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Candle Lighting Times

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• June 21

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• June 28

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As we approach the beginning of the summer months, I thought it would be appropriate to think about what we might wish to accomplish in the coming year when it comes to the well-being of our congregation. We have been most fortunate with the stewardship of our Executive Board and Board of Directors in helping us navigate some of the expected and unexpected challenges that have come our way. We were all treated with a meaningful and powerful Yamim-Noraim experience assisted by our Cantor Zahava Fried. Cantor Fried will be with us again in late-May/early June doing a program celebrating the State of Israel and a Sunday morning concert, "From the Borscht Belt to Broadway." We also look forward to her return this coming Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Our synagogue was extremely successful when it came to helping the community of Ofakim in Israel through the efforts of the Schechter Institutes and Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz. I was so impressed by the size of the gift that our small congregation was able to raise following the terrible calamity suffered throughout Israel on October 7th. Even in the face of an uncertain world, we have a great deal to be thankful for when it comes to our synagogue. I can only hope that the future days and months will provide us with more opportunities to gather together and enjoy the fellowship that makes our synagogue so special.

With that in mind, I only hope that we will see renewed interest in welcoming our members back into the building for programs and services. I have noticed through my

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travels that people are beginning to do all the things that they used to do before the pandemic and that is a genuine blessing. I only hope and pray that some of vou will find the time to attend our Shabbat and Sundav morning services that are held inperson. Believe me, for those who faithfully attend week-in and weekout, it is a great boost for morale to see members return to the sanctuary and social hall. So, amidst summer vacation-time and other activities, please don't forget our Shul.

Rabbi Joel Mishkin

From the President's Desk



I am happy to report that the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 was passed unanimously at the Congregational meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The new slate of Officers was also approved during this meeting. I thank volunteers Ken Deitz, who served as our Treasurer, and Lee Hyman, who served as our Communications Chair for their service this past year. I am excited to have Allan Benish and Harriet Rabinowitz returning to the Board as our Treasurer and Communications Chair, respectively. Roberta Karpel has stepped down as our 3^{rd} Vice President and has agreed to be our new Fundraising Chair. I thank the rest of the Board members who will continue in their same roles effective June 8^{th} at the Board installation. There are still two openings on the Board – 3^{rd} Vice President and Membership Chair. Of all member families at Congregation Beth Ohr, I am urging two congregants to step up and volunteer to fill these open positions.

Phil Rabinowitz

The Executive Board has received a signed four year contract from Rabbi Joel Mishkin who will continue as our Rabbinical leader through June 30, 2028. Our lovely new Office Administrator, Meryl Lafazan, started on Thursday, April 25. The Synagogue office will be open from Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Special thanks to Linda and Allen Benish, Chuck Rogol, Marty Israel, and Rabbi Mishkin for all their efforts this past weekend to make the musical weekend featuring Cantor Zahava Fried a great success. We had the opportunity to meet Zahava's husband Yaakov Fried, and their two darling daughters, Lilah and Fina. We are thrilled to be part of Zahava Fried's career path to become a Cantor and Jewish educator. Everyone who attended this weekend experienced the immense musical talent and outgoing personality that Zahava exudes. As Temple President, it is fantastic to see synagogue members return to the building and experience the Community spirit that Congregation Beth Ohr provides its members.

Have a wonderful summer!

Synagogue Installation

The Installation of the Board of Directors will be held during Shabbat Services on Saturday, June 8 at 9:30 am.

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, June 20, 2024, in the Synagogue.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the July newsletter is Monday, June 24, 2024. Please email your articles to Meryl 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.

Schedule of Services

Friday Night Shabbat Services 6:00 pm via Zoom June 7, 14, 21, 28

Saturday Shabbat Services 9:30 am in the Sanctuary June 8, 15, 22, 29

Sunday Morning Service 9:00 am in the Sanctuary June 9, 16, 23, 30

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 June. We will celebrate Simcha Shabbat on Saturday, June 8, 2024.

Birthdays

Kenneth Deitz	June 2
Dara Deitz	June 4
Elliot Leibowitz	June 7
Joseph Klein	June 8
Linda Skupp	June 8
Ronnie Mendlowitz	June 9
Robert Weiss	June 11
Liz Aroyo	June 12
Lee Cadel	June 18
Barbara Feder	June 21
David Honig	June 21
Ilene Gray	June 28
Ronnie Rosenzweig	June 28

Anniversaries

June 5
June 7
June 16
June 18
June 21
June 25
June 26
June 30

SHAVUOT SCHEDULE

Shavuot, Day 1—Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 9:30 am Shavuot, Day 2 –Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 9:30 am. Yizkor will be recited at 11:00 am.

