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# OHR BITS

## RABBI MISHKIN'S MESSAGE

The following is an abbreviated version of Rabbi Mishkin's Yizkor sermon for Shemini Atzeret 5785:

### "Mourning, Meaning and Yizkor"

Many years ago, I was at my synagogue's cemetery in Sarasota, Florida, quietly awaiting an unveiling. It was a warm spring morning, as is often the case in Southwest Florida. The humidity was already rising, but still, it was peaceful and contemplative, and I began to think about what I might say to this family for the unveiling.

I looked across the way, to another section of our cemetery, and I noticed a young man standing by a grave. For many minutes he stood there, not moving, seemingly lost in thought. He was also casually dressed in shorts and a polo shirt, alone, hands stuffed in his pockets. There was a gentle breeze that was blowing through the trees at the edge of the cemetery.

Then he moved. Almost suddenly it seemed to me. He leaned forward, reaching his hand toward the grave, appearing to rest it on the monument. From the distance I couldn't quite tell what he was doing, but I guessed he was placing stones on the grave, that old tradition that we Jews have whenever we visit our loved ones at the cemetery. Although in ancient times it was the way in which graves would be marked, today each of the stones is a symbol of permanence, of the way connections that are made by love cannot be broken and of how we carry memory in our hearts and souls.

And then, I will always remember what happened next because it was so unusual. He fell to his knees, bent his chest to the stone, and cradled the monument in his arms. He lowered his forehead to the cold metal plaque affixed atop the monument, touching the stone, the name inscribed there,



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## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

- November 1, 2024 5:35pm
- November 8, 2024 4:28pm
- November 15, 2024 4:22pm
- November 22, 2024 4:17pm
- November 29, 2024 4:14pm

## RABBI MISHKIN'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

the ground, that physical place where his loved one lay, that one single place in this entire world where he felt that presence. It reminded me of the importance of laying our loved ones to rest and having the chance to visit them whenever we feel the need.

Perhaps he was imagining the other senses he might have engaged in that moment. Perhaps, the smell of an old cardigan, blouse or perfume wafting in the air for just a moment. Maybe the taste of a favorite recipe came to his tongue. Or the sound of laughter long not heard, or gentle words spoken long ago came into his ears. I then saw him speak to the stone, to the presence that he felt there. Too far away, I could not hear anything that he said, but I could imagine what he might have been saying.

It would be akin to what we must say whenever we visit the graves of our loved ones who are no longer with us, what we say each time we pause at, this most sacred of spaces – that I love you, I miss you, I think of you each and every day. I am doing my best, I am living my life, but it is not the same without you, nor will it ever be, and that is just how it is.

He stayed there for some time. Holding the stone with his arms, softly speaking. Time stood still. Finally he arose, slowly, almost reluctantly. It was time to go. Perhaps he had an appointment, or the kid's soccer game, or work, or a million other things called to him. It was life that was continuing – days that had to be, that should be lived with passion and purpose, and by doing that, he was continuing to honor the person who lay in that grave. Finally, he put his hands on his hips and wiped at his eyes. His heart was heavy. Grief comes back so easily and so suddenly; it lies just under the surface, and we always find it at the cemeteries we visit.

My hope is always that we can also find peace when we visit the graves of our loved ones. And gratitude. Perhaps we also can find some peace here in our serene sanctuary at this time of Yizkor, in knowing that we honor those who lived life well, and who left for us a legacy that we carry to this day, a legacy that brings meaning, guidance and purpose to our lives. Gratitude that we were blessed with love, that we were cared for, cherished, nourished and sustained by these individuals whose presence we still feel, but whose voices we only now hear in our minds and our hearts. That they gave us so much, so generously, and that we, in turn, did our best to give to them in the time that we shared, in the life that we made together.

There is a poignant Midrash that compares the final festival of Shemini Atzeret to a King who joyfully hosts all of his children for a party lasting several days and then, when the last day finally arrives, he comes to them and pleads with them, please stay with me for just one more day because “your parting is so very difficult for Me.” This is the classic understanding of that Midrash.

