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The Rabbi's Corner by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

Our Annual Scholar in Residence Shabbat!

On May 9th and 10th we will be having our annual Scholar in Residence program. This year we are welcoming Rabbi Seth Frisch, the founder of the Lerhaus Bet Midrash, a new school of Jewish thought and learning. Rabbi Frisch has chosen a timely and most significant topic for us on this Shabbat. He will address the ongoing increase in antisemitism in this country following the attacks of October 7th along with its continuing impact on global politics and the world at large. His theme for the Shabbat is, "Never Thought We Would See This Again - And Yet Here We Are!"

In his remarks on both Friday evening and Shabbat morning following our synagogue service, Rabbi Frisch will ask the questions, "How did our ancestors deal with a world of antisemitism and what can we learn from their experiences to help us understand and react to today's situation?"

Some of you might remember that Rabbi Frisch was with us a few years ago. Undoubtedly you will recall that he is a dynamic presenter who has a deep knowledge of Jewish culture and history and combines his expertise with insight, knowledge, and humor. He has chosen what is perhaps the greatest issue of concern in the Jewish world today and I sincerely hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to spend some time learning with him over this Shabbat. Our Adult Education chair Linda Benish deserves our thanks for all her hard work in arranging this program. Please take part in what promises to be a most enlightening and informative Shabbat program.

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

- May 02 7:36 pm
- May 09 7:43 pm
- May 16 7:50 pm
- May 23 7:56 pm
- May 30 8:02 pm

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
BY PHILIP RABINOWITZ**



I am happy to report that the Ritual Committee hired Cantor Molly May for the 2025 High Holiday season. Molly received her ordination from the Academy of Jewish Religion on Monday, April 28, 2025. Cantor May lives in Durham, North Carolina and she is the mother of three teenage boys. She will join us for two Zoom sessions during the summer so we can welcome her to our Congregation and listen to her beautiful soprano voice.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 in the Synagogue at 7:00 P.M. Please help form a quorum so the new Slate of Officers and the Budget for fiscal year starting on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 can be voted upon.

Please join us for our annual Scholar in Residence Program featuring Rabbi Seth Frisch on Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10. Rabbi Frisch's theme for the weekend will be a very timely topic about Anti-Semitism:

"NEVER THOUGHT WE WOULD SEE THIS AGAIN – AND YET HERE WE ARE"

The flyer in this newsletter contains information about the Friday night dinner and Saturday luncheon. The weekend is being sponsored by The David Benish Memorial Fund and The Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund. Thank you to Sisterhood for providing the Oneg Shabbat following Friday evening Services.

Hope to see you at the Synagogue this month at our Services and Events!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Night Shabbat Service

6:00 PM via Zoom

May 2, 16, 23, 30

Saturday Shabbat Service

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Sunday Morning Service

9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

May 4, 11, 18, 25

CONTACT RABBI MISHKIN

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences to Herb Goldenberg on the passing of his sister-in-law **Arlene Golden**.

Condolences to Meryl Lafazan, our Office Administrator, her children and grandchildren, on the passing of her beloved husband **Marvin Lafazan**.

Glenda Levenstein proudly announces the birth of 2 new great granddaughters: **Hannah Claire Katz**, parents are Stephen and Sarah Katz and **Addison Harper Levenstein**, parents are Adam and Tina Levenstein.

Herb Goldenberg proudly announces that he became a great-grandpa of a little girl **Sadie Leah**. Parents are Shira Engel and Nathaniel Elmer.

Roberta and Larry Fachler proudly announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Brianna Fachler, to Dan Whipp.

THANK YOU

Cheryl and Lee Cadel thank everyone for the Gold Cards and good wishes sent on the birth of their granddaughter, Addison Leigh Cadel.

