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Candle Lighting Times

• March 1

5:31 pm

• March 8

5:39 pm

• March 15

6:47 pm

• March 22

6:54 pm

• March 29

7:01 pm

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“Introducing Machzor Hadash, The New Machzor” by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Dear congregants, as we look forward to welcoming Cantor Zahava Fried once again this coming High Holidays, I have additional good news for you. A few weeks ago, our president and ritual director, Phil Rabinowitz and Chuck Rogol took a trip to Connecticut to pick up two hundred and fifty Machzors in pristine condition from a synagogue for our use.

The Machzor that we acquired is called Machzor Hadash. It will provide us with many useful innovations intended to enhance enjoyment of our services. I have long lamented the Silverman Machzor for its antiquated translations and its small print and while it never seemed the right time to finance new Machzorim, this book became available to us from another Conservative congregation.

Our new Machzor is extremely easy to read. It contains ample notes and comments on the services, and its translation is Hebraically correct, its

translations are both poetic and meaningful.

Here is a description found in the preface:

“Machzor Hadash differs from conventional prayer books (whether old or new) in that it is a contemporary liturgical resource, characterized by a combination of:

Reverence for Jewish tradition;

Concern with contemporary aspirations;

Acceptance of diversity in Jewish life and thought;

An emphasis on participation - in an egalitarian spirit;

Elaboration upon the themes of the traditional liturgy;

A quest for significant Jewish experiences - spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, and emotional;

Access to variety and to alternate voices - within the Machzor.”

The text presents us with a graceful, flowing translation of the Hebrew text, while providing extensive transliteration for unison chanting. Coupled with the beautiful melo-



dies presented by Cantor Fried, this new Machzor will guarantee a heightened spiritual experience for those of you who will join us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 5785. I wish to express my appreciation to our ritual committee and to synagogue leadership for their efforts in acquiring this beautiful book.

If you are interested in sponsoring a new High Holiday Prayer Book in memory of someone, or in honor of a simcha, please contact Meryl Finkelstein at 732-679-8701. For further information, see the Sisterhood On-Going Fund Raisers on page 10 of this Newsletter.



Seymour Nussenbaum to Be Honored

You will find Seymour Nussenbaum at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, March 21, 2024. At 11:00 am, Seymour and other members of the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops—known as the Ghost Army—will be the guests of honor at a special ceremony, hosted by House Speaker Mike Johnson and other House and Senate leaders. Ghost Army members will be presented with the Congressional Gold

Medal, the highest honor Congress can bestow. The medal was designed and produced by the U. S. Treasury Department and will be unveiled at the ceremony.

The medals are designed with the recipients in mind. The example below commem-

orates pioneers in space exploration.

Please join us in congratulating Seymour on this amazing and well-deserved honor. To learn more about Seymour and the Ghost Army, visit the Ghost Army Legacy Project website at ghostarmy.org.



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, March 28, 2024, in the Synagogue.

Sisterhood Board Meeting Notice:

There will be a Sisterhood Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the March newsletter is Thursday, **March 21, 2024**. Please email your articles to Christine on or before that date.

Schedule of Services

All Friday evening services begin at 6:00 PM via Zoom unless otherwise stated. All Saturday morning Shabbat services are in the Sanctuary and begin at 9:30 AM. Sunday morning minyan begins at 9:00 AM 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
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Sunday Morning Service
9:00 am in the Sanctuary
March 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 January.

Birthdays

Alice Honig	Mar.2
Lisa Mason	Mar. 4
Peter Polovsky	Mar. 7
Eloise Honig	Mar. 11
Samuel Silver	Mar. 22
Elinor Nadler	Mar. 26
Suzanne Edwards	Mar. 27
Roberta Fachler	Mar. 27
Ed Mendlowitz	Mar. 28

Anniversaries

There are no known March anniversaries. If you have a March anniversary, please contact the Synagogue office and let us know!

Thank You Notes

To Terri Polovsky

Thank you for your continuing contribution of a subscription to Moment Magazine for our family and for others in the Beth Ohr family. It is much appreciated.

Lana and Harvey Cohen

Thank you to everyone for their kindness and support on the passing of Stephen's mother, Rozanne. It is greatly appreciated.

Bonnie and Stephen
Lerner

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

Linda and Allan Benish

Stanley M. Perlman Memorial Fund

Lisa Mason

Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund

Marty Israel

Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund

Roberta and Larry Fachler

Judith Insinga

Sharon and Jeff Witchel

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Lee Hyman

Contact Rabbi Mishkin

Office
732-257-1523, option 2

941-518-8864, after hours for
emergencies

By email
rabbijoelmishkin@ gmail.com

Join Us March 9th!