However, I would like to offer a different interpretation. You see in this Midrash, what bothers God is not our parting from God; for obviously God will continue to be with us, to be by our sides. What bothers God is the fact that we are now separating from the time that we have had together – that for the last month or so, we have spent so much quality time together in our synagogue home, thinking about the things that really matter to our lives, not the silly stuff, but the real stuff, and by doing that we become keenly aware of our mortality and of the fragile and temporal nature of the human experience. And it is inevitable that as we do that, we also think about those who are no longer with us far more frequently during this time of year than at other times of the year.

But, my friends, here is the good news for us to consider - we don't have to be separate from God or each other in this sanctuary for another twelve months. If we can find the time once in a while to return to this sacred home then we can continue to feel close to our God, to each other, and to all those who helped to touch and enrich our lives.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Good Yom Tov to our Congregants and Guests in the Temple and on Zoom!  
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the synagogue, I have been asked to make the Yizkor appeal today.

I am now in my second year as your President as I started my second term in June 2023. Previously I served as President from 2015 to 2017.

How are we doing financially?



The good news about our finances is that there is no long-term debt, and we have a lean budget. We supplement our Budget with rental income from our two tenants, who both signed new leases this summer with significant increases. As an aging congregation, we continue to lose members by death, but our membership stays constant with 100 families. Our building and parsonage are getting older. Recently in our building, we had a major plumbing repair, replaced the air conditioning unit downstairs, and installed a new sound system in the sanctuary and social hall. We also completely remodeled one of the bathrooms in the parsonage due to plumbing issues. We used reserve funds to cover these repairs.

So, what can we all do for our Beth Ohr community?

To the guests who are celebrating the holidays with us, I hope you enjoyed our services and our friendship. I urge you to consider joining our Temple after the holidays. To the Adult children of our members who joined the Synagogue after my speech last year, thank you so much. You are helping to continue the legacy of Congregation Beth Ohr started by your parents and grandparents more than 67 years ago. If you are interested in membership, please reach out to any Board member or contact our office next week.

In my speeches and newsletter articles, I have pointed out that the Membership Chair position on the Temple Board is still open. I am disappointed that no one has stepped up during the 16 months of my Presidency. If you are interested, contact me after Yom Kippur.

The Covid pandemic has ended, and most of us have returned to our normal activities. We have Religious Services every Friday night on Zoom, which provides a sense of community to our home-bound members. We have more congregants attending Friday night services on Zoom than the weekly Saturday or Sunday morning services held in the Sanctuary. We need YOU to attend three more Shabbat morning services this coming year. It is wonderful seeing you here on the High Holidays, but the Synagogue is operating for your benefit 52 weeks a year.

Here are some insights on how your presence in the Synagogue strengthens our Jewish community and brings comfort to our members.

1. During the weekly Torah reading, Rabbi Mishkin reads the long Mishaberach list of those who are ill, followed by the Congregation singing the lovely Debbie Friedman "Mishaberach" tune. There is a comforting feeling when you attend services in the sanctuary and your loved one's name is recited over the Torah.
2. Following the Torah reading, we have two English readings. The first prayer is for our government and its leaders. We hope that our prayers will turn the hate, racism, and anti-Semitism in the United States back to civility and cooperation. The second prayer is for peace in the State of Israel where we say, "Then nation will not threaten nation and mankind will no longer know war". After the horrific attack of October 7, 2023, a large crowd attended Shabbat services in our Synagogue to pray for the hostages and survivors. Last Sunday I attended the Jewish Federation Program commemorating the attack on Israel a year ago. It was very moving to be in solidarity with 500 fellow Jews. There is strength when we gather as a community!
3. We are an egalitarian Synagogue and need to provide a quorum of ten men and women to make a minyan. We must comfort members who have lost loved ones and guarantee that they can recite the Mourners Kaddish. We will be saying Yizkor soon for our relatives, but you should come in person to say Kaddish for your loved one on his/her Yahrzeit. Remember that the Congregation was there for you at your time of need.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** (continued from page 2)

4. We provide two Shabbatons every year and special programs on select Sunday mornings during the year. Our volunteers work hard to provide these dinners and events which are always insightful and informative. Show your support to the volunteers who work hard to provide these events for you. Volunteer to help plan and prepare for these events – there is no job that is too small. WE NEED YOU. WE NEED EACH OTHER. Linda Benish, our Programming Chair, has provided a booklet which outlines our weekly educational classes and upcoming social programs. This was emailed to our members, and there are copies available at the front desk in the lobby.

