

CONGREGATION BETH OHR

Programs Booklet

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Linda Benish, Program Chair

Welcome! We are back home in our sanctuary, and we are happy to introduce this year's Beth Ohr Program Booklet. This booklet is a summary of information on the programming and adult education available at Beth Ohr this year. You will also find information for contacting the committee chair and descriptions of ways to participate.

Watch for programming updates throughout the year for information that might be added through our newsletter, on our Facebook page, or through notices from the office.

For questions, call the Synagogue and speak to Christine at 732-257-1523, email her at Congregationbethohr@gmail.com or call Linda Benish at 609-426-8727. We hope to see you soon.

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ADULT EDUCATION 2023-24

LOOK AT ALL WE ARE DOING!

Beth Ohr's Adult Education Program is BLOOMING! We are very excited to be able to offer several classes beginning this fall, and we hope many of you will join us.

TORAH CLASS

The Timeless Wisdom of the Rabbis

Spend every Monday morning with Rabbi Joel Mishkin searching through the centuries exploring the vast wisdom of the rabbinic tradition. Using Legends of the Jews by Louis Ginsberg as his primary text, Rabbi Mishkin will explicate and clarify the mysteries of rabbinic knowledge, relying upon the rich and evocative stories that have enriched us for centuries. As always, he will seek to relate these timeless tales to our own familial, societal and political issues. Look no further if you are interested in a refreshingly new approach to the issues of our day as guided by the wisdom of our past. Rabbi Mishkin will supply all texts.

Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Every Monday beginning Oct. 9

11:00 a.m. On Zoom

Jewish Ethics – The Mussar Tradition

We will continue our study of the Mussar tradition using the book, Everyday Holiness, The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar by Alan Morinis, the founder of the Mussar Institute. We will take up where we left off discussing in an open classroom format the qualities of humility, patience, gratitude and compassion as starters for our “academic” year program. I will be adding some, hopefully interesting additional resources from cultural, contemporary and topical items along with rabbinic and spiritual sources. All of the classes will use zoom technology unless I hear from you that there is an interest to return to the classroom at the synagogue.

Led by Rabbi Mishkin

Every Wednesday beginning Oct. 11

11:00 a.m. On Zoom

THE JEWISH 100 - A Ranking of the Most Influential Jews of all Times

Based on the Book by Michael Shapiro, this overview of the Jewish 100 has been ranked by their influence on the world. Come and see if you agree with the ranking and learn about some famous, and not so famous, Jews – from Abraham to Bob Dylan, their accomplishments and influence.

Led by Linda Benish
Thursdays beginning October 12
11:00 a.m. on Zoom

SPECIAL EVENTS

BRUNCH IN OUR SUKKAH

Come celebrate Sukkot and Sukkot means our festive Sukkah Brunch. **Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 1.** Services begin at 9 a.m. and include the joyous marching and waving the lulav and etrog and singing the wonderful tunes of Hallel. Brunch will cost \$25, and, weather permitting, we can sit and enjoy a great meal in our lovely Sukkah. RSVP to Linda Benish at 609-426-8727 or palinda@aol.com or to Christine in the office at congregationbethohr@gmail.com or 732-257-1523. Remember, the Sukkah has limited seating, so get your reservations in early!

Sunday, October 1

GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

Join us for our 8th annual panel discussion moderated by Rabbi Mishkin. The panel members, rabbis from our community, will discuss the timely topic, “The Values We Hold Dear.”

Sunday, November 5, 2023

2:00 p.m.

East Brunswick Public Library
2 Jean Walling, Civic Center Drive

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Have a wonderful Shabbat dinner with us and then, during services, have a chance to learn from our wonderful Scholar-in-Residence, **Rabbi Benjamin Levy**. Come back for services Shabbat morning to hear Rabbi Levy share more of his wisdom during Shabbat lunch. Rabbi Levy returns Sunday morning to daven with us and do a little teaching while enjoying the Men's Club breakfast.

Friday, November 10, 2023

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Sunday, November 12, 2023

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Now is the time to appreciate how connected we are to our friends and neighbors in Old Bridge. Join us as members of the various religious communities come together to show our thanks for all that is good in our lives. Details to be announced.

**Sunday, November 19, 2023
3:00 PM
Simpson Methodist Church
2095 Route 516
Old Bridge**

Musical Chanukah Shabbat

Spend another Shabbat with us as we are joined by our wonderful **Cantor, Zahava Fried**. We will talk about Chanukah, sing about Chanukah, and maybe even eat some delicious Chanukah treats. Friday night services after a delicious dinner, lunch after services Shabbat morning – lots of time for food, singing, and probably lots of laughter.

Friday, December 1, 2023
and
Saturday, December 2, 2023

WATCH FOR

**CHANUKAH CANDLE-LIGHTING
EACH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH BEGINNING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023**

Tu B'Shvat Seder

A short, but sweet Seder in honor of the holiday of trees. Enjoy this special event after Shabbat services.

Saturday, January 13, 2024

MAGICAL MUSICAL WEEKEND

Another wonderful weekend with our **Cantor, Zahava Fried** this spring. More information to come.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Come to services to thank all those who have worked to make this past year so successful, and congratulate those who have volunteered to be part of the Beth Ohr Board of Directors for the coming year.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024