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Candle Lighting Times

- November 3
5:34 pm
- November 10
4:27 pm
- November 17
4:21 pm
- November 24
4:16 pm

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"Lend a Hand in 5784!" by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Following the extremely lively and beautiful High Holiday services that we enjoyed this past month, I began to think about what really makes all of this possible. In a place as small and as lean as our synagogue is when it comes to our professional staff, the fact is that we rely almost entirely on the commitment, work ethic, and dedication of a group of volunteers for the vast majority of labor-intensive duties that go into the smooth running of a synagogue.

That became absolutely clear to me at our services over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It is difficult for me to even quantify the number of hours that some of our volunteers put into the running and maintenance of our congregation. From a Vice President whom I have seen, quite literally, blowing leaves off the parking lot at 8am on a

Sunday morning, to the President who spends hours during the course of a day trying to insure that the Zoom mode of our service runs smoothly, to the hours that our program chair spends putting together the Adult Education Booklet program and booklet, it sometimes boggles my mind to think that all of these responsibilities are simply labors of love.

And that goes without even mentioning the members who take responsibility for the leading of the majority of our worship services during the year and the gentleman who weekly makes certain that we have a Shabbat morning Kiddush. Congregation Beth Ohr is essentially a lay-led synagogue, and many times, I, as your rabbi benefit from the gracious dedication of this small but extremely committed group of volunteers.



Which leads me to ask of you the following: In the coming year, if you have a little bit of extra time, I would ask that you make a small commitment to helping us do what we do for you, to joining the squad of hard-working men and women who spend countless hours making certain that we have the doors open, the lights on and the services and programs going at Congregation Beth Ohr fifty-two weeks of the year. What a wonderful way to do a mitzvah in the coming year!

A Special Message from Rabbi Mishkin

Dear friends,

Beverly and I have a wonderful friend who lives in Jerusalem. He is a rabbi, an artist and the Vice President of The Schechter Institutes, the Jewish Theological Seminary's affiliate in Israel. His name is Matt Berkowitz and we have been friends with Matt since our days in Sarasota, Florida. Since the horrific massacre I have been in touch with Matt and I asked him if there was anything that we could do for the Israeli community at this hour of great need and sorrow.

Rabbi Berkowitz responded in the following way:

"Dear Joel and Bev,

Shavuah Tov from Jerusalem.

Thank you for offering your support. Here is what is needed right now. The Schechter Institute is seeking to raise money for assisting the southern Israeli town of Ofakim. It was one of the towns attacked by the terrorists on October 4th, where they murdered 51 people, mostly in one specific poor neighborhood. They need money for the following: to help the families of the 51 victims; to assist the families of at least 40 people injured; to provide assistance to at least nine families whose homes were damaged; and to assist many people who are in shock."

To coordinate this project I will ask, that if you would like to make a donation, you

send it earmarked for this project and donate it through my Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. I will then send the contributions directly to Rabbi Berkowitz. This will allow us to keep track of those of you who respond. I am very grateful to our leadership for enabling me to perform this important and necessary mitzvah.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to call me at 941-518-8864. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Rabbi Joel S. Mishkin



From the President's Desk

I have fantastic news to share with everyone. Cantor Zahava Fried really enjoyed leading services at Beth Ohr during the High Holidays, and she was thrilled with the support of and warm feelings from the Beth Ohr family. She has agreed to return next year as our High Holiday Cantor. She will be joining us in Old Bridge for a weekend Shabbaton starting with Friday dinner and Services on December 1 at 6:00 PM and continuing Saturday morning December 2 at 9:30 AM with Sabbath Services followed by a luncheon. Additional details can be found in the flyer in the newsletter.

Our annual Gala Fundraising Event took place on Sunday October 29. Todah Rabah to the entire Gala committee led by Ed Mendlowitz and Allan Benish for all the hard work put in to make it a huge success. I wished our esteemed State Senator Sam Thompson of Old Bridge many rewarding and enjoyable years in

his retirement. He retired after 25 years serving as State Assemblyman and State Senator, and his main goal was to serve his constituents and make their lives better. Sam told us that he assisted more than 40,000 residents. I congratulated our other honorees – the Beth Ohr Men's Club. I pointed out all the mitzvot they perform every year for the Synagogue which help us attain Beth Ohr's mission to serve the local Jewish communities religiously, socially and through educational programs.

