



Congregation Beth Ohr

Weekly Newsletter

July 24/25, 2020

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**MEAL PICKUP FOR ZOOM GALA JOURNAL EVENT
AND REGISTRATION**

Friends,

**Pickup of meals for the Zoom Gala will be on
Sunday, July 26, 2020, from 12:00PM TO 1:00PM at
the Synagogue.**

Please pull into the parking lot and park.

Call one of the cell phone numbers listed below.

We will tell you to drive up to the front door.

We will bring the meal(s) to your car.

**Allan Benish
(732) 236-5643**

**Allen Skupp
(732) 895-4111**

Any questions call:

See you on Zoom Sunday at 6PM

**For those going to the event and if you have not
registered, please check your e-mail for registration.
ONLY THOSE WHO RSVP'D FOR THE EVENT WILL BE
ALLOWED ON THE ZOOM GALA.**

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**



BS'D

Topic: Tisha B'Av Services & Eicha Reading - Community-Wide

Time: July 29, 2020, 8:30PM, Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5509992020?pwd=WVNYKzJVVTJQTTJsWGhQVUIyT3ZTZz09>

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Meeting ID: 550 999 2020

Password: 309875

Find your local

number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbbkqRVVIF>

Men's Club News

ATTEND the ZOOM minyan every Sunday. This Sunday we were tight and just made it with 10 people at 9:00AM. All together 14 people attended. I think we can do better. PLEASE help us make sure we have a minyan every Sunday. Try to attend the 50-minute service. We need you.

I found out the secret for an effective sermon. Open with a strong beginning. Close with a strong ending. Have them both as close together as possible.

Photo of the Week

Send me your favorite photos to include in the newsletter at emcpal@aol.com
This is part of the Sunday minyan. I decided to take this screen shot after some people logged off.



Men's Club Melody of Adon Olam



Shabat July 25, 2020. **One Minute Dvar Torah** prepared by Ed Mendlowitz.

Comment: I started my first One Minute Dvar Torah with this parsha on July 17, 1999.

Devarim, Sabbath Hazon

Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

Parsha name Devarim: Words – Moses tells the story of the past forty years.

Torah portion summary and selections Devarim or Deuteronomy (Greek for 2nd telling) is a one book synopsis of the second to fourth books. At the threshold of entering the Promised Land, Moses recapitulates the previous forty years that brought them there. The parsha opens with “These are the words [“devarim”] which Moses spoke...” Forty years earlier when G-d summoned Moses to go to Pharaoh, Moses said “I am not a man of words...” [Exodus 4:10] G-d certainly gave Moses the words to say. Another name for this book is *Mishneh Torah*, which is Hebrew for “recapitulation of the Torah.” Maimonides (ca.1135 -1204) used this as the title of his compendium of Jewish Law.

G-d tells Moses it is that time and he should give his final words and instructions to the Israelites. What would you do? You might try talking and talking and talking as long as you could to delay the final judgment. And it appears that is what Moses did and the result is the entire Book of Deuteronomy.

And the L-rd was angry with me for your sakes,
Saying: ‘Thou also shalt not go in thither;’

Deuteronomy 1:37

Moses will die without entering the Promised Land that he has worked so hard for these past forty years. It appears Moses is upset and tries to place blame away from himself.

“...Ye shall not fear them; for the L-rd
your G-d, He it is that fighteth for you”

Deuteronomy 3:22

Joshua being told not to fear entering the Promised Land.

Haftorah summary and selections

Isaiah 1:1-27

The Haftorah that always precedes Tisha B’Av is from the beginning of the Book of Isaiah and is known as Sabbath Hazon [“Vision”] from the first word of this Haftorah. The word Eicha [1:21] [“How”] connects this Haftorah to the Book of Lamentations that is read on Tisha B’Av. Also “How” appears in the Torah parsha, although in a different context.

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he
saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days
of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Isaiah 1:1

Usually the Haftorah is related somewhat to the week’s Torah portion. The past two weeks, this week and the succeeding seven weeks have Haftorahs that are unrelated to the Torah portion. The three Haftorahs concluding with this are warnings of what will happen if G-d’s commandments are not followed. The seven after Tisha B’Av give words of encouragement leading up to Rosh Hashanah.

This Haftorah begins with Isaiah’s introduction of himself placing his time and location. All four of the kings mentioned lived in Judah in the last half of the 8th Century B.C.E. The prophet lived in Jerusalem, the capital of the Southern Kingdom, called Judah and consisted of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin; The Northern Kingdom was called Israel or Ephraim and comprised the ten other tribes that broke off from the united nation following Solomon’s death. Isaiah lived a privileged life, was some sort of relative of King Uzziah, and seemed to be able to come and go as he pleased. The Northern Kingdom was destroyed by the Assyrians around 722 B.C.E. The Southern Kingdom lasted until the Temple’s destruction and the Exile in 586 B.C.E.

Tisha B'Av is Wed. night July 29 and Thur. July 30, 2020.

Following are my comments:

Tisha B'Av is a solemn day that remembers some bad things that happened to the Jewish people. It does not remember all the bad things. We have a few other days for some of those such as Yom HaShoah and Kristallnacht. However, as I look back through history every date on the yearly calendar is an anniversary of some horrible thing that befell the Jewish people.