We have a major fundraiser each year where we honor Synagogue leaders and distinguished members in the community. This event is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 11:00 AM. Plan to attend to honor our dear Rabbi Mishkin who just completed his 10<sup>th</sup> year as our religious leader, and congregants Cheryl and Lee Cadel, and Roberta Karpel.

We will soon recite the Yizkor Service after the Rabbi's sermon. I want to share with you some thoughts about a special relative.

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi Mishkin talked about what qualities outside of prayer make a Jewish person religious. My dear brother-in-law, George Kirschenbaum, passed away three years ago at the age of 73. George's life revolved around his family, his career, and his favorite sports teams. He was not a religious person - he attended Hebrew School, had a Bar Mitzvah, and went to shul on the High Holidays. George was a confident Manhattan labor lawyer who often traveled to North Carolina to represent poor union factory workers. After his retirement he volunteered with the Legal Aid Society to help those who could not afford a lawyer. He was very generous when donating money. He coached his son's sports teams and supported his daughter's dream to become a flutist in the Manhattan All City High School orchestra, where she made it to Carnegie Hall. He loved my sister during their 49 year marriage, and was looking forward to spending his retirement enjoying his two year old grandson. He was an enthusiastic fan of New York sports teams, the Rangers, the Knicks, the Jets, but most of all the New York /San Francisco Giants baseball team. As a lawyer he always won the argument with me that his hero Willie Mays was better than my hero, Mickey Mantle. George participated in a clinical trial at Mount Sinai hospital in Manhattan to assist in finding a cure for liver cancer. He was a man who performed acts of kindness throughout his entire life.

At this time, I ask you to remember a special relative and give a little more than you pledged last year in his or her memory. Once you turn over the tag on the pledge card, a Men's Club usher will collect your pledge envelope.

I would like to acknowledge our volunteers who made the High Holidays run so smoothly this year.

To Financial Secretary Allen Skupp who handled High Holiday Ticket Sales.

To our office manager Meryl Lafazan for coordinating the High Holiday preparation.

To our Vice President Myles Schwartz who keeps the building and parsonage in tip-top shape.

To our Treasurer Allan Benish, who manages the finances and investments.

To our Vice President Marty Israel, who serves as our in-house caterer.

To the remaining Executive Board members and the Regular Board of the Temple, I acknowledge you for your efforts throughout the year, and thank you on behalf of the entire membership for your devotion to Beth Ohr. To the Ritual Committee for assigning all the High Holiday honors, and to the Lay Chazzanim, the Shofar Blowers, the Torah readers, Haftorah chanters and Gabbis.

To Sisterhood for providing the beautiful flowers on the Bimah, and the refreshments for breaking the fast later this evening.

To Men's Club, for changing the Torah covers and the curtains for the Ark, putting out the Machzors, ushering, building the Sukkah, and providing breakfast every Sunday morning.

To our wonderful, talented visiting Cantor, Zahava Fried, for enriching our lives with her lively tunes, her lovely soprano voice, and for inspiring each of us spiritually. We are thrilled about the upcoming birth of her third child in December and anxiously wait for the exciting news.

And to Rabbi Mishkin for leading our meaningful High Holiday services, for your wisdom and optimism, and for your spiritual leadership. We are all blessed to have you as our Rabbi! We look forward to you and Beverly spending several more years with us in Old Bridge.

Harriet and I wish everyone Lashana Tova Tikatevu va Taichatemu!

## THANK YOU

**Cheryl & Lee Cadel** would like to thank the Gala Committee, Ed Mendlowitz, Allan Benish, Linda Benish, Roberta Bernstein, Eugene Bernstein, Ilene Gray, Lisa Mason, Harriet Rabinowitz, Phil Rabinowitz, Allen Skupp, Robert Weiss, Ronnie Mendlowitz, Andy Mendlowitz & Meryl Lafazan. It was a beautiful day and everything was beautiful!!!!