Scholar in Residence Weekend

Friday and Saturday, May 9th and 10th

Please join us for a special weekend featuring

RABBI SETH FRISCH

FOUNDER: Lerhaus Bet Midrash: A New School of Jewish Thought and Learning



THEME FOR THE WEEKEND:

**“NEVER THOUGHT WE WOULD SEE THIS AGAIN –
AND YET HERE WE ARE”**

**HOW DID OUR ANCESTORS DEAL WITH A WORLD OF
ANTISEMITISM AND WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM
THEIR EXPERIENCES TO HELP US UNDERSTAND AND
REACT TO TODAY’S SITUATION?**

6:00 PM FRIDAY EVENING MAY 9TH, SHABBAT DINNER

\$30.00 per person

Followed by Services with a D’var Torah from Rabbi Frisch
and an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Sisterhood

9:30 AM SATURDAY MORNING MAY 10TH,

Followed by a Kiddush Lunch where Rabbi Frisch will speak again.
Label checks “Scholar in Residence,” send to Congregation Beth Ohr,
PO Box 206, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

*Weekend sponsored by The David Benish Memorial Fund and the
Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund*

Please RSVP BY **FRIDAY MAY 2**, to Meryl Lafazan at 732-257-1523

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 May. We will celebrate Simcha Shabbat on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andrea Chassen	May 03
Irving Jankovitz	May 12
Paula Yourman	May 13
Melvin Prussack	May 14
Nelson Silver	May 17
Allen Appel	May 18
Allan Benish	May 18
Terrie Polovsky	May 24
Harriet Weiss	May 30

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the June Newsletter is Friday, May 29, 2025. Please email your articles to Meryl on or before that date.

On-Going Synagogue Fund Raiser

When dining in or ordering from ***Fred & Murray's Kosher Delicatessen***, 4345 US Route 9 North in Freehold, please tell the staff that you are a member of Congregation Beth Ohr. They will log your purchase in a special book and donate a portion of your purchase to our Synagogue. Thank you.

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

David Benish Memorial Fund

Donation from Allan and Linda Benish in memory of beloved grandmother, Martha Sender.

Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund

Donation from Maxine Kaufman in memory of Al Engber.

Donation from Teresa Cruz and Antonio Hallado in memory of Antonio's brother, Roberto.

General Fund

Donation from Sara Ullman for Yizkor on Pesach and in honor of her Torah Aliyah.

Yahrzeit Donations

We acknowledge the following for their contributions.

Donated By	In Loving Memory Of
Harriet R. Cohen	Mary Cederbaum
Irene & Len Ullman	Leo Ullman
Lana & Harvey Cohen	Harry Davidowitz, Violet Davidowitz, & Rochelle Blair
The Aroyo Family	Ira Woods
Eileen Birnbaum	Aaron Kanter
Phyllis & Melvyn Ward	Violet Davidowitz
Bob Simon & Family	Dalia Goldhecht
Saul Nadler	Philip Nadler & Harold Nadler
Linda & Allan Benish	Mary Elkan
Elaine Edelman	Howard Edelman & Geraldine Edelman
Lawrence & Deborah Weintraub	Marion Weintraub
Melody & Myles Schwartz	Harriet Glassman
Ashna Pincus & Lisa Clark	Molly Pincus
Glenda Levenstein	Aaron Levenstein & Eli Jaffe
Lisa Mason	Mildred Weissman
Golden & Kissel Families	Janette Hollander Golden
Sara & Steve Ullman	Arthur C. Ullman
Sarah & David Raymond	Dorothy Simon
Paula Yourman & Family	Helen & Sol Yourman
Monica Blain	Kurt Schiller

May 2025 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.