Please check out the Beth Ohr website and read the newsletter so you can plan which programs and educational courses scheduled for November you can participate in.

Come to Services at least once in November and pray together with your Beth Ohr family for the safety of all the Jews in the State of Israel, and the secure return of all

the hostages.

Am Yisrael
Chai! The People of
Israel Live!

Le-olam Lo
Od! Never Again!

Board Meeting

Notice:

*There will be a
Synagogue Board
Meeting on
Thursday,
November 16,
2023, at 7:30 pm
in the Synagogue.*

Contact Rabbi Mishkin

Office
732-257-1523, option 2

941-518-8864, after hours for
emergencies

By email
rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

To my Congregation family,
A warm thankyou for all of your
best wishes and donations on the
wedding engagements
of my children.

~ Lisa Mason

Program "Tidbits"

November 5 – Global Day
of Jewish Learning

November 10-12 –Scholar in
Residence Shabbat with Rab-
bi Benjamin Levy

November 19 – Interfaith
Service – at Simpson Meth-
odist Church, 3 pm

December 1-2 – Pre-
Chanukah Musical Shabbat
with Zahava –

WHAT A MONTH!!!!

Now that we have celebrat-
ed together at our wonder-
ful gala, let the excitement
continue with 4 very differ-
ent, but very special pro-
grams, one right after another.

November 5 – **Global Day of Jewish Learning** – we take part in a world-wide day of study by having the opportunity to hear 4 rabbis speak about what values are important to all of us. Three rabbis from the three major movements in Judaism will speak on a panel narrated by Rabbi Mishkin at the East Brunswick Library at 2:00 pm to. Come here this fascinating discussion. Check out the flyer.

November 10-12 – **Scholar- in-Residence Shabbat**. Share a beautiful Shabbat dinner to start the weekend as we welcome our wonderful neighbor, Rabbi Benjamin Levy to our synagogue. Come back Saturday morning to hear him again, and yet again on Sunday morning. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

November 19 – **The Annual Community Interfaith Service**, this year to be held at the Simpson

Methodist Church 2095 Rte. 516, will be at 3 pm. Come help Beth Ohr be part of the Greater Old Bridge Community!

Then two weeks later, December 1 and 2 ----

A WEEKEND WITH CANTOR ZAHAVA Friday night dinner and services, Saturday services and Kiddush lunch , lots of singing!!!! More details to follow.....

As I said, WHAT A MONTH!
Can't wait to see you all at these fabulous programs.

Linda



HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FROM
CONGREGATION
BETH OHR!

OUR 8th ANNUAL
GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING



NOVEMBER 5 AT 2 P.M.

EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONGREGATION BETH OHR INVITES YOU!

Join Rabbi Joel Mishkin of Congregation Beth Ohr in Old

Bridge as he moderates a discussion with area Rabbis:

Rabbi Larry Brandspiegel – East Brunswick Jewish Center

Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer – Temple B'nai Shalom

Rabbi Nathan Langer – Freehold Jewish Center

THIS YEAR'S THEME:

VALUES THAT WE HOLD DEAR

RSVP – 732-257-1523 or

congregationbethohr@gmail.com

Join on Zoom!

Scholar in Residence Weekend

November 10, 11 and 12, 2023

Please join us for a special weekend featuring

RABBI BENJAMIN LEVY

RABBI EMERITUS OF CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM IN Monroe Township, NJ



6:00 PM FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 10, SHABBAT DINNER

\$30.00 per person

Followed by Services where Rabbi Levy will speak on **“127 Points of Connection.”**

and an Oneg Shabbat

9:30 AM SATURDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 11,

Followed by a Kiddush Lunch where Rabbi Levy will speak on **“Was Isaac a Nebbish?”**

Lunch \$15 per person

9:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12

Morning Service followed by Men’s Club Breakfast and Rabbi Levy will discuss

“Why We Need Two Torahs”

Label checks **“Scholar in Residence”** and send to

Congregation Beth Ohr, PO Box 206, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Please RSVP to Christine O’Brien at 732-257-1523

Scholar in Residence is sponsored by the Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL OLD BRIDGE

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

COME TOGETHER TO OFFER THANKS FOR OUR
INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY BLESSINGS



November 19, 2023 • 3:00 p.m.
Hosted by Simpson United Methodist Church
2095 Route 516, Old Bridge

Pastor Kevin - rev1799@gmail.com



SHABBAT WITH CANTOR ZAHAVA



DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2023

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRE-
CHANUKAH SPECIAL WEEKEND

SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, December 1, 6:00 p.m.