My sincere thanks to all of you for a lovely day! The presentation was very heartwarming and the luncheon was delicious! The room looked beautiful and Lee and I had a wonderful time. We appreciate all the hard work and efforts that the committee put into it. Again, thanks to all of you!!!!

**Bob Lipp** thanks all the members for the cards and calls he received after his recent surgery.

**Ira Donenfeld** thanks everyone for all the good wishes and cards during his recent illness.

**Liz and Mike Aroyo** thanks Rabbi Mishkin and Marty Israel for their help in making the naming for their grandson Bolin so special. Also we so appreciate the attendance of our Beth Ohr family for their support of this event.

### MESSAGE FROM ED MENDLOWITZ

To the **GREAT** committee, added helpers and honorees:

**Committee:** Allan Benish, Linda Benish, Eugene Bernstein, Roberta Bernstein, Ilene Gray, Lisa Mason, Harriet Rabinowitz, Phil Rabinowitz, Allen Skupp and Robert Weiss and special thanks to Andy Mendlowitz, Ronnie Mendlowitz and Meryl Lafazan.

**Honorees:** Rabbi Joel Mishkin, Cheryl and Lee Cadel & Roberta Karpel

The Gala went on without any hitches and with many attendees providing happy compliments about almost every phase of the Gala. Plus, the Gala generated the most revenue and net we ever had, and we had a much larger than anticipated attendance (96 attendees) making the Gala not only the great success it was, but a lot of fun and camaraderie.

I also saw and spoke with many congregants that I have only spoken to on Zoom or the phone recently (including people that I did not see at the High Holidays).

The honorees made the Gala a joy, gave us the opportunity to thank them for all they did and do and will continue to do, and helped with selling Journal ads and filling the 12 tables with their family and friends.

You all did good! What you did was a Mitzvah for the Congregation and all of us. It also proves that an active committee with everyone superbly performing their roles can accomplish great results.

Everyone at the Congregation owes you deep thanks and gratitude for all of your hard work and efforts.

On behalf of the Congregation Board, I offer you the Thanks of the Board and this will be included in the Board minutes of next week's meeting.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Friday Night Shabbat Services

6:00 pm via Zoom

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### Saturday Shabbat Services

9:30 am in the Sanctuary

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### Sunday Morning Service

9:00 am in the Sanctuary

November 3, 10, 17, 24

## 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.

## 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. We will celebrate Simcha Shabbat on Saturday, November 9, 2024.

### Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ira Donenfeld	November 12
Helene Grynberg	November 12
Paul Roth	November 14
Daniel Grynberg	November 19
Jeffrey Perlman	November 26

### Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Szegeti	November 03
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Israel	November 10
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shafran	November 13
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Deitz	November 14
Mr. & Mrs. Brandan Spiegel	November 22
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Feder	November 23
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Chassen	November 25
Mr. & Mrs. Burt Silverman	November 29
Mr. & Mrs. Morton Kamenitz	November 30

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the December Newsletter is Monday, November 25, 2024. Please email your articles to Meryl on or before that date.

## CONGREGATION BETH OHR MEMORIAL FUNDS

The following is a listing of the tax-deductible 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  
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

### GENERAL FUND

Donation from Diane & Bruce Goldberg in memory of Sid Birnbaum

Donation from Dian Perkel in honor of Roberta Karpel

Donation from Sara Ullman for her Aliyah on Saturday, September 28, 2024

Donation from Sara Ullman in honor of the marriages of Lisa Mason's children Joshua & Emily.

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donation from Rysie & Jeff Perlman in honor of their granddaughter Gina's baby naming.

