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OHR-BITS

Candle Lighting Times

- December 1
4:14 pm
- December 8
4:13 pm
- December 15
4:14 pm
- December 22
4:16 pm
- December 29
4:21 pm

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“The Hope for Peace” by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Genesis: Chapter 25:7. “This was the total span of Abraham’s life: one hundred and seventy-five years. And Abraham breathed his last, dying at a ripe age, old and contented; and he was gathered to his kin. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar, facing Mamre, the field that Abraham had bought from the Hittites; there Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife.”

For those of you who might be unfamiliar with the story that these verses tell, they conclude a segment of Torah that elaborates upon end of Abraham the first Patriarch’s life. He was the father of both Ishmael, who will come to represent the Arab people and Isaac, who will come to represent the Jewish people. We are told that his two sons, Isaac and Ishmael are there together at their father’s graveside to attend to his burial. I would

call these verses aspirational.

Why? Because, before these verses, we had not seen Isaac and Ishmael together since Ishmael had left his father’s home, and Isaac been separated from his father at Mount Moriah in the scene known as the Akedah, the binding of Isaac, where the Angel of God saves Isaac, telling his father Abraham to lay down the knife and sacrifice a ram instead of his child.

Why do I say that these verses are aspirational or even more to the point, hopeful? Perhaps because this story, over the thousands of years since its first telling, has demonstrated both the similarities and the differences of the two peoples whom Ishmael and Isaac represent - contemporary Arabs and Israeli Jews.

Today, in a time of profound conflict, animosity and violence that draws in, not only Israelis



and Arabs, that threatens to distance people from one another and that draws in the wider world as well, can we not try to look to the day when we might yet contemplate the ultimate hope that these two peoples will discover there is more that unites them than that which divides them - namely, that we are all children of the One God.

And so, with this image of family reconciliation in mind, as the holiday that is the time for family reunions will be observed in our nation this coming Thursday - may we all pray for peace soon in our day.



From the President's Desk

My article discusses important work being done by volunteers of the Synagogue. Giving up a few hours to assist at a Synagogue event is a Mitzvah and very rewarding. We are attracting new members which is critical for our future.

Linda Benish, our Programming Chair, has been super busy over the last two months as she implemented stimulating educational, religious, and social programs for the Synagogue. The programs started with the Sukkah Brunch in October, the Global Day of Jewish Learning at the East Brunswick Library, the Scholar-in-Residence at the Synagogue with Rabbi Benjamin Levy, and the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service all in November. The latest program will take place this upcoming weekend with a Pre-Chanukah Musical Shabbaton on Friday night December 1 and Saturday morning December 2, with our High Holiday Cantor, Zahava Fried, joining us in person. I want to

recognize Linda for all her efforts to bring back members into the Synagogue. Marty Israel, who plans our weekly Kiddush, has been working alongside Linda to provide delicious brunches, lunches and dinners during these events.

The synagogue House Committee has been busy upgrading our facility. With the expertise of our member, Dr. Ira Shapiro, we bought a new Defibrillator which is in the Social Hall. We purchased a new Commercial refrigerator and two gas stoves to replace the outdated appliances in the kitchen. We will add motion sensor lights in the downstairs hallway and bathrooms to save on electricity costs. Thank you to Myles Schwartz, Vice President, and Mel Brandl, House Chair, as they continue to find ways to improve our building.

Come to Services at least once in December and pray together with your Beth Ohr family for the

safety of all the Jews in the State of Israel, and for the secure return of all the hostages.

Am Yisrael Chai! The People of Israel Live!

Harriet and I wish our Beth Ohr Family a Happy Chanukah!

Board Meeting

Notice:

There will be an Executive Board Meeting at 7:00 pm and a Synagogue Board Meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday, December 21, 2023, in the Synagogue.

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

Friday Night Shabbat Services
6:00 pm via Zoom
December 8, 15, 22, 29

Saturday Shabbat Services
9:30 am in the Sanctuary
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sunday Morning Service
9:00 am in the Sanctuary
December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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 December.