\$30 per person

Followed by Services, singing with
Cantor Fried, and an Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Services followed by a Kiddush lunch
with more singing!

Label checks "Singing with Cantor Zahava"
and send to Congregation Beth Ohr
P. O. Box 206, Old Bridge, NJ 08857
Please RSVP to Christine at 732-257-1523

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 in the amount of **\$325** to the Synagogue office. If you have any questions about Hebrew names and/or dates, please call Christine in the office at 732-257-1523.



(Print Name in Hebrew Here)

(Print Name in English Here)

(Date in English) _____ (Date in Hebrew) _____

PLEDGE

I hereby authorize you to supply and maintain permanently on your Memorial Tablet, a name plate
in memory of (PRINT NAME IN FULL)

for which I agree to pay \$325. 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.

Print your name

Your signature _____

Date _____

November Yahrzeits 2023

The actual date that the Yahrzeit is observed is to the right of the name. It is customary to light a memorial candle on the eve of this date and to give tzedakah in the memory of the Yahrzeit. One should recite the Mourner's Kaddish at services the evening before as well as the day of the Yahrzeit. The name of your departed will be read at the Friday evening and Shabbat morning services the week before the Yahrzeit date which are represented by the dates in the columns which are in bold print.

November 3/4

Moses Greenspan	11/4
Molly Sackaroff	11/4
Irving Weisgold	11/4
Lewis Woods	11/4
Eva Blumenthal	11/5
Jerry Lustgarten	11/5
Irving Weiner	11/5
Regina Dlugash	11/6
Martin Goldberg	11/6
Ida Birnbaum	11/7
Flora Heimlich	11/7
Robert Honig	11/7
Rose Wexlin	11/8
Rose Feuer	11/9

November 10/11

Adolph Balaban	11/12
Carroll Gordon	11/12
Isabelle Weiss	11/12
Irving Greenspan	11/13
Alfred Hillman	11/13
Paul Smith	11/13
Sam Suval	11/13
Gladys Weiss	11/13
Bella Honig	11/14
Paul Hyman	11/14
Nathan Moss	11/14
Eva Engber	11/15
Clara Friedman	11/15
Irving Miller	11/15
Sam Saks	11/15
Bernard Cimring	11/16
Bernard Mann	11/16
Irma Helen Klein	11/17
Jillian Prada	11/17
Barbara Sibelman	11/17

November 17/18

Lillian Gerenstein	11/18
Clara Lieber	11/18
Arlene Roemer	11/18
Lydia Edwards	11/19
Stephen Gilbarg	11/19
Henry Sommers	11/19

November 17/18 (continued)

Sadie Goldenberg	11/20
David Litwak	11/20
Bertram Shapiro	11/20
Sarah Shapiro	11/20
Sandor Ulman	11/20
Carrie Weiss	11/20
Jennie Bienenfeld	11/21
Sheldon Weinstein	11/21
Beatrice Woods	11/21
Doris Schulsinger	11/22
Max Reiser	11/23
Howard Boshak	11/24
Isaac Caleinar	11/24
Ted Cannata	11/24
Hesie Fusfeld	11/24
David Obsatz	11/24
Ben Roseblum	11/24

November 24/25

Judith Abramson	11/25
Samuel Finkelstein	11/25
Rebecca Barbara Singer	11/25
Harry Spinner	11/25
Lillian Ullman	11/25
Sol Leibowitz	11/26
Meyer Levine	11/26
Henry Nathanson	11/26
Charles Pincus	11/26
Helene Albertson	11/27
Ralph Israel	11/27
Murray Rubrum	11/27
Mitchell Yourman	11/27
Lila Ash	11/28
Sylvia Cartmell	11/28
Bess Handler	11/28
Constance Litwak	11/28
Yetta Lustgarten	11/28
Frances Moskowitz	11/28
Nathan Albaum	11/29
Gussie Wasserman	11/29
Rita Aroyo	11/30
Albert Berman	11/30
Charles Winter	11/30
Howard Rice	12/1

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits are observed during the month of November. We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund.

