

Congregation Beth Ohr

Weekly Newsletter

August 7/8, 2020

Yahrzeits August 7/8

Harry Pekor	8/8
Gertrude Waldman	8/8
Arthur Abrasley	8/9
Evelyn Besterman	8/10
Edna Kaplan	8/10
Tina Kaplan	8/10
Bert Ladinsky	8/10
Bernard Seltzer	8/11
Harold Lubin	8/12
Merril Goshor	8/12
Philip Weiss	8/12
Morris Wernick	8/12
Arnold Yourman	8/12
Melvin Balsky	8/13
Eva Bakely	8/14
Dalia Bemaman	8/14
Jack Honig	8/14
Ida Polovsky	8/14
Benjamin Nathan Schenker	8/14
Sylvia Shindelman	8/14



**The Aroyo Family Invites
you to attend
Liz's Bat Mitzvah
Via Zoom on Saturday August 29, 2020
At 10:00 AM
Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin of
Congregation Beth Ohr
Old Bridge, NJ**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcJXn6BUDm>

Thank You Very Much!

CONGREGATION BETH OHR SPECIAL FUNDS

The following is a listing of Special Funds to which tax deductible donations can 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
Rabbi Mishkin's Discretionary Fund

***When donating to these funds, please make your checks payable 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:

David Benish Memorial Fund

By Allan & Linda Benish In Memory of Sylvia Benish
By Barbara & Ellis Abrams and Ed and Ruth Lubinsky in honor of Rosemarie Sender's (Linda Benish Mother) 100th Birthday.

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.

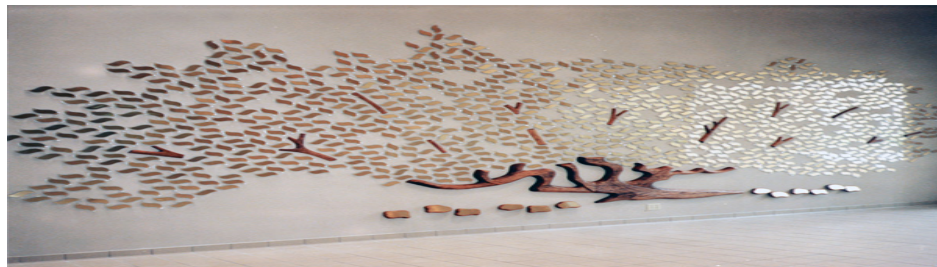
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Date: _____

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR INFORMATION AND PAYMENT ASAP, BUT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL BE READY FROM THE VENDOR IN TIME TO BE PLACED ON THE MEMORIAL WALL BEFORE YOM KIPPUR.

Tree of Life

(To honor or memorialize a loved one)



\$118.00

Signed by _____

Week of August 7/8 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Ryselle Perlman	8/7/20
Sara Ullman	8/10/20
Meryl Finkelstein	8/14/20
Martin Israel	8/15/20

Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weinstein	8/9/20
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Ross	8/11/20
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silver	8/14/20



SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR

ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

2020 – 2021

TEMPLE MEMBERS \$36

NON-TEMPLE MEMBERS \$45

DONOR CREDIT OF \$5 WILL BE AWARDED TO MEMBERS WHO PAY THEIR DUES ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020.

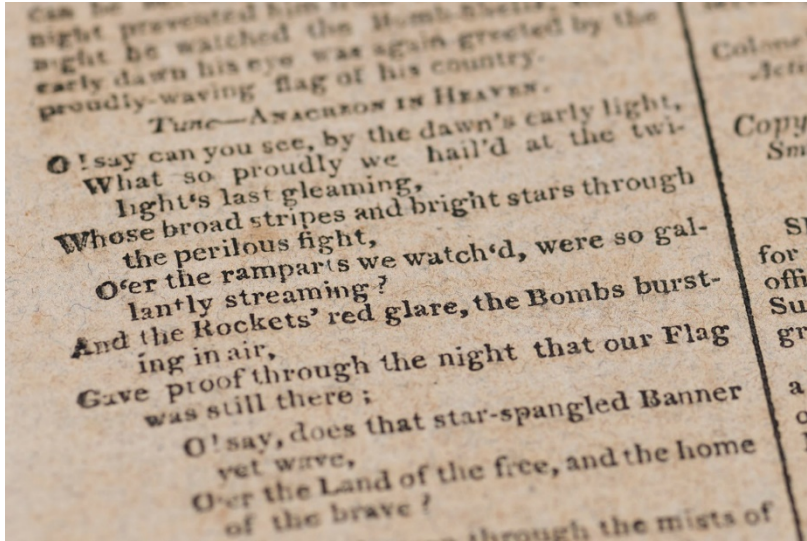
MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT REJOINED SISTERHOOD BY DECEMBER 31, 2020 FORFEIT ALL PREVIOUSLY ACCUMULATED DONOR CREDIT.

*PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO:
ESTEE SPIEGEL
9 NORTH STREET
OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857*

PLEASE INCLUDE: YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS AND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. WE WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE OUR SISTERHOOD LIST. IF YOU HAVE A WINTER ADDRESS, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT AS WELL.

Men's Club News

ATTEND the ZOOM minyan every Sunday. This Sunday we had a **FANTASTIC** 20 people logging on with 25 attending. Great going for everyone. Let's keep it up. C U Sunday at the minyan.



Shown is the first printing of the Star Spangled Banner in a Baltimore newspaper on Sept 10, 1814, and a 1948 Francis Scott Key postage stamp.



Photo of the Week

Send me your favorite photos to include in the newsletter emcpal@aol.com

Big news! Bob Lipp shot par on the Fountain's course on Monday, Aug 3!

First time ever. Hooray for Dr. Bob. Great going!

Bob and his family will be sponsoring the Feb 28, 2021 joint Sisterhood/Men's Club program with speaker, presidential historian/author Louis L. Picone.

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Shabbat August 8, 2020. **One Minute Dvar Torah** prepared by Ed Mendlowitz.

Ekev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Parsha name

Ekev – “Because” or “as a result of.” What will happen to you because of, or as a result of, listening to these laws.

Torah portion summary and selections

Moses continues his roundup of the 40 years in the desert before the Jews are to enter the Land of Israel. He introduces the concept of fearing G-d. The phrases “Man does not live by bread alone” (8:3) and “Israel is a land flowing with milk and honey” (11:9) are in here. So is the command of Birkas HaMazon (8:10);. This parsha has the 3rd paragraph of the Shema (Va-ha-yah) (starting at 11:13). Aaron dies. Tribe of Levi is separated. The parsha ends with G-d acknowledging His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

“And thou shalt remember all the way which
the L-rd thy G-d hath led thee these forty years
in the wilderness...”

Deuteronomy 8:2

What way? It took forty years to go a few weeks journey. And the people completing the journey are not even the same as those who started. The meaning of “way” refers to an opening; a passage; or a path from one place to another. This starts the explanation of why G-d kept the Jews in the desert for so long. G-d had to cleanse us from the yoke of a slave’s dependence to a Pharaoh and any independence of feelings we otherwise might have had toward G-d, to full dependence on Him. G-d has shown in the barren wilderness that He can look over us and provide all the sustenance to those who follow Him. In the desert we had absolutely nothing except faith and trust in G-d. We were free of all concerns so we could devote ourselves fully to G-d’s teachings. We were taught His spiritual purpose and the importance of being faithful to Him and keeping His commandments so that we can avoid helplessness and emptiness.

...man doth not live by bread only, but by
everything that proceedeth out of the mouth
of the L-rd doth man live.

Deuteronomy 8:3

The rest of this famous phrase, that tells us that we need to follow G-d’s teachings.

