



Congregation Beth Ohr

Weekly Newsletter

September 11/12, 2020

## September 11/12 Yahrzeits

Dorothy Krebs	9/12
Rose Blutman	9/13
Estelle Krinsky	9/13
Mel Dlugash	9/13
Abraham Ganis	9/13
Sadie Ladinsky	9/13
Paula Nuzzo	9/13
Abraham Wengrow	9/14
Felix Goldsmith	9/14
David Pulchin	9/14
Morris Simon	9/14
Frances Deutsch	9/15
Bruce Cohen	9/17
Greg Rakovsky	9/17
Phyllis Seidman	9/17
Siegfried Altscher	9/18
Esther Schiffer	9/18
Sylvia Schneider	9/18
Irene Marshall Schweidel	9/18
Jerome Solomon	9/18
Phyllis Leif	9/20
Rubin Levenstein	9/20
Betty Pekor	9/20
Sam Springer	9/20
Grigoriy Tsaliovich	9/20

## **Sisterhood Greetings**

**We pray that you and your families are renewed and strengthened with good health during these challenging times. May the new year of 5781 bring peace, joy and much happiness. L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu.**

**Allen & Wilma Appel  
Liz & Mike Aroyo & Family  
Mark & Monica Atzbi  
Linda & Allan Benish  
Jack & Rochelle Boshak & Family  
Eileen & Sidney Birnbaum  
Clark Family  
Harriet Cohen & Family  
Lee & Ira Donenfeld & Family  
Sue Edwards & Family  
Roberta & Lawrence Fachler & Family  
Barbara & Mel Feder  
Harriett Feld  
Meryl Finkelstein & Family  
Linda Garfinkel & Family  
Elizabeth Golden & Family  
Herb Goldenberg  
Ilene & Barry Gray  
Ellie & Bob Honig  
Lee Hyman & Matt Brenner  
Marilyn & Marty Israel  
Sylvia Kagan**

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**Roberta & Ralph Karpel & Family**  
**Maxine & Ken Kaufman & Family**  
**Elliot Leibowitz**  
**Seymour Nussenbaum**  
**Peter Okoh**  
**Lisa & Stan Perlman**  
**Jeff & Rysie Perlman & Family**  
**Ashna & Bernie Pincus & Family**  
**Terrie Polovsky**  
**Harriet & Phil Rabinowitz & Family**  
**Sheila Reinstein**  
**Chuck & Lysa Rogol**  
**Ronnie & Jay Rosenzweig**  
**Cookie & Jay Schiffres**  
**Barbara Schneider**  
**Cliff Shulman**  
**Arlene & Nelson Silver & Family**  
**Sharen, Burt, Jaimie & Michelle Silverman**  
**Mala & Bob Simon**  
**Marjorie Simon**  
**Linda & Allen Skupp**  
**Estee & Brendan Spiegel & Family**  
**Sara & Steve Ullman & Family**  
**Harriet & Bob Weiss**  
**Edna Yourman**  
**Paula Yourman & Family**

## **HIGH HOLIDAYS 2020**

### **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.**

### **High Holidays Tickets**

By now everyone should have received the request for tickets, letter from the Rabbi and registration form for tickets for the High Holidays.

1. All outstanding balances need to be paid in full prior to purchasing High Holidays registration.
2. Complete the registration form and mail it with your payment to the temple office. The temple address is: Congregation Beth Ohr, P.O. Box 206, Old Bridge, New Jersey, 08857.

If you intend to charge the purchase to your credit card, mail the registration form to the office and call Phyllis at 732-939-2720. (There is a 3.5% surcharge on all credit card transactions.)

The cost to attend services this year is \$75.00 per person. There is no charge for children under 21. If you choose to attend the Yizkor Service only, the cost is \$25.00 per person. If you have any questions, please call: Allen Skupp at 732-895-4111, or Philip Rabinowitz at 732-501-4799.

## **High Holidays Machzor Dedication**

If you are interested in dedicating a High Holidays prayer book, please contact Meryl Finkelstein by e-mail at [Merylrob@aol.com](mailto:Merylrob@aol.com) or by phone at 732-679- 8701.

Donations can be made to memorialize someone special or in honor of a simcha. The cost for each book is \$36.00, and checks should be made payable to Sisterhood Congregation Beth Ohr. The donation must be paid in full before a bookplate will be affixed to the book.

### **Machzor Pick Up**

As you all are aware High Holiday services this year will be via Zoom. For those who have purchased seats, we will be distributing High Holidays prayer books (machzor) at the synagogue between 11AM and 12:30PM on Sunday, September 6th and 13th. You are eligible to receive a machzor for each seat purchased.