Donated by

Wilma and Allen Appel

Jana Blain and Family

Brenda Corrao

Elias Engber

Glenda Levenstein

Miriam Lubinsky, Renee Balaban, and Eileen Balaban Eisenberg

Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz

Sheila Reinstein

Diane and Powell Saks

Myles and Melody Schwartz

Marjorie Simon

Eva Yourman

Paula Yourman and Family

In Loving Memory of

Meyer Davis

Roger Blain, Kurt & Anna Schiller

Maurice Abstender

Donald Kaminsky

Caryn Katz

Leo Balaban

Arthur Mendlowitz, Irving Weisgold

Lillie Winter

Edith Saks

Norman Schwartz

Pauline and Morris Simon

Hal Yourman

Shirley Litwak

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the December newsletter is Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Please email your articles to Christine on or before that date.

Sisterhood Board Meeting Notice:

There will be a Sisterhood Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, on Zoom.



Congregation Beth Ohr Memorial Funds

The following is a listing of the tax-deductible contributions to Memorial Funds, and other Funds to which tax deductible donations may be made.

When donating to these funds, please make your checks out to Congregation Beth Ohr and write the fund's name in the memo portion of the check.

David Benish Memorial Fund
Stephen Edwards Memorial Youth Fund
Ralph Karpel Memorial Fund
Elaine Leibowitz Memorial Fund
Herman & Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund
Stanley M. Perlman Memorial Fund
Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund
Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund

David Benish Memorial Fund

Andrea and Mark Chassen

THANK YOU!

Beth Ohr has been busy celebrating – celebrating our holidays and celebrating our accomplishments. But none of these can be enjoyed without the hard work of so many people, and we can never say thank you enough for all they do.

First of all, our Sukkah brunch would have been just a brunch without the wonderful Sukkah that the Men's Club set up. Branches would have been bare without the "decoration committee" of Allan Benish, Allen and Linda Skupp, and our wonderful Boy Scout assistant, Blake..... Attendees would have been hungry indeed if not for the help of Linda Skupp doing the cooking with me, and the Skupps, Allan Benish, Roberta Karpel, Beverly Mishkin, and Blake helping with the pick-up, the set-up and the clean-up of ALL THAT FOOD. I certainly would have been a lot less organized without the able assistance of Christine O'Brien, keeping our details straight. And we all would have been a little less knowledgeable without the thought-provoking discussion led by Rabbi Mishkin. I hate to mention names in the event I forget somebody, (and with my memory lately....), and if I did, please forgive me, but we really owe our volunteers so much and we are so lucky to have people who are willing to give of their time so we can all enjoy our synagogue activities.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Linda Benish, Program Chair

THANK YOU!

Those of us who were lucky enough to attend this year's Gala know that a tremendous amount of work went into making our big fundraiser of the year so successful. Volunteers put in many hours, many days, and many, many, MANY phone calls and emails to make sure everything was done beautifully.

Thank you to Ed Mendlowitz and his hard-working committee – to Allan Benish, Eugene and Roberta Bernstein, Ilene Gray, Roberta Karpel, Lisa Mason, Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz, Allen Skupp, Bob Weiss, with special thanks for their help to Andrew Mendlowitz, Christine O'Brien and Main Street Theatre.

So many pieces of the puzzle had to be pulled together to make a beautiful whole event – the set-up, the caterer, the journal, the music, the flowers, the awards and the program all came together flawlessly to create a memorable afternoon. What a joy to share such a great day. Thank you SO much.

Linda Benish
 Fundraising Chair



Gala Celebration Committee

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RABBI JOEL MISHKIN

PHILIP RABINOWITZ, PRESIDENT

UPDATE to Congregation on Very Successful Gala Luncheon on October 29, 2023

The following is an email that was sent to everyone on the committee and the additional people that assisted in the Gala.

Thank you to all of you that served on the Committee, and assisted the Committee, and helped make the Gala a super successful event. We exceeded the budgeted amount, honored a fine man, Senator Dr. Samuel Thompson, and our Men's Club, and everyone I spoke with had a great time. The leftover food was donated to Catholic Charities Ozonam Inn in New Brunswick thanks to Helene Grynberg. You should all be proud of your input, participation and hard work. On behalf of the Congregation, I thank you for all that you did.