At our services on
Saturday, March 9, 2024,
Chuck Rogol will be
reading the Torah,
commemorating the
60th Anniversary of
his Bar Mitzvah.
Please join us!

Program "Tidbits"

BE HAPPY! IT'S ADAR!

Adar is the happiest
month of the Jewish year, be-
cause Adar means **PURIM!**
This year is a leap year in the
Jewish calendar, so we have 2
WHOLE MONTHS OF ADAR
(but only 1 Purim).

Purim comes on the
14th day of the second Adar,
which falls out on SUNDAY,
MARCH 24. Mark Your Cal-
endars. Find Your Graggers.
(If you don't have one, we'll
get you one.)

Come to celebrate
Sunday morning in the syna-
gogue and snack on some ha-
mantaschen. Hear the Megil-
lah read and sung in both He-
brew and English.

Let's go back to the
days when we celebrated to-
gether with a Purim spiel.
Come participate.

Have you always want-
ed to be Queen Esther? Play
her part as we read English
chapters of the Megillah.

Do you think you
would be a great villain? Let
me know you would read
Haman's part in the Megillah.

You could be a king!
Volunteer to read the part of
King Ahasueros.

Costumes optional.
Help us make the story come
to life. Call me to volunteer.

9:00 AM SERVICE AND MEGIL-
LAH READING

FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST
SPONSORED BY THE MEN'S
CLUB

Bring your friends and your
grandchildren!

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

Linda Benish
609-426-8727

March Yahrzeits 2024

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.

<u>March 1/2</u>		<u>March 8/9</u>		<u>March 29/30</u>	
Simeon Fishman	3/2	Goldie Lesser	3/9	Seymour Risman	3/30
Zelda Gaizband	3/2	Miriam Rosenthal	3/9	Paul Katz	4/1
Marilyn Karlstein	3/2	Ida Zimmerman	3/9	Lillian Kessler	4/1
Pola Schaffer	3/2	Max Kosser	3/11	Howard Chassen	4/3
Moses Faffer	3/3	Allan Miller	3/13	Morris Zekser	4/3
Arnold Freedman	3/3	Harriet Alper	3/14	Nathan Freedman	4/4
Sanford Rothman	3/3	Judith Greenstein Grabel	3/14	Paul Feinman	4/5
Philip Schweidel	3/3	Celia Davis Stadin	3/15	Dorothy Philips	4/5
Roslyn Suriff	3/3	Louis Nathanson	3/15		
David Weisenberg	3/3				
Mollie Borenstein	3/4				
Eliazer German	3/4	<u>March 15/16</u>			
Bernard Levy	3/4	Benjamin Hinden	3/16		
Eva Pakhmanhov	3/4	Gershon Moldovan	3/16		
Esther German	3/5	Rosalie Lubitz	3/20		
Alex Jankovitz	3/5	Lillian Silverman	3/21		
Henrietta Schochetman	3/5				
Vivian Berkley	3/6	<u>March 22/23</u>			
Fannie Cohen	3/6	Esther Narol	3/27		
Anna Nussenbaum	3/6	Sylvia Bpshak	3/28		
Rochelle Blair	3/7	Barbara Steinklein	3/29		
Debbie Gold	3/7				
Robert Himmelstein	3/7				
Barbara Klein	3/7				
Carl Karp	3/8				
Rose Kushner	3/8				
Samuel Rabinowitz	3/8				



Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

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

Donated by

Linda and Allan Benish

Jana Blain and Family

Suzanne Edwards

Marilyn Gilbarg

Herb Goldenberg

Ilene and Barry Gray

Lisa Mason

Bob Simon and Family

Irene and Len Ullman

Phyllis Ward

Deborah and Lawrence Weintraub

Paula Yourman and Family

In Loving Memory of

Meyer Benish

Anna Schiller

Stephen David Edwards

Libbie Gorski

Donald Golden, Rose Feuer, Irving Feurer, Sadie
Goldenberg, Philip Goldenberg, Susan Goldenberg

Alexander Linz

Stan Perlman

Mabel Simon

Elaine Jarvis

Harry Davidowitz

Joan Plaut

Yetta and Abraham Silverberg & children

Torah Fund Benefactor Announced

Mazel Tov to Roberta Bernstein, who has been selected as Sisterhood's Torah Fund Benefactor recipient for 2024. Invitations for the celebration in Roberta's honor, to be held on Sunday, April 14, 2024, will be mailed soon. Please RSVP by April 1.

Torah Fund Pin

Women's League of Conservative Judaism's new Torah Fund Pin highlights the word 'arevut,' responsibility. The Torah Fund theme is Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh— *All of Israel is Responsible for One Another*.