Donation from Christine O'Brien in memory of Seymour Nussenbaum

### Yahrzeit Donations

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

Donated By	In Loving Memory Of
Lawrence & Deborah Weintraub	Max Weintraub
Barbara & Melvin Feder	Carol Berman
Sara Ullman	Erika Ettner
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Mel Prussack	Jack Prussack
Diane & Powell Saks	Edith Saks
Brenda Corrao	Maurice Abstender
Marcie & Ed Fassler & Family	Harold Yourman
Rita & Bernie Selden	Irving Kestenberg
Miriam Lubinsky & Family	Leo Balaban
Wilma & Allen Appel	Meyer Davis
Roberta Karpel	Alice Nehman, Henry Nehman
Roberta & Mark Karpel	Ralph Karpel
Marilyn Gilbarg	Gertrude Gilbarg
Len & Irene Ullman	Hannah Kalesky

## November 2024 Yahrzeits

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 1/2**

Gabriel Weiss	11/02
Maurice Zeltzer	11/02
Bernard Saul Leisten	11/03
Henry Nehman	11/03
Albert Peckover	11/03
Jacob Axman	11/04
Milton Dubin	11/04
Saul Goldberg	11/04
Ralph Karpel	11/04
Murray Woodman	11/04
Mae Kantor	11/05
Rubin Reich	11/05
Shirley Litwak	11/06
Henry Lynn	11/06
Frances Ricklin	11/06
Hyman Schlissel	11/06
Rose Bloom	11/07
Sarah DeMayo	11/07
Donald Kaminsky	11/07
Paul Stern	11/07

### **November 8/9**

Marion Davidson	11/09
Fay Cohen	11/10
Milton Lubitz	11/10
Isidore Mann	11/10
Norman Melnick	11/10
David Rankowitz	11/10
Barry Fass	11/11
Hank Jeret	11/11
Leonard Pollack	11/11
Evelyn Barsky	11/12
Pinchas Beer	11/12
Martin Silverberg	11/12
Lillie Winter	11/12
Hilda Fuhrman	11/13
Lillian Kosser	11/13

### **November 8/9**

Ida Orenstein	11/13
Hannah Rothenberg	11/13
Pauline Schwartz	11/13
Leah Weiss	11/13
Sadie Wishnick	11/13
Juana Levit	11/14
Norman Schwartz	11/14

### **November 15/16**

Sylvia Alpert	11/15
Ken Cohen	11/15
Eugene Intrater	11/15
Caryn Katz	11/15
Norman Shimberg	11/15
Robert Solomon	11/15
Mildred Sommers	11/16
Rebecca Silberstein	11/17
Sol Czortkower	11/18
William Steinberg	11/18
Hyman Cohen	11/19
Arthur Rhodes	11/19
Leah Silver	11/20
Irving Weisgold	11/20
Bennie Winter	11/20
Moses Greenspan	11/21
Molly Sackaroff	11/21
Lewis Woods	11/21

### **November 22/23**

Eva Blumenthal	11/22
Jerry Lustgarten	11/22
Irving Weiner	11/22
Lewis Woods	11/22
Regina Dlugash	11/23
Martin Goldberg	11/23
Erna Koppel	11/23

### **November 22/23**

Ida Birnbaum	11/24
Flora Heimlich	11/24
Robert Honig	11/24
Rose Wexlin	11/25
Rose Feuer	11/26

### **November 29/30**

Adolf Balaban	11/29
Carroll Gordon	11/29
Alfred A. Hillman	11/30
Sam Suval	11/30
Gladys Weiss	11/30
Irving Greenspan	12/01
Paul Hyman	12/01
Paul Smith	12/01
Bella Honig	12/02
Nathan Moss	12/02
Eva Engber	12/03
Clara Friedman	12/03
Irving Miller	12/03
Sam Saks	12/03
Bernard Cimring	12/04
Bernard Mann	12/04
Irma Helen Klein	12/05
Jillian Prada	12/05
Barbara Sibelman	12/05
Lillian Gerenstein	12/06
Clara Lieber	12/06
Arlene Roemer	12/06



## **Program Tidbits**

Now that the holidays are over and we have had a chance to pray together, sing together, and celebrate together, let us continue taking advantage of our opportunities to meet and share special times together.

First, let me take a moment to thank everyone who worked to make our Sukkah brunch a delightful success. To Linda and Allen Skupp, Lisa Rogol, Harvey Cohen, and Herb Goldenberg, your help was invaluable. We could not have enjoyed such a delightful lunch without all your help.

