to Sunday, 10th of Av.



Torah study is forbidden on Tisha B'Av except for sad texts such as the Book of Lamentations.

What Do People Do?

Many Jewish people in the United States observe various restrictions during Tisha B'Av. These restrictions may include:

- Fasting.
- Avoiding washing, bathing, shaving or wearing cosmetics.
- Not wearing leather shoes.
- Avoiding certain types of work.
- Abstaining from sexual activities.

Many traditional mourning practices are observed, such as refraining from smiling and laughing. Those who observe Tisha B'Av are allowed to study only certain portions of the Torah and Talmud. The book of Lamentations is read and mourning prayers are recited in the synagogue. The ark (cabinet where the Torah is kept) is draped in black.

Some universities or learning centers give those who observe Tisha B'Av the chance to sit exams at other dates, on the proviso that certain requirements are met. Some Jewish centers offer a program for observing Tisha B'Av. People who are sick are exempted from fasting on that day.

Public Life

Tisha B'Av is not a federal public holiday in the United States. However, some Jewish organizations may be closed or have restricted opening hours.

Background

Tisha B'Av, also known as the Jewish Fast of Av, is a period of fasting, lamentation and prayer to remember the destruction of the First and Second Temples of Jerusalem. The Jewish people still continued the fast day even after they rebuilt the First Temple after the Babylonians destroyed it in 586 BCE. The Romans destroyed the Second Temple by burning it in 70 CE and this marked the start of a long exile period for Jewish people. These are two of five sad events or calamities that occurred on the ninth

day of the month of Av. The other three were when:

- Ten of the 12 scouts sent by Moses to Canaan gave negative reports of the area, leading to the Israelites' despair.
- The Romans captured the fortress city of Beitar, the last stronghold of the leaders of the Bar Kochba revolt, and thousands of Jewish people, including Bar Kokhba (or Kochba), were massacred in 135 CE.
- The city of Jerusalem was destroyed in 136 CE.

Tisha B'Av is a sad day that observes other major disasters and tragedies that Jewish people experienced throughout history. These include: The expulsion of the Jewish people from England in 1290 and from Spain in 1492; as well as the mass deportation of Jewish people from the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II.

Tisha B'Av begins at sunset on the previous day and lasts for more than 24 hours. It is the culmination of a three-week period of mourning. Weddings and other parties are generally not permitted, and people refrain from cutting their hair during this period. It is customary to refrain from activities such as eating meat or drinking wine (except on the Shabbat) from the first to the ninth day of AV.