Haftorah summary and selections Isaiah 49:14-51:3

The haftorah is the Second Haftorah of Consolation and tells that following G-d’s ways will bring about honor, glory, joy, comfort, and G-d’s compassion. This was written some time after the destruction of the Temple in 586 BCE. This and the other Haftorahs of Consolation were preached during a very fertile time for humanity. Here are some of the things that occurred around this period and century:

- Many of the books of the Bible were first written down in Hebrew
- Aesop wrote his fables
- Solon’s laws were promulgated in Athens
- Greek rationalist philosophy began
- Pythagoras developed his mathematical formula and the musical octave
- Greeks established a democracy in Athens
- Romans established a republic
- Cast iron manufactured, widespread ironworking and first coins for commercial use invented
- Hinduism, Buddhism and Jain religions established, and Zoroastrianism became official religion of Persia
- Cyrus the Great conquered Persia (and permitted Jews to return from exile)
- Egypt conquered by Persia and a canal connecting Nile with Red Sea was completed
- Confucius wrote his sayings
- Ball games first played in Central America
- First accepted use of seven day week (this was developed by the Hebrew people)

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 name) 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 check 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 the Yizkor Book through U.S. Mail.

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

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.



GOOD NEWS

MAZEL TOV

Gregory & Shatori Fortune have a new son, Isaiah Gabriel Fortune. It is not often that we can announce the birth of a son to a synagogue member.



Thank you from Linda Benish

Allan and I want to thank all the friends in Beth Ohr who were kind enough to acknowledge my mother's 100th birthday. A special event for an amazing lady was made even more special by your cards, donations, and good wishes. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.



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Regular: Thursday, between 12pm and 2pm

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Scholars in their Residences - Preparing our Souls for the Holy Days

Congregation Beth Ohr, Congregation Torat El, Marlboro Jewish Center, Monmouth Reform Temple, Temple Beth Ahm of Aberdeen, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Rodeph Torah, Temple Shaari Emeth, Temple Shalom of Aberdeen

Together we invite you to enjoy this incredible online community learning opportunity with some of the world's leading Jewish scholars. The following is the link to the program:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89053499213?pwd=aURjZDk4dEMySlhGTnhTTVZCTlJpZz09>

Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

“Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die...”: The Most Celebrated — and Disturbing High Holy Day Prayer of All: and a Detective-like Quest for Its Origins, with Rabbi Larry Hoffman

Unetaneh tokef, the prayer that asks the question, “who shall live and who shall die?” is one of the most familiar and most challenging prayers in the *machzor*. These words tend to rattle us, making real the precarious nature of life. How can we understand and make sense of this prayer? How did it develop, what are its origins and why has it become one of the most central and well-known prayers in our holy day worship?



Dr. Lawrence A. Hoffman was ordained as a rabbi in 1969, received his Ph.D. in 1973, and is now Professor Emeritus at the New York campus of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, where he served for almost half a century. His teaching and research interests include liturgy, ritual, and worship; spirituality and theology; evolving American religion; and synagogue transformation and leadership.

For over half a century, he has combined research, classroom teaching, and a passion for the spiritual renewal of North American Judaism. He is known internationally for his lectures to popular audiences and his spiritual approach to synagogue consultation.

Rabbi Hoffman has written or edited forty-five books to date, including *My People's Prayer Book*, *My People's Passover Haggadah* and *Prayers of Awe*, an eight-volume commentary on the prayers of the High Holy Days. For many years, Rabbi Hoffman served as visiting professor at the University of Notre Dame. In addition, he has lectured at such places as the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the University of Southern California, and the Yale Divinity School. In 1994, he co-founded "Synagogue 2000," a trans-denominational project to envision the ideal synagogue "as moral and spiritual center" for the 21st century. He lives with his wife in the greater New York area, where, in retirement, he continues to think and to write about issues of moment; and to travel to congregations to lecture and advise. He can be followed on his blog: "[Life and a Little Liturgy](#)."

Wednesday, August 20, 2020, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

The Problem and Promise of Words -- Considering the Significance of Kol Nidrei



with Rabbi Eliezer Diamond

Kol Nidre is simultaneously moving and confusing. Why does it have such prominence in our Yom Kippur liturgy? We will look a bit at its history and the struggles over its place in the Yom Kippur service and we will consider how Kol Nidre can be seen as clarifying the central mission of Yom Kippur.