And now to look to November! We have a very busy month, and hope that many of you will join us at the upcoming activities. Look what's happening!

Each Monday and Wednesday, Rabbi Mishkin will be teaching on zoom at 11 a.m. Monday's class will be studying different ways of looking at the fascinating stories in the book of Genesis, and Wednesdays will bring a continuation of the study of King David, one of our most interesting leaders.

Thursdays finds us again on zoom as I talk about the most influential Jews in our history, this year starting in the 1800's and discussing such varied historical figures as Benjamin Disraeli, Karl Marx, Levi Strauss, and Sigmund Freud.

November 17 – Remember that date!!! It is our 9th annual Global Day of Jewish Learning. Come hear the discussion of our guest rabbis as the panel, led by Rabbi Mishkin, discuss the idea of the Jewish people being ONE PEOPLE at 2 PM at the East Brunswick Library. Check out details in the flyer in this newsletter.

Then let's end the month giving thanks for all the good in our lives, and, at the same time, get to know some of our Old Bridge neighbors. The Old Bridge Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, November 24 at 3 PM hosted by Baitul Hadi Mosque, 27 South St., Old Bridge. We will be getting to know one of the leaders of the Mosque on November 10, at our joint Men's Club/Sisterhood Sunday morning program.

So much going on. JOIN US!

Linda Benish, Program Chair

### **MESSAGE FROM LINDA BENISH:**

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who showed their concern for me after my heart attack. Thank you all for your calls, your donations, your support throughout my recovery. I can't tell you how much it means to me to know that the Beth Ohr family cares about its own. A special thank you to Rabbi Mishkin for his constant "checking in."

## **9th ANNUAL GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING**



**NOVEMBER 17 AT 2 P.M.**

**EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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 Chaim Edelstein – Temple Beth Ahm of Aberdeen

Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer – Temple B’nai Shalom

Rabbi Nathan Langer – Retired Local Rabbi

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Shalom to all Members,

As I write this article, the holidays are behind us and for all who attended our services were wonderful as always. Our Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner was held last week, and it was a great success. Thank you to Roberta Karpel and her committee.

Our joint Program with Men's Club is November 10<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker Tariq Sharif whose family story is very interesting as his grandparents were Jewish, but his parents converted to Islam and that is how he was raised and continues to practice. This event, sponsored by the Stephen Edwards Memorial Fund, is highlighted in the attached flyer.

Our membership meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> via Zoom**. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Sara Ullman is leading the discussion of *The Marriage Box* by Corie Adjmi on Wednesday January 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Scrip is available at the Temple office from Meryl during her work hours, please contact her ahead of time to expect you. Of course, as always it is also available from Monica Atzbi, Sharen Silverman or Marcia Trechak.

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Liz Aroyo L-Z [mikeliza3@comcast.net](mailto:mikeliza3@comcast.net)

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 any of the Presidium members, who are Monica Atzbi, Cheryl Cadel, Barbara Schneider and Liz Aroyo.

Shalom,

Liz Aroyo, Presidium Member

**P.S. We are pleased to announce that Roberta Fachler has been named the Torah Fund Benefactor for 2025. The celebration in Roberta's honor is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2025.**

From Roberta Karpel

On Wednesday night, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we had a great paid up dinner. There was a good turn out and I hope everyone had a pleasurable evening. I would like to thank Harriet Rabinowitz for her help with set up. I would also like to thank all the ladies who helped with clean up.

## **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

Please call Meryl at 732-257-1523 or email her at [congregationbethohr@gmail.com](mailto: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 [emrmcats@aol.com](mailto:emrmcats@aol.com).

### **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 [bubbe513@gmail.com](mailto:bubbe513@gmail.com) 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.

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 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 [merylrob@aol.com](mailto:merylrob@aol.com) or call her at 732-679-8701.