To make the pick up as easy as possible, call either Allen Skupp (732-895-4111) or Allan Benish (732-236-5643) when you arrive at the synagogue. We will ask you to pull up to the front doors and will bring the machzor to your car. For those who picked up food for the Gala the procedure is the same.

If you want to purchase tickets that day please let Allen Skupp know prior to arriving at the synagogue. Bring the completed High Holidays ticket form you received from the synagogue with your payment and you will receive the machzor.

Any questions concerning tickets should be directed to either Phil Rabinowitz (732-501-4799) or Allen Skupp (732-895-4111). Questions related to the distribution of the machzor should be directed to either Allen Skupp (732-895-4111) or Allan Benish (732-236-5643).

**You will be notified of the date(s) to return the machzor to the synagogue. If the machzor is not returned you will be charged \$54 per book.**

## **LULAV AND ESROG SETS FOR SUKKOT**

**Do you want to add meaning to your Jewish life and create special memories for you, your children and grandchildren?**

**Order a lulav and esrog for Sukkot this year. Ira will be taking orders for the community at a cost of \$40.00 per set.**

**Please reserve your set(s) by contacting Ira (732-679-2652) or [id1112@aol.com](mailto:id1112@aol.com) by Tuesday, September 15.**



## **SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES**

We understand that many people cannot sit in front of a computer screen for hours at a time. Therefore, we have scheduled Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services so that we have periodic breaks. Please understand that the following times are estimates and services may end after the concluding time listed below.

- Friday, September 18, 2020 – Erev Rosh Hashanah Service begins at 6:00 p.m.
  
- Saturday, September 19, 2020 – First day of Rosh Hashanah
  - Shachrit Service and Sermon – 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
  - Musaf Service - 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.
  
- Sunday, September 20, 2020 - Second day of Rosh Hashanah
  - Shachrit Service – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
  - Shofar Service and Sermon – 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
  - Musaf Service - 12:10 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.
  - Tashlich Service at Thompson Park Lake in Monroe Township at 5:30 p.m. (weather permitting).
  
- Sunday, September 27, 2020 – Kol Nidre
  - Kol Nidre Service - 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
  
- Monday, September 28, 2020 – Yom Kippur
  - Shachrit Service – 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
  - Appeal, Sermon and Yizkor Service - 11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., including the dedication of the memorial plaques.
  - Community Yizkor Service - 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for individuals who purchase a Yizkor only ticket.
  - Musaf Service - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Mincha Service - 5:30 p.m., followed by Neilah, Ma'ariv and Havdalah.
  - Service concludes at 7:20 p.m.



## 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:

### **General Fund**

A donation was made in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Liz Aroyo from:  
Art & Cathie Wetstein  
Mark & Rachelle Chaleff  
The Chaleffs, Larry, Larissa, Matthew and Evan

### **David Benish Memorial Fund**

**From Liz & Michael Aroyo & family on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah**  
In honor of Linda Benish

### **Rabbi Mishkin's Discretionary Fund**

**From Liz & Michael Aroyo & family on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah**  
In honor of Rabbi Mishkin

# 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.

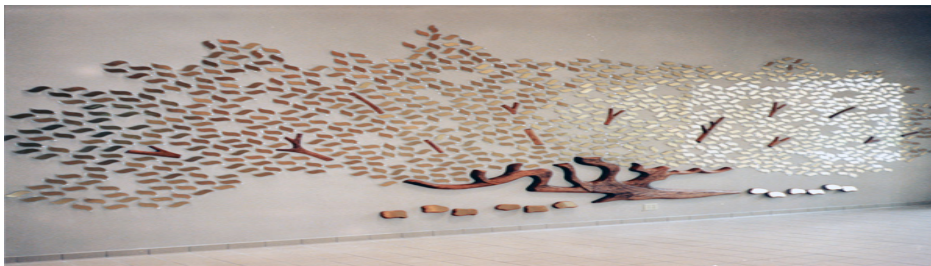
Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR INFORMATION AND PAYMENT 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.**

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## Tree of Life

(To honor or memorialize a loved one)



**\$118.00**

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

# Men's Club News

**ATTEND the ZOOM minyan every Sunday.** This Sunday we had 20 people logging on with 23 attending. Great going! Chuck blew the shofar and this Sunday will be the last time it will be blown before Rosh Hashanah which begins next Sunday. We also had a good group for our photo. **C U Sunday at the minyan.**

## *A Bissel Yiddish*

1. **baleboste**

A good homemaker, a woman who's in charge of her home and will make sure you remember it.