I refer to the Jewish people and not Jews. Individual Jews have been the subjects of many bad things because they were Jews, but most of that did not seep out to all the Jews in their community. What did are: pogroms; expulsions; restrictions to Ghettos; systemic, state-sanctioned discrimination; confiscation of wealth; the "Crusades" [a name given to the genocide that was committed]; torture by depraved church leaders of the Inquisition; the birth of other religions that used anti-Semitism as their midwife including their relentless [to this day] teachings of anti-Semitism; the widespread distortion, denigration and denial of Jewish contributions to humanity; the glamorizing and popular acceptance of well-known and well publicized anti-Semites; and many other instances that should be recognized by a "day". However, if we did that, then we would have no time left to be the productive and valuable citizens that we are. Also, we might become a cult of hate and intolerance keeping us in a state of perpetual anger...making us no better than today's anti-Semites.

So, in the wisdom of previous leaders, only a very few days have been set aside for communal mourning. Not remembrance, because we should never forget for a moment and we vigilantly should be aware of what has happened and could reoccur in the instant it takes to snap a finger. We also need to be alert to the undercurrent of festering anti-Semitism and the ignorance and hate that breeds it.

Tisha B'Av is one of those days we mourn because it is the date that major devastations and exiles occurred. The Temple of Solomon and the rebuilt Second Temple were destroyed; the Catholic Monarchs in 1492 forced all Jews out of Spain; and it is the day ten of the twelve spies in the wilderness showed their lack of faith. These are a few of the poisonous actions with the purpose of obliterating the Jewish people.

Our enemies did not succeed, and we are here to mourn on Tisha B'Av. Perhaps Tisha B'Av should be a celebration of our survival, strength, contributions to humankind and our being devoid of the debris of hatred that other religions and groups have lived with. Our survival is with G-d's grace, sight, protection and wisdom. It should be truly a day of Thanksgiving.

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 _____

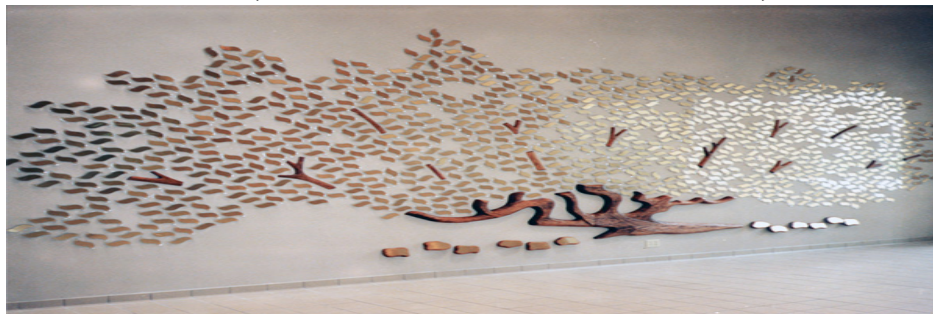
For which I agree to pay \$300.00. It is mutually agreed that each year, on the yahrzeit of the departed, and on other appropriate occasions in accordance with Jewish custom, a Memorial Prayer will also be said.

Signed by _____ Date: _____

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR INFORMATION AND PAYMENT BY FRIDAY, JULY 24, 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 _____

HIGH HOLIDAYS 2020

HIGH HOLIDAYS GREETINGS

If you would like to send Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur wishes to the congregation, please send your message (or just your names) to Paula Yourman at bubbe513@gmail.com, or call Paula at 609-409-0346.

As in past years each listing costs \$5.00. Please make your checks payable to Sisterhood Beth Ohr, and mail it directly to:

**Paula Yourman
405 Harrier Drive
Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831**

Yizkor Book

By now most of you should have received a letter about the Yizkor Book with listings of the yahrzeits that we have on file in the database. If you would like to make any additions or changes to the listing, and want to include your loved ones in the book, please call Phyllis at 732-939-2720 if the office is still closed, or the synagogue office at 732-257-1523 if we are open.

If you would like to use your credit card, please call Phyllis at the above telephone numbers so that you can give her your account number and expiration date. In an effort to protect your credit card information, please do not send her your number through U.S. mail or e-mail.

When done, the Yizkor Book will be sent via e-mail. Only those people, who do not have e-mail, will be sent through U.S. Mail.

The deadline is Friday, September 11, 2020. As always, there will be no exceptions.

**DAYTIMERS PROGRAM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020**

1:00PM – 2:30PM

Join us for an enjoyable and entertaining production as Mel Prussack brings “The Best of Broadway” to your home on Zoom. Make yourself comfortable as we bring Broadway to you.

If you need information on how to log onto Zoom call:

Harriet Rabinowitz (732-679-1592) or

Allen Skupp (732-895-4111)

CONGREGATION BETH OHR CEMETERY

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, 732-939-2720 for further details.





COVID-19 TESTING (THROAT-SWAB) OLD BRIDGE RESIDENTS

JULY 15 & 29 - 8AM
OLD BRIDGE HS PARKING LOT



ZERO
CO-PAY

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS

- ✓ Pre-register online at www.jrmc.us at least two days before test date
- ✓ Arrive at location in your vehicle
- ✓ Test is administered
- ✓ JRMC will contact you via telemedicine with results. If you test negative for COVID-19, you will receive a prescription for the Antibody test
- ✓ You may go to LabCorp for the Antibody test

FOR QUESTIONS CALL
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WWW.JRMC.US

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4 meal minimum order required

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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

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