<u>May 2/3</u>		<u>May 9/10</u>		<u>May 23/24</u>		<u>May 30/31</u>	
Harold Karpel	05/03	Helen Gertler	05/15	Edward Haft	05/25	Henry Miller	06/03
Mary Schechtman	05/03	Leonard Rosenthal	05/15	Eli Jaffe	05/25	Pearl Cohen	06/04
Eve Schnitzer	05/03	Eleanor Solomon	05/15	Julia Jankovitz	05/25	Joseph Gilbarg	06/04
Monroe Schnitzer	05/03	Dora Merein	05/16	Yetta Morris	05/25	Larry Kestenber	06/04
Isaac Bemaman	05/04	George Nikop	05/16	Esther Beer	05/26	Bernard Weiss	06/04
Benjamin Heisler	05/04	Henry Tuteur	05/16	Abraham Mann	05/26	Phyllis Glaz	06/05
Maria Kushnir	05/04	<u>May 16/17</u>		Betty Ann Schultz	05/26	Edward Katz	06/05
Aaron Levenstein	05/04	Polansky Louis	05/17	Helen Schiffres	05/27	Jack Schneider	06/05
Gertrude Margolin	05/05	Mollie Nagler	05/17	Mildred Weissman	05/27	Mala Simon	06/05
Louis Platman	05/05	Gertrude Satmary	05/17	Simon Douglas Babitz	05/28	Rose Rabinowitz Cabelly	06/06
Sol Yourman	05/05	Dorothy Simon	05/17	Cynthia (Shiffe) Davidson	05/28	David Goldberg	06/06
Thelma Rothstein	05/06	Edward Socoloff	05/18	Molly Pincus	05/28	Zelda Levitt	06/06
Helen Yourman	05/06	Fay Weintraub	05/18	Alice Rogol	05/28		
Arebell Gordon	05/07	Gertrude Becker	05/19	Samuel Star	05/28		
Pauline Salstein	05/07	Ira Cohen	05/19	Harry Irving Tanzer	05/28		
Abraham Schneider	05/07	Becky Richman	05/19	Ben Handler	05/29		
Susan Slobodien	05/07	Gerald Scherline	05/19	Eric Koppel	05/29		
Benjamin Chancy	05/08	Eva Silver	05/19	Yetta Shapiro	05/29		
Alan Oshinsky	05/08	Betty Kornblatt	05/20	Marlene Honig	05/30		
Louis Rothlin	05/08	Sonia Levine	05/20	Max Mordecai Klein	05/30		
Frank Hecht	05/09	Ann Ohlstein	05/20	Frank Schaffer	05/30		
Sally Marshall	05/09	Chaim Sapozhnikov	05/20	Stephen R. Silberstein	05/30		
Harry Meislick	05/09	Samuel Shafran	05/20	Charles Harold Widom	05/30		
Anna Rosenthal-Charoff	05/09	Natalie Weprin	05/20	<u>May 30/31</u>			
Samuel Smith	05/09	Bernhard (Bob) Barry	05/21	Bernard Berkley	05/31		
Doris Springer	05/09	Mark Cohen	05/21	Mary Elkan	05/31		
<u>May 9/10</u>		Janette Hollander Golden	05/21	Abram Erlick	05/31		
Sidney Birnbaum	05/10	Caroline Klein	05/21	Bessie Nemet	05/31		
Julius Kaplan	05/10	Melvin Ricklin	05/21	Richard Sommers	05/31		
Carolyn Lanzoff	05/10	Jeffrey Zekser	05/21	Yaron Ziv	05/31		
Lee Myra Schuman	05/10	Elizabeth Zeltzer	05/21	David Azaraev	06/01		
Louis Aroyo	05/11	Eli Becker	05/22	Ida Cohen	06/01		
Sylvia Karpel	05/11	Ida Geier	05/22	Nathan Klamen	06/01		
Sidney Krantz	05/11	Albert Nussenbaum	05/22	Meyer Salstein	06/01		
Jack Yeskel	05/11	Herman Ravnitzky	05/22	Joel Weprin	06/01		
Louis Schultz	05/12	Joseph Shapiro	05/22	Irwin Whitman	06/01		
Morris Strauss	05/12	Fay Siegel	05/22	David Benish	06/02		
Michael Goldstein	05/13	Lillian Lustgarten	05/23	Herb Reinstein	06/02		
Ida Samuel	05/13	<u>May 23/24</u>		Aaron Schiffres	06/02		
Eva Mann	05/14	Estelle S. Friedman	05/24	Mary Spiro	06/02		
David Schwartz	05/14	David Ingber	05/24	Minnie Fachler	06/03		
Irving Shapiro	05/14	Lola Praport	05/24	Leon Kurtz	06/03		



Shalom,

The Torah Fund Benefactor Luncheon honoring Roberta Fachler was held on Sunday April 27th and was a lovely event. Special thanks to Harriet Rabinowitz and Lisa Mason for putting it all together. See pictures from the Luncheon on page 12.

Scrip is now available at the temple office from Meryl during her work hours, please contact her ahead of time to expect you. Also, please note that Acme scrip is back in inventory for purchase. Of course, as always it is also available from Monica Atzbi, Sharen Silverman, or Marcia Trechak. This is a good way to earn donor credit.