Birthdays

Harriet Feld	Dec. 4
Lee Donenfeld	Dec. 5
Linda Garfinkel	Dec. 10
Roberta Bernstein	Dec. 11
Steven Ullman	Dec. 11
Melody Schwartz	Dec. 13
Wilma Appel	Dec. 14
Lawrence Fachler	Dec. 21
Sharen Silverman	Dec. 28
Monica Atzbi	Dec. 29

Anniversaries

Lawrence & Roberta Fachler	Dec. 12
Myles & Melody Schwartz	Dec. 14
Philip & Harriet Rabinowitz	Dec. 18
Robert & Harriet Weiss	Dec. 25

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.



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

Defibrillator Fund

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Terrie Polovsky, in memory of Stuart Polovsky

Phil and Harriet Rabinowitz

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Alec and Evan Mishkin

Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Terrie Polovsky

Phil and Harriet Rabinowitz

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Lawrence and Deborah Weinberg

Michael Zelin

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WELCOME!

Congregation Beth Ohr
Welcomes our
Newest member,
Jenni Goldstein

Welcome, Jenni!

Program "Tidbits"

A wonderful month of activities began with our Global Day of Jewish Learning. More than 50 people attended at the East Brunswick Library and some were on zoom, but all enjoyed listening to our Rabbi Mishkin and our panel of speakers, Rabbi Brandspiegel, Eisenkramer, and Langer discussing values that are important to us. Thank you to Roberta Karpel for her help, and thanks to Rabbi Eisenkramer for "saving the day" when the library's internet was down and he set up his own zoom link for those were at home. And a special thanks to our rabbi for contacting the other rabbis, coordinating the panel discussion and organizing the topics with them.

One week later we were privileged to study with Rabbi Benjamin Levy at our first of two fall Shabbatot. Rabbi Levy's discussions of Midrash were interesting and thought-

provoking, and all who attended enjoyed the weekend. The event was made even more enjoyable thanks to our "caterer extraordinaire," Marty Israel. Between the catered dinner, the Sisterhood-sponsored Oneg Shabbat, and the amazing Kiddush lunch on Saturday, Marty provided us with food fit for a king, while we had "food for thought" from Rabbi Levy and Rabbi Mishkin. Thank you, Marty, for always keeping us well fed. Also thanks to the Men's Club for providing breakfast on Sunday morning. Thanks also to Chuck and Lisa Rogol for sponsoring Rabbi Levy's visit through the Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund.

The Old Bridge Interfaith Thanksgiving service was well attended by our congregants, and we felt welcomed at Simpson United Methodist Church as different religious leaders shared their thoughts on the importance of Thanksgiving and being grateful for

living in a peaceful, welcoming community.

The good times continue at Congregation Beth Ohr! After having an amazing November, the special events continue as we look toward December. December 1st and 2nd will find the members of our congregation singing and singing and...singing some more, as Cantor Zahava Fried joins us for Shabbat. I hope you have your reservations for dinner for Friday night. A beautiful Shabbat service led by Cantor Fried will follow a delicious dinner and lots of Shabbat songs – z'mirot. Saturday morning Shabbat services will bring more singing, more eating, and some learning with Rabbi Mishkin and Cantor Fried. What a way to prepare for Chanukah! Happy Chanukah, everyone, and have a wonderful December!

~ Linda



Candle lighting for Hanukkah will be held each night of the holiday via Zoom. Candle lighting times and the family that will lead are listed below.