Ed

Remarks at the Gala Luncheon by Committee Chairman

Remarks about the Congregation

Judaism is a worldwide religion with ancient roots based on observing the Laws in the Torah. Unlike many other religions we have no central or overriding organization. Each synagogue is a self-governing body relying on the Jewish members of the community, and others like our elected officials including Senator Dr. Sam Thompson, Mayor Owen Henry (a past honoree), **Mayoral candidate Jill DeCaro and Council Candidate Kevin Ahearn** and Team DeCaro, and **Councilwoman Dr. Anita Greenberg-Belli** running with Debbie Walker for Mayor, a good friend of Beth Ohr, who are here today or who placed ads in our Journal and who continually support us.

Our strength is our continued existence with Beth Ohr the only Jewish House of Worship in Old Bridge. We were established in 1956 so this is our 67th year with the first part of this building completed in 1961 making us a long- and well-established neighbor in the community. We had two additions since then with this sanctuary being completed in 1989. We also house an 18th Century Sacred Torah rescued from the Holocaust that you can see in the back show case.

Recognition of the Veterans

All our veterans please stand. We also have 2 World War II Vets who aren't able to be here today – Seymour Nussenbaum age 100 and Arnold Dorfman, age 99. Thank all of you for your service including Sam Thompson who served in the Army.

Thanks to Committee

A great big thanks to everyone that served on the committee: Allan Benish, Linda Benish, Eugene Bernstein, Roberta Bernstein, Ilene Gray, Roberta Karpel, Lisa Mason, Harriet Rabinowitz, Phil Rabinowitz, Allen Skupp and Robert Weiss and special thanks to Andy Mendlowitz, Chuck Rogol, Leigh Maris, Chief of Staff to Senator Thompson and Christine O'Brien our Synagogue administrator and many others that pitched in with help as it was needed. Also, we need to thank Main Street Theatre Company, our tenants and who put on great shows here and who set up the room for us today and cosponsored the musical entertainment along with the David Benish Memorial Fund, and the Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund that sponsored the Table Flowers. Imagine this room set up with seats for an audience and a full show on this stage. If you live in the area, check out the Main Street Theatre Company.

Also thank you to all our members who sold ads and an especially big THANK YOU to the 83 advertisers who made this a most successful journal and fund raiser and to all who are joining with us today sharing this meaningful occasion for Beth Ohr and Senator Thompson and the Men's Club.

Also a thank you to MinuteMan Press in Manalapan for printing the Journal. The Musical entertainment provided by Main Street Piano Trio, Jordan Yiu, Cello, Brice Freeman Violin, and Christynn Morris, Piano and our Caterer, Classical Caterers for the great food you will soon enjoy!

Submitted by Edward Mendlowitz, Committee Chairman

On the following two pages are some photos from the Gala.

Gala Photos

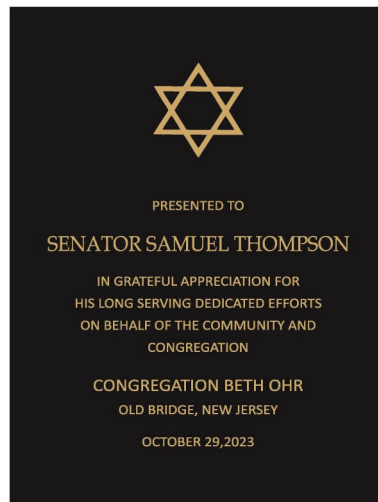
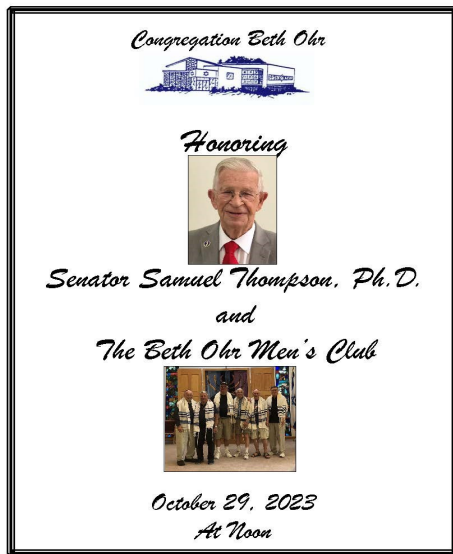


Photo descriptions

Top: Journal Cover and Awards to Senator Sam Thompson and Men's Club.