CALLING ALL 2024 GRADUATES!

The July newsletter will feature a section to celebrate the graduations of your children and/ or grandchildren. Graduations from elementary school, intermediate school, high school, trade or vocational school, college or university, graduate school, medical school, law school, or nursing school will be included. Please send the name of the graduate, what their future plans are, and the names of parents, and/or grandparents to Meryl in the Synagogue Office at congregationbethohr@gmail.com. The deadline is Monday, June 24, 2024.

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June 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.

June 7/8	C 17 1000 A	June 14/15 continued		June 28-29	
Simon Douglas Babitz Cynthia (Shiffe) Davidson	6/7/2024 6/7/2024	David Goldberg	6/16/2024	Larry Greene	6/28/2024
Molly Pincus	6/7/2024	Zelda Levitt	6/16/2024	Bernard Jokel	6/28/2024
Alice Rogol	6/7/2024	David Edelman	6/17/2024	Al Tyberg	6/28/2024
Samuel Star	6/7/2024			Iliana Weiner	6/28/2024
Harry Irving Tanzer	6/7/2024	Albert Silverman	6/17/2024	Robert Frank	
Yetta Shapiro	6/8/2024	Isadore Simon	6/18/2024		6/29/2024
Marlene Honig	6/9/2024	Fred Goldberg	6/19/2024	Mel Narol	6/29/2024
Max Mordecai Klein	6/9/2024	Bronia Grynberg	6/19/2024	Irving Solomon	6/29/2024
Jacob Reiner Frank Schaffer	6/9/2024 6/9/2024	Perl Fishman	6/20/2024	Arlene Baron	6/30/2024
Stephen R. Silberstein	6/9/2024			Rachel Wilhelm	6/30/2024
Charles Harold Widom	6/9/2024	Samuel Hankin	6/20/2024	Izzy Antebi	7/1/2024
Bernard Berkley	6/10/2024	Bertha Lowenthal	6/20/2024	Esta Bloness	7/1/2024
, Mary Elkan	6/10/2024	Brett Schwartz	6/20/2024	Carol Goldberg	7/1/2024
Abram Erlick	6/10/2024			Eugene Hammer	7/1/2024
Bessie Nemet	6/10/2024	<u>June 21-22</u>		Marvin Lanzoff	7/1/2024
Richard Sommers	6/10/2024	Maney Coffina	6/21/2024	Martin Barsky	7/2/2024
Yaron Ziv	6/10/2024	Sol Fachler	6/21/2024	•	7/2/2024
lda Cohen Nathan Klaman	6/11/2024 6/11/2024	Issac Feder	6/21/2024	Stuart Jay Enden	
Meyer Salstein	6/11/2024	Max Kasloff	6/21/2024	Pauline Altman	7/3/2024
Joel Weprin	6/11/2024	Samuel Cohen	6/22/2024	Roslyn W. Katz	7/3/2024
Irwin Whitman	6/11/2024			Henrietta Nathanson	7/3/2024
David Benish	6/12/2024	Abraham Douglas	6/22/2024	Louis Petak	7/3/2024
Herb Reinstein	6/12/2024	Joseph Tischler	6/22/2024	Hyman Schiffer	7/3/2024
Aaron Schiffres	6/12/2024	Lillian Burstein	6/23/2024	Bernard Warshaw	7/3/2024
Mary Spiro	6/12/2024	Michele Feinstein	6/23/2024	Louis Deutsch	7/4/2024
Minnie Fachler	6/13/2024	Pearl Sovern	6/23/2024	Rhoda Hyman	7/4/2024
Leon Kurtz	6/13/2024	Molly Jakubovitz	6/24/2024	Louis Rothberg	7/4/2024
Henry Miller	6/13/2024	Solomon Jakubovitz	6/24/2024	Anna Sham	7/4/2024
		Eleanor Perlman	6/24/2024	David Weiss	7/4/2024
June 14-15		Eva Rosenfeld	6/24/2024	Barbara Wilkes	7/4/2024
Pearl Cohen	6/14/2024	Janis Bleier	6/25/2024	Selma Auerbach	7/5/2024
Joseph Gilbarg	6/14/2024	Eisig Kornreich	6/25/2024	Augusta Baum	7/5/2024
Larry Kestenberg	6/14/2024	Morris Rosenthal	6/25/2024	Celia Chancy	7/5/2024
Bernard Weiss	6/14/2024	Samuel Schechter	6/25/2024	Saul Levine	7/5/2024
	6/15/2024	George Feldstein	6/26/2024	Sally Miller	7/5/2024
Phyllis Glaz		Murray Miller	6/26/2024	Rae Rosenfeld-Hochwald	7/5/2024
Edward Katz	6/15/2024	Sarah Oshinsky	6/26/2024	Carl Tash	7/5/2024
Jack Schneider	6/15/2024	Morris Rosenthal	6/26/2024	Shana Raizel Wilpon	7/5/2024
Mala Simon	6/15/2024	David Schweidel	6/26/2024	Barnet Zaret	7/5/2024
Rose Rabinowitz Cabelly	6/16/2024	Irene Himelstein	6/27/2024	Harry Zaret	7/5/2024
				nany Zalel	113/2024

Yahrzeit Donations

We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits are observed during the month of June. We acknowledge the following for their contributions.