Thursday, December 7, 2023, 5:30 pm, led by Harriet and Phil Rabinowitz

Friday, December 8, 2023, 4:00 pm, led by Beverly and Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 5:30 pm, led by Roberta and Mark Karpel

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 5:30 pm, led by Chuck Rogol

Monday, December 11, 2023, 5:30 pm, led by Ashna Pincus

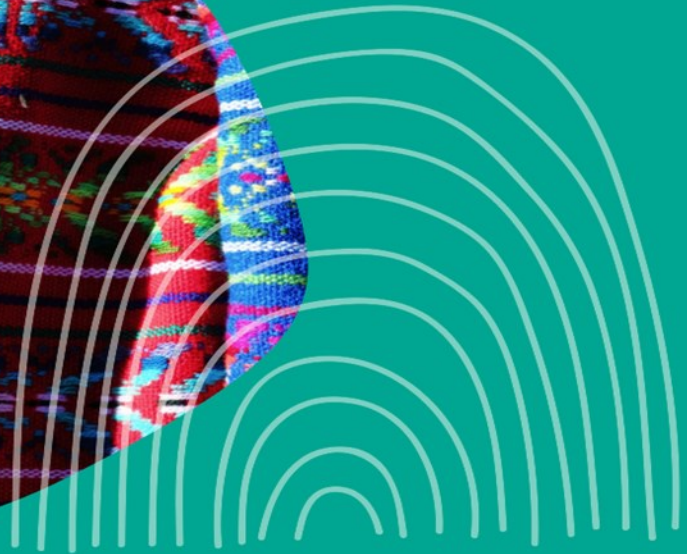
Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 5:30 pm, led by Alec Mishkin

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 5:30 pm, led by Andrea and Mark Chassen

Thursday, December 14, 2023, 5:30 pm, led by Linda and Allen Skupp

The Zoom link for candle lighting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88614848484?pwd=cnUIOGlTaHV5RytLMDNROExRK2ZCQT09>

Spread Warmth This Winter



**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR USABLE WINTER
CLOTHING AND DROP THEM IN THE BIN IN
THE SYNAGOGUE LOBBY.**

December 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.

December 1/2

Jules Cohen	12/2
Gerald Litwak	12/2
Marilyn Brown	12/3
Philip Fireman	12/3
June Rhoda Mishkin	12/3
Ron Samuel	12/3
Bertha Weissman	12/3
Boris Wodakow	12/3
Jacob Birnbaum	12/4
Mary Garcia	12/4
Betty Lionheart	12/4
Bertha Ravnitzky	12/4
Joel Rockaway	12/4
Elizabeth Freedman	12/5
Rose Podol	12/5
Beckie Ehrenworth	12/6
David Abstender	12/7
Morris Silver	12/7
Morris Erlich	12/8
Benny Praport	12/8

December 8/9

Leonard Applof	12/9
Ruth Barry	12/9
Howard Gray	12/9
Bertha Ullman	12/9
Joyce Ellen Weiss	12/9
Liebe Bernstein	12/10
Alec Goldberg	12/10
Ruth Masher	12/10
Mary Berkowitz	12/11
Ralph Betesh	12/11
Sylvia Hochheiser	12/11
Ester Ruth Nadler	12/11
Pauline Stern	12/11
Herman Waxenberg	12/11
Gertrude Bier	12/12
Murray Rosencranz	12/12
Jules Burns	12/13
Herman Kagan	12/13
Sam Morris	12/13
Sidney Segal	12/13
Sylvia Shulman	12/13
Milton Shumer	12/13
Nathan Ehrenworth	12/14
Charles Friedman	12/14
Haim Grayewsky	12/14
Donald Lipp	12/14
Larry Scnitzer	12/14
George Weiss	12/14
Betty Appel	12/15
Fred Kanig	12/15
Ralph Wishnia	12/15