2. **bissel**

Or *bisl* – a little bit.

3. **bubbe**

Or *bobe*. It means grandmother, and *bobeshi* is the more affectionate form. *Bubele* is a similarly affectionate word, though it isn't in Yiddish dictionaries.

4. **bupkes**

Not a word for polite company. *Bubkes* or *bobkes* may be related to the Polish word for “beans”, but it really means “goat droppings” or “horse droppings.” It's often used by American Jews for “trivial, worthless, useless, a ridiculously small amount” – less than nothing, so to speak. (“After all the work I did, I got bupkes!”).

5. **chutzpah**

Or *khutspe*. Nerve, extreme arrogance, brazen presumption. In English, *chutzpah* often connotes courage or confidence, but among Yiddish speakers, it is not a compliment.

Source: <https://www.dailywritingtips.com/the-yiddish-handbook-40-words-you-should-know/>

## **Photos of the Week**

Send photos to [emcpal@aol.com](mailto:emcpal@aol.com). Paula Yourman forwarded photo on left with Allen Appel, Seymour Golden and Stu Goldberg. On right is Liz Aroyo with Chumash presented to her by Men's Club on occasion of her Bat Mitzvah. It was brought to her at her house last week. Her dog is named Moses.



P.S. I know. I don't recognize Allen either.

For information about Men's Club contact Ed Mendlowitz, [Emcpal@aol.com](mailto:Emcpal@aol.com) or 732 890-3344.

September 12, 2020. **One Minute Dvar Torah** prepared by Ed Mendlowitz. Double portion this week.

## **Nitzavim** Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

**Parsha name** Nitzavim – “standing firm.” Prelude to entering Eretz Yisrael the Israelites are united and are standing firmly together. Should be the same today!

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

Choose life, not death, Moses appeals. The sinner will be separated for doom. Righteousness and obedience will be rewarded while defiance would be cruelly punished. The covenant with G-d is for everyone, particularly future generations. Avoid idol worship and do not disregard heavenly curses. If Israel seeks G-d, Israel will find mercy at G-d's hands and will be brought back to the land of our fathers - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The choice is ours.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed;

*Deuteronomy 30:19*

For the last few weeks there has been a constant pleading to follow G-d's ways. On some reckoning it might seem too much, too preachy, but we should try to understand that Moses is about to die and he is making one last plea to us to follow in the right path

## **Vayyelech** Deuteronomy 31:1- 31:30

**Parsha name** Vayyelech – “And he went” – Moses goes to the people with his final exhortations. He tells the people to “be strong and of good courage” because the L-rd will be with you.

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

Moses is 120 years old and appoints Joshua as his successor. Moses writes the words of the Torah and we are commanded to hear, learn and observe the Torah. The Torah is to be made the rule of life. The people are admonished not to go astray.

And Moses said unto them: “I am a hundred and twenty years old this day...”

*Deuteronomy 31:2*

Forty years earlier Moses first appeared before G-d saying *He na nee* - here am I (Exodus 3:4). The journey that brought G-d's word to all the peoples is about to end for Moshe.

### **Haftorah summary and selections**

Isaiah 61:10-63:9

The haftorah is the last of the Haftorahs of Consolation. The prophet speaks that he will not relent until we change our ways and move toward G-d. Next week is Rosh Hashanah.

In His love and in His pity He redeemed them;  
And He bore them, and carried them  
all the days of old.

*Isaiah 63:9*

Final words of haftorah and final of the Haftorahs of Consolation.

## **September 11, 2001's Terrible Events Anniversary**

In 2001 I was emailing a weekly One Minute Dvar Torah to about 450 people. I usually prepared and sent it on Tuesday nights, choosing to spend that night studying the Torah. 9/11/2001 was a Tuesday and that night I agonized over the dastardly events of that day, and also wanted to write something meaningful. The parsha was Nitzavim, this week's parsha, and I wanted to take into account the context of that Torah portion. What I wrote appears under this photo.