Sweepstakes

Be on the lookout! Roberta Bernstein will be calling you for Sweepstakes! If you have any questions, you can reach Roberta at 732-679-4986.



Purim 2024

Dear Congregant,

Once again, we are embarking on our Shalach Manot project. Purim starts Saturday, March 23rd . This becomes a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this joyous holiday and to acknowledge friends, by giving this gift of unity. Our troubled world benefits from the kindness offered to others. Here at Congregation Beth Ohr, we strive to make that "difference" in people's lives. Our Shalach Manot program this year can make it count!

Annually, through your generosity, we have been able to do our part by supporting both our Synagogue and the local Kosher Food Bank of Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County here in our community. In particular, during these unusually cold winter months and during the pandemic. It is vital that we continue to provide food items for the less fortunate who are dependent on this source for survival.

A donation of \$18.00 will be most appreciative and most helpful.

If you wish to participate, please fill out the form and send a check (no credit cards) made out to: Congregation Beth Ohr PTO for **\$18**.

Please send this form to (DO NOT SEND TO TEMPLE):

Lisa Clark

42 Bosko Drive

East Brunswick, NJ 08816

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Clark – 732.580-7257 or email me at LLPC27@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support. Chag Purim Sameach!

Shalach Manot – Please submit this form and a check by **Wednesday, March 20th. Thank you!!**

Name for the listing in the bulletin _____

Email Address: _____

Phone _____



Unfortunately, the war in Israel with Hamas is continuing and even widening. Many hostages are still being held in Gaza although the IDF did successfully rescue two hostages recently. Much of the world are not being kind to Israel and to us the Jewish people. We continue to pray for those innocent victims and the wellbeing of the hostages and victorious end to this war for Israel and we continue to be grateful to those serving in the IDF and pray for their safety and wellbeing.

We had a really helpful Zoom meeting in February where we learned how to clean out and organize our garages. We have an 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.

In addition, we are preparing for our Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday, March 30th and anyone interested in participating should reach out to Roberta Fachler.

Roberta Bernstein has started to make her phone calls regarding our upcoming lottery which allows participants the chance to win Scrip of their choice and raises funds for Sisterhood. We hope you will all consider participating in this.

Our temple will be using updated High Holiday prayer books which will be available to be plated for a donation of \$36.00 in Honor Of or In Memory Of... Meryl Finkelstein is the contact for this, and her information is included in this newsletter.

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 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 also 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 2024



The Sunday Minyans are in the Synagogue building. Every Sunday we 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.

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. **MINYAN will not be at Beth Ohr; It will be at Marlboro Jewish Center.**

Program is free and please re-register. Link: <https://www.mjcnj.com/form/-edrandall-mensclub.html>

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. Zoom link will be on Christine's weekly email with the Zoom links.

Mar 24: Purim service and Reading of Megillah starting at our regular time of 9:00.

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

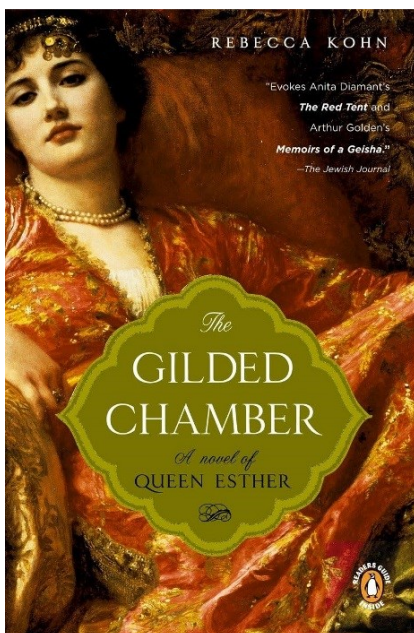
Jun 30: Men's Club Red White and Blue Pancake Breakfast

One Minute Dvar Torah
דקה אחת דבר תורה

Ed Mendlowitz Recommended books

The Gilded Chamber—a novel of Queen Esther. Timely and brings characters to life.

The Making of a Heart Surgeon—The author will be our guest speaker at the joint program on March 17th. I read this very interesting auto-bio and highly recommend it.



Men's Club Photo Gallery



Husband: "Scientists have found that men say about 10,000 words a day, while women say about 20,000..."

Wife (shouts from the kitchen): "It's because we have to repeat everything twice to you blockheads!"

Husband: "What?"

Photo Descriptions

Top: Ed Mendlowitz presenting his 44th Annual Financial Program. Harvey Cohen with a sweat shirt from the College his children attended and now his granddaughter.