December 15/16

Thelma Baron	12/16
Eva Blumenthal	12/16
Paul Epstein	12/16
Emil Goldstein	12/16
Rosalie Albaum	12/17
Tenney Eggers	12/17
Paul Kalefsky	12/17
Libby Krutoy	12/17
Aaron Persky	12/17
Irving Gordon	12/18
Ira Hilfman	12/18
Leon Ayre Odzer	12/18
Philip Wolpert	12/18
Alfred Feld	12/19
Louis Moss	12/19
Naomi Strassberg	12/19
Katie Waldman	12/19
Hyman Wexlin	12/19
William Zarfos	12/19
Ray Cimring	12/20
Sam Heimlich	12/20
Benjamin Noah	12/20
Sally Posner	12/20
Peggy Clark	12/21
Joseph Fusfeld	12/21
Arthur Meyers	12/21
Yetta Silverstain	12/21
Charles Albertson	12/22
Otto Elkan	12/22
Isadore Feinman	12/22
Leo Greenstein	12/22
Miriam Lieberman	12/22

December 22/23

Dora Geller	12/23
Milly Golden	12/23
Fannie Sass	12/23
Anna Wishnia	12/23
Samuel Branner	12/24
Gussie Goldberg	12/24
Mindy Nightingale	12/24
Abraham Block	12/25
Sharon Gallo	12/25
Esther Moss	12/25
Lillian Sofan	12/25
Tessie Davis	12/26
Eleanor Schneider	12/26
Miriam Waxenberg	12/26
Sidney Bienfeld	12/27
Paul Kaminsky	12/27
Rose Rosenblum	12/28
Morty Gallin	12/28
William Greenspan	12/28

December 22/23 (continued)

Jerry Shindelman	12/28
Lillian Simkin	12/28
Esther Solomon	12/28
Vera Nussenbaum	12/29
Beckie Tischler	12/29

December 29/30

Morris Akronowitz	12/30
Sonia Feinman	12/30
Erich Hollander	12/30
Yetta Kaminsky	12/30
Robert Lionheart	12/30
Manny Friedman	12/31
Howard Pfeffer	12/31
Sadie Rankowitz	12/31
Myrna Ricklin	12/31
Jacob Shulman	12/31
Lillian Warshofsky	12/31
Ira Woods	12/31
Lipsa Abstender	1/1
Mary Blitzstein	1/1
Floyd Shumer	1/1
Miriam Goldstein	1/2
Ida Rubrum	1/2
Leonard Finkelstein	1/3
Morris Radvinoviez	1/3
Sam Schnitzer	1/3
Florence Trechak	1/3
Solomon Kaminsky	1/4
Lillian Persky	1/4
Martha Prussack	1/4
Bella Hyman	1/5

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

Donated by

Wilma and Allen Appel
 Andrea and Mark Chassen
 Brenda Corrao
 Sue Edwards
 Mel and Barbara Feder
 Harriet Feld
 Meryl Finkelstein and Family
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 Clifford Shulman
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 Len and Irene Ullman
 Sandy and Seymour Wodakow
 Paula Yourman and Family

In Loving Memory of

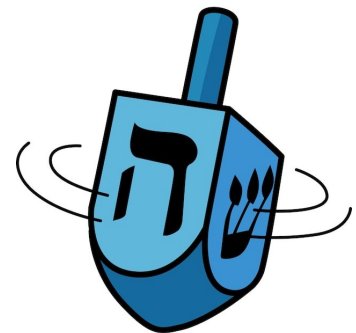
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 Alfred Feld, William Zarfes
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 William Greenspan
 Bella Honig, Robert Honig
 Ralph Israel
 Leon Ayre Odzer
 Charles Pincus
 David Obsatz, Jacob Shulman, Sylvia Shulman
 Doris Schulsinger
 Paul Kalefsky, Bertha Ullman
 Boris Wodakow
 David Litwak, Constance Litwak, Gerald Litwak

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the January newsletter is Tuesday, December 19, 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, December 20, 2023, on Zoom.





NEW JERSEY SENATE

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PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM REVIEW COMMISSION

October 30, 2023

Rabbi Joel Mishkin
Congregation Beth Ohr
Route 516
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Dear Rabbi:

Thank you for a lovely event honoring me and the mention of my late wife, Jacqueline. After years of public service, I have met numerous people, but your group stands above most.

Thank you, again.