**The Milky Way galaxy is comprised of over 100 billion stars similar to the sun. The universe contains over 100 billion galaxies similar to the Milky Way. In the infinite reaches of G-d's creation, in a small hovel on Earth, live undecipherable beings that today chose evil. They deserve the fiercest of G-d's curses.**

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 10, 2021. Terrie Polovsky will moderate our annual book discussion. We will discuss *The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl* by Marra B. Gad.**

**Phil joins me in wishing everyone a L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu. We pray that the new year 5781 brings health and peace to each of you and your families.**

**Shalom and Stay Healthy,**

*Harriet Rabinowitz,*

**Sisterhood President**

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  
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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.*

## Simchas for Week of September 11/12

### Anniversaries

Eloise and Robert Honig      9/11/20

Gail and Stuart Rizick      9/11/20





## 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.



## Classical Caterers

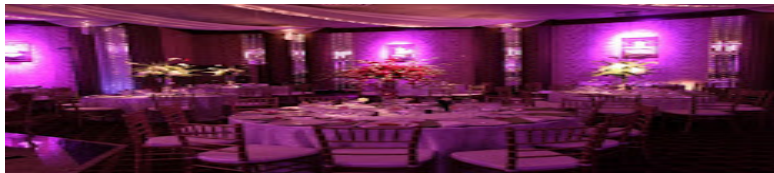
**The following is the link to order for Rosh Hashanah and Break the Fast.**

Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur Link: <http://classicalhh.catertogo.com>

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

**The following is the link to order during the coronavirus pandemic**

<https://classical.catertogo.com>



**Classical Caterers**

**1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902**

**[\(732\) 297-6444](tel:7322976444)**

**[evan@classicalcaterers.com](mailto:evan@classicalcaterers.com)**

### **JfS Middlesex school supplies needed now!**

With your donations, JFS is making sure that every child has what they need to succeed in school this year, wherever that may be. As most learning will happen remotely, the following essential supplies are still needed:

- crayons
- pens/pencils
- erasers
- colored pencils
- markers
- highlighters
- spiral or marble notebooks
- flash drives

To make a much needed supply or gift card donation, please call 732.777.1940; or e-mail [office@jfsmiddlesex.org](mailto:office@jfsmiddlesex.org); or, visit **our website** to make a financial donation that our hard working students and teachers will be thankful!

**Welcome to the Bildner Center**

**Mailing address:**

**Department of Jewish Studies,**

**12 College Avenue,**

**New Brunswick, NJ 08901**

**P: 848-932-2033 / F: 732-932-3052**



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**Upcoming Virtual Public Programs**  
**Weekly E-mail Blast**

**Sunday, September 13 | 2:00 p.m.**

**Hatikvah: A Sacred Reading of a Secular**

## Text

### *The Ruth and Alvin Rockoff Annual Program*

**Edwin Seroussi**, Emanuel Alexandre  
Professor of Musicology, and Director,  
Jewish Music Research Centre, Hebrew  
University of Jerusalem

*Hatikvah* in a collection of Moroccan *piyutim*, ca.  
1920, National Library of Israel

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**Tuesdays, October 13, 20, 27 | 7:00 p.m.**

### Writing the Oral Torah in Islamic Terms

#### **Three Session Mini-Course**

**Marc D. Herman**, Aresty Visiting  
Scholar, Bildner Center

Muhammad receiving revelation from the angel  
Gabriel, *Jāmi 'al-tawārīkh*, ca. 1314, Edinburgh  
University Library

**Sunday, October 25 | 2:00 p.m.**

### Jerusalem: City of the Book

#### *The Toby and Herbert Stolzer Endowed Program*

- **Benjamin Balint**, writer, translator, and  
coauthor, *Jerusalem: City of the Book*
- **Father Columba Stewart**, Executive Director,  
Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, Saint  
John's University
- **Bedross Der Matossian**, Associate Professor,  
Department of History, University of  
Nebraska–Lincoln

**Monday, December 7 | 7:00 p.m.**

### Reproductive Authority among Haredi Women

#### *Funded by the Sagner Family Foundation*

- **Michal Raucher**, Assistant Professor, Department of Jewish Studies, Rutgers  
University  
**Avital Chizhik-Goldschmidt**, Life Editor, *Forward*



The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County  
*presents a*



**Zoom Program**

**Arthur L. Finkle**

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presents an informative and engaging program

on

***Shofar History***



***and  
Technique***

A discussion and demonstration  
of the Shofar, its history, musicality, and religious significance by  
the author of *Shofar: History, Technique and Jewish Law* (2015) and  
*The Easy Guide to Shofar Sounders* (2000).

**Thursday, September 17, 2020 10:30 AM**

**Free Admission**

**To make a reservation and to obtain the Zoom link,  
please call the Museum at 732-252-6990 or  
contact us by email at  
[jhmomc@optonline.net](mailto:jhmomc@optonline.net)**

**The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County  
310 Mounts Corner Drive, Freehold, NJ**

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and a moving experience of selichot prayers from the Kotel



Reut Ifat Uziel  
and Dr. Izik Ifat



Dr. Izik Ifat  
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*If I forget thee, O Jerusalem*  
—PSALM 137:5

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