Donated By	In Loving Memory Of
Rita & Bernie Selden	Sally Kestenberg, Irving Kestenberg Larry Kestenberg, Pauline Salstein, Meyer Salstein, Milton Salstein, Daniel Selden
Barbara & Melvin Feder	Isaac Feder
Elias Engber	David Ingber
Linda & Allen Skupp	Anne Skupp
Helene & Daniel Grynberg	Bernhard (Bob) Barry
Helene & Daniel Grynberg	Bronia Grynberg
Irving Jankovitz	Julia Jankovitz
Paula Eisen	Mel Narol
Glenda Levenstein	Eli Jaffe
Bob Simon & Family	Mala Simon & Dalia Goldhecht
Lawrence & Deborah Weintraub	Rachel Weintraub Wilhelm
Liz & Mike Aroyo	Louis Aroyo
Len & Irene Ullmann	Leo Ullmann
Marilyn Gilbarg	Joseph Gilbarg
Sarah & David Raymond	Dorothy Simon & Isadore Simon
Melinda Widom	Charles Widom
Phyllis Ward	Violet Davidowitz
Roberta & Lawrence Fachler	Minnie Fachler
Eloise Honig	Marlene Honig
Elizabeth & Jim Kissel & Family	Janette Hollander Golden
Ashna Pincus & Lisa Clark	Beloved Mother Molly Pincus
Karen & Ira Schaeffer	Abram Erlik

Condolences

To Eileen Birnbaum and Family on the passing of their beloved husband and father, Sidney Birnbaum.

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

Herman & Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund

Bob Lipp & Margie in Memory of Sidney Birnbaum

Bob Lipp & Margie in Honor of Ruth Wolfe's 90th Birthday

Stanley M. Perlman Memorial Fund

Lisa Mason in memory of Mildred Weissman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Ilene & Barry Gray

General Fund

In Memory Of Sidney Birnbaum: Ira & Lee Donenfeld, Gail & Richard Klein, Alan Kantor

Mazel Tov

Helene & Daniel Grynberg proudly announce the birth of a granddaughter Colette Rose. Colette's parents are Heather & Michael Grynberg and she is the sister of Braxton & Grayson. 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 Meryl in the office at 732-257-1523.



(Print Name in Hebrew Here

(Print Name in English Here)

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

PLEDGE

I hereby authorize you to supply and maintain permanently on your Memorial Tablet, a name plate *in memory of*

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.

Signed by _____

Date _____

Tree of Life to honor or memorialize a loved one Leaf - \$118.00



Contact Rabbi Mishkin

Office 732-257-1523, option 2 941-518-8864, after hours for emergencies By email rabbijoelmishkin@ gmail.com

NOTICE

If you borrowed a gray weekday Prayer Book, Please return it to the Synagogue as soon as possible.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Joel Mishkin who is now a member of JNF-USA Central New Jersey Monmouth Middlesex Committee.

Ann Kroll Visits Beth Ohr to discuss JNF Programs in Israel

Ann Kroll, a representative of Jewish National Fund visited Beth Ohr on May 11, 2024. She provided an update on Israel and JNF's fundraising efforts. The following are excerpts from her D'Var Torah.

I would like to dedicate my D'var Torah in memory of the 364 civilians that were killed by Hamas at the Supernova Sukkot Gathering on October 7th and in honor of those that were wounded.

One of the most important responsibilities of being a Jew is a sense of Jewish memory. Jewish memory is not just individual, it is communal. As a community, let us create meaningful memories out of these horrific times as we help our brothers and sisters in Eretz Israel by building additional bomb shelters for the residents of Halutza, named the Middlesex/Monmouth Community Bomb Shelter. Won't you please join us in this wonderful mitzvah and support our campaign to ensure that they are protected. Adrian, and I, through Jewish National Fund USA and donations from you can make this dream become a memory of how we helped by building additional bomb shelters. We personally thank all of you that have donated to JNF already. Bomb shelters provide protection from rockets that besiege families in the region not only from Gaza but as we just saw from Iran on April 13. Since 1901 Jewish National Fund -USA has not only planted over 260 million trees but continues to stand true to their passion, commitment, and vision for the future of Israel and the Jewish people. It remains clear and unwavering.