**JOINT PROGRAM: BETH OHR  
SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024  
SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M., FOLLOWED BY  
BREAKFAST AND PROGRAM AT 10:00 A.M.**

**GUEST SPEAKER: TARIQ SHARIF**

We are excited that Tariq has agreed to return to Beth Ohr for an in-person program. When he spoke at Friday evening services in September, congregants were enthralled with his family story. His family on both sides were Eastern European Jews. His parents converted to Islam and raised Tariq in that faith. He has been a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Old Bridge for more than 25 years. Their motto is **Love for All, Hatred for None.**



Picture of Clergy Taken at 2023  
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with  
Tariq Sharif, second from left.

**This program is sponsored by the  
Stephen Edwards Memorial Fund.**

**Congregation Beth Ohr  
70 Route 516, P.O. Box 206, Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
No RSVP necessary and No Charge. All are welcome.**





**PRESENTS AN EVENING  
WITH ANDREA J. STEIN ON  
ZOOM\* ON WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 11 AT 7:00PM**



Andrea J. Stein was born in Brooklyn, raised in Springfield, NJ, and has lived in Summit, NJ since 2003. A book publicist by profession, she spends an inordinate amount of time taking pretty photos of books for Instagram.

Her award-winning debut novel, *Typecast*, was featured in Buzzfeed and ScaryMommy. Her sophomore novel, *Dear Eliza*, has received advance praise from multiple bestselling authors of women's fiction and was called a "top Jewish beach read" by Jewish Unpacked.

**\* The Zoom Link will be emailed the week before the program.**





# Men's Club News

**Minyan every Sunday. All are Welcome.**

## Men's Club Calendar

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](mailto: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.

Nov 10: Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint program sponsored by Stephen Edwards Memorial Fund. Tariq Sharif will be the speaker. See info elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dec 15 DATE CHANGE: Men's Club 11th Annual Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award

Dec 29: Men's Club New Year's Pancake Breakfast

Feb 9, 2025: Men's Club Ed Mendlowitz 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Financial Program.  
FJMC World Wide Wrap

Mar 16: Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint program. Sponsored by Herman and Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp. Program to be announced.

Apr 6: Men's Club Favorite Passover Memories Program

Apr 10: Siyum for First Born

May 29: Men's Club BBQ and Election

Jun 8: Men's Club Installation



## Photos below

Sukkah Brigade setting up Sukkah (and they also took it down after Succos). Andy Mendlowitz, Stu Rizick, Chuck Rogol, Mel Brandl and Herb Goldenberg. Not shown: Phil Rabinowitz and Harvey Cohen. On right is Morty Kamenitz wearing a Men's Club jacket with the logo highlighted.





## Men's Club & Beth Ohr Photo Gallery



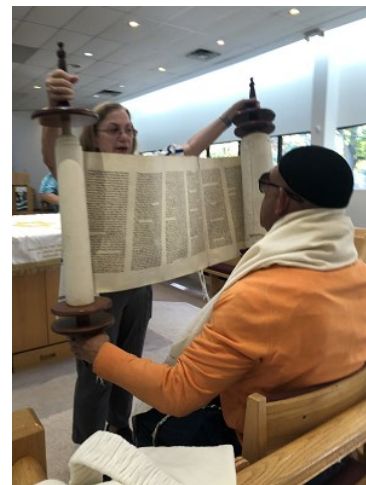
### Photos

Top: On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, after services, The Yourmans joined Edna and her family for lunch at the Rehab spending a wonderful afternoon. Photo of sign for Liz and Michael Aroyo's grandson's naming. Earlier photo of Uncle Ross holding Bolin with Bolin's father Lee looking on. Middle: Family photo taken at naming of Rysie and Jeff Perlman's granddaughter. Last year's Community Thanksgiving speakers with this year's Nov 10 speaker Tariq Sharif second from left. Bottom: President Phil Rabinowitz (back row, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right) at a United Synagogue regional leaders meeting. Bulletin board showing the cast for last month's Main Street Theatre production of Dirty Rotten Scoundrels.



# Succos at Beth Ohr Sunday Minyan

And Brunch in the Sukkah (held in building due to weather)





# Gala Event honoring Rabbi Mishkin, Cheryl and Lee Cadell & Roberta Karpel

2 pages of photos









# Seymour Nussenbaum

## May 22, 1923 to October 5, 2024



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