Middle: Classical Caterers large food truck. Roberta and Eugene with the place cards signing in the attendees. This year's honoree Sam Thompson with last year's honorees Linda and Allen Skupp.

Bottom: Allen Appel leading us in God Bless America and Sara Ullman leading us in Hatikvah. President Phil Rabinowitz with Mayoral candidate Jill DeCaro with her husband Dominick sitting with Estee Spiegel.

Gala Photos



Photo descriptions

Top: Panoramic photo of the All-Purpose room filled with Gala attendees.

Middle: Senator Thompson with Ed and Phil. Senator Thompson enjoying the program. Senator Thompson receiving the Award from the Congregation.

Bottom: Allan Benish presenting Men's Club Award to past presidents Allen Appel, Elliot Leibowitz and Mark Atzbi with Phil and Ed looking on. The Main Street Trio provided excellent background music

Schedule of Services

All Friday evening services begin at 6:00PM via Zoom unless otherwise stated. All Saturday morning Shabbat services are in the Sanctuary and begin at 9:30AM. Sunday morning minyan begins at 9:00AM in the Sanctuary. All Adult Education Classes are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Schedule of Services and Events

Friday Night Shabbat Services
6:00 pm via Zoom
November 3, 10, 17, 24

Saturday Shabbat Services
9:30 am in the Sanctuary
November 4, 11, 18, 25

Sunday Morning Service
9:00 am in the Sanctuary
November 5, 12, 19, 26

Ritually Speaking—Share A Simcha

The Ritual Committee will honor members celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other simchas once a month at a Shabbat service. Mazel Tov to the following congregants who will be celebrating their simchas during the month of November.

Birthdays

Ira Donenfeld	Nov. 12
Helene Grynberg	Nov. 12
Paul Roth	Nov. 14
Daniel Grynberg	Nov. 19
Jeffrey Perlman	Nov. 26

Anniversaries

Robert & Linda Szegeti	Nov. 3
Dottie & Joe Shafran	Nov. 13
Dara & Ken Deitz	Nov. 14
Estee & Brendan Spiegel	Nov. 22
Barbara & Mel Feder	Nov. 23
Andrea & Mark Chasen	Nov. 25
Sharen & Burt Silverman	Nov. 29

2024 Mah Jongg Cards

Orders are now being taken for the new Mah Jongg cards for 2024! Small cards are \$14 and large cards are \$15. Make your check payable to Sisterhood Beth Ohr and send with your name, address, and card size to:

Maxine Kaufman
118 Willet Way
West Deptford, NJ 08086

**The deadline for orders is
January 20, 2024.**





As I write this article, Israel is at war with Hamas after such atrocities were perpetrated by Hamas and the world is not being favorable to Israel and to us the Jewish people. My heart is, as I am sure yours is, with our brethren in Israel and we pray for those innocent victims and the wellbeing of the hostages and a quick and victorious end to this war for Israel.

Preparations for Paid Up to be held on Wednesday November 1st are underway and will be a great event for Sisterhood members to attend with delicious food, entertainment and chance to get together. Please pay your dues as all members paid by Paid Up will receive \$5.00 in Donor credit. Sisterhood will be requesting cash donations to be given to the Israeli war effort. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Our December membership meeting will be on December 6th at 7:00 PM on Zoom for a discussion on "What's your Favorite?"

Another very exciting joint program coming up will be a Zoom program on March 17th at 10:15 and the speaker is Avi Merav originally from Israel who is a retired New York /Cardiothoracic surgeon who served as a doctor during the Six Day War and again in 1973 during the Yom Kippur War. His story is riveting, and he kept such amazing records of his experiences with pictures and everything. I truly hope you will all make the effort to join us.

As always, we welcome input from our membership of any ideas that you would like to see from our Sisterhood. Please feel free to contact anyone of the Presidium which is Monica Atzbi, Cheryl Cadel, Barbara Schneider and Liz Aroyo.

Shalom,

Liz Aroyo, Presidium Member

SISTERHOOD NEWS

SCRIP IS BACK IN THE OFFICE

Scrip (grocery store certificates) will again be available for pick up from the Synagogue office. For further information, see the Fund-Raising flyer in this Newsletter.

MEET OUR SISTERHOOD MEMBERS

Our **MEET OUR SISTERHOOD MEMBERS** column is in need of members who would like to share their stories, if interested, please contact Harriet Rabinowitz at harriet.rabinowi@gmail.com.

SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR
ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT
2023 - 2024

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 1, 2023.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT REJOINED SISTERHOOD BY DECEMBER 31,
2023 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 AD-
DRESS. WE WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE OUR SISTERHOOD LIST. IF YOU
HAVE A WINTER ADDRESS, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT AS WELL.



What's Your Favorite?

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:00 pm

Via Zoom - link to be sent week of meeting

Share your favorite and why. We'll compile a list to send out to our membership.

Fiction Book

Non-Fiction Book

Day Trip

Movie

Binge Worthy Series

Podcast

Most Creative Gift to Give or Receive

Recipe You Make Regularly

Made with PosterMyWall.com

SAVE THE DATE: Book Discussion led by Sara Ullman

Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 10:30AM

Shanda: A Memoir of Shame and Secrecy

By Letty Cottin Pogrebin

SISTERHOOD ON-GOING FUND RAISERS

GOLD CARDS – PAULA YOURMAN

I will be happy to be your Hallmark lady. You can always send your personal cards through Sisterhood by emailing me with the information @ bubbe513@gmail.com or call me at 609-409-0346.

We have cards for speedy recovery, good wishes and remembrance. Each card is \$1.50, which includes the stamp. Some of you believe that cards can only be sent to Temple members, but I will send cards to anyone.

Also, when responding to messages that I send out, I would appreciate it very much if you would respond to me and not to ALL.

If you want a message to go out, please let me know, as I will not send anything out that comes to me second-hand; it needs to come directly from you.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

Donations in memory of, or to honor someone, can be made to Sisterhood, Congregation Beth Ohr. You can also donate a Holiday Prayer Book in memory of, or to honor someone, for \$36.00. Your check should be made out to Sisterhood, Congregation Beth Ohr. Please send your donation to: Meryl Finkelstein, 234 Community Circle, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. If you have any questions, please email Meryl at merylrob@aol.com or call her at 732-679-8701.

SISTERHOOD BRICKS

Bricks are available for \$6.00 each to commemorate a death, birth, in honor of, or good wishes. Call Ronnie Mendlowitz at 732-254-1135 or email her at emrmcats@aol.com.

SISTERHOOD SCRIP

Sisterhood sells **Shoprite**, **Stop 'n' Shop**, and **Acme** Supermarket Gift Cards. This ongoing fundraiser helps support various activities of our Congregation. Sisterhood members receive donor credit equal to 5% of their scrip purchase. To purchase Scrip, please contact one of the following people:

Monica Atzbi - 732-390-5890
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Scrip is again available through the Synagogue Office. Please call Christine at 732-257-1523 with your order or email her at congregationbethohr@gmail.com on Wednesday. At this time, you will be able to pick up your Scrip on Thursdays.



Men's Club News

Minyan every Sunday. All are Welcome.

Men's Club Calendar 2023/2024



The Sunday Minyans are in the Synagogue building. We also will have Bagels and a schmear, coffee and more. **Join in with us in the Shul.** Services start at 9:00 and end around 9:45 and then the bagels, and camaraderie. If any questions, email or call Ed at emcpal@aol.com or 732 890-3344.

All programs will be in building, Some will also be on ZOOM where indicated.

Coming attractions Programs subject to change.

Weekly: **One Minute Dvar Torah** emailed every Thursday.

Nov 12: Rabbi Benjamin Levy Scholar in residence program in Synagogue and also at the Minyan

Dec 3: Men's Club Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award

Jan 7, 2024: Men's Club New Year Pancake Breakfast

Feb 11: Men's Club Ed Mendlowitz 44th Annual Financial Program: 10 Investment lies and what you should really do. FJMC World Wide Wrap with Rabbi Mishkin

Mar 10 Joint program co-sponsored by Beth Ohr Men's Club at Marlboro Jewish Center at 10:00. Speaker is long time sports media personality and author Ed Randall. Details to be announced in a future newsletter.

Mar 17: Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint program. Program sponsored by Herman and Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp. In Temple on Big Screen TV and Zoom for others. Speaker is Dr. Avraham Merav author of *The Making of a Heart Surgeon* and who served in the 1967 and 1973 wars in Israel.