A roadside shelter protects up to fifteen residents with a real floor, day, or night. It provides essential shelter for residents when they are not near their home- the park, playground, bus stop, driving to work, etc.

*COST-\$50,000.00 per shelter

• NEED: 6 Roadside shelters and 200 in the North and in the south

After Shabbat, I ask you to log onto our webpage <u>https://my.jnf.org/halutza/MiddlesexMonmouthBombShelter</u> or drop off or mail a check to the office here at the Temple made out to JNF- USA. Thank you to all of you, and to Rabbi Mishkin for sharing his bimah with me today. Am Yisrael Chai!

Ann Kroll can be reached at 732-735-1616.

SISTERHOOD BETH OHR CALENDAR PERSONALS

Dear Members:

Sisterhood is once again planning to make up our Jewish Calendar for the year 5784-5785 (2024-2025). There will be a place on the calendar for your personal dates. Your cost will be \$2.50 for each birthday, anniversary, wedding, and yahrzeit. Personals will be listed on each month's page. Full donor credit will be given for these contributions. In addition, for a donation of \$10, your name (or those of your friends and relatives) can be listed as a patron. Full donor credit will be given for each \$10 patron obtained by a Sisterhood member.

If you submitted information last year and have minor or no changes, contact Linda Garfinkel at 609-655-3392 or lhg1210@verizon.net to update.

We need the support of the entire Congregation to make this as successful a year as last year. Please enclose your check payable to Sisterhood Beth Ohr with your imprint order and mail to Linda Garfinkel, c/o Congregation Beth Ohr, P. O. Box 206, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

Thank you for your support. **DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS JULY 14, 2024.**

Sincerely, Linda Garfinkel and Marcia Trechak

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Attach additional sheet if needed.

Birthdays (\$2.50 each)

Anniversaries (\$2.50 each)

Yahrzeits—List name, English month, day, and year (\$2.50 each)

Weddings (\$2.50 each)

Patrons (\$10.00 each)

Torah Fund Luncheon Honoring Roberta Bernstein













SISTERHOOD ON-GOING FUND RAISERS

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 sales will return to the office on July 1, 2024. Please call Meryl at 732-257-1523 or email her at congregationbethohr@gmail.com with your order.







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 <u>emrmcats@aol.com</u>.

GOLD CARDS

Paula Yourman is Sisterhood's Hallmark lady. She is always willing to send your personal cards through Sisterhood. Just email the information to Paula at <u>bubbe513@gmail.com</u> or call her 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.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZORS

Donations in memory of, or to honor someone, can be made to Sisterhood, Congregation Beth Ohr. Please send your donation to: Meryl Finkelstein, 234 Community Circle, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

If you would like to donate a High Holiday Prayer Book (Machzor) in memory of, or to honor someone, send a check for \$36.00 per Book, made out to Sisterhood, Congregation Beth Ohr and mail it to Meryl at the address in the previous paragraph. If you have any questions, please email Meryl at <u>merylrob@aol.com</u> or call her at 732-679-8701.

MEN'S CLUB CONGREGATION BETH OHR P.O. BOX 206 OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857

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

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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: <u>ijankovitz8@gmail.com</u>



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 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. Jun 9: Men's Club Installation Jun 30: Men's Club Red White and Blue Pancake Breakfast



Photo descriptions

Top row: Taken during the Siyum for the First Born on the Monday morning of the first Pesach seder. Rabbi Mishkin and Powell Saks are shown, with each having an Aliyah.

2nd row: Middle photo shows part of the Yom Hashoah committee packing the candles to mail. At table in rear Bob Weiss and Andy Mendlowitz. Front: Elliot Leibowitz and Larry Weintraub.Cantor Fried will be at our congregation on May 31 and June 1st and 2nd.











Photo descriptions

Above: Bob Weiss visiting Seymour Nussenbaum and Seymour holding his Gold Medal. Name tag given to Seymour when he was at Congress to receive the medal. Commemorative collector's cover honoring Seymour being presented with the medal. If anyone wants one, please send a \$10.00 contribution check made out to Men's Club and give to Ed or mail to Men's Club at P.O. Box 206, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

Left: Ken Deitz and Ed Mendlowitz at a West Point tour. Chuck Rogol and son Marc and grandchildren at an Imperial Music Center concert.

Sidney Birnbaum May 20, 1933—May 20, 1924 Wedding photo with Eileen, photo with son Jason and Jason and his family and Lisa and her family. Sid had five grandchildren.