2nd: Taken at the financial program. Ronnie Mendlowitz along with 3 CPA friends of Ed. Rabbi Mishkin presenting a very interesting Tefillin program.

3rd: Chuck Rogol playing the Tuba at the Imperial Music Center concert in South River. A quote sent

Beth Ohr Photo Gallery



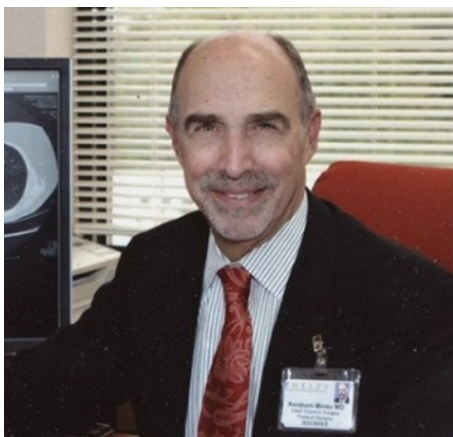
Photo descriptions

Top: Roberta Karpel at New Zealand aquarium and ship she has been sailing on.
Bottom: David and Alice Honig and family on a grand cruise on Mariner of the Seas. Ellie Honig with Adam, David, Linda and Evan.

Coming Attraction on Zoom March 17 at 10:15

Link to be sent by Christine on March 15

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Marjorie Simon 1938—2024



BOB ZUSSMAN 1938—2024



**MEN'S CLUB
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2023/2024 5784 DUES INVOICE

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$36.00

If you are 65 or older AND retired, you are not required to pay the full \$36.00 dues, but a minimum of **\$18.00** is required to cover your mandatory membership in our national organization, The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

Donations in lieu of dues are always appreciated.

**For Upcoming Events please look at the schedule in the Synagogue
Newsletter and the Weekly emails**

Program ideas are always welcome

If you are not receiving the weekly Men's Club Emails
**PLEASE PUT YOUR EMAIL BELOW SO THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE NOTICES OF
MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES**

_____@_____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

MEN'S CLUB, CONGREGATION BETH OHR

PUT IN MEN'S CLUB MAILBOX AT SYNAGOGUE OR MAIL TO:

**Irving Jankovitz, Treasurer
Men's Club, Congregation Beth Ohr
PO Box 206
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
Email for questions: ijankovitz8@gmail.com**

OUR MEN'S CLUBS WELCOME



Temple Beth Ohr

ED RANDALL



SUNDAY, MARCH 10
10:00 AM

MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER
103 SCHOOL ROAD WEST,
MARLBORO NJ

LIGHT
BREAKFAST
WILL BE
SERVED



Ed Randall is a longtime New York radio and TV personality and published author. He hosts "Remember When," a weekly baseball anthology show heard Saturday mornings from 8-10AM on Sirius/XM Radio's MLB Network radio channel 89. He is also on staff at the MLB Network. He hosted the #1-rated "Ed Randall's Talking Baseball" for 17 years on Sunday mornings on WFAN-Radio. A prostate cancer survivor, his most important life's work is as the Founder and Chief Advocacy Officer of Fans for the Cure, a 501(c)3 charity that promotes awareness and education of the disease. fansforthe cure.org

NOTICE There will be no Minyan at Beth Ohr that Sunday. Instead we are welcome to join the Minyan at Marlboro Jewish Center at 9:00. Afterwards there will be a light breakfast and then the program.

Link to register: <https://www.mjcnj.com/form/-edrandall-mensclub.html>

We hope to see you for our 2024 shows!

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!

**MAIN STREET
THEATER
COMPANY**

70 County Road 516
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
732-807-1559

MSTCOB.org



Saturday, March 2, 8:00 pm

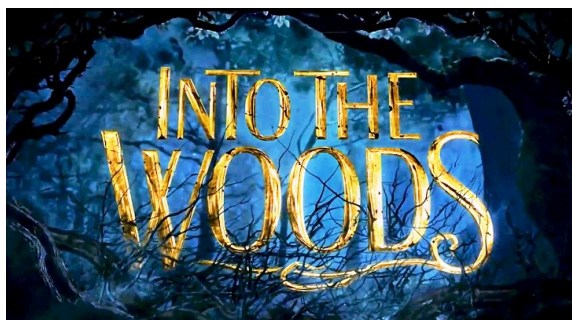
Sunday, March 3, 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 9, 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 10, 3:00 pm

Main Street Academy
Special Performances

Saturday, April 20
3:00 pm and 6:00 pm



Saturday, May 11, 8:00 pm

Sunday, May 12 3:00 pm

Saturday, May 18, 8:00 pm

Sunday, May 19, 3:00 pm