Apr 21: Men's Club Favorite Passover Memories Program

Apr 22: Siyum for First Born

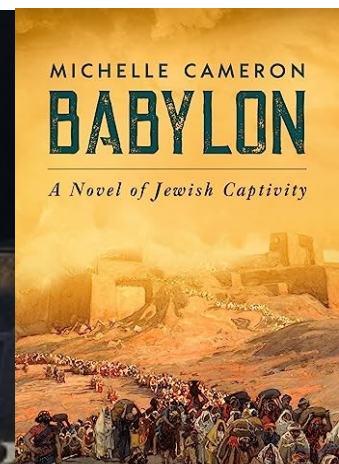
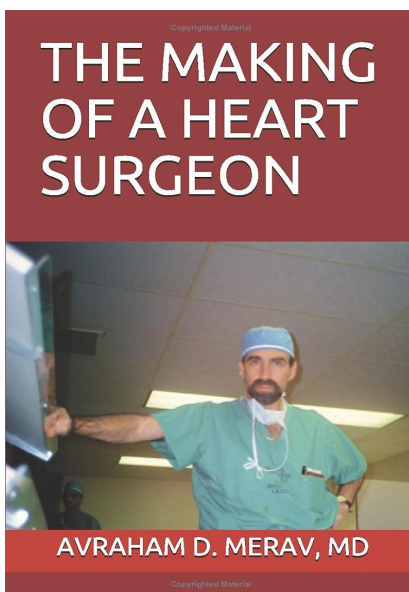
May 30: Men's Club BBQ and Election

Jun 9: Men's Club Installation

Jun 30: Men's Club Red White and Blue Pancake Breakfast

One Minute Dvar Torah
דקה אחת דבר תורה

Following are covers of books by speakers at Joint programs. The middle photo is author Michelle Cameron who gave an excellent interesting presentation on October 22 on her book *Babylon* and thank you to Stephen Edwards Memorial Fund for sponsoring the program.



Men's Club Photo Gallery



Photo descriptions

Top: Completed Sukkah ready for use. Harvey, Morty and a visiting Mark Sadek chanting Adom Alom.

Guys hanging around after at a bagel breakfast—Andy, Bob, Mel, Ken and Harvey.

Middle row: Rosh Hodesh service reading the Torah and Lifting the Torah. Phil and Ken at the Jets/Eagles game. One of them was happy with the result.

Bottom: Chuck, Mel, Morty and Allan changing the Art and Torah covers back from the High Holiday white covers. Lisa Mason joining us for a Minyan. Herb's last Minyan before returning to Florida for Winter season, with Allen; and Pastor Benjamin stopping by to say hello during our breakfast.

Beth Ohr Photo Gallery

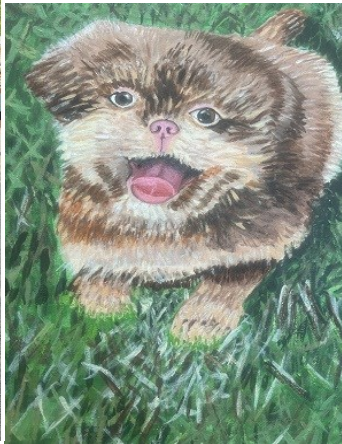


Photo descriptions

Top: Rabinowitz's grandchildren. Beautiful art by Cliff Shulman. Ritual Committee meeting held after a bagel breakfast. Middle: Linda and Marcia Trechak getting ready to set up the Brunch in the Sukkah which had a full sold-out well fed crowd. Liz Aroyo and Marcia Trechak getting together in Florida. Ed was granted the Ovation Award by the NJ Society of CPAs. We had a nice contingent from the Jewish National Fund on Oct 14 speaking about the help needed to support Israel.

The primary speaker was Mitch Frumkin.

Bottom: The Ellis Remembrance Garden on a nice Sunny day. Bob Weiss visiting Seymour Nussenbaum and getting a look at his great Judaica collection. The ROMEOs at a Friday lunch at Bagel Boy. All men are welcome. Membership not required, just show up any Friday at 12:30.

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“A Christmas Carol, The Musical” – The classic Dickens tale of the stingy Scrooge’s visit from 3 spirits that come on Christmas Eve to reform him. **December 2 and 9 at 8 PM, December 3 and 10 at 3 PM**

Tickets can be purchased at www.mstcob.org. Be sure to use the Congregation Beth Ohr discount code, CBO25, when ordering and receive 25% off!