Sincerely,

Samuel D. Thompson, Ph.D.
Senator 12th Legislative District



Israel is still at war with Hamas after such atrocities were perpetrated by Hamas on October 7th and the world is not being favorable to Israel and to us the Jewish people. We continue to pray for those innocent victims and the wellbeing of the hostages and a quick and victorious end to this war for Israel and are grateful to those serving in the IDF.

Paid Up was held on Wednesday November 1st and was a great event for Sisterhood members who enjoyed a delicious meal, entertainment by Flavian (I still don't understand how he did it) and a lovely get together. Please pay your dues as all members paid by 12/31 will receive \$5.00 in Donor credit. Sisterhood raised money for Israel.

Our December membership meeting will be on December 6th at 7:00 PM on Zoom for a discussion on "What's your Favorite?" Then on Sunday January 14th at 10:30 we will have a book discussion on the book Shonda, information for both programs included in this newsletter.

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 in the 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

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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
Sharen Silverman - 732-266-2389
Marcia Trechak - 609-655-9507

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 emcpa1@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.

Dec 10: Men's Club Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award honoring Andy Mendlowitz & Roberta and Larry Fachler.

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 elsewhere in this 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* (see book cover below) and who served in the 1967 and 1973 wars in Israel.

Apr 21: Men's Club Favorite Passover Memories Program

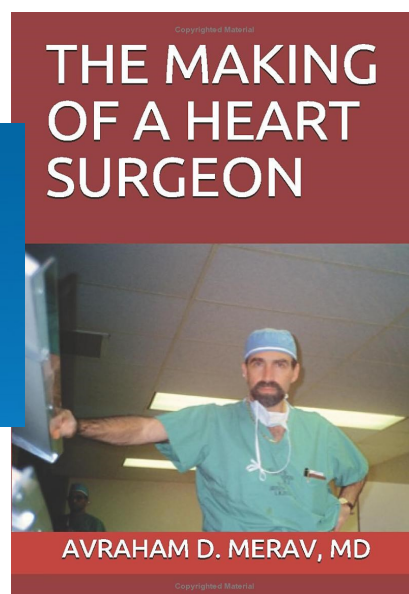
Apr 22: Siyum for First Born

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



Men's Club Photo Gallery



Photo descriptions

Top: Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Honorees for Dec 10 award presentations. Roberta & Larry Fachler and Andy Mendlowitz. Guys hanging at a post-Minyan breakfast.

2nd. Photo from yesteryear at Men's Club Atlantic City trip. The Sukkah was taken down by a ventures crew.

Bottom: Pearl Harbor Day 2014 photo of Beth Ohr veterans.. Shown in middle of back row are 3 World War II veterans: Arnold Dorfman (with dark glasses who passed away Nov 3 at age 99), Seymour Nussenbaum and Sydney Lustgarten who was presented with the first Men's Club Mensch Award that was renamed the Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award.

Beth Ohr Photo Gallery

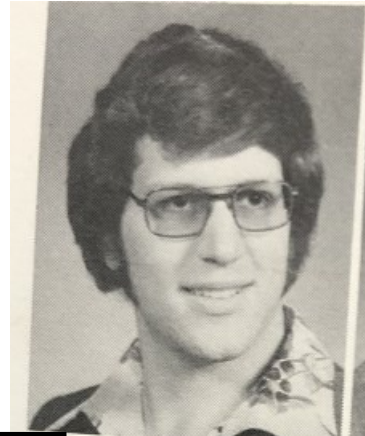


Photo descriptions

Top: Some oldie photos: Helene Grynberg and Fran Drescher. Bernie Pincus and President George H.W. Bush, and a college yearbook photo of Ken Deitz. **Middle:** A previous golf foursome with three Beth Ohr past Presidents; Bob Lipp, Ed Mendlowitz, friend of Ed, and David Honig. Arnold Dorfman passed away Nov 3 at age 99. Photo of him playing cards in September. Main Street Theatre Company rehearsal at Beth Ohr. **Bottom:** Paula Yourman's family on Thanksgiving at Gary and Cindy's house. Paula Yourman with all of her nieces and nephews.