Rabbi Dr. Eliezer Diamond is the Rabbi Judah Nadich Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at JTS. He teaches courses in rabbinic literature in addition to introductory, intermediate, and advanced Talmud study. In 2003 Eliezer published *Holy Men and Hunger Artists: Fasting and Asceticism in Rabbinic Culture*. The book provides a thorough reassessment of the role that asceticism plays in rabbinic Judaism, suggesting that asceticism is more pervasive than is generally thought. He is the editor of a forthcoming volume containing a commentary on Yerushalmi Pesahim by the late Professor Louis Ginzberg accompanied by a historical and methodological introduction. His current project is a book

about prayer. The prayer volume will address the problem of cognitive dissonance for the contemporary worshipper and will offer readings of traditional liturgy that use midrashic methodology to find meaning and relevance in these prayers for the modern Jew.

Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 10:00-11:15 a.m. EST

The Vidui /Confessional Prayer: Origins, Psychological and Sociological Aspects, Classical and Innovative Versions



with Rabbi Dalia Marx (joining us from Israel)

People often don't realize that Judaism has a tradition of confession. Come explore the origins of the communal and personal practice, the effect that it has on us both as individuals, and as a community, and experience both ancient and modern innovative versions of this prayer.

Rabbi Dalia Marx, Ph.D., is the Rabbi Aaron D. Panken Professor of Liturgy and Midrash at HUC-JIR's Taube Family Campus in Jerusalem, and teaches in various academic institutions in Israel and Europe.

Marx, tenth generation in Jerusalem, earned her doctorate at the Hebrew University and her rabbinic ordination at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem and Cincinnati in 2002. She is involved in various research projects and is active in promoting liberal Judaism in Israel. Marx writes for academic and popular journals and publications.

She is the author of *When I Sleep and When I Wake: On Prayers between Dusk and Dawn* (Yediot Sfarim, 2010, in Hebrew), *A Feminist Commentary of the Babylonian Talmud* (Mohr Siebeck, 2013, in English), *About Time: Journeys in the Jewish-Israeli Calendar* (Yediot Sfarim, 2018, in Hebrew) and the co-editor of a few books. She recently co-authored the new Israel Reform Siddur, *T'filat HaAdam*. Marx lives in Jerusalem with her husband Rabbi Roly Zylbersztein (PhD) and their three children.

Sunday, August 30, 2020, 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Rock Into the New Year with Rebecca Schoffer Join singer songwriter & Jewish educator, Rebecca Schoffer for a playful, interactive New Year celebration! Get ready to rock your way into Rosh Hashanah with Rebecca



(and her puppets!) This Zoom gathering will be filled with singing, dancing and meaningful reflections for the whole family. We may not be together in person, but we can celebrate the NEW year a NEW way! Rebecca Schoffer is the Director of Jewish Family Engagement and the leader of the Shababa community at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. She is a musical and experiential Jewish educator, a singer songwriter, cantorial soloist and a playwright of family theater. Rebecca brings her background in theater, acting, music and improvisation to the Jewish educational space, travelling around the world to lead Jewish musical celebrations for families and teach workshops for educators. Rebecca was a recipient of the 2020 Young Pioneers Award, which celebrates innovative Jewish educators. Rebecca's music is available on Spotify and other streaming sites, so you can sing and dance along at home anytime. (Stay tuned for her new album of Jewish family music being released in 2020!) For more info check out www.RebeccaSchoffer.com.

Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Hayom Harat Olam: How Can We Recreate Our World? with Rabbi Aviva Richman

As we approach Rosh Hashanah in a year when the world may feel like it's on the brink of collapse, we



have to ask ourselves what it takes for the world to be born anew. We will study a collage of rabbinic sources woven together in R. Yitzhak Hutner's collected essays on Rosh Hashanah to confront and embrace what it means to face God and face ourselves and the task that lies ahead.

Rabbi Aviva Richman is a Rosh Yeshiva at Hadar, and has been on the faculty since 2010. A graduate of Oberlin College, she studied in the Pardes Kollel and the Drisha Scholars' Circle and was ordained by Rabbi Danny Landes. She is completing a doctorate in Talmud at NYU. Interests include Talmud, Halakhah, Midrash and gender, and also a h of *niggunim*.