As a reminder our Donor Event will be on Sunday, May 18th at 1:00 p.m. at Fred & Murrays in Freehold. To attend this event, a member needs to have \$90.00 in donor credit by the close of the donor period ending April 30, 2025. Donor Chairs Liz Aroyo and Ilene Gray recently sent out individual emails to members letting them know their status with their donor. If you have any questions, call or email -

Ilene Gray A-K ileneg22@comcast.net

Liz Aroyo L-Z 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 member of the Presidium - Monica Atzbi, Cheryl Cadel, Barbara Schneider, and Liz Aroyo.

Shalom,

Liz Aroyo, Presidium Member

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 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.

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 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 or call her at 732-679-8701.



Upcoming Events At Main Street Theatre Company

Something Rotten

Book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell
Music and Lyrics by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick
Conceived by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick

Directed: Tom Fritzen, Musical Director: A.J. Meeker, Choreographer: Patti Rolzhausen

Two brothers set out to write the world's first musical in this hilarious mash-up of sixteenth-century Shakespeare and twenty-first-century Broadway.

Saturdays, May 10 and 17 at 8PM
Sundays, May 11 and 18 at 3PM

TICKETS AT: <https://mstcob.ludus.com>

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, schmear, schmooze 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.

May 29: Men's Club BBQ and Election

Jun 8: Men's Club Installation

Jun 29: Men's Club Red White and Blue Pancake Breakfast



Photos below

Lisa Mason carrying the Torah at the Siyum for the Fast of the First Born, Powell Saks having an Aliyah with Phil laining the Torah and Gabbi's Chuck and Morty and Rabbi Mishkin (a Levi) and Harvey Cohen (a Kohan) looking on. Rabbi Mishkin teaching Talmud at the Siyum. 2nd row: Some of us having breakfast that morning. Final photo was taken at an earlier Minyan of one of the Rabinowitz' grandsons who obviously liked his bagel.



Beth Ohr Men's Club Triple S Club
Shul, Schmooze & Schmear
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Beth Ohr Family Photos



Photo Descriptions

Top row: Monica and Mark Atzbi with Estee Spiegel. Andy Mendlowitz received the Media Man of the Year Award from the Greater Middlesex Conference Wrestling Coaches Association, Joe Shafran celebrated his 93rd Birthday at his card game that night, Ross Aroyo with fiancé Rebecca and his nephew.

2nd row: Lisa Mason on a fabulous trip that included riding a horse and elephant. Saul Simon and partner Michelle at a fund raiser hosted by them.

3rd row: Roberta Fachler receiving the Women's League Woman of Achievement honor from Luncheon Co-Chair Harriet Rabinowitz, Roberta and Larry with granddaughter Ali, and some of their friends attending the grand luncheon event.



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To Our Congregants,

This letter is an update on the Yellow Candles that the Men's Club distributed.



I would like to thank everyone that made a contribution to defray the cost of distributing the candles. This is not a money-making activity and the candles are distributed as a service to provide our congregants a way they could remember the Holocaust in a personal way by lighting the candle on the evening of Yom Hashoah. We purchase the candles and mailing supplies from the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC). We also pay considerable postage to mail them to Congregants that do not come to the Temple the two weeks before Yom Hashoah.

This year we started late. Previously Ira Donenfeld made all the arrangements for obtaining the candles. He preferred to not have his name included on the committee, but he did all this work for way longer than I have been president of Men's Club. Unfortunately, he passed away this past year and no arrangements were made since it was not on our radar.

Once we became aware of the shortage of candles, I contacted the FJMC distribution center and they were completely sold out. I then sent a panic email to David Glass and Glenn Wohl from our FJMC Region who circulated our request. David Millman (a former Beth Ohr member when he lived in Old Bridge) from the Brandeis Men's Club in Ridgewood and Brian Albert from Beth El Men's Club in East Windsor with extras responded. Andy and I each made one pick up. I want to THANK all of these men for their quick responses and assistance.

I also want to acknowledge the many years of help Ira Donenfeld provided to Beth Ohr and also the Men's Club in so many situations that we ended up taking much of what he did for granted.

Further, since we usually have a short fall in contributions for the Yellow Candles, Helene and Dan Grynberg offered to cover any losses, for now and in the future, so Toda Raba to them. I also want to thank Andy and Phil who made sure the Yellow Candles were mailed out on time.

The horrors of the Holocaust should be remembered and the Yellow Candles is one way to do so.

All the best,

Men's Club President, emcpal@aol.com, 732 890-3344

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2024/2025 5785 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 Dvar Torah 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
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