Alumni News

Starting with this issue we will show photos of Beth Ohr alumni which will include those that had their Bar or Bat mitzvah or attended Hebrew School here or who grew up in the area and attended services or Beth Ohr events or programs. This page can only be interesting if photos are sent to Ed at emcpa1@aol.com. The more the merrier.



Photo descriptions

Top: David and Alice Honig's wedding photo. David is a past Beth Ohr president and was a Bar Mitzvah here. Sue and Neil Kirschner's family photo. Neil was a past president of Men's Club. From left. Craig and Brooke (Zalaman) Kirschner both had their Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Beth Ohr as did Erika (second from right). Next to Erika is her fiancé Chris and also included are grandchildren Aaron and Benjamin. Helene and Dan Grynberg's family trip to Israel at Western Wall before grandson Braxton was born. From left is Heather and Michael Grynberg and at far right is Amy. Michael and Amy had their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs here. **Middle:** Me, Dan Grynberg. Andy Mendlowitz and Bob Weiss at Atlantic City last month. Andy had his Bar Mitzvah here and will be receiving the Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award on Dec 10. Joshua and Rachel Rabinowitz. Josh had his Bar Mitzvah here and the Men's Club still uses his pushke. Danielle Silver with Rebecca Clark in Israel. Rebecca was a Bat Mitzvah at Beth Ohr. **Bottom:** Jay Sadowsky (left) with Irving Jankowitz at the Jewish Day of Learning. Jay was on the Beth Ohr trip to Israel led by Rabbi Wernick. Next is Ira Todd Albaum and wife Robyn. Ira had his Bar Mitzvah here.



Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Beth Ohr participated in a joint Old Bridge Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday Nov 19 at Simpson United Methodist Church on Route 516 down the road from us. It was a very touching service and created feelings of fellowship, optimism and a hope that what each religious leader said would be achieved.

Participating was (from photo above starting with the left) Pastor Benjamin Adjei from Glorious Faith of God Ministries; Tariq Sharif, a lay leader representing Ahmadiyya Muslim Community; the host, Reverend Kevin G. Davis from Simpson United Methodist Church (also shown above right); Rabbi Joel Mishkin from Congregation Beth Ohr; and Father Joseph Thippabathini from St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

While each religious leader shared readings and then personal messages making references to their Faiths, everything each one said was fully applicable to anyone that attended and congregants from all five faiths. The common word was that we are all loved by God and when we look at anyone else, we should be mindful of God's love of them and treat them as God would want them treated.

There were readings from each faiths' bible showing we have much more in common than differences, and we should be aware of this. We were all descended from the same father, Abraham. The bibles have different word configurations, but I did not hear anything that was limited to the religion that produced that bible. The words might have been different but the messages were the same and adding an "Amen" after each reading was a touching thrill for me. Only if we could all live the way the words suggested. Further, each speaker was a true professional with a pastor's passion and fervor. They were good!

I have a Thanksgiving prayer for the readers of this message. Look for and celebrate the similarities in those you encounter rather than noticing the differences; and rejoice at the grander issues rather the picking at the trivial annoyances.

I hope you had a thankful Thanksgiving and have a meaningful holiday season.

Ed Mendlowitz

Shown at bottom right are some of the Beth Ohr contingent at the service.

Rabbi Benjamin Levy, Scholar in Residence

Weekend of Nov 10-12. (Shown are covers of his 2 books) Photos at Sunday Minyan.



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Photo descriptions

Rabbis from left: Rabbi Larry I. Brandspiegel, East Brunswick Jewish Center, Rabbi Joel Mishkin, Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer, Temple Bnai Shalom, and Rabbi Nathan Langer, Freehold Jewish Center.
Photo of the room with Linda Benish who organized the program introducing the